

help can be extended to them, then there is some prospect of emigration being to them a speedy benefit.

This subject was alluded to by Lord John Russell in his celebrated speech on the 25th January last, as to the state of Ireland. He said, and justly—"There is another subject, likewise, with respect to which I am not prepared to make a statement to the House, but upon which I know large expectations are entertained in Ireland—I allude to *emigration*. I confess that, although Parliament may assist emigration to a certain extent, the extravagant expectations which are entertained on this head can never possibly be fulfilled."—"Then before we should make extraordinary efforts to increase emigration, it is necessary to consider an important point. *If we attempt to go beyond that which is the ordinary annual emigration*, and to convey a million of persons at once across the ocean, you must also enquire what funds—what means there are in the country to which they must be carried, to procure them subsistence."—"It appeared to me, however, that the best mode by which emigration could be promoted was by taking charge of the emigrant, not at his present place of abode—not at the port of embarkation—but at the port where he disembarked, and then convey him to some field where he would find a market for his labour," &c. It was further stated by him, that the amount of emigration in 1845 to the North American colonies was 31,303, and in the three first quarters of 1846, the number was 42,404 who went to our North American colonies. "The character (he said) of the emigration in 1846 is very similar to that of the two previous seasons." "Mr. Hawke, an emigration agent, stated in his report, that he was not aware that the number of indigent settlers in 1846 had been much greater, in proportion, than usual; but there certainly was a large number of the Irish emigrants in a state of destitution as to clothes and bedding, far exceeding any thing he had ever before witnessed." "Mr. Buchanan, the agent at Quebec, stated in his report,