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The Prime Minister, Lord North, had instructed him to ascertain what the reaction might be to a proposal to unite the Dublin and Westminster parliaments. Britain was at that time fighting a war with its American colonists who, with the assistance of France and Spain, inflicted damaging defeats on the Crown forces. Stripped of troops who had been sent to fight on the other side of the Atlantic, Ireland was defended by some 40,000 Volunteers who feared invasion from France. The island was not invaded by the French and the Volunteers, paying for their own equipment and uniforms and therefore not under government control, forced a beleaguered and near-bankrupt administration to grant concessions. What had been won? The Irish Parliament was nearly as venerable as its English counterpart: For most of its history the knights and burgesses of the Commons and the peers in the Lords had overwhelmingly represented colonial Ireland and, after the final defeat of the Jacobites at Aughrim and Limerick in 1703, Catholics had been permanently excluded from Parliament. The legislative independence won in 1782 involved the removal of restrictions. Under Poynings Law, enacted in 1494 and subsequently modified, Irish Bills could be altered or suppressed by the English Privy Council: The Irish executive was still appointed not by the majority in the Commons but by the British government of the day. The Lord Lieutenant or viceroy, the Chief Secretary, the Lord Chancellor, the Attorney-General and other members of the administration in Dublin Castle all owed their positions to the Prime Minister in London and they in turn controlled much of the patronage when making public appointments. Legislative independence was gained at a time of ministerial instability in London but stability returned when William Pitt the Younger formed a government towards the close of 1783. Pitt was to remain Prime Minister without a break until 1801 and he therefore had many years during which he could perfect his ability to control the Irish Parliament. Catholics, forming at least three-quarters of the population, could not sit in parliament and, until 1800, they could not vote. In Belfast, for example, two members were elected solely by the thirteen members of the corporation, all of whom had been appointed by Lord Donegall. Even in the thirty-two counties, where forty-shilling freeholders elected two MPs for each county, contests tended to be between aristocratic factions. In fairness it should be pointed out that until most of the states in Europe were absolute monarchies with no legislative assemblies. Holland, Britain and Ireland, far from being democracies though they were, were unusual in possessing representative institutions of any kind. Nevertheless Volunteers and others who had supported the drive for legislative independence nearly all of them Protestants were bitterly disappointed when their call for parliamentary reform was brusquely rejected even by the majority of their erstwhile allies, the Patriots. In opposition the Whigs had worked in close alliance with the Irish Patriots but many of them feared that too much unchecked power had been granted. The Tories had resisted the Patriot demand and from late 1794 they were in power for the rest of the century. Since Westminster could no longer legislate for Ireland he proposed a treaty between the two parliaments by which trade restrictions on both sides of the Irish Sea would be mutually eased. Westminster MPs insisted that the treaty should include an obligatory Irish contribution to the Royal Navy in certain circumstances and for this reason the Irish Parliament raised such a storm of protest that Pitt abandoned the project. Grattan, who had led the charge against the propositions, argued that Britain and Ireland were equal states united by a common allegiance to the Crown – a view repellent to Pitt, the son of the great empire builder, Lord Chatham. Pitt may have agreed with the opinion expressed to him by Lord Lieutenant Rutland on 16 June 1797. Pitt was further irritated when the Irish Parliament invited the Prince of Wales to become the Regent of Ireland in 1797, while George III was ill and incapable, before Westminster had made its own decision. Pitt responded by greatly increasing funds available for government patronage in Ireland to ensure comfortable majorities in the Irish Parliament for measures and policies he favoured. From the perspective of London, however, this arrangement was

