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VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

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In referring once more to this subject, we beg, in the first place, to apologise to Major Crofton for having made a statement respecting him which was not fact. We stated that he had gone out to the Red River Settlement in command of a body of pensioners, who have been sent out there as settlers. The mistake, however, is only one of name. By an oversight, the name of *Major Crofton* was written instead of that of *Major Caldwell*. Our remarks were intended to apply to the latter gentleman.

With regard to the new Colony at Vancouver's Island, there is, for the present, little more to be said. Two new facts have, indeed, come before the public since our last article; in both cases through the medium of the "Times" newspaper.

The one was a letter from an officer in the army, who stated his intention of going out as a Colonist to Vancouver's Island, under the Hudson's Bay Company. The other, a letter from a shareholder in the Company, wherein, it appears, that no sooner have this Company obtained the island than they begin to quarrel amongst themselves about it.

With respect to the first of these letters, we have only to say, that we rejoice to learn that it is the intention of any gentleman, in the position of the officer who wrote that letter in the "Times," to go out as a Colonist to Vancouver's Island. It proves one thing, at any rate, which we have always asserted, viz., that if a fair chance be given of colonising that country, it will not want for Colonists. But we do warn that gentleman against putting himself into the power of the Hudson's Bay Company. He is, no doubt, a man of intelligence and common sense, as well as of decision and energy; but his letter shows that he is utterly unacquainted with the proceedings of the Hudson's Bay Company, as well as with their history; and we ask him, if it