

But I ask, does not the same measure of condemnation justly apply to all the authorities in the United Kingdom and this Province, as well as all others, for not only authorising the manufacture, but raising a revenue from the dispensing spiritous liquors ?

I am aware my Lord, that much intemperance and ill judged zeal, has arisen among those engaged in the promotion of that most praise-worthy measure, "*temperance*," which has called forth much opposition, but if a view is taken of all those in opposition to slavery, the use of spiritous liquors, gambling and other sources of crime, I regret that not only influential, but talented men, will be found in condemning and ridiculing the efforts of those taking a lead, in this great reformation, which is one of the marks of the present, being the most extraordinary period that has yet appeared for raising the human character, from ignorance, vice, degradation and error, the evils referred to, if not at once removed, would be gradually diminished, by fostering and regulating the popular feeling, which is rapidly gaining ground, and in a praise worthy manner, among some of the clergy: were it not for laws to sustain the evils *enacted for the sake of revenue*. I repeat the question, upon what ground can those professing christianity, and avow it their duty to repress crime, yet, sanction and take part in making laws, licensing their fellow-subjects to make a gain of dispensing spiritous liquors, which they admit to be the great cause of crime and misery. Much discretion I am aware my Lord, is essential, not only in bringing