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THE BUROPBAN SITUATION,
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emall-pox. We are accustomed to see it from
ohildhood till old age, and however tatal ohildhood till old age, and however fatal or leel alarmed at its approact than we are a
the approach of other diseases of a serious character. We are not disposed to be alarmists, or to create a feeling of nervo
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that this disease, which is really surpasse by none in its dreadtal character, is at on very doors. The news we published yester
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and then our disregard of the natural law will bring about ite usual retribution, by th
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can look back upon that period shuddering at the mortality among the Indian population, and the anxiety among th
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the tops of weeds-the evil -is replace done nothing, are doing virtually nothing, to preserve what is dearer to the communit
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would have now power to deal with the threatened evils, or a commisisio would er
this have been appointed to take the neces. Wary steps to have the city properly cleansed. dition of the Indian population or around a n epidemic, As it is, unless we have th natives vaccinated and other reforms intro things, expect nothing else than the breaking orm, and a more than decimation of the race go also expect that the disease will spread to the whites, and keep every family in the plac and other similar blessings we shall have to
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THE WELKLY BRITISH COLONIST,
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