

" South of Vancouver's Island, till you come to San Francisco, there is not
" a single available spot where a ship can take shelter. Under these circum-
" stances I must say it is no answer to tell us of the distance of Vancouver's
" Island from Great Britain. The efforts which are now making for the
" colonization of neighbouring districts, make it certain that some means of
" overland communication will, before long, be discovered."—*Lord Lincoln*,
1849.

" Whether it be possible to establish regular and rapid communication, *vid*
" Canada, with the Coast of the Pacific, remains yet to be ascertained."—*The*
British Colonies, 1849. By *R. Montgomery Martin, Esq.*

" There need be no hesitation in affirming that colonization, in the present
" state of the world, is the very best affair of business in which the capital of
" an old and wealthy country can possibly engage."—*MILL*.—*Principles of*
Political Economy.

" Yet all this time we are left wholly in the dark as to what the State ought
" to do with its offenders. . . . At the present moment there really is no
" positive and practicable plan before the Nation. It is true every now and
" then philanthropic and ingenious projectors come before the public, and offer,
" at the trifling outlay of a Quarter of a Million, to convert, year by year,
" two hundred young pickpockets into respectable men. We cannot afford
" such expensive experiments. We cannot afford to spend £50 a year upon
" a convict at home."—*The Times*, 1849.