

will agree with them, that it is not only more desirable for them, but vastly more advantageous for the Company generally, that the Line proposed by the London Pro. Committee should be adhered to.

The Committee have endeavoured, in this Report, to preserve the subdued and cautious tone of a calm and practical enquiry; yet, it is difficult to view even the possibility of so grand an enterprise being successfully accomplished, without indulging in anticipations of a warm and more exciting character. Halifax has been endowed by nature with one of the safest, and most capacious harbours in the world, in which, the largest commercial or warlike Navy that the British Empire could congregate together, might ride with perfect safety: while the boldness of the water, and the gentle flow of the tide, so different in the Atlantic and the Bay of Fundy, afford every facility, at all hours and seasons of the year, to the unloading and loading of ships. Surely then, while we indulge in hopes such as this great enterprise excites, we owe it to ourselves to omit no exertion, and to lose sight of no enquiry that can aid the men, who will do the work in carrying it through.

The Committee are persuaded, that neither Canada, New Brunswick, nor the Legislature and people of this Province, will ever abandon it, unless they are fully satisfied that it is impracticable. The Committee flatter themselves, that when the warm interest thus excited in the Colonies is known in England, the Government will be disposed to lend a serious ear and a generous encouragement, to this great design. What link can be conceived so strong and durable between the Mother Country and these her most valuable Colonies, as a Railway, which, in connection with one of the noblest and most successful of modern experiments, the navigation of the Atlantic by steam, will bring Quebec and Montreal, continually within twelve or thirteen days of London; and with the community of tastes, affections and habits, will render them, in fact, one mighty people? When we see what modern science has already achieved, why need we distrust the practicability of schemes that but a few years ago would have been condemned as extravagant and chimerical. The Committee have spoken of a Magnetic Telegraph from Halifax to Quebec. If it could be had, let us pause for a moment, and dwell on the immense superiority it would give to the Government and merchants of Britain, in the centralizing of military force, and the instantaneous transmission of intelligence. The merchants of London and Liverpool, would be in the markets of the West, before the news could reach New York