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cumbersome, expensive and unsatisfactory. The shortcomings of the constitutional relationship were alarmingly exposed to Pitt when Britain and Ireland were drawn into a protracted European conflict. The shock waves soon swept beyond the frontiers of France and a heady cocktail of democratic ideals was enthusiastically imbibed by middle-class Irishmen disgusted by the selfish exclusiveness of the Irish Parliament. In October the Society of United Irishmen was formed in Belfast to seek radical reform of parliament, the repeal of remaining penal laws against Catholics and independence from British government control. Joining forces with the Catholic Committee, the United Irishmen became a powerful lobby for change. Government by elected representatives in France dissolved into turmoil and terror, and war was declared on the Austrian Empire and its allies in The French offered help to any people seeking to get rid of kings and aristocrats and, fearful that some Irishmen would accept the offer, Pitt used all his influence to get the Irish Parliament to remove penal laws. In Catholics could become lawyers and vote in parliamentary elections. For many United Irishmen this was the crucial turning point and they prepared for insurrection with the aid of the French. In contrast, Protestants of all sects west of the River Bann had a lively fear of Catholic resurgence. Tens of thousands of Defenders were swept into the United Irishmen and prepared for rebellion. A mortal threat to the British Empire was revealed in December Pitt had no choice but to approve a sheaf of repressive measures passed through the Irish Parliament. The British Army was overwhelmed in Holland in and it was only at sea that the French suffered reverses. Ireland had become a dangerously vulnerable strategic liability. On 23 May the rebellion began. After a century of peace Ireland was plunged into the bloodiest episode of modern times. After insurgents had captured Enniscorthy and Wexford and won control of much of southern Leinster Pitt was forced to divert scarce military resources to Ireland. Presbyterians rose in Antrim and Down and, after some minor successes, were defeated in June at Antrim town and Ballynahinch in County Down. In just a few months some 30, are estimated to have died violently in Ireland. He wrote first to the Irish viceroy, Lord Camden, on 28 May to inform him of his decision. The key members of the cabinet who helped Pitt put the union proposals into shape were Henry Dundas, the war minister, and Lord Grenville, the foreign secretary. Lord Cornwallis, one of most distinguished soldiers and diplomats in the land, agreed to replace Lord Camden as Irish viceroy in June – he accepted the post knowing that his main political task would be to convince leading interest groups in Ireland of the benefits of union. The Protestant Ascendancy, in the view of these men, had proved unequal to the task of governing Ireland and they were convinced that a corrupt, dangerous and inefficient system had to be swept away. The appointment of Cornwallis was an early indication that Pitt intended Catholic emancipation to accompany the Union for the new Lord Lieutenant, unlike Camden, was an enthusiastic advocate of permitting Catholics to sit in parliament. Catholic emancipation, Pitt was convinced by now, alone could ensure the stability of Ireland. The ascendancy not only had proved incapable of running the country but had been too opposed to change. The Catholics of Ireland had posed a deadly threat to Britain in the midst of a major war and the security of the empire could be obtained only by enlisting the support of moderate and propertied Catholics. The remainder supported them but they in turn were divided on the issue of emancipation, with Cornwallis and Castlereagh in favour of emancipation and Clare strongly against it. With a heavy heart Pitt dropped the emancipation proposal and Cornwallis ruefully observed: The union with Scotland in had been worked out by commissioners representing both countries. Pitt rejected this approach because he wanted more direct input into the drafting of the terms. The measure, however, would have to be a treaty in all but name, passed separately through both the Westminster and Dublin parliaments. Pitt was rightly confident of comfortable backing at home but he greatly underestimated the difficulty of convincing the Irish Parliament. The first test came when parliament met on 22 January The debate, with eighty speeches, lasted for twenty-one uninterrupted hours. When the motion was put in the afternoon of 23 January it was defeated by to but a majority of one for the government was useless. In any case another motion against a union was passed to the following day. For the remainder of the year the government had to work unremittingly to build a decent majority for the union. Parliamentary seats were bought and attention was concentrated on major borough owners and particularly those who had

