

never even named the vessel to which they refer.

In calling for a remedy against the abuses they allege, the Society disclaim any view of restraining 'the constitutional freedom of the 'Highlanders,' and declare that their only object is, 'to regulate the transportation of 'emigrants in such a way, that no undue profit may arise from its being conducted in a 'manner destructive to the passengers*.' The sentiments here professed are liberal; and if the legislative provisions adopted on their suggestion correspond to this profession, the Society are entitled to the gratitude of the emigrants, as well as of the rest of the public. Let us see then how far this coincidence can be traced, and whether the regulations laid down are 'absolutely necessary for the preservation of the health and lives of the emigrants†.'

The most important clauses of the bill are

* Third Report.

† Transactions of the Highland Society. Introduction.