

# OUR COLONIAL EMPIRE.

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TWELFTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE COLONIAL LAND AND  
EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS, 1852. PRESENTED TO  
BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY COMMAND OF HER  
MAJESTY.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FROM  
THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTINENT TO THE ORGAN-  
IZATION OF GOVERNMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL CON-  
STITUTION.

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THE efflux of our population, which has recently received so large an increase, is one of the most striking features of the times, and has attracted not less than its due share of attention. For years emigration was urged as a remedy for our pauperism and vice : urging, however, did little to augment it. Facts under no control, and inducements coming through no device of man, have set it in motion, with a stream so full and constant, that some are now alarmed lest it should drain away all our strength. A few words on the wishes and objects of the former period, and on the fears of the latter, may fitly introduce the principal purposes of our present article.