

been enacted under the very flag which should be a protection to her unfortunate and defenceless subjects is unworthy of England, and throws a dark shade over the bright escutcheon of her well earned fame and glory. It would in my opinion have been more humane to have deprived them at once of life, than to have thus subjected them to those extreme sufferings and privations which served only to increase the fears and magnify the terrors of a painful dissolution.

I cannot here refrain from enumerating to your Lordship a few among the many instances where in the shipment of these unfortunate beings an utter disregard was had, not only to every principle of humanity, but even to those common decencies of life which Nature in the lowest depths of degradation and misfortune so scrupulously seeks to preserve. Those Emigrants from Kilkenny, Queen's County, Wicklow, and the estates of Virginia and Avon, of which Lords De-Vesci and Fitzwilliam, and Major Mahon, and Captain Wandersford are the several proprietors, were in a state of fearful destitution, as well as those from the estate of Lord Palmerston.

In confirmation of this fact, I beg leave to state to your Lordship, that a public meeting of the citizens of St. John, New Brunswick, has been recently held, at which it was resolved "to ship back to Ireland the de-