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abstained in the January voting. Pensions, places jobs for MPs and peers and their relatives, promotions in the peerage, and other enticements were promised. The Bank of England notes were cut in half for safety and sent by two separate messengers to Castlereagh, who had to join them together again. The bad harvest of 1795 was of much greater concern. The Presbyterians of Antrim and Down, who had been in rebellion in 1795, were not going to lose sleep over the loss of a corrupt Ascendancy assembly. The Orange Order grand lodge in Dublin attempted to be neutral on the issue but thirty-six lodges, from Armagh and Louth alone, petitioned against the Union. Merchants and artisans in Dublin feared the loss of business if there was no longer a parliament in College Green. The fierce pamphlet warfare shows that feelings ran high but only amongst a relatively confined circle of Protestants. The level of passion was revealed when the Irish Parliament opened on 15 January 1799. Angry speeches were delivered on both sides through the night. Exhausted and ill, he was allowed to speak sitting down. It was to no avail. The motion was defeated by votes to 96 and resolutions in favour of the Union obtained consistent majorities both in the Commons and the Lords. The Bill for Union passed its third reading on 7 June and received the royal assent on 2 July. An identical Bill passed with overwhelming support through Westminster. Generous compensation for boroughs which would no longer be represented helped to weaken opposition to the Union. It was to last years but during much of that time it failed to win the adherence of a majority of the Irish people. The Union was in being only for a few weeks when it received a body blow: George III flatly refused to consider Catholic emancipation and declared: Pitt, who was convinced that emancipation was essential to ensure the success of the Union, resigned on 3 February 1799. Over the next couple of decades resolutions and bills in favour of emancipation were debated at Westminster where Grattan eloquently supported them but failed to gain sufficient support. Protestant parliamentarians who had vehemently opposed the Union Bill were soon won over. One reason, undoubtedly, was that the prospect of immediate Catholic emancipation quickly faded. In another respect the sky did not fall in: For many decades to come successive Westminster governments depended heavily on the Protestant landed gentry to maintain law and order and run local government. Later, when governments began to undermine the power of the Ascendancy, the gentry remained passionate supporters of the Union because the alternative would leave them exposed and isolated in a Dublin parliament. Fear of growing Catholic self-confidence persuaded the great majority of Protestants of all classes – including descendants of Presbyterians who had fought in 1795 – to become passionate supporters of the United Kingdom. They were all members of the intelligentsia, however, and the vast majority of humbler Protestants became unwavering unionists. The retention of a separate Irish executive was an indication that Britain was not wholly committed to the integration of Ireland into a kingdom that was supposed to be fully united. In many respects Ireland was treated like a colony with a population too potentially dangerous to be governed by laws prevailing in the rest of the United Kingdom. During the first fifty years of the Union there were only five years during which special coercive legislation such as the suspension of habeas corpus was not in force. British governments, in an attempt to create a more neutral and impartial state, steadily undermined the Ascendancy by, for example, appointing stipendiary magistrates, creating a national police force and allowing a Board of Works to take over some functions of landlord-dominated county grand juries. Some legislation specifically for Ireland was highly innovative:

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Chapter 3 : On Irish Catholicism | www.nxgvision.com

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Executive power lay in the hands of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and Chief Secretary for Ireland, who were appointed by the British government. Ireland sent members of parliament to the House of Commons of the United Kingdom, and Irish representative peers elected 28 of their own number to sit for life in the House of Lords. Local food prices promptly dropped. There was no such export ban in the 1790s. The laws had largely been reformed by 1793, and the Roman Catholic Relief Act allowed Irish Catholics to again sit in parliament. Landlords and tenants[edit] During the 18th century, the "middleman system" for managing landed property was introduced. This assured the landlord of a regular income, and relieved them of direct responsibility, while leaving tenants open to exploitation by the middlemen. At the top of the "social pyramid" was the "ascendancy class", the English and Anglo-Irish families who owned most of the land, and held more or less unchecked power over their tenants. Many of these landlords lived in England and were known as absentee landlords. The rent revenue "collected from "impoverished tenants" who were paid minimal wages to raise crops and livestock for export [34] "was mostly sent to England. They established a Royal Commission, chaired by the Earl of Devon, to enquire into the laws regarding the occupation of land. It would be impossible adequately to describe the privations which they [the Irish labourer and his family] habitually and silently endure. There was no hereditary loyalty, feudal tie, or mitigating tradition of paternalism as existed in England. Ireland was a conquered country. The Earl of Clare observed of landlords that "confiscation is their common title". With the Irish "brooding over their discontent in sullen indignation" in the words of the Earl of Clare, the countryside was largely viewed by landlords as a hostile place in which to live, and absentee ownership was common; some landlords visited their property only once or twice in a lifetime, if ever. They would split a holding into smaller and smaller parcels so as to increase the amount of rent they could obtain. A cottier paid his rent by working for the landlord. Most tenants had no security of tenure on the land; as tenants "at will", they could be turned out whenever the landlord chose. The only exception to this arrangement was in Ulster where, under a practice known as "tenant right", a tenant was compensated for any improvement they made to their holding. According to Woodham-Smith, the commission stated that "the superior prosperity and tranquility of Ulster, compared with the rest of Ireland, were due to tenant right". Woodham-Smith writes that, in these circumstances, "industry and enterprise were extinguished and a peasantry created which was one of the most destitute in Europe". Holdings were so small that no crop other than potatoes would suffice to feed a family. Shortly before the famine the British government reported that poverty was so widespread that one-third of all Irish small holdings could not support their families after paying their rent, except by earnings of seasonal migrant labour in England and Scotland. Two-thirds of those depended on agriculture for their survival, but they rarely received a working wage. They had to work for their landlords in return for the patch of land they needed to grow enough food for their own families. This was the system which forced Ireland and its peasantry into monoculture, since only the potato could be grown in sufficient quantity. The rights to a plot of land in Ireland could mean the difference between life and death in the early 19th century. For economic reasons, the Irish peasantry had become dependent on potato crop. The potato was introduced to Ireland as a garden crop of the gentry. By the late 17th century, it had become widespread as a supplementary rather than a principal food because the main diet still revolved around butter, milk, and grain products. However, in the first two decades of the 18th century, it became a base food of the poor, especially in winter. For the labourer, it was essentially a potato wage that shaped the expanding agrarian economy. By 1800, there were over half a million peasant farmers, with 1. The principal beneficiary of this system was the English consumer. Ireland had been used to pasture cows for centuries. The British taste for beef had a devastating impact on the impoverished and disenfranchised people of Ireland. Eventually, cows took over much of Ireland, leaving the native

