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A Dublin letter in the Limerick Chronicle supplies the following statistics in reference to the immigration from the former port:

“Talking of immigration, it is idle to ask ‘Where will it end?’ Why it is only beginning. In the Liffey this moment there are three vessels advertised to sail this week– the Coronet (Roche, Brothers) an admirable ship, capable of accommodating comfortably 300 passengers; the Samuel, (James Miley.) also about 300; and another shy looking craft, rather the worse for wear, which has been christened the British Queen, belonging to a third house. Here, then, this very week 1000 people will leave this port alone direct for the Model Republic.– But this affords a very imperfect idea of the depopulating drain which is going on, and which is last causing Ireland literally to sink into the bosom of the Atlantic. We have from this port alone, either direct to America or via Liverpool, an exodus of the Irish people to the tune of at least 7000 every week. A close observing friend who returned this morning from a tour in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, assures me that if the current of migration proceeds in the present full and rapid flood, Ireland, if inhabited at all in five years hence, will not be peopled by Irishman- at least as the south and west are concerned.”