

## **The Duchess of Northumberland.**

By the DUCHESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND nearly two hundred free Irish women and girls have arrived. They are of two classes, namely, part women and girls of good character, selected by a Committee of Gentlemen, which sits at Cork for that purpose, and part of women and girls who were got together any how, and from every place, TO FILL UP THE SHIP, when the time for sailing to this Colony had at length arrived.

The first portion will be a blessing to the Colony. The latter we could dispense with, though in our own private opinion, ALL females under forty years of age, not actually thieves and drunkards, and in good health, are better arrivals than none at all. For the great disparity in the numbers of the sexes has not diminished, by the arrivals of free women during the last seven years; the arrivals of free men having been equal in number during the

same period, while the arrivals of adult male convicts (who weekly become free in considerable numbers) has increased the disparity above mentioned.