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Copy of a letter from Cork, dated 21 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1811.

The Statement I gave you some days ago of the export of live Cattle proves the increasing value of this Country to England. - In the Space of three Years the export of horned Cattle considerably more than trebled - Pigs quintupled, & Sheep nearly trebled. -

Neither the people nor the Government of England know or they don't wish to know, either the value, <sup>or</sup> moral or physical force of this Country; History shows that there is no other cause of action gives such a Momentum to the physical force of a Country when put in motion, as Religion, or any thing therewith connected. - The abstract cause of civil liberty does not propel a people to violent exertion so much as religious liberty; but when both these causes are permitted to exist together, what obstacle will not they struggle with & perhaps overcome? The State of religious liberty is a Hydra in itself - every



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had that is cut off, leaves a Stock that produces two at once. - And so we see, that the Strength of Catholic Emancipation has increased with every Effort that has been made to put it down.

If the Torch of discord & disunion be once lighted fairly in this Country it will be very hard to put it out: and the Government that has produced the present unnatural state of Ireland, has a great deal to answer for. - The fact is, tho' the ferment is great, it only extends to the higher & middling class of the Catholics of Ireland. - No immediate fear of disturbance should be apprehended.

The lower orders know nothing of the foolish conflict between the other Classes & the Government.

But the sad effect of such a misgovernment will be the estrangement & alienation of the Bulk of the Nation, that will be produced by these unwise & imbecile acts of Mr Pole. - Depend upon it, no interruption will take place to Commerce, but the sooner

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Mr Pole is dismissed, & a different line of Government adopted, the better for Great Britain. - for the cause <sup>of</sup> the State of Ireland ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> infinitely of more Interest to Great Britain than ~~it is~~ to us. - I am far from approving the Conduct of the People of Dublin: but when I see them backed & encouraged by a large portion of the Wealth, the Magistracy & even Aristocracy of Ireland, I think it high time to go to the source of the Misfortune & to apply the cure. -



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