



IN our last publication we made a few remarks upon the mode adopted for the selection of the damse's by the *Duchess of Northumberland*, the subject is of too much importance to be allowed to rest here, and the more particularly as we have made enquiry, and find from unquestionable authority, that the Emigration Committee is as we before designated it, a complete job, for the enriching of a few mercenary individuals at our expense, and at the expense too of all decency and decorum. So much has been written on the subject of Emigration and by more able pens than ours, that we almost at this late day despair of ever opening the eyes of the Home, as well as the Colonial Government, to the iniquitous working of the system. As however the constant dropping of water on a stone makes an impression, so we may hope that the repeated representation of the press may produce the like effects upon what would appear equally impenetrable, with reference to Female Emigration. It is now known however

Emigration. It is now known beyond even a doubt, that out of 319 Irish girls by the *Duchess of Northumberland*, only 150 were selected with the necessary precaution, and because this took up an unusual length of time, and because, forsooth, the vessel was chartered to sail on a particular day, under a penalty, the remaining 169 were actually, indiscriminately selected from the different work-houses, and numbers, we blush to add, from the very streets! -and yet we find the following sweeping certificate of character accompanies the *whole* of them to New South Wales.

We the undersigned, Members of the Emigration Committee, and Clergymen of the City of Cork, earnestly recommend to the protection of His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, and the kind and benevolent of all classes the young women now about to sail for that Colony in the ship *Duchess of Northumberland*. *The utmost care and judgment* has been exercised in their selection, and we hesitate not to recommend them as industrious and virtuous, and alone desirous to earn and procure in a foreign land that subsistence denied them at home.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation and Citizens of Cork—

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What can we say more under such circumstances to prove the way in which

circumstances to prove the way in which we have been duped ; for here we find such men as the Mayor and others, lending the sanction of their powerful influence, to bolster up the character of the most depraved, and then to palm them on the Colonist as respectable young women—as deserving our care and support ! We must however only confine our censurable remarks to the 169 as before stated, for the rest we are informed are just the kind of girls we require as good and useful servants ; but to find that they should have been cooped up in a vessel for 4 months with the most abandoned of their sex, is indeed lamentable. Our authority states that the well-behaved did, as far as circumstances would allow, keep aloof from the others,—that they even refused to remain on the same side

of the deck, for fear of the contaminating influence of their depraved habits ; but notwithstanding these necessary precautions, to what scenes must they necessarily have been daily witnesses ? To what language must they have been momentarily unwilling hearers ? It is horrible to contemplate on. We trust that these few remarks will be the means of causing the strictest possible enquiry to be made by the local Government, satisfied as we are that they are perfectly true, and that the Colony instead of being be-

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nefitted by the plan as at present in
active operation, will have bitter cause
to deplore the importation of females,
such as have hitherto been sent us. To
expect a virtuous population, to spring
from so polluted and pestiferous a stream,
as has been allowed for years to flow
on uninterruptedly to the shores of
this Colony—would be emblematic only
of a maniac. It may yet be the intention
of the Governor, to enquire into the
correctness of our remarks, we shall,
therefore, suspend any further observa-
tions for the present, but promise not to
let the subject drop, till we have caused
a thorough reformation in the system now
in force.