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Lord Bacon strongly condemns such a system of Colonization. "It is a shameful and unblessed thing," he says, "to colonize with convicts and profligate persons." And in fact the Botany Bay scheme has been found to fail; and confinement on board the hulks is now the common punishment of offenders, instead of transportation. The "Journal of a Residence at Tongataboo," and other recent publications, bear testimony to the tremendous mischief which criminals who escape from New South Wales are creating in the islands of the South Sea.

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A recent experiment has been made, which appears in theory to offer the fairest prospect of preventing, or at least of greatly retarding the separation, by transferring the seat of government to the Colony, and leaving the Mother Country to be administered by a regency. What may be the ultimate effect of this measure it is impossible to say; but whilst Europe continues the most important quarter of the world, it does not seem likely that a prince, even though residing in America, would lightly alienate his European subjects: and as the dignity and name of his