

of Land, and, if possible, a small Mill stream connected with it, situated at the distance of five or ten miles from the City; and, as it is believed that there are public lands unlocated or unoccupied within that distance, at the disposal of the Executive Government, no time should be lost by the new Committee or this Meeting in making the necessary application for a Lot. The subject was brought before Sir John Colborne, some years ago, and a hope was then entertained that 20 acres of ground would have been given from the Park at the North East end of the City; but from some cause the arrangements were never perfected, and the land has since been appropriated for other purposes.

Whenever such an Asylum can be provided for the destitute, the unprotected, and the youthful delinquent—the Citizens will be justified in putting a complete check to all street-begging, without causing distress to any of the deserving objects of charity, which, under present circumstances, might be the case in consequence of the inadequate means now provided for their relief;—and juvenile offenders, instead of being educated in crime, as they have hitherto been by intermingling with hardened criminals in our Common Jail, will be brought under the influence of discipline that will tend to reform their habits, and fit them for usefulness. The happy effects resulting from the establishment of Houses of Industry have been proved by the experience of the Citizens of Montreal and Quebec, and in various cities of the United States. In New York, on the 1st January, 1836, the House of Refuge contained 243 children and youths who were daily educated as well as trained to habits of industry; and during the previous year no less than 191 had been apprenticed to respectable employers; and the Report of that Institution contains “Numerous Letters from the former inmates of the House, shewing both by the testimony of the children and their employers, how great and lasting are its benefits, and how much these benefits are appreciated by the recipients of its bounty.” The utility of such Institutions has also