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From this over-crowding of the ships, and the absence of proper accommodation, it is easy to perceive that not only great inconvenience, but much severe suffering must have ensued to those who were compelled by poverty and destitution to place themselves in the hands of rapacious and unprincipled sharpers.

To whatever causes the present defects in the plan of emigration may be attributed, it is to be hoped, my lord, that her Majesty's Government will wisely profit by the sad consequences which have resulted from the injudicious and arbitrary measures pursued both by the landed proprietors and their mercenary agents; and that they will avail themselves of those facilities which may be offered by the people of Canada, and other portions of her Majesty's North American Colonies to secure a more humane, liberal, and beneficial plan of emigration than that which has heretofore been attempted. I confidently entertain the hope, my lord, that the subject will receive at your hands that favourable and earnest consideration which its high importance demands; and that the same ability, wisdom, and firmness which have been displayed by your lordship on other subjects not less important to the interests and prosperity of this infant Province, will be attracted to the subject of this communication.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient, humble Servant,

ADAM FERRIE

Montreal, 1st December, 1847.