

FACTS AND ACTS.

FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

I have long intended to lay before you my views respecting this Colony. The only motive that has prevented me from addressing you before, was the conviction of my own incapacity to execute the task I have undertaken as clearly as I should wish. I have waited also to see whether abler hands would not execute it as it deserves.

My object is, not to pen an able smoothly worded Essay, but to state *What has been and what is going on in British Columbia under the name of British rule.* My wish is to awaken in the mind of every man who reads these facts, an exact idea of the political state of our Colony; to make every man feel how directly the present state of public government affects him *personally*, and all of us *collectively*, and having done this, I appeal to every man in the Colony to give his best assistance, publicly and privately, in carrying through the remedies proposed.

The public voice has proved successful under like grievances in England and her Colonies; why should not that voice assert its power in a Colony like this, where a British population may be, at the present moment, few, but where individual intelligence and political interest is great?

Fellow Countrymen, Residents in British Columbia; I ask you **WHO HAVE GOVERNED THIS COLONY?** Our Colony has been governed since the first discovery of gold and the first influx of population to its shores from the sister Colony of Vancouver Island, by nature *our Ally*, officially *our Rival*.

Our Governor was the Chief Factor of a Company of Furriers, which has been at variance with immigrants to British Columbia, ever since its formation into a recognized Colony of Great Britain.

Our Governor is one in whom the people of British Columbia