

Mr. Morton said that the honorable gentleman who had just spoken had talent and wit, and he was in the habit of coming into the house to show off these qualities. That seemed the extent of his legislation. He spoke of agriculture as of no consequence—and spoke of a river in Isle Madame as producing more than all Cornwallis. If Isle Madame was such a place, it was a wonder that the people there could not send one of themselves to represent them.

Mr. Doyle replied that he had no idea of assailing the hon. gentleman. If Isle Madame chose persons out of itself, it might be no harm had Cornwallis done the same. So fully had agriculture occupied the hon. gentleman's mind that he had no consideration for any other interest. If the clause were limited, as had been proposed, the poor man whose crops had been spoiled by the visitation of Providence, and who might not be able to grow the required value in agricultural produce would have his difficulties increased by a loss of franchise; also by being refused the sending of a representative to better the condition of his class.

Mr. Howe did not see why the distinction should be made. If right was confined altogether to buildings, then fishermen and farmers would be on the same footing, but the proposed alteration gave the latter a double chance. If agricultural values were to form a qualification—why not the value which the fisher produced? The hon. gentleman from Cornwallis had been repeatedly twitted about his apples—he (Mr. H.) took that opportunity of bearing testimony to their quality; he had tasted them at the hon. gentleman's farm a couple summers ago, and found them excellent. The best reason in the world could be given why the people of Isle Madame had sent his hon. friend to the house: from the nature of their occupation they were led to select an "odd fish" as their representative. The gentleman from Cornwallis as well as himself would, he was sure, be sorry to lose the wit of the hon. gentleman who represented Isle Madame, though it was sometimes directed against his side of the house.