

I think I have noticed more truly philanthropic men belonging to that society, in proportion to their number, than amongst any other. Without the consent of the writer, or of my friend, Mr. Bennett, I have taken the liberty of inserting the letter, which merits attentive consideration.

" My dear Friend,

" Shaftesbury, 18th 3 mo. 1827.

" CHARLES BENNETT,

" Thy brother, Thomas Bennett, junr.'s letter, dated St. John's, 13th January, 1827, affords a pleasing account of some little improvement going on in Newfoundland, by forming a new line of communication, or at least of its being commenced, between Portugal Cove in Conception Bay, and St. John's, which he thinks will be conducive and encouraging to agricultural spirit and exertion. He also mentions a proposed bridle path to Placentia. It is only surprizing that useful and beneficial works of this kind have been so long neglected or so little pursued there; but the old restrictive and partial system of government and of management has been too slowly superseded by a more liberal mode of proceeding.

" I know not how the resident mercantile part of the population in Newfoundland would be disposed to favour any material steps for the increase of cultivation and of colonization, in that island, but I rather marvel that it should be wholly overlooked in any plans that have been proposed for relieving this country from some part of its superfluous population. Newfoundland is, indeed, vastly inferior to Upper Canada in soil and climate, and, in less degree, to Lower Canada and Nova Scotia, or New Brunswick: but the facility of access is much greater, and some tracts may be found, and have indeed been pointed out, as far superior to the peninsula in which St. John's is situated, and indeed preferable in soil to any of the southern parts of Newfoundland.

" Among the highly interesting topics of discussion in Parliament and in the public journals, one, and not the least of them is the question of emigration; particularly as it was brought forward by Wilnot Horton, Esq. I rather admire that he did not think of Newfoundland, or of some corner or inlet of