

the means of influence so much required would be obtained.

With respect to the military character which I am attempting to impress upon this undertaking, there is this most important observation to be made.

From the peculiar circumstances and the relative positions of the different North American Colonies and the United States, this view of the subject should be carried almost to the extent of considering this a great military railway.

The system of obedience, punctuality, order, police, and promotion on a railway, have all something in their nature of a military character ; and there is perhaps no private undertaking to which such character could be more easily given.

There must be an important military post at Grand-falls, and at Bois-Town, where I presume that the Fredericton branch and main branch would join ; and I would propose that at these points the settlements should assume a strictly military character. In addition to these two military stations, there are no less than seven principal stations or points from which the supply of labour would be distributed, viz.—Halifax, Truro, Bay Verte, St. John, the station at which the line from that city would join the grand trunk line ; Fredericton, and Quebec. The Crown lands through which this line would pass, are estimated at about five millions of acres, which, being rendered available by it, would produce as many pounds sterling.