

DRAFT TREATY.

DRAFT OF A TREATY to be made between the Great Duffy, Governor General of the Gallery, and His Exalted Majesty, Night Blooming Ceres, Monarch of the Moon, Emperor of the Starry Isles, Grand Controller of the Constellations, and Imperial Boss of the Great and Little Bears, by and with the consent of the Governments of both spheres, in Parliament assembled.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a closer relationship should exist between the inhabitants of the Moon and adjacent territories, and the Imperial Government of the Gallery, which connection can only be accomplished by scientific and engineering skill, and by the construction of a line of railway between the Earth and Moonland,

It is HEREBY AGREED that, subject to such amendments as may hereafter be agreed upon between the respective Governments aforesaid, that a lunatic railroad be immediately commenced simultaneously at each terminus; and that such funds, subsidies, expenditures, outlays, provision of labor, shall be respectively paid by the Minister of Finance of both spheres, to the extent of one equal moiety of the sum of twenty-five (25) cents, currency of the Dominion of Canada, and three (3) skido inflated currency of the Government and people of Moonland, and its adjacent territories aforesaid. PROVIDED ALWAYS, that such labor and expenditure of the construction of the said line of railway, be subject to the following conditions, or to such conditions as may hereafter be determined by the aforesaid Governments, and expressed in the following articles to wit, viz:—

ARTICLES.

I. That the name of the said undertaking be and is hereby entitled "The Imperial, Lunar, Grand, Mid-air, Lunatic, Governmental Railway."

II. That the primary object of the said Imperial, Lunar, Grand, Mid-air, Lunatic, Governmental Railway, is for the purpose of transporting hither and thither, to and fro, (between latitudes 45 and 45½ from the equator and the 16th parallel of U. Kno, as the Imperial imaginations may determine) such lunatics who may be desirous of settling or colonizing in either of the aforesaid spheres.

III. That such lunatics, who are natural idiots, shall travel free of cost to any point on the proposed line.

IV. That those persons who travel under the head of "crazy" shall be expected to pay half fare, if suspected of being tainted with any semblance of sanity.

V. That the term "crazy" shall be, and is hereby defined as meaning "having a tile loose," but not totally detached from the cranium.

VI. That violent lunatics shall have a sleeping car to themselves, and such other luxuries as may be thought expedient by the Minister of the Interior or his Deputy.

VII. That all sane people shall be excluded from any privileges of travel on the said road.

VIII. That all persons, citizens of either sphere who are possessed of hereditary taint, be paid a bonus of 10 cents—§ of a skido—for settling in either country.

IX. That all females shall be excluded from statute labor, in recognition of their efforts, at simple addition.

X. That all engineers upon the said road shall be strictly Civil ones; and all complaints of departure from this rule shall be made to the Secretary or Secretaries of each Government.

XI. That the profane use of blasting materials shall be and is hereby strictly abolished.

XII. That all Missionaries, of whatever creed, shall be killed and made fuel of for the purpose of "getting up steam."