

sidered," or to be considered at all; the whole sum has been laid out in the construction of the works, and then gradually invested in land, which the promoters of the railway received gratuitously from the colonies, and the works may therefore be considered as having been constructed by the land without the investment or intervention of any capital.

It would appear by some of the correspondence in the report of the Commissioners of Railways for 1849, that they considered themselves bound by law to act in accordance with the recommendations of their reporting officers, whether these recommendations coincided with their own views or not. This being the case, why have they not done honour to this wise provision of the law when reviewing the report of Major Robinson, who collected his information on the spot, and whose judgment on the various topics on which he treats must be of more value than the opinion of the Commissioners, who cannot be expected to be conversant with the subject, and for which incapacity the law appears to have wisely provided?

Hoping to be able to show in my next communication, notwithstanding the homœopathic treatment of this subject by the Commissioners of Railways, that a more judicious, rational, and scientific treatment would produce the most desirable results both to the colonies and the mother country,

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

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1, Morden Terrace, Greenwich, Sept. 4, 1850.

## LETTER VII.

*To the Editor of "The Morning Chronicle."*

SIR,—Major Robinson's views upon the probable income of the Halifax and Quebec railway have already been stated to a considerable extent; it will be necessary, however, to concentrate those views, and to furnish additional statements upon this part of the subject. He assumed that 2,000,000 acres of land would be given by the colonies in addition to the breadth of way necessary for the construction of the line, and blocks for stations to the Imperial Government, or to any private company that would construct the railway.

The colonies, however, have not only granted a free