

the power of enforcing their fulfilment or breaking the lease. Let us henceforth have a different state of things.

Let us next consider Emigration. I think that now something of the sort should be encouraged; but if the farming of the country improves, I doubt not there will be found work enough for all hands eventually. Should you give a free passage to emigrants, it should be chiefly to women, who are most instrumental in adding to our population, for one woman with twenty men will probably produce one child, whereas twenty women to one man may produce twenty children. There are some other considerations, which I cannot conclude without suggesting to your Lordship, such as the propriety of searching for minerals in the proper localities; experiments upon peat for charcoal and other purposes; improving our fisheries, which now that potatoes are gone must be a source of food for our island; and teaching, by means of the Coast Guard, the ignorant the best means of catching and curing fish, and, if possible, assisting them with boats, nets, &c., for hire or sale. I am also inclined to think that much of the copper and other ores that are sent to Swansea, might be brought to a much more forward state in Ireland, and it would afford a means of employment were it not permitted to be exported from the country, unless in a very forward state of preparation; for without doubt, much more money must go out of the country for food than has gone heretofore, and unless we can bring a corresponding increased quantity back, we must become bankrupt ere long. The flax crop should also receive your attention, as it is not of an impoverishing nature to land, and will provide a means of employment. We must either find some fresh source of traffic, or greatly