

increase those which we already possess, to meet our present expenditure, as we cannot expect that the Government of the country can give us assistance for an indefinite period. I would in conclusion remark, that the *existing agreements* between Landlord and tenant should not be interfered with, but with the consent of both parties they might have power to take the benefit of any new conditions that you may propose. Let not your acts be retrospective, but prospective; let what has been done, and cannot be undone without palpable injustice, alone; but if you give a man a chance to escape, and he does not choose to take advantage of it, on himself be the blame. There are also religious and political differences which distract our unhappy country, which I will not enter upon further than to say, that I think the priests' fees upon marriages have much effect in getting those gentlemen to encourage them, and I believe that in some parishes they run to a large sum, yet in most the indigent Padre could ill afford to dispense with these dues.

I now recapitulate, Ireland is in distress, caused by the Potato Failure, Poor Landlords, and Bad Prospects;—to obviate these, encourage good husbandry and a better class of farmers, and by strict administration of the laws give a confidence to capitalists,—encourage a good class of Landlords; give them power to *trade freely* with their acres, but not to encumber them,—let the tenant *trade freely* with whatever his land can produce,—encourage all attempts at improvement;—but lay not upon one, and that a small party, the whole burden of alleviating one of the greatest calamities that has ever befallen unhappy Ireland; and I have no doubt, that if you can carry out some such measures as I have here suggested, that we shall find