

establish civil, scientific and religious institutions, energized by the mild and vital principles of our Republic. Life, in that country, may be made easy with comparatively little effort; but it cannot be long sustained, any where, without some suffering and laborious industry. A place, where the full sustenance of man is spontaneously produced, would not be desirable for a settlement; as it would encourage a propensity to idleness, and idleness is the soil, in which vice can best flourish and produce its pestiferous fruit. To the project, which the following sketch is designed to promote, ignorance, envy, and the sordid interests of self have arrayed themselves in opposition.

Ignorance and self, whenever a work beneficial to the community or to the public at large is proposed, becomes active and, sometimes, brutal. Then, more than at other times, they constitute the rot, which weakens and wastes the foundations of free institutions. Hence it is needful, that the friends of the Colony should possess a little of the active and vital principle of enthusiasm, that shields against disappointments, and against the presumptive opinions and insults of others. Opposition has constantly attended, and sometimes with great injustice, every attempt made by the author of this sketch, at public improvements. It oppugned his attempts, some years ago, to benefit the youth of our country, by a better system of moral and physical instruction, in the establishment of agricultural and mechanical institutions, in this State. His zealous efforts, however, excited in others of abler talents, correspondent intentions and labours, which resulted, in some small benefit, to our literary institutions.

He still ventures to think for himself; and to do, what he deems it his duty to do, without fear, palliation, or disguise. And having experienced, during many years of anxiety and labour upon the Oregon Colonization subject, much contumely from the ignorant, and from the sordid misanthrope; and suffered the loss of a fortune fully adequate to the comfortable support of his family, a loss consequent of a devotedness, ardently intense; he is excited to greater diligence, and to a zeal, in some measure proportionate to the magnitude of the project.

Of the two Maps attached to this sketch, one is old, but answers the purpose of showing the position of Oregon, in relation to other countries on North America; and of marking out the track of a voyage, by which emigrants may