

## REPORT, &c.

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"THE Poor shall not cease out of the land."

This is an aphorism of Holy Writ which is established by daily experience, and their unremitting appeals to our charity for relief, to alleviate their pressing necessities, render their existence undeniable, whether we listen to them or otherwise. To enter fully into the spirit of commiseration it is fit that they should be visited in person not by proxy, especially in sickness, when their wants accumulate and their griefs superabound.

Fully to appreciate our own mercies, it is not enough to learn through others, what pain this individual suffers, or how much distress the other endures; it requires nothing short of ocular demonstration, to conceive the depth of their affliction and anguish, which frequently baffle description adequately to convey their extent to the feeling mind.

The depressed state of trade, together with the failure of the Canal and other public enterprises, conspire to check the flow of natural feeling, in favour of the poor and needy, by diminishing the ability not the inclination of the public to help them. Not a few paupers have, through shipwreck and other unforeseen calamities, been cast