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population virtually dependent on the potato for survival. General crop failures, through disease or frost, were recorded in 1783, 1784, 1785, and 1786. In 1787 and 1788, the potato crop failed in Munster and Connaught. In 1789 and 1790, Mayo, Donegal, and Galway suffered likewise. In 1791, 1792, and 1793, dry rot and curl caused serious losses, and in 1794 the potato failed in Ulster. Widespread failures throughout Ireland occurred in 1795, 1796, 1797, and 1798. According to Woodham-Smith, "the unreliability of the potato was an accepted fact in Ireland". In 1845, Irish newspapers carried reports concerning a disease which for two years had attacked the potato crops in America. By mid-August 1845, it had reached much of northern and central Europe; Belgium, The Netherlands, northern France, and southern England had all been stricken. A week later, on 23 August, it reported that "A fearful malady has broken out among the potato crop In Belgium the fields are said to be completely desolated. There is hardly a sound sample in Covent Garden market As for cure for this distemper, there is none. Only when the crop was lifted in October did the scale of destruction become apparent. Little had been sown, so, despite average yields, hunger continued. Since over three million Irish people were totally dependent on potatoes for food, hunger and famine were inevitable. The Town Council of Belfast met and made similar suggestions, but neither body asked for charity, according to John Mitchel, one of the leading Repealers. One of the first things he suggested was the introduction of "Tenant-Right" as practised in Ulster, giving the landlord a fair rent for his land, but giving the tenant compensation for any money he might have laid out on the land in permanent improvements. He suggested that, if Ireland had a domestic Parliament, the ports would be thrown open and the abundant crops raised in Ireland would be kept for the people of Ireland. On 28 February, writing on the Coercion Bill which was then going through the House of Lords, he noted that this was the only kind of legislation that was sure to meet with no obstruction in the British House of Commons. In an article on "English Rule" on 7 March, Mitchel wrote that the Irish People were "expecting famine day by day", and that they attributed it collectively not to "the rule of heaven as to the greedy and cruel policy of England". He wrote that the people watched as their "food melting in rottenness off the face of the earth", all the while watching "heavy-laden ships, freighted with the yellow corn their own hands have sown and reaped, spreading all sail for England". It established the widespread view that the treatment of the famine by the British was a deliberate murder of the Irish, and it contained the famous phrase: An Drochshaol, though with the earlier spelling standard of the era, which was Gaelic script, it is found written as in Irish: Commenting on this at the time, Mitchel wrote: Lyons characterised the initial response of the British government to the early, less severe phase of the famine as "prompt and relatively successful". The government hoped that they would not "stifle private enterprise" and that their actions would not act as a disincentive to local relief efforts. Due to poor weather conditions, the first shipment did not arrive in Ireland until the beginning of February. He resigned the premiership in December, but the opposition was unable to form a government and he was re-appointed. Peel was forced to resign as prime minister on 29 June, and the Whig leader, Lord John Russell, assumed the seals of office. To continue receiving relief, hundreds were instructed to travel many miles in bad weather. A large number died on the journey. The Public Works were "strictly ordered" to be unproductive—that is, they would create no fund to repay their own expenses. Many hundreds of thousands of "feeble and starving men", according to Mitchel, were kept digging holes and breaking up roads, which was doing no service. The costs of the Poor Law fell primarily on the local landlords, some of whom in turn attempted to reduce their liability by evicting their tenants, a practice that was facilitated by the "Cheap Ejectment Acts". The landed proprietors in Ireland were held in Britain to have created the conditions that led to the famine. It allowed proprietors to suck the very life-blood of that wretched race". Of this Law, Mitchel wrote that "it is the able-bodied idler only who is to be fed—if he attempted to till but one rood of ground, he dies". This simple method of ejectment was called "passing paupers through the workhouse"—a man went in, a pauper came out. Estates with debts were then auctioned off at low prices. Wealthy British speculators purchased the lands and "took a harsh view" to the tenant farmers who continued renting. The rents were raised and tenants evicted to create large cattle grazing pastures. Between 1845 and 1850, some 50,000 families were evicted. The Pictorial Times, Records show that Irish lands exported food even during the worst years of the Famine. When Ireland had experienced a famine in

