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THE BRIPISH COLONIST DAVID W. HIGGINS

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 ICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1870.




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 manger-like, is jast now engaged in an effort to prevent an emigration to this
colony of a few of the many thousands whe have failed to obtain, either emplor-
ment or sustenance in that State. The ment is not \& very philanthropic one,
wort it is highly obaracteristic of the Bay City. 'Bettor starve in California than fiourish in British Columbia; 'has long
been the patriotic eroed of our neigh bors. The expedient resorted to for this purpose would be ingenions if it were
not an old, exploded, confidence dodge. Anonymons letters are inserted in the papers oupport vith a view to exposing
in this oity
what the writers are pleaded to aall 'grosely exaggerated atatements got
up in this colony. One of these letters
is headed 'From a correspondent of the up in tided 'From a correspondent of the
is headed 'Fut
Bulletin', and is dated Vietoria, Marob
18 ing orthodoz fasbion: theing cors-
scientiously opposed to the pubbication
of statements having a decided tendency towards misleading the commonity throng
the medium of the information whict the medium of the information which
they proteess to contain, 1 feel bownd to
commuricatea few facts relating to these mines, the reports concerning which
have lately so greatly engrossed the at tention of the Press in your State. To
say nothing of she other connterfit say nothing of she other conaterfeit
features, there is an awkward blunder in dates. A person writing from Vie-
toria on the 18 ch of March could not
by any buman posibility have been California being ' ataly so greasily on
grossed ? with our new mines. Any one and compare dates and facts will letedil conclude that they have been manoface from the simple and unvarnibbed accountu our own column towards the end ot Pebruary, and which were eopied protty
freely ibio the 8an Nranciseo papers This will appear the moreobebiout from figures areatiempted to be piscons trued ting a want of familiasity mith the country and the circumatanceos too palpable Witing trom tere on Ony of person
papers rather more facetious than mon-
ers:
ors in this matter as one of the Popes treater an alchemist. He claimed that he had gold, and sent the Pope a small sum
Which he asserted ho had thus transina. ed, expecting that the Pope would send him a large som of money to oontinue
his operations. The unbelieving and waggith Father sent him only an ompty purse, however, tolling him that if the
othims of his disoovery were truthful he eeded no money, but only a latye parse to hold the gold he coald so readily o parses ; for ompty purses have been pooket for the past five years, They
therefore need all the gold and ailver be generous for once and stoy at home oo that our Britigh neighbori may not have to divide their latemouad heasara cisco press would do well to reserve the aupliostion, If their own oolumns speal applioation, If their own oolumns speak
traly, there is no need of coming ail the

