

are much wanted; they get from £9 to £12 yearly: but I cannot advise them so freely to go there unprotected. Tradesmen, able bodied, with stout wives and few children, who find they cannot get on well at home, may also succeed pretty well there, with little money, if they are careful to keep out of debt. And I would say in the last place, that any man who is low in circumstances, having several sons, of good moral industrious habits, who sees nothing before his children but to continue at service while bodily strength lasts, and after that has failed them, to sink into a dependant situation in the decline of life. In these circumstances, I say I would take my own family (and I may yet take them) in hope of it turning out better for them than the prospect before them at home.

I knew a man upon the Island who came from Wales, though originally a Scotchman, who told me, if he had staid another year in his farm there, he must have lost all his property, and himself and family been forced to go to the parish workhouse. He was 63 years of age, had a young wife and several children, the oldest of them about 14 or 15. He went to the Island, bought a beautiful well cleared farm, with good houses, draw-well, rent free, for little more than £200, and he was happy, he said, in the choice he had made, for he would now leave the world with much less anxiety upon his mind about his family, than he must have felt for them in England; for he said, they might all now eat if they would work. I knew another man who went from the parish of Dalton, in this county, a Mr Archd. M'Murdo, who emigrated to the Island. He had received a letter from an old neighbour then upon the Island, encouraging him to go and be his neighbour still, and mentioning what necessaries to take with him. The wind of adversity, I believe, had begun to blow pretty strong in his face at home, and from every probability presented to the eye of human foresight, the gale was likely to increase. He quitted his farm here before his pro-