

real Government—would sanction it. Yet Lord Ashburton, it was assumed, had settled every point in dispute !”

“The Columbia River and the Bay of San Francisco, are the outlets to the ocean of that vast territory known as ‘the Oregon,’ which is fast colonizing by American citizens, and which will, undoubtedly, ere twenty years are past, form a powerful Anglo-Saxon state, which will command the whole western coast of North America and the Northern Pacific Ocean.”

“We hold the barren islands of Bermuda at an immense expense, avowedly as a point of command over the American coast. I venture to say that the formation of a British Colony at the Sandwich Islands, and the placing there of two or three steam vessels of war, would be fully as powerful a check on the warlike propensities of our American brethren.”

“A restless American population is already pouring by *hundreds* into the Oregon country lying on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. They will soon pour in by *thousands*, for a route has been traced by which waggons pass, without the slightest difficulty, from the Missouri to the lower part of the Columbia River, and where waggons can pass *Westward* Americans will emigrate. The Oregon country is their *El*