

The importance of an all British cable in reference to our world wide commercial interests, and to our Empire's interests in international questions is well worthy of consideration, but does not come within the scope of this article.

Departure of the Californian Association.

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WHO, born on the Island, within the past fifty years, has not heard of the sailing of the Fanny for California! The following particulars with regard to that memorable event, I subjoin, under the above caption, from an old copy of The Islander, under date of Nov. 16th, 1849:

"The brig Fanny with the 'Californian Association' on board has at length sailed, and under very favorable circumstances. On the morning of their departure the wind came gradually round from the eastward—whence it had blown for the previous ten days—to the north-west, and has continued in that quarter ever since; and no doubt ere this have taken leave of Nova Scotia land and shaped their course for the Windward Islands. We cannot conclude these few remarks without observing that to the very great interest taken in the undertaking by James Peake, Esq., our worthy and untiring townsman, is the successful formation of the *Association* to be attributed. He voluntarily offered to become their Agent, attended their meetings, and by his experience and tact pointed out to them the articles best to be shipped, the cheapest market to procure their provisions, superin-