

and conduct manufactures on an important scale. There is coal, it is true, in the United States, but not in convenient places, nor of equal goodness to that of Nova Scotia. On talking over this subject a few months ago, at Halifax, with a scientific and well-informed gentleman,* then directing the plans and management of the Albion Mines, in Nova Scotia, for Messrs. Rundell and Bridge, he perfectly concurred with me in this opinion.

A measure closely connected with Emigration and the prosperity of the Colonies, would be the establishing of steam packets between Valentia, in Ireland, and some point in Nova Scotia. From what has been stated to me on the subject, by some of the principal gentlemen in the Colonies, and from all I have observed among the records of the "Chamber of Commerce," of Halifax, (which were politely put into my possession, "agreeably to a resolution passed at a monthly meeting of its members, with leave to make such extracts as I might think fit,") I consider, *that if steam packets should be established, as has been contemplated, it would be an undertaking attended with advantage to the proprietors, and with*

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