

and plants from that to him almost unexplored region ; a Rocky mountain sheep might balance one from the South Downs ; a bison, a Durham bull ; tufted partridges, Dorking fowls ; and thus plentiful means be afforded for the development of the industry of the community as well as of the resources of the country and people.

In conclusion, having, I fear, wearied you with my importunity, I will only add that if the primary object of the undertaking shall be missed, and, in spite of all endeavours to the contrary, the civilization which must shed its light and heat on that coast before long, whether we aid it or no, prove a consuming fire to the natives, a consequence we have no right to assume as necessary until every means has been taken to prevent it ; at least those who encourage it will have the satisfaction to know that they have not laboured for nought, or spent their money in vain. They will, in any case, it may be presumed, have founded a College for the instruction in science, humanity, and the religion of their fathers, of the descendants of Englishmen on that coast of the Pacific, and completed the chain of English learning and social life which will then, without metaphor, encircle the globe ; and whatever the fate of our political power may be in those regions at least we shall have established the authority of the Christian religion and her handmaids civilization and science.

Commending to your consideration this proposal, which I trust will appear to be for the benefit of my fellow creatures and the glory of God,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. G. NICOLAY.

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P.

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