

taken (as I intend should be the case) in their selection as has been shown hitherto in granting loans to mechanics.

This proposed increase to the number of those who are to receive advances will of course add to the Emigration expenditure; but as I entirely concur in the propriety of your suggestion, that the bounty on female Emigrants should be converted into a loan, I propose that the two measures should be contemporaneous, and that one should be in some degree a set off against the other.

The principle of giving a bounty for the accomplishment of public objects is; as you have justly observed, objectionable, and can only be defended where encouragement is wanted at the commencement of a new project, such as that under discussion; and I am fully inclined to believe that the local Committee have good grounds for the opinion which they have given, that the female Emigrants will be as well able as the men to repay the sum which may be lent to assist in their conveyance.

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The case of Robert Russell, which you have sent home, is extremely satisfactory, as showing how beneficially the present system may operate in relieving the distress which unfortunately prevails so extensively among the labouring classes in this country.

I shall not fail to communicate with the Treasury in regard to your proposition of transferring from the Military Chest to the Colonial Banking Establishment the money arising from the sale of land. It is very desirable that every proper assistance should be given to increase the circulating medium in the colony; and under the instructions, and with the precautions which you appear to have anticipated, I am not aware of any objections which can be urged to the measure which you have proposed.

