

Had Sir Rowland Hill known of the means of instantaneous communication which, since his day, has been placed at our command, he assuredly would have viewed it as the most civilizing agency of the century. He would have seen that while promoting the activities of trade and commerce, and improving the well-being of the human race, nothing would more tend to deepen the sympathies of our people, and make firm the foundations of the Empire, than the adding to a universal penny postage, the incalculable advantage of a State-controlled ocean telegraph system encircling the globe.

Holding the views which I have ventured to submit, I feel that in the public interest I should greatly err if I failed to seek an opportunity of giving expression to them.

I have the honour, &c.,

SANDFORD FLEMING.

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