

held out every encouragement for subjects to emigrate to this country. The Government of Great Britain proclaim to their suffering subjects, that, upon their emigration to this Colony, they will receive "a GRANT of LAND from his Majesty proportioned to their means of cultivation." Under these circumstances they proceed, but upon their arrival they have the mortification to discover, and really when it is too late with many of them, that the word "GRANT," which is understood to bestow in Great Britain, is, we presume, not by a perversion, but by a misunderstanding of the English language, to PURCHASE in Canada! and that instead of obtaining land proportioned to their means of cultivation, they are supplied with just as much, as is proportioned to their means of purchase! and purchased very often too, and not unfrequently by persons of this class, who are ignorant of the country, at a price far beyond what is asked by landholders in the most eligible situations.

It appears by a paper now before us, that a discussion had taken place in the House of Commons, upon voting a sum to defray, for this year, the expenses of the civil administration of this Province. From the language of members, it would appear, that they had no knowledge whatever of any fees being paid by emigrants, not even the trifling incidental fees of the offices; the Chancellor of the Exchequer appeared silent on the subject; but this is no reason why the House should not be put in possession of facts, which must astonish some of its members, as much as it blights the almost hopeless prospects of the unfortunate emigrants that suffer by them. They, at least some of them, must think it incredible, when