

of various information for the benefit of the world ; that he was compelled at last by ill health and ill treatment to return to Massachusetts, where he has ever since been endeavoring to communicate the results of his travel to the public, although his movements have been cramped by the want of health and funds, particularly by the almost entire loss of his eye-sight.

Your petitioner would further state that many of the individuals whose attention had been directed by his exertions towards Oregon, and who originally enlisted in his scheme of emigration, have subsequently settled in that Territory, and that your petitioner has thus been the author of the first permanent American settlements west of the Rocky mountains.

Such is a brief sketch of what your petitioner has attempted, and accomplished, done, sacrificed, and suffered in endeavoring to promote the welfare of his country and the advancement of civilization.

Having thus sacrificed his time, property, and health, being now reduced to poverty, and yet remaining desirous of carrying the institutions of his country to the Oregon, he most earnestly and respectfully prays of this honorable body, the grant of so much land in that Territory as may enable him at once to establish a prosperous colony, and regain some portion of the property which he has expended as before described.

Referring to the documents which accompany this petition for more perfect information in regard to the facts therein stated, your petitioner prays, &c.

HALL J. KELLEY.