

threw into California, in two or three years, a large heterogeneous and comparatively lawless population. California was many thousands of miles away from Washington and from the old States of the Confederation. It was essentially a Colony, and under our system would have been so treated for a century. Our neighbours are wiser in their generation. Hardly were the rude communities of California formed, while women were sleeping under tents and men under waggons; while Judge Lynch presided over the Judicatory, and the better classes hung thieves in the market square; the citizens met together, formed their Constitution, provided for education, and elected three or four men to represent California in the National Congress of the United States. Nova Scotia has been a loyal Province of this empire, with all the securities of law, and the refinements of civilization, for an hundred years, and to this hour has no such privilege. What binds that rude Californian community to the Parent States? The presence of her four or five Representatives in the National Council. They may be negligent, incapable, corrupt, but they are *there*. Australia, not much further off—with richer treasures—with wider space, has no such privilege, and the wit of British Statesmen, with the example of Republican America before them, seems inadequate to a task which elsewhere is found so easy. Sir, this cannot last. England herself has a deep interest in this question, and the sooner that her