

# Spike Island: Famine - Michael Martin

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After fourteen centuries of military and ecclesiastical heritage, 2005 saw the then-Justice Minister Michael McDowell put in place proposals to turn Spike Island into Ireland's 'Alcatraz', through the construction of a 70 million super-prison. Spike Island, situated proudly in Cobh Harbour, has a long penal history. Cromwell used it as a holding centre for those awaiting transportation to Barbados; their place was to be then taken by those waiting to be shipped to Van Diemen's land. Prisoners of the War of Independence were kept there, before the island was finally handed over to the Irish. In 2007, following extensive campaigning by heritage campaigners, these plans were dropped, replaced by plans for its preservation as a heritage site. The chairman of Cobh Tourism at the time was Michael Martin, the author of this volume, and this is his story of our very own 'Devil's Island'. Author: Martin, Michael Publisher: The History Press Ireland Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Spike Island: Famine Pages: 00128 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2011-11-30 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781845889104 Category: History : Europe - Great Britain - General

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