

There is another fact worthy of remark, to which our attention has just been directed, and it is this:—On the South Island of Arran there is a deep brackish lake of considerable extent, just separated from the sea by a small ridge which only requires to be cut away, and the necessary works completed, to give us one of the most commodious safety harbours in the world. The water power which Galway has at its disposal, and all the capabilities it affords for internal traffic, with its inland lakes, now almost navigable, places it far in advance of Cork: however, Cork is a large and flourishing city, containing much of intellect and enterprise; and what is more—men of patriotism—we have, therefore, much to dread from its opposition, for the puny cabinet of Queen Victoria are prepared to sacrifice every thing without a scruple—without a single qualm of conscience, to expediency. If Cork place itself in a position to annoy them, we would not give a farthing for their good graces. Our only hope lies on the opposite shores of the Atlantic, where a noble race of freemen have taken up their abodes—men who will not be influenced by the weight of circumstances to act contrary to their convictions. They have set their eyes on Galway as the port of departure for America, and have already held out the hand of fellowship to us. We are therefore, sanguine of success, and expect yet to see Galway one of the greatest seaports in the world.”

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