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183, ports were closed to keep Irish-grown food in Ireland to feed the Irish. Merchants lobbied against the export ban, but government in the s overrode their protests. In the magazine *History Ireland*, issue 5, pp. Almost 4, vessels carried food from Ireland to the ports of Bristol, Glasgow, Liverpool, and London during , when , Irish men, women, and children died of starvation and related diseases. She also writes that Irish exports of calves, livestock except pigs , bacon, and ham actually increased during the Famine. This food was shipped from the most famine-stricken parts of Ireland: A wide variety of commodities left Ireland during , including peas, beans, onions, rabbits, salmon, oysters, herring, lard, honey, tongues, animal skins, rags, shoes, soap, glue, and seed. One of the most shocking export figures concern butter. Butter was shipped in firkins, each one holding 9 imperial gallons; 41 litres. In the first nine months of , 56, firkins , imperial gallons; 2,, litres were exported from Ireland to Bristol, and 34, firkins , imperial gallons; 1,, litres were shipped to Liverpool, which correlates with , imperial gallons 3,, litres of butter exported to England from Ireland during nine months of the worst year of the Famine. Ireland "that no issue has provoked so much anger and embittered relations between England and Ireland "as the indisputable fact that huge quantities of food were exported from Ireland to England throughout the period when the people of Ireland were dying of starvation". Souperism Scene at the gate of the workhouse , c. He expressed the view that the resources of Ireland were still abundantly adequate to maintain the population, and that, until those resources had been utterly exhausted, he hoped that there was no one in "Ireland who will so degrade himself as to ask the aid of a subscription from England". He affirmed that in Ireland no one ever asked alms or favours of any kind from England or any other nation, but that it was England herself that begged for Ireland. The money was raised by Irish soldiers serving there and Irish people employed by the East India Company. The British Relief Association was one such group. It was an amazing gesture. The United States helped out the Irish during the famine immensely.

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Chapter 4 : How are Irish involved in US history

