

for her constantly increasing redundant population, calculated, as I have read, to be going on at the rate of 800 per diem, namely, fertile and cheap land, and at no excessive distance off, but rendered easy of access by the improved facilities of navigation. How is it to be accounted for, that numerous others of your Nobles and Gentry have not followed so bright and useful an example? Are they *all* asleep upon their posts, waiting to be aroused by some awful convulsion? Surely they are not only losing sight of the duties expected from those upon whom wealth has been profusely poured, but of their own proper interests too; if they have no other motive for bestirring themselves, let them consider *self*. They should have witnessed, as I have done in this distant land, the honest and spontaneous effusions of the heart, bursting forth in imploring blessings on the head of their benefactor. I should rejoice, and so too would they, to see one of our principal districts bearing the name of *Egremont*, and serving as the most durable monument the colony could raise, and the best compliment it could pay, to the memory of the man who has been *first* in such a race; and which testimonial would outlast the most solid column ever erected to the proudest warrior. We have lately learnt here that a plan has been adopted, by the Committee acting for his Lordship, of collecting and publishing all the letters they can procure, and whether *favourable* or *unfavourable* as to the reports they contain of the colony, and which have, beyond doubt or suspicion, been received by their numerous friends in England from the parties who were sent out here—a plan more replete with good judgment, and beneficial consequences that must infallibly result from it, could not have been devised; and I trust to hear it is put into active operation; as what are called the lower classes, and many others also, are prone to set it down, that all they see and hear has been written and sent over for interested purposes, or at the instigation of those who only want to rid themselves of a burthen. In my opinion it would repay the Government amply, and in more ways than one, by the obvious good which must spring from it, were it to afford the means and facilities of circulating, from time to time, such sets as these of *verified authentic* letters, through every parish in the three kingdoms, *by means of the clergymen or churchwardens*. No one acquainted with the rural districts especially will venture to deny, that they contain thousands who are thirsty for such information as these letters contain, and only await anxiously the means to enable them to make the voyage hither. I also think that if the *Post Office* de-