

condition than he was AT HOME. If the food of the potatoe has been his daily portion, care is taken that he continue not to want for it in the new sphere in which he moves. And here it may be instructive to show that it is at this juncture that the ECONOMY of this system is fully and admirably displayed; for while the people of England are absolutely taxed to provide even the *frugal potatoe* for the poor surplus inhabitant, the same tax and the same meal continue in perpetuity. There there seems no alternative to the pressure; and the burthen and hard lot are borne by both sufferingly enough. Now, in the progress of the system under review, the lapse of twelve months brings a change o'er the spirit of their dream: the taxed, or, if you please, the contributionist, is relieved from his tax, and the poor laborer is enabled to free himself from dependence on the society, and gradually to emerge into a state of comparative ease and comfort, and may, in his turn, be seen in the capacity of a producer and consumer, not only of the fruits of the earth, but of British manufactures, which are the veins and arteries of commerce, navigation, &c.

“ I now fully discern the present and prospective views of the society, and clearly perceive that it exercises the virtue of philanthropy without abusing it; and the nation from whom such good works do proceed will assuredly find therein not only its temporal, but, let me add, its eternal reward. My doubts and fears respecting the accomplishment of so