

on all the rivers in the north of England, by the navigation of which the coal trade is carried on; and I entertain no doubt that the services of these vessels could be hired by Government at a reasonable expense. This may be relied upon. Everything that tends to facilitate and to accelerate the communication will facilitate and render more certain the defence of the Queen's dominions with a smaller body of men.

Ever yours, &c.,
(Signed) WELLINGTON.

Inclosure 2 in No. 16.

The Duke of Wellington to Lord Hill.

My dear Hill,

Strathfieldsaye, April 14, 1841.

I UNDERSTAND from my son Charles, who has been on the Rideau Canal, that the boats are towed even in the canal by steam-vessels.

But he says that there are not a sufficient number for the service either on the St. Lawrence, below Montreal, or on the Rideau.

Ever yours, &c.,
(Signed) WELