

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

Correspondence with the Government of British Columbia, in reference to the proposed scheme of Colonization.

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VICTORIA, V. I., 25th July, 1866.

SIR,—Last year, shortly after my arrival in this country, and the day after the departure of His Excellency the Governor of British Columbia, I had the honor, with that gentleman's introduction, to submit my "Emigration Plan" to your consideration. The Governor fully approved of its character and intent, but on the eve of his departure, did not feel himself competent to take immediate steps for its accomplishment by the Free Grant of twenty thousand acres of land, for which I applied, and which were to be located after the Company had been formed in accordance with my plan, a copy of the Prospectus of which I beg leave to enclose (shewing the outlines thereof); and as I had supplied my young friend, Mr. Samuel Smith, on his departure for London, with introductions in his behalf, to enable him to initiate the first steps for the consummation of said plan, in such a way as to give him an opportunity eventually to attain a desirable position therein, His Excellency the Governor expressed his readiness to receive Mr. Smith in London in order further to confer on the subject, and kindly suggested the expediency of furnishing him with a few lines to serve him for credentials. I am sorry to say that Mr. Smith has neglected to deliver them. My attention has been also attracted towards the views entertained by the Canadian Government regarding the Union of the British North American Possessions, and the consequent improvement and settlement of the Provinces bordering on the Pacific Ocean. I therefore deem it of importance, in the first place, to direct my steps towards Canada, in order to submit my plan to the Government of those Provinces, invite their attention to its substance and purport, and solicit their co-operation in as far as they may find it applicable and convenient to further their purposes. I am desirous, however, not to leave these shores without having obtained, as far as possible, some ground or material to place before my future constituents, and I would, therefore, after referring to our personal conversations, and the details and particulars I had the