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THE first edition of these Hints (comprising 5,000 copies,) having been disposed of by sale, I am induced to offer a *second* to the Public, with a few prefatory remarks, in reply to objections which have been urged by persons for whose opinions I entertain sentiments of sincere respect.

These objections are to the following purport:

1. That the Population of Ireland, compared with her extent and resources, is by no means excessive.

2. That disappointment and misery are often the portion of the Emigrant, on reaching our North American Colonies.

3. That the most valuable of our agriculturists are those who leave our shores—abstracting their capital, whatever it may be, from a country where it is so much required, and in which a profitable investment of it might be made on advantageous locations.

4. That the tendency to Emigration is so great as to require no stimulus.

To these assertions I shall endeavour to reply.

1. I must readily admit now, what I have more than once observed in addressing my countrymen, that, compared with the extent and resources of Ireland, if *under an improved*