

that a few families of proper qualifications could be introduced advantageously to the public and themselves, every year during the next four or five years.

"The obligation of the Colonist to the soldier cultivator, and other considerations, must, I hope, remove hesitation as to the fitness of this climate for the European labourer. But indeed it is admitted that it is in the gardens, the orchards, and the pasturage of the Colony that profitable returns from the land must be sought, and industrious occupation in those pursuits is less a severe toil than heathful exercise.

"With the increasing intercourse by steam between Europe and this Continent, we may hope for regular and rapid access to markets where you would always be sure to dispose advantageously of that produce, which you might gather in abundance several months before it can mature in those regions. But great as these advantages are, it is manifest that the success of the most carefully managed scheme of emigration must depend on the wise public spirit of the owners of the land; for it is essential to permanent settlement and extensive improvement, that the occupier should be stimulated by liberal encouragement, and a sense of certainty that he is to abide long enough to reap his share of the partnership.

"I have been so impressed by the concurrence of experienced persons on the necessity for vigorous and steadily maintained efforts to clear and cultivate the land, that I have thought it right to recommend this subject to your particular notice. It is a gratifying consideration connected with it, that industry and improvement are generally admitted to be on the increase throughout the islands, and to that source of satisfaction you may well join the still more encouraging reflections that the positions in the world are few, and the circumstances rare, in which a small but energetic community may find a more varied field for their skill and industry, fruition with less painful toil, a larger exemption of the dispiriting anxieties of life, a more powerful protection on its secure enjoyment."

ST. LUCIA.—Chief Justice Reddie, Judge of the Royal Court of this Island for many years past, having been charged by Colonel Torrens with the authorship of two letters published in the *Independent*

*Press*, alleged to be libels on the Lord Bishop of the diocese, has been suspended from office, and has arrived home to lay his grievances before her Majesty. Mr. Leuger, second puisne Judge, has also been suspended for writing articles in the same paper. We fully concur in the following observations of the *Trinidad Spectator*:—"It appears to us that the manner adopted of terminating the struggle which had so long been going on between Governor Torrens and Chief Justice Reddie throws much discredit on the dominant party. We have not at hand the newspapers containing the letters which caused the suspension of the judges, but, if our memory serves us aright, they were full of bold and fearless truths, for which the writers deserve praise rather than censure. Colonel Reid, the officer suspending, not long since intimated that there was no harm in officials writing for the press; but it appears they are expected to write only in support of the Government or its officers, on pain of suspension. What a monstrous state of things is that which can thus allow an expression of opinion, or the denunciation of an evil to be followed by dismissal, because the wrong doer happens to be a bishop or a governor. *O, tempora! O, mores!* If either had written aught wrong, was not the same resource, the law, open to the persons offended as to others? Would it not have been far more satisfactory to the public generally had this course been taken by Colonel Torrens? But no; as a school-boy well beaten runs to his mother, so does he shelter himself under the wing of the Colonial-office. The manner in which the evidence was obtained against the offenders was, if our information prove correct, most disgraceful to Colonel Torrens, and quite sufficient in itself to throw around him a halo of shame. The man who could bribe an underling to betray the confidence of his employer—who could take advantage of the hired treachery of a servant to ruin the character or impair the prospects of his master—deserves to be shunned by every person claiming the rank of gentleman, and must himself forfeit all claim to that honourable appellation. But we hope, still, that Colonel Torrens did not bribe one of the printers attached to the *Independent Press* office to steal thence the