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Irish people are neglected Scots that moved down to form their own country. Irish Soda Bread was originally made because it required few ingredients. This meant it did not cost much to make, and the poor were able to eat. What is the history of the Irish four leaf clover? The four leaf clover has nothing to do with the Irish. It is because people talk about the luck of the Irish that people assume it's Irish. It is actually the normal 3 leaf clover that is Irish. St Patrick used it to represent the cross. What were the main events in the Irish history? Here are a few which I personally believe played an immeasurable role.. This was a huge turning point from a native perspective and arguably marked the beginning of the end for a way of life that had continued for thousands of years.. They were drawn up by the Earl of Ulster, Lionel of Antwerp, and were aimed solely at reintroducing sectarian tensions into Irish life. While they were complex, and often over-stretched in their meaning, they essentially tried to divide the society back into the pre-existing structures. The intermarriage of the native Irish and the native English was forbidden, the English fostering of Irish children was no longer tolerated, and the English adoption of Irish children and use of Irish names and dress was to be completely outlawed. This marked a huge turning point in Irish History. It was the first time that the English had intervened to directly segregate Irish life and it showed a clear separation developing between the native Anglo-Irish and those who viewed Ireland as an alien often inhospitable place.. It was designed to crush growing discontent following the failed Fitzgerald rebellion and to re-enforce English rule. They would only trade, marry, and work with other English Protestants. This resulted in the complete ostracisation of the native folk and the emergence of a cult of resistance that would gradually blossom in Irish life. While the system inevitably broke down, albeit gradually and never fully in the Northern part of the country, it did lead to a continued sense of divide in both peoples. The Plantation of Ulster, the only one that really succeeded in its mission, led to a huge unintegrated population who were openly hostile and fearful of the hostile natives outside of their enclosed settlements. It is arguably still present in certain parts of Ulster today.. Most of them died here in Exile.. Grattan once exclaimed "I found Ireland on her knees I watched over her with a paternal solicitude; I have traced her progress from injuries to arms, and from arms to liberty. Spirit of Swift, spirit of Molyneux, your genius has prevailed! Ireland is now a nation! He was a liberator in the eyes of future Republicans even though the Parliament was so exclusively Pro-English and Anti-Native Irish and a villain to future Unionist supporters who can not reconcile the situation of the time with their own ideologies. He died in and his life is a good point of study for anyone interested in Ireland at this period. When it had finished a million people were dead arguably more and a million and half had been forced to emigrate.. Their failed rebellion in and their attacks on the English mainland changed the nature of the Republican conflict.. It is arguably the most influential event in Irish History and its effects are still being felt today almost a hundred years later. The effects and complexities surrounding this are too intricate to explain in such a short time. It was never formally dissolved and many Republicans still claim to follow its mandate.. However, it was passed in the Dail by seven votes and it meant conflict seemed inevitable.. It was a bloody conflict which led to widespread death and destruction.. In order to fully understand this I would recommend looking at the life of Eamonn De Valera arguably the most astute politician in Irish 20th Century Politics.. I would also recommend looking at the life of Charles J. Haughey and the complex relationship he enjoyed with hard-line Republicanism and also with the many wealthy investors who surrounded him.

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Chapter 5 : Great Famine (Ireland) - Wikipedia

Ireland's Welcome to the Stranger (also on Kindle) is an American widow's account of her travels in Ireland in on the eve of the Great Famine. Sailing from New York, she set out to determine the condition of the Irish poor and discover why so many were emigrating to her home country.

A depiction of a mother and children at Skibbereen during the famine. See our other overviews here. The Great Famine was a disaster that hit Ireland between and about 1845 and 1850, causing the deaths of about 1 million people and the flight or emigration of up to 2 million. The short term cause of the Great Famine was the failure of the potato crop, especially in the west and south, as a result of the attack of the fungus known as the potato blight. The potato was the staple food of the Irish rural poor in the mid nineteenth century and its failure left millions exposed to starvation and death from sickness and malnutrition. However, the crisis was greatly compounded by the social and political structure in Ireland in the 18th and 19th centuries. They did however have to continue to pay rents either in cash or in kind, to landlords. Failure to do this during the famine saw many thousands being evicted, greatly worsening the death toll. The response of the British Government, directly responsible for governing Ireland since 1801, was also unsatisfactory. Their decision to drastically cut relief measures in mid-1847, half way through the famine, so that Irish tax payers, as opposed to the Imperial Treasury, would foot the bill for famine relief, certainly contributed greatly to the mass death that followed. Background An agrarian disturbance in 19th century Ireland, as locals stone a military eviction party. The rural poor were however dangerously dependent on the potato as their staple food. Outside of north east Ulster, which had a growing linen industry, there had been no industrial revolution to absorb the excess population, which, especially in the west and north west, was concentrated in increasingly smaller plots of rented land. The ownership of this land was largely in the hands of a largely Anglo-Irish and Protestant landlord class that was often alien to its tenant population in terms of nationality, religion and in many areas of the west, language also. About a third were absentee landlords who did not live in Ireland, leaving the management of their estates to their agents. The Union, which abolished the Irish Parliament, was enacted to pacify the country after the Rebellion of 1801, under the premise that it would reform the country, including giving equal rights to Catholics. To an extent this had happened, Catholic Emancipation "giving Catholics equal civil rights" was passed in 1801. In short, the years before the famine saw a dramatic rise in the Irish rural population without an equivalent rise in economic opportunity and saw the rural poor increasingly reliant on the potato. All of these elements helped to exacerbate the famine. The potato blight hits Digging for potatoes during the famine. The potato blight or *Phytophthora infestans* is a fungus that attacks the potato plant leaving the potatoes themselves inedible. It spread from North America to Europe in the 1840s, causing severe hardship among the poor. However, Ireland was much harder hit than other countries; with over a million deaths as a result, compared to about 100,000 deaths in all of the rest of Europe. About half of the crop failed. This immediately plunged the rural poor into a crisis as they depended almost solely on the potato as their source of food. What little money or saleable goods they had generally went on paying rent. The failure of the potato in 1845 caused great hardship but not yet mass death, as some stores and seed potatoes from the previous year still existed and farmers and fishermen could sell animals, boats or nets or withhold the rent to pay for food, for at least one season. The potato blight destroyed about half the crop in 1845 and virtually all of it in 1846. All this might have staved off the catastrophe had the blight not hit again the following year. But in 1847, the potato crop not only failed again, but failed much more severely, with very few healthy potatoes being harvested that autumn. This time the food crisis was much more severe as most poor tenant farmer families now had nothing to fall back on and marked the start of mass starvation and death, made even worse by an unusually cold winter. Eyewitnesses began to report whole villages lying in their cabins, dying of the fever. The potato crop did not fail that year, but most potato farmers had either not sown seeds in expectation that the potato crop would fail again, did not have any more seeds or had been evicted for failure to pay rent. The result was that hardly any potatoes were harvested for the second year in a

