

of many farmers in this country, who a few years ago set down in an uncultivated wilderness, is sufficient to shew that industry and perseverance will assuredly afford as comfortable a living in this province as in any other part of America.]

A WEEK after news came that a vessel was arrived with Scotch emigrants, Mr. C. and I went to the dock to see them disembark.

Several citizens, impelled either by spontaneous attachments, or motives of humanity, took many of them to their houses; the city agreeably to its usual wisdom and humanity, ordered them all to be lodged in the barracks, and plenty of provisions given them. My friend pitched upon one also and led him to his house, with his wife, and a son about 14 years of age. The majority of them had contracted for land the year before, by means of an agent; the rest depended entirely upon chance; and the one who followed us was of this last class. Poor man, he smiled on receiving the invitation, and gladly accepted it, bidding his wife and son do the same, in a language which I did not understand. He gazed with uninterrupted attention on every thing he saw; the houses, the inhabitants, the negroes, and carriages; every thing appeared equally new to him; and we went slow, in order to give him time to feed on this pleasing variety. Good God! said he, is this Philadelphia, that blessed city of bread and provisions, of which we have heard so much! I am told it was found the same year that my father was born; why it is finer than Greenock and Glasgow, which is ten times as old. It is so, said my friend to him, and when thee has been here a month, thou wilt soon see that it is the capital of the province, of which thee art going to be a citizen: Greenock enjoys neither such a climate nor such a soil. Thus we proceeded along, when we met several large Landauer six horse waggons, just arrived from the country. At this stupendous sight he stopped short, and with great diffidence asked us what was the use of these great moving houses, and where those big horses came from? Have you none such at home, I asked him? Oh! no, these huge animals would eat all the grass of our island! We at last reached my friend's house, who in the glow of well meant hospitality, made them all three sit down to a good dinner, and gave them as much cider as they could drink. God bless this country, and the good people it contains, said he; this is the best meal victuals I have made a long time—I thank you kindly.

What part of Scotland dost thee come from, friend Andrew, said Mr. C? Some of us came from the main, some from the island of Barra, he answered. I myself am a Barra man. I looked on the map, and by its latitude, easily guessed that it must be an inhospitable climate. What sort of land have you got there, I asked him? Bad enough, said he; we have no such trees as I see here, no wheat, no kye, no apples. Then, I observed, it must be hard for the poor to live. We have no poor, he answered, we are all alike, except our lairds, but he cannot help every body. Pray, what is the name of your laird? Mr. Neil, said Andrew; the like of him is not to be found in any of the isles; his forefathers have lived there thirty generations ago, as we are told. Now, gentlemen, you may judge what an ancient family estate it must be. But it is cold, the land is thin, and there were too many of us, which are the reasons that some are come to seek their fortunes here. Well, Andrew, what step do you intend to take in order to become rich? I do not know, Sir; I am but an ignorant man, a stranger beside—I must rely on the advice of good Christians, they would not deceive me, I am sure. I have brought with me a character from our Barra Minister, can it be of any service here? Oh! yes; but your future success will depend entirely on your own conduct; if you are a sober man, as the certificate says, laborious and honest, there is no fear but that you will do well. Have you brought any money with you Andrew? Yes, Sir, eleven guineas and a half. Upon my word it is a considerable sum for a Barra man; how came you by so much money? Why seven years ago I received a legacy of thirty seven pounds from an uncle, who loved me much; my wife brought me two guineas when the laird gave her to me for a wife, which I have saved ever since. I have sold all I had; I worked in Glasgow for some time. I am glad to hear you are so saving and prudent; be so still: you must go and hire yourself with some good people; what can you do? I can thresh a little, and handle the pade. Can you plough? Yes, Sir, with the little breast plough I have brought with me. These won't do here, Andrew; you are an able man; if you are willing, you will soon learn. I'll tell you what I intend to do; I'll send you to my laird, where you shall stay two or three weeks, there you must exercise yourself with the plough, that is the principal tool the Americans want, and particularly the back setting. Can your wife spin? Yes, she can. Well then, as soon as you are able to handle the axe, you shall go and live with Mr. P. R., my particular friend of mine, who will give you four dollars per month, for the first six, and the usual price of five as long as you remain with him. I shall place your wife in another house, where she shall receive half a dollar per week for spinning; and your son a dollar

a month to drive the team. You shall have besides good victuals to eat, and good beds to lie on; will all this satisfy you, Andrew? He hardly understood what I said; the hottest tears of gratitude fell from his eyes as he looked at me, and its expressions seemed to quiver on his lips. Though silent, this was saying a great deal; there was besides something extremely moving to see a man six feet high, thus shed tears, and they did not lessen the good opinion I had entertained of him. At last he told me, that my offers were more than he deserved, and that he would first begin to work for his victuals. No, no, said I, if you are careful and sober, and do what you can, you shall receive what I told you, after you have served a short apprenticeship at my house. May God preserve you for all your kindnesses said Andrew; as long as I live I shall thank you, and do what I can for you. A few days after I sent them all three to —, by the return of some waggons, that he might have an opportunity of viewing, and convincing himself of the utility of those machines which he had at first so much admired.

Andrew arrived at my house a week before I did, and I found my wife, agreeably to my instructions, had placed the ax in his hands, as the first task. For some time he was very awkward, but he was so docile, so willing, and grateful, as well as his wife, that I foresaw he would succeed. Agreeably to my promise, I put them all with different families, where they were all well liked, and all parties were pleased. Andrew worked hard, lived well, grew fat, and every Sunday came to pay me a visit on a good horse, which Mr. P. R. lent him. Poor man, it took him a long time ere he could sit on the saddle, and hold the bridle properly. I believe he had never mounted such a beast before, though I did not choose to ask him that question, for fear it might suggest some mortifying ideas. After having been twelve months at Mr. P. R.'s, and having received his own and his family's wages, which came to eighty four dollars, he came to see me on a week day, and told me, that he was a man of middle age, and would willingly have land of his own, in order to procure him a home, as a shelter in his old age; that whenever this period should come, his son, to whom he would give his land, would then maintain him, and thus live all together; he therefore required my advice and assistance. I thought his desire very natural and praise worthy, and told him that I would think of it, but that he must remain a month longer with Mr. P. R. who was to give him a coat, and the usual price of five dollars. The spring was not far advanced, though yet for a few weeks beginning to be cold, even supposing that he had made a purchase; as it always is necessary that the land be out, in order that this food might be ready to serve to burn the heads of black more readily.