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to the other without being understood by any but those from whom
the orders issue and the commanders of Ports. We then learned
by the boats which came from the Shore, that all was as yet
tranquil, that they had only heard of the threats of Bonaparte
which it was not likely, he would be able to put in execu-
tion.

After night a fair wind springing up, we made
sail, and next morning, ^{we} were a board of Wicklow Moun-
tains, the land is high and elevated but we were at too
great a distance to distinctly view it. On the 2^d we
sailed along the Irish coast and passed Holy Head. Here
is elevated land & lofty mountains, whose tops are covered
with snow, which although they do not ^{confer} present with
an idea of the fertility of the country, yet the majestic
grandeur of the ~~pastoral~~ ^{pastoral} asylum of the descendants
of Ancient Britons strikes the mind with veneration at the
magnanimity and unfortunate valor of their ancestors
who preferred breathing the air of freedom on rocky
mountains, to remaining in subjection on their native
fertile plains, and calls a sigh for their hero the gallant
Caractacus.

In the evening a Pilot comes on board and next
day we arrive safe in Dublin here, the pleasure we felt
on the occasion can not well be imagined by any but
those who have made a long sea voyage. Altho this was
Sunday and business hushed all up, yet sufficient was to
be seen to give a stranger some conception of the
magnitude of the trade carried on at this place. The
many store houses, the multitude of ships, the inland
canals and docks all denote wealth & exertion.
These last are of two kind wet and dry, the latter are
to receive vessels to be repaired, the former are for

26. Ships to unload, and load in; they are made by digging
spaces to a level ^{such} ~~with the~~ as to be of sufficient depth
for the vessels that are to enter. The gates of these
docks at which the vessels, and flow of the ^{tide} are
received, are shut in the ebb tide by which ^{means} the water
is retained that keeps the ships afloat. were it not
for these constructions the loading and unloading would
be performed with great inconvenience at this port which
is not naturally well calculated, the river being amazingly
shallow at low water, and its entry rendered difficult
from a number of sand banks.

But the approximate situation of this place to
~~Manchester~~ ^{several} ~~Warrington~~, and the manufacturing
towns ~~of the West~~ renders it the great emporium of
commerce to the west. It is here that are deposited
the Stuffs of Manchester, the cuttery of Birmingham
and the woollen cloths of Yorkshire, as are also the
produce of the west for which they are bargained —
it is considered next to London for importance in
trade; that of Africa however is a branch ~~to~~
that is carried on here to some extent ~~at this place~~.
and is not ~~thought~~ honorable to the human spe-
cies; for it is a barter of their fellow creatures — you
must not by this imagine, that the slaves are brought
here, no, for none would be slaves after they had
breathed the British air — they are bought in
Africa for coarse clothes, arms, spirits &c taken
to the West Indies and sold for the produce of
these Islands, which is brought to this place &
from it taken to different parts of the country.