

their exertions shall have placed the subjects before the Legislative bodies of these Colonies.

Resolved,—That when the London Committee shall make known to the satisfaction of this Committee, who the persons are whom they think fit to associate as Shareholders with themselves, “representing the interest of all such Merchants, Shipowners, Bankers, Capitalists, and others,” this Committee will immediately assist as a subordinate body when incorporated, or retire from their situations as Members of Committee.

Resolved,—That as in order to accomplish the intended object, large pecuniary Legislative assistance and advantages must be obtained, and it may therefore naturally be expected and even wished, that the respective Legislatures will appoint Commissioners under whose direction or in co-operation with whom the Company's Officers are to conduct the Railroad, this Committee think it is premature for an intended Company to attempt to establish permanent regulations.

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[No. 9.]

TO THE INHABITANTS OF BRITISH AMERICA.

THE undersigned having been appointed a Sub-Committee of Correspondence under the Resolutions hereunto annexed, have addressed the subjoined Circular to the public bodies and persons therein mentioned, in furtherance of the said Resolutions, and have also applied for local information to several Gentlemen who have recently been employed in the parts of the Country where the proposed Railway will pass.

They have received answers and various communications from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all favorable to a proposed Railway, communicating throughout British America to a seaport within its own limits, open at all seasons of the year; and an intention has in these quarters been intimated, of applying to the several Legislatures and the Imperial Government, to determine and sanction the Line of the proposed Road, and otherwise aid in the undertaking, preparatory to the opening Books of Subscription for Stock.

We now take the liberty of addressing ourselves directly to you, the inhabitants of British America, for whose benefit the work is chiefly intended, and whose united and zealous exertions must be put forth for its accomplishment.

Since the peace of 1763, when Canada became part of the British Empire, you have increased from a population of about a hundred thousand souls, to nearly two millions; an