

River farmer) finds a sure market for the remainder of his produce, heaven only knows, I do not. This much, however, I do know, that the incomparable advantages this delightful country possesses are not only, in a great measure, lost to the inhabitants, but also to the world, so long as it remains under the dominion of its fur-trading rulers."—"Notes of a Twenty-five Years' Service in the Hudson's-Bay Service," by John M'Lean, vol. ii. pp. 308, 309.

#### APPENDIX (E).

Mr. Fitzgerald says — "There are many, and those well acquainted with the country itself, who assert that the conduct and policy of the Hudson's-Bay Company in the Oregon territory formed the chief part of the title which the United States had to the country, which was gratuitously given to her by the settlement of the boundary. What the United States owe to the Company for its policy on the west side of the Rocky Mountains is a question to which the English public will some day demand a satisfactory answer. But it is right that the public should know what the Company are charged with having done in those parts. Dr. M'Laughlin was formerly an agent in the North-west Company of Montreal. He was one of the most enterprising and active in conducting the war between that association and the Hudson's-Bay Company. In the year 1821 he became a factor of the Hudson's-Bay Company; but his allegiance does not appear to have been disposed of along with his interests, and his sympathy with any thing other than British seems to have done justice to his birth and education, which were those of a French Canadian. This gentleman was appointed governor of all the country west of the Rocky Mountains, and he is accused by those who have been in that country of having uniformly encouraged the emigration of settlers from the United States, and of having discouraged that of British subjects. While the Company in this country were asserting that their settlements on the Columbia River were giving validity to the claim of Great Britain to the Oregon territory, it appears that their chief officer on the spot was doing all in his power to facilitate the operations of those whose whole object was to annihilate that claim altogether."

Mr. Fitzgerald adds, "This much, at least, is certain, that Dr. M'Laughlin provided for himself a very large tract of land, on what title no one knows; that he formed a considerable farm on what was certain to become American territory; and that he encouraged the immigration of settlers from the United States, knowing that his own property would be thus raised in value. It is certain that he has now left the Hudson's-Bay Company, and