

astonishment, it is the natural consequence of the wealth and prosperity of the nation, combined with our insular situation. That it exists there can be no doubt, and that a remedy for the evils arising out of it is loudly called for, is equally obvious, and what that remedy must be, I consider equally apparent, namely, emigration. To replenish the earth is to emigrate from those portions of it where the inhabitants have already increased and multiplied, and, therefore, instead of enacting poor-laws, to support a superfluous population, which, in spite of all the miseries attendant upon the prospective pauperism of the offspring of indigent marriages, still continues to increase, means should be adopted to give vent to that part of our population which otherwise will become burthensome.

This I consider to be not merely essential in a political point of view to the well-being and prosperity of the nation, but in a moral and religious sense, to be the duty of those who have the management of the poor confided to them.