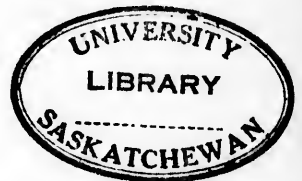


incompetency to treat the important matters to which he has devoted his attention in this volume ; or to expose his mistakes, misquotations, and misrepresentations of all kinds. In his concluding page, he declares that " It is not honorable, while the title to the territory of Oregon is undetermined between the respective governments, to urge measures to *populate* it with American citizens, in order to give facilities for its occupation at a future period." On this point, I will simply refer him to the letters addressed by Messrs. Pelly and Simpson, the governors of the Hudson's Bay Company, to the Colonial Department, in 1837, soliciting a renewal of their charter, as published by order of parliament in 1840, where he will find, that those gentlemen *claimed and received the aid and consideration of government for their energy and success in expelling the Americans from the Columbia regions, and forming settlements there, by means of which they were rapidly converting Oregon into a British colony.* Since that period things have changed ; and nothing but prudence is required, on the part of the American government, to convert Oregon, ere long, into a State of the Federal Union.

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WASHINGTON, April, 1845.



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