

PROPOSAL
FOR THE FORMATION OF A COLONY
IN
VANCOUVER'S ISLAND,
ON THE WEST COAST OF NORTH AMERICA.

(For Private Circulation.)

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND lies on the west coast of North America, between the parallels of 48° and 52° N. latitude, and is included in that part of the Oregon territory allotted to Great Britain, by the last treaty with the United States. It is about 260 miles long, averaging 50 or 60 in breadth, and contains something less than 15,000 square miles. The climate is similar to that of England, but milder, being in a lower latitude. There is less frost and snow in winter, and perhaps more rain. It is suited to English constitutions. The country is mountainous and rocky, with a great deal of forest; but the intermediate vallies are well suited to agriculture. English plants and fruits thrive admirably. The crops are fine; and cattle multiply, requiring neither provender nor protection in the winter. There is plenty of coal, and it is believed, iron and copper in the vicinity. There is abundance of water, and water power. There is plenty of game, and quantities of fish of all kinds. The geographical position of this island is peculiar, pointing it out as the future home of a great people. It has several good harbours on the west coast, and multitudes on the east coast. But there is no harbour for even the smallest vessels from the entrance of the