

the consequences of any temporary inducements, which Government may judge proper for the purpose of diverting the emigration into a different channel. I have observed that there would be no necessity for continuing this encouragement long, or affording it to any but the first who should enter into the measures proposed, or, at most, to a few people from each district. Supposing that such a party were even wholly composed of persons who would not otherwise have emigrated, it is not clear that they would form a nett addition to the body of emigrants ; for, if I have been successful in proving that the disposition we observe in the Highlands arises from unavoidable and radical causes in the state of the country, then must it go on till these causes are exhausted, and the population is brought to that level which natural circumstances point out. A certain number of people must leave the country ; and whether it falls to the lot of this or of that man to go, the general result will not be affected. If a set of people, who had no such intention, are by any means induced to go, they make room