

Colonies have been unsuccessful, chiefly because the facility of exportation has induced the farmers to prefer more bulky commodities, of easier cultivation, and to which, from habit, they are more partial. There is the more reason to expect that hemp may be raised with success, as the soil and climate of Ossiniboia appear to bear a near resemblance to those of the Ukraine, and the other Russian provinces, from whence the chief supplies are now drawn. As soon as this branch of industry is properly understood by the settlers on Red River, it may be advisable that the quit-rents to be reserved upon new allotments of land, should be made payable in hemp; and with some attention on the part of the Trustees, to encourage the cultivation, and to introduce the best methods, it is probable that, as the settlement advances, hemp will become one of its chief staples, and that the colony may thus become entitled to a large share of the protection and encouragement, which our Government have always been disposed to afford to this favourite national object.

After the subscription is closed, so as to ascertain the amount of the Fund, which is to be under the management of the Trustees, their first steps will be to establish an agent in those districts from whence the emigrants are chiefly to be expected; and another at the settlement; and to provide one or more ships, to be regularly employed between