

I have inclosed you a copy of the letter addressed by the Chairman of the Intercolonial Railway Committee, to the Lords of the Treasury. No answer has yet been received, but there is a general opinion that it will be favorable.

I have sent you a few copies of a letter addressed to the Chambers of Commerce, and which has been well received.

The Corporation of Dublin have sent an excellent memorial; all Ireland is with us.

Dr. Gray, of the Freeman's Journal, caused the Dublin memorial to be sent."

"22nd March, 1862.

"I duly received your letter of the 5th instant. The Duke sent for Mr. Crawford last Saturday. The interview was confidential, and I think favorable.

The Duke desired Mr. Crawford to send him a copy of the letter to the Lords of the Treasury, and a list of the memorials sent in, which has been done. I had hoped to have seen Mr. Crawford before writing you to-day, but he is not in the city. A meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, and if a favorable reply is not received before then, arrangements will forthwith be made to bring the subject under the notice of the House of Commons. The following memorials are already in:—

The Merchants and Bankers of London.

"	"	Liverpool.
"	"	Manchester.
"	"	Glasgow.
"	"	Belfast.
"	"	Bristol.

The Corporation of Manchester.

"	Dublin,
"	Belfast.
"	Chester.
"	Gloucester.
"	Cutlers, Sheffield.

The Chamber of Commerce of Glasgow.

"	Belfast.
"	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
"	Gateshead.
"	Bristol.
"	Sheffield.
"	Edinburgh.
"	Leith.

The Harbour Board of Belfast.

We are getting on with the Association admirably. There is upwards of £900 in; the following have sent donations:

Canada Company.....	£50	0	0
Bank of B. N. A.....	52	10	0
Gillespies.....	52	10	0
Barings.....	52	10	0
Morrison, Dillon & Co.....	50	0	0
Glynn & Co.....	52	10	0
Trust and Loan of Canada.....	50	0	0
Finlay, Hodgson & Co.....	26	5	0

Most of the Dry Goods Houses will follow the lead of Morrisons, and I believe Brassy will give £50, and Sir M. Peto the same. We shall get, I have no doubt, near £2000."