

"deluge Great Britain with poverty and wretchedness, and gradually, but certainly, to equalize the state of the English and Irish peasantry."

Of this miserable state of our population, the evidence attached to the Report of the Emigration Committee of the present year, contains the most appalling particulars. That the consequences predicted from a flow of Irish Emigrants into England, must take place, if that flow be not prevented, does not admit of doubt. But whether "*all that remains* for the Legislature to decide, be the point to which Emigration shall be directed," requires rigid examination and careful consideration. Such examination and consideration are proposed as the subject of the following pages.

In order to ascertain, whether Emigration be the only effectual means of relieving our distressed population, we must examine certain other measures, which have been proposed for the same purpose; and, if they should prove inefficient, we must endeavour to discover whether Emigration is likely to be effectual.

But as any proposed remedy for our present distresses, must, in order to be effectual, be suited to the kind and degree of the distress, it is necessary to present the reader with such Extracts from the evidence taken by the Committee, as shall put him in possession of its true description and extent. At the same time he is strongly recommended to examine for himself, the evidence attached to the Emigration Reports of 1826 and 1827, as affording a much larger induction of particulars, than it is possible to include in these pages.