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Identifying Evidence about Causes

For each potential cause, look for evidence in the document about the following:

- Evidence that the cause was consistent or inconsistent with the broader values, ambitions and desires of key individuals and groups.
- Directly stated evidence of group or individual support or opposition to the cause.
- Indications that the cause made creation of the Colony more likely or unlikely.

Rate the importance of each potential cause using the following scale

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Major con	tributing F	airly important	Very little importance	No indication of its
fact	or	factor		importance

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Potential causes	Rating	Evidence of importance as a factor in creating the Colony
Cause A: Fear of US annexation	3 2 1 0	
Cause B: Protection of gold	3 2 1 0	
Cause C: Avoid conflict between Aboriginal people and miners	3 2 1 0	
Cause D: End monopolies and promote free trade	3 2 1 0	