

Committee to be most deserving of consideration, and they have accordingly been placed on as liberal a scale as a regard for justice towards the other classes would permit. The Farmers in this country are a class of people who can only accumulate their means by slow degrees, and by hard and incessant labour, and when the fruit of years of patient industry was instantly swept away, they had nearly the same laborious process to go over again as when they first entered the wilderness, but under circumstances of infinite disadvantage, arising from the very devastation which had caused their ruin.

The Lumberers, or timber manufacturers, dependant at all times on their actual labour for the means of subsistence, possessed, in the opinion of your Committee, but little claim for assistance, beyond what they held in common with all other sufferers, for food and raiment, and the slight deviations from this principle which the cash to their account presents, arises from the circumstance of part of their number being also engaged in other pursuits, and also to the presence of many destitute cases. These remarks, particularly the latter, will also apply to the fifth, sixth, and seventh classes, that is, the Mechanics, Labourers, and Inn-keepers, for in each and all of them, numerous cases are included of the most extreme degree of destitution, but cases, at the same time, unsuited to a place