

That by keeping criminals, in large gangs; as at present, they cannot be benefited or improved, but on the contrary become deteriorated...

That this unbounded supply of convict labour has of necessity thrown out of employment many of the free laborers who were induced by the government to emigrate hither...

That in the violent commercial convulsions which have been felt during the last two years in all the Australian Colonies, our colonial property has fallen more than one-half in value...

That the large government expenditure under the present system is of some pecuniary benefit to us in the depressed condition of our affairs...

That under the circumstances which we have thus detailed, the prosperity of this colony is at an end...

That there is yet a more fearful evil produced by the present system of transportation; that it is reported and believed that the unhappy men sent to Norfolk Island have sunk into deeper pollution and depravity...

That we are confident, that to bring under the notice of the British Parliament this frightful result of the present convict system...

That the various evils which the transportation system causes to the free colonists may at once be removed by your honorable house in conjunction with the other branches of the legislature...

Your petitioners humbly pray that the number of convicts in this island may as speedily as possible be reduced to that which existed in 1840...

Downing-street, 30th Aug. 1844. Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 9th February last, No. 39, enclosing an act passed by Yourself and the Legislative Council of Van Diemen's land, intitled 'An Act to regulate the brewing of beer, ale, and porter for sale...

In reference to the 'smut in wheat,' it is well known the farina, or flower of the grain, is converted into soot-like powder, and that the destruction of the husk generally follows, which serves to show the malignancy of the disease.

The preamble of the act recites as its object, 'the encouragement of agriculture, and the securing to the public a good and healthful beverage; and it then proceeds to forbid the use of any sugar whatever in the brewing of beer...

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men. The act has made it penal to employ any British seaman who cannot produce his register ticket, and every seaman is to register himself at the Custom-house of the port or place to which he belongs...

why I pull out my bottle and gives him a drink—he'll be mighty apt, before he drinks, to throw away his tobacco; so when he's done, I pull my twist out of t'other pocket and gives him a chew: I never likes to leave a man worse off than when I found him...

ICE CREAM.—A friend of ours 'down east' has a cow that disappeared during a severe snow-storm last winter, and it was supposed to be lost. But with the return of warm weather came the missing animal...

MIXTURE OF THE PEOPLE. The following table shows the number of Irish, Scotch, English, and foreigners disposed through the different parts of the empire at the date of the last census:—

Irish resident in England and Wales ..... 289,414
Ditto in Scotland ..... 126,321
Ditto in Channel Islands.. 3,531
Total Irish absentees .. 112,992

Scotch resident in England and Wales ..... 103,233
Ditto in Ireland ..... 8,585
Ditto in Channel Islands.. 1,099
Total Scotch absentees .. 112,922

English and Welsh resident in Scotland ..... 37,79
Ditto in Ireland ..... 21,55
Ditto in Channel Islands.. 18,00
Total English absentees .. 77,345

Foreigners resident in England and Wales ..... 39,244
Ditto in Ireland ..... 4,471
Ditto in Scotland ..... 2,776
Ditto in Channel Islands .. 2,760
Total Foreign absentees .. 49,251

Irish residents in London and suburbs ..... 73,13
Scotch resident in ditto ... 25,65
Foreigners resident in ditto 19,14
Irish in Liverpool ..... 49,639
" Glasgow ..... 44,345
" Manchester and Salford ..... 34,300
In no other town in England or Scotland does the number of Irish exceed 6000.

ORIGINAL POETRY. A SIMILE. Man as a river from its earliest source, Forms to a larger as it winds its course; Till larger and larger as it murmurs on, Begins an ocean or an Amazon.

Then stronger grown to adolescent form, As yet unshorn by life's increasing storm; Next springing up to Manhood tastes the alloy Of worldly blessings, ever pains and joy; And last retiring down the vale of life, Shuts from his sight a world of endless strife.

RECOLLECTIONS. 'The darkest wave has bright foam near it.' HEMANS. How dark and dreary retrospect appears, As memory traces back the gone-by years. And recollection, ever wont to find Something to mar, or sooth the tender mind, From memory's store would snatch one image faint.

With which the cloud of sorrow she would paint. There is a sweetness undim'd; expressed; The deep reflective mind alone is blest With that pure feeling! sweet yet pensive touch. Of times' deep ravages; in scanning o'er Remembrance of the past; Of friends, Departed friends, whose virtues rare Entwined themselves so deeply round the heart.

That bid their loss at parting more severe; I would recall still more, but close the line, And look for future in the wheel of time. F. H.

A GOOD SHOT.—Two passengers coming down the Mississippi in a steamboat, were shooting birds on shore from the deck. Some sportsman-converse ensued. One remarked that he would turn his back to no man in killing racoons, that he had repeatedly shot fifty a-day. "What o'that?" said a Kentuckian; "I make nothing of killing a hundred 'coon a day, or'nary luck."

"Do you know Captain Scott of our State?" asked a Tennessean bystander; "he, now, is something like a shot. A hundred 'coon why, he never pints at one without hitting him. He never misses, and the 'coons know it. T'other day he levelled at an old 'un in a high tree. The varmint looked at him for a minute, and then bawled out, 'Hallo, Cap'n Scott' is that you?' 'Yes,' was the reply. 'Well don't shoot!' says he; it's no use; hold on; I'll come down—I give in!' which he did;" It is unnecessary to add, that this was the last hunting story.

HINT TO CANNASSERS.—When you see an electioneering, I goes fixed for the purpose. I've got a suit of deer leather clothes, with two big pockets; so I puts a bottle of whiskey in one, and a twist of tobacco in t'other, and starts out; then if I meet a friend,

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Under what imaginations must an atheist live in the belief of the non-existence of the Almighty. The man who receives the beautiful gifts of that great being, both in the animal, vegetable, and mineral worlds, without once offering up his thanks and adorations to, or even acknowledging the Author of them, when he walks out in the open air, when he sees that glorious orb of day, shining in all his splendour, or the silvery lamps of night and the twinkling stars, how can he imagine that they would shine, would give us light, how the planets revolve in their orbits without an author who regulates them.

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