

the battle is to be fought, but with other assailants and with another result. Already public necessities have withdrawn from their grasp a new colony,—British Columbia. There are yet others to be erected. I by no means design to run an unthinking muck against the company. I believe it to be selfish, and eager for its own aggrandizement, as companies generally are; I believe that it has, in its dealings with Russia and the States, evinced an unpatriotic spirit: but yet it may be that it was for the advancement of British interests on this continent that the territories have hitherto remained under their power,—they might otherwise have been American. It, moreover, has been well and fitly said by another: “Perhaps there is no more striking illustration of the wisdom of that Providence which presides over the management of affairs, than the fact that emigration was first led to the Eastern coast, rather than to the slopes or plains of the West. Had the latter been first occupied, it is doubtful whether the Eastern seaboard would ever have been settled. No man would have turned from the green-sward of the Pacific to the seamed slopes of the Atlantic edge. As it is, we have the energy and patience which the difficult soil of the East generates, with that