

than any other individual; and that on both, the general ignorance is deplorable.

I am now to make an offer at the risk of prolonged confinement on the plea of insanity. It is this: let me be visited, examined, and assisted in this house, and I shall undertake to draw out a plan, in a few weeks, by which 50,000 people shall cheerfully remove themselves every year from the United Kingdom into the Colonies; and whereby Government may have an annual payment of £500,000 by sale of the public lands. This plan shall begin for the advantage, as well of the Mother Country as the Colonies, next spring, and be in full operation by the end of five years, to continue without abatement, till the whole of the good land abroad is occupied. Till my plan is fairly in operation, and found to be effectual, I shall remain within these walls: and should I fail to make it appear practicable, shall willingly be imprisoned for life.

My Lord, what is the national debt, but the record of millions earned by the skill and industry of the people of this country, wasted in war and misery? Think, then, what may be earned, if, during a period of peace and happiness, the same skill and industry had increased room for action and was rightly stimulated! Think of this, my Lord, while you have yet some days of the long vacation to spend in the country, free from the stupefying effects of law, and unconfined by the littleness of the Cabinet.

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

ROBERT GOURLAY.

(B. 45.)

*To His Most Excellent Majesty George the Fourth, Sovereign
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c.*

*House of Correction, Cold-bath-fields,
October 20th, 1825.*

Sire!

This letter is written not in expectation that it will be read, or even listened to, by your Majesty. Had my former letters been submitted to, your Majesty's gracious consideration, I would not have been here, or had occasion again to entrust, for form's sake, such a document to the hands of a Minister. This letter is written to satisfy my own mind, that no stone is unturned in a good cause; and that as I have spoken boldly hitherto, I may be entitled to continue to do so.

Bills were introduced into Parliament last session, and passed, allowing Ministers to treat with companies for the sale of public lands in Canada and Van Dieman's Land. Against the first of these I protested by petition to the House of Commons, and against both by petition to the Lords.

The law, as it now stands, permits Ministers to sell the lands; but, up to this time, it is hoped no bargain has been concluded. It has come to my knowledge that a value of three shillings and sixpence