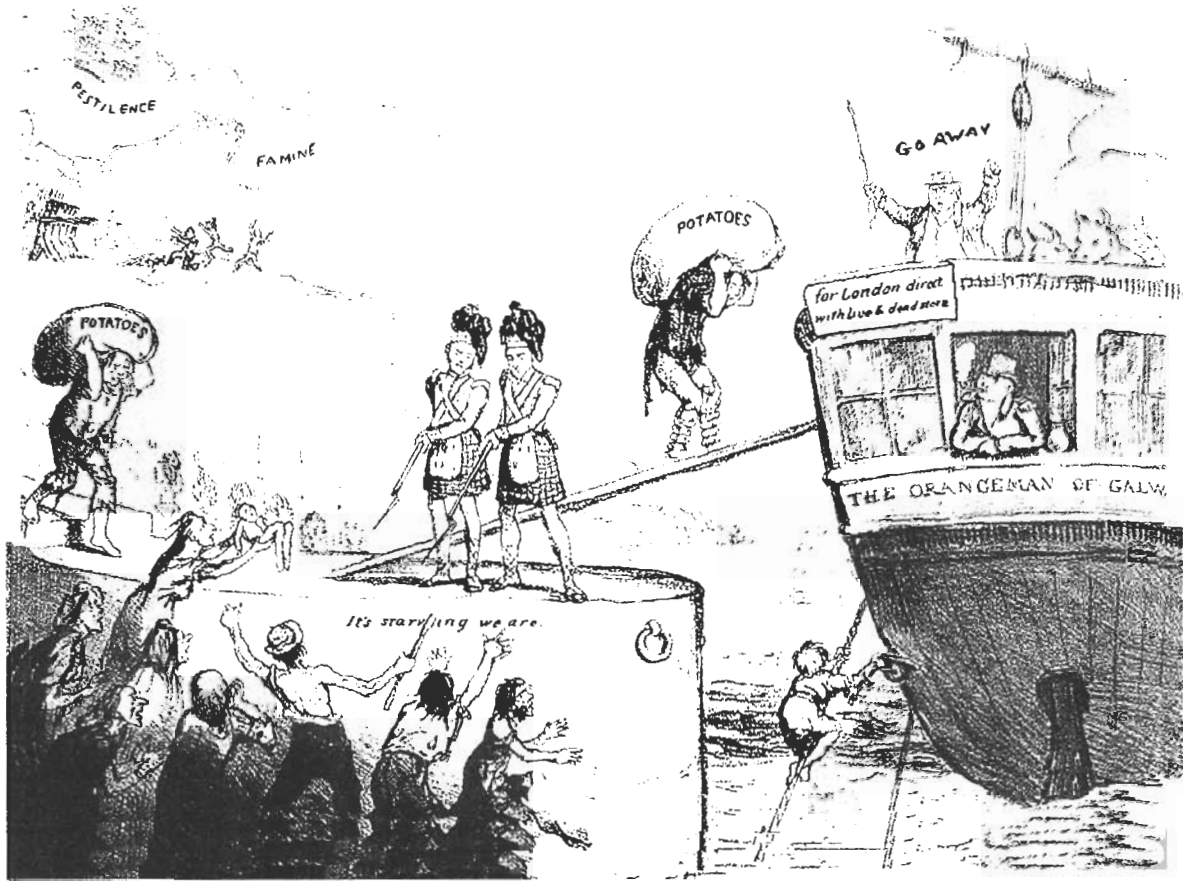


DOCUMENT 3



John Mitchel, a witness to the Great Hunger, wrote: *I call it an artificial famine: that is to say, it was a famine which desolated a rich and fertile island, that produced every year a superabundance to sustain all her people and many more. The English call the famine 'a dispensation of providence' and ascribe it entirely to the blight on the potatoes. But, potatoes failed in like manner all over Europe; yet there was no famine save in Ireland. The British account of the matter is a fraud. The Almighty, indeed, sent the potato blight, but the English created the famine!*

Source: author John Mitchel, 1850

3A. Based on the above picture, describe the situation in Ireland at the time.

3B. Based on the statement by John Mitchel, state why the Irish famine was unique.
