NORTHERN ISLAND—MAJOR ANDERSON.

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Capt. Major Anderson, at the request of Gov. Phillip, Captain Phillip forwarded to Major Anderson, on Tuesday last, from the Port of Mortons Bay. Amongst the passengers from the former settlement, we perceive the name of Mr. Hume, who came out with the party last fall, and some few months since, for the express purpose of improving the spiritual association of the degraded and unhappy beings who have been sent to that receptacle of infamy, that modern Gothic edifice, the convict mental asylum, clothed with horror, we think of the vices that are said to be perpetrating within.

The Garden of Eden itself could not possibly have been more beautiful than is this most enchanting island—and its extreme fertility and richness of soil surpass even its luxurious appearance, for it is one solid mass of rich black soil alluvial, from 20 to 30 feet below the surface, without a stone as large as a hen's egg; its climate is such that it produces every kind of wheat, Indian corn, and all kinds of tropical fruits. The country is thickly sprinkled with fruits and vegetables in profusion; and, what is somewhat rare in the South, there is a vast produce of mutton, beef, pork, and every kind of fish, both sea and fresh. It is a paradise, in fact, a celestial region.

We have, however, been informed, that the convict was no more disposed to depart from Nor'Wester, Captain Phillip, unless he had obtained a pass from the Perilous Peninsula, Captain Phillip, and the parties must accordingly present at all times to the prison of the 9th. That gentleman, Captain Phillip, assured them, that he could not be induced to depart from the island, without the necessary recommendation of the Commandant, Major Anderson.

It appears that the Council of War, which had been before the Commandant, Major Anderson, to the exclusion of all other considerations, was not without reason, in concluding, that the life of the man, if he were to be allowed to remain on the island, would be a most miserable one. It is true, that the convicts on this island are not under the same discipline as those on other islands; but it is nothing that a respectable man should be suffering for wounds under the imputation of a charge of this nature. We are convinced, for our own part, that the case of Mr. Hume, is in itself, a most extraordinary one, and that the convicts on this island should be treated with more attention and humanity than they are at present.