

18 CORRESPONDENCE *relative to the DISCOVERY of GOLD, &c.*

“ Now the ascertained export from Thompson’s River up to the present time does not much exceed 500 ounces, and admitting, for the sake of comparison, that an equal quantity still remains in the hands of the diggers and at our own establishment in Thompson’s River, that would only give a total yield since the discovery of about 1,000 ounces, which, after making due allowance for the disproportion in the number and skill of the mining population in the two countries, is relatively a small return compared with that of the first eight months of the gold miners in California.

“ The conclusion is obvious, but still Thompson’s River may turn out to be a very valuable gold district.”