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row. Large bands of hungry people began to be noticed wandering countryside and towns, begging for food. Many flocked to the workhouses where the destitute were granted food and shelter in exchange for work but due to insanitary conditions, many died there. The peak of the death toll occurred in the winter of 1847, where in some districts up to a quarter of the population perished due to hunger, cold and disease. One of the most high profile cases was that of Major Dennis Mahon, of the Strokestown estate in county Roscommon, who cleared 1, families off his land during the famine. Mahon was later murdered by his vengeful tenants. In all over 70, evictions took place during the famine, displacing up to , people. Losing a house and shelter in midst of the famine greatly increased the chances of dying. Though some landlords went to great lengths to set up charities and soup kitchens, the popular memory of the famine years was of the tyranny of cruel landlords backed by the British state. British government responses Sir John Russell, Prime Minister of Britain and Ireland The British administration in Dublin was overwhelmed by the famine crisis, seeing 5 Chief Secretaries and 4 Lord Lieutenants in just six years from Russell and the Treasury official in charge of famine relief, Charles Trevelyan are therefore often seen as being culpable for the worst of the famine. They were reluctant to either stop the export of food from Ireland or to control prices and did neither, in fact deploying troops to guard food that was being exported from Ireland. They put more faith in the public works scheme, first initiated by the Peel government, by which the destitute poor worked for wages. But many were by this stage too weak and malnourished to work. The Liberal Government cancelled the soup kitchen aid programme at the height of the famine and discontinued direct financial aid from the London government. In January 1847, the Government set up free soup kitchens; which were inexpensive and relatively successful at feeding the poor. But, worried that the poor, 3 million of whom were attending the soup kitchens by mid 1847, would become dependent on the Government, they discontinued the soup kitchens at the height of the famine in August 1847. It is calculated that only one third of landlords actually contributed at all towards famine relief. Relieving the famine ranked low on British Government spending priorities. Connaught and Munster were the worst affected provinces followed by Ulster and then Leinster, but the latter still saw well over , deaths. Skibbereen in West Cork, one of the worst affected areas, became the site of mass graves , holding up to 10, bodies. But the famine mortality was as high in predominantly Presbyterian areas of Ulster as many other majority Catholic areas. The famine caused mass migration, as about 1. This mass migration, which continued throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, triggered a permanent demographic decline in the Irish population, which fell from about 8 million in 1845 to about 4 million in 1850. However most historians stress that there was no intention for mass killing on the part of the British government and that the Great Famine was rather a case of catastrophic neglect and ideological blindness than deliberate malice.

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