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It is totally untrue that any individual went out otherwise than VOLUNTARILY, as every family were left to their own free will.

The offer was made to *every* tenant on both estates, who (since the loss of the potato) thought their holdings *too small to grow food* for them, and those who remained, and did not wish to emigrate, have in no instance been disturbed by me in the slightest degree.

The tenants appeared *most grateful* for what had been done for them, and the act was *universally* considered as an example to other landlords, and one of the most generous character.

In conclusion, I would most respectfully state, that where a landed proprietor contributes the *large amount* I have done in this instance, for the purpose of enabling the destitute poor to escape death from starvation, it is not too much to expect the expenditure of a FEW SHILLINGS on each pauper on the part of Her Majesty's Government, as THEIR CONTRIBUTION to place these honest, but distressed, subjects at once in a locality where, by their INDUSTRY, all their wants may be instantly supplied.

Would not this have been nearly as *speedily* accomplished for the poor *Stone Cutter*, by a free passage in a steamer, (whose wages at 5s. or 6s. daily would speedily have procured him happiness hitherto unknown,) as was occupied by the magistrate in taking *untruthful* depositions from such poor creatures, IN EVERY WAY CALCULATED TO CREATE DISCONTENT, and when communicated by them to their friends in Ireland, (*although previously well contented*), likely to lead to *outrage* of the worst description, and thus completely frustrate all future efforts of the most liberal landlords to promote further Emigration, which I believe unquestionably to be the chief source we have to look to for the very existence of about TWO MILLIONS of our poor fellow creatures.

I beg to refer the Commissioners to the request contained in my letters, dated the 5th March and the 12th of July, relative to the destitute state of the poor Emigrants sent out, and from the statements made in Parliament, and the report made by the Commissioners last year, to both Houses, by command of Her Majesty, as to the assistance to be given to Emigrants on their *arrival* in Canada, I entertained no doubt whatever that they should be placed free of cost to themselves where employment was abundant, and this at the most trifling addition by the Government to the 5s. head-money which their officer received from me.

Hoping the Commissioners will pardon the liberty I have taken in freely expressing my sentiments on this vitally important subject,

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBT. COLLINS, M. D.

S. WALCOTT, Esq., Secretary
Colonial Emigration Commissioners.

I have delayed this reply some days, expecting a letter from my agent respecting the two cases noticed, which I have not yet received. I hope, however, in a day or two, to forward *all particulars*.

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Merrion Square,
24th December, 1847.

Sir,

I beg to forward the accompanying affidavit respecting the two tenants Hugh Reilly and Bryan Prior, whose depositions you forwarded to me on the 10th instant.

I have to request you will be so good as to submit the documents I now send, together with my letter of *yesterday* to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will at once see the justice of my observations of yesterday in reference to the *untruthful* statements made.

It will be seen that Reilly was not only not destitute, but had at least six pounds in his possession, which he received for a cow he sold, &c., and that he had good clothes in his box, although he wore the bad for effect, and also that he had *never paid me any rent*.

These *undoubted facts* should open the eyes of the Commissioners to imposition.

It will also be seen that Prior had been treated with the utmost kindness, having been made a present of a cow, and had his ground cropped, and that his statement was truly false.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT COLLINS.

S. WALCOTT, Esq., Secretary
Colonial Emigration Commissioners.

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Counties of Cavan } To wit:
and Fermanagh. }

Hugh Quin, of Gannery, County of Fermanagh, came before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said County, and having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deponeth and saith,— That he has read an affidavit stated to have been made by one Hugh Reilly, late of Ayhcoul, County of Fermanagh, before Robert Symes, Esq., of Quebec; and Deponent admits that said Hugh Reilly might have been told that unless he gave up his land he could not be continued on the relief list, as such regulations were adopted and acted on by relief committees throughout the kingdom, under the direction of the Government inspectors; but Deponent solemnly denies that he ever held out a threat of any kind whatsoever, or made any offer, to said Reilly, to induce him to give up his land, which consisted of about four acres of partly reclaimed mountain or bog, and for which said Reilly never, to the best of the Deponent's knowledge or belief, paid one shilling of rent, but may have got credit for a small amount of work done for Dr. Collins.

That said Hugh Reilly came to Deponent, and most earnestly besought him to interfere for him with Captain Benison, and induce him to permit said Reilly and family to proceed with the other Emigrants from Dr. Collins' property, and on his request being granted, Reilly appeared most grateful.

That said Reilly was permitted to sell his stock, consisting of a cow and two goats, also all his furni-

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