

has revived sufficiently to assist the counsel for the Respondents with this edifying letter to Governor Woods. I have no idea of answering this pretentious and vapid document. The statements, or rather mis-statements in it, can have no weight; for the fact is, that besides the reckless partizanship of the man, he is constitutionally inaccurate and rarely gets his facts right. Instances of this are found in his first letter and in the present one. It is curious to note how many blunders he has crowded into four lines, (p. 62-63.) The Hudson's Bay Company, he says, extended its trade to the West of the Rocky Mountains, by the authority of a license granted by the Prince Regent (afterwards George IV.), he thinks in 1799. Now there was no trade of the Hudson's Bay Company west of the Rocky Mountains for many years after 1799. There was no Regency in that year nor within a period of ten years after. No license was granted in that year, and when granted it was not for twenty years, but for twenty-one. It was not renewed in 1819, nor in 1839, and did not expire in 1859. The native presumption which enables a man to obtrude himself upon a court of competent judges, with his instructions and advice as to their decision, and falls into such a series of continuous blunders, presents in the words of the learned counsel, who has produced him "a curious subject of psychological investigation." Mr. Applegate, however, grows more merciful the longer he considers the subject, for while in his first letter he would not allow the Commissioners to award anything at all to the Claimants, in the present one he kindly consents to the munificent sum of \$50,000.

I cannot but think that the able and distinguished counsel for the United States has betrayed his sense of the weakness of his own argument in thus seeking to sustain it by the production of one from this volunteer advocate, which, however, is weaker still.

I now take leave of this case, but it is due to those whom I represent not to do so without a brief notice of the peculiar style and spirit of the language of the Respondents' argument and of very many of the papers which have been put of Record. It was of course not to be wondered at, that under the strong local prejudice which exists on the western side of the Rocky Mountains and amid the ruder manners which prevail in a new country, such intemperate and coarse attacks should be made as are found in the productions of Gray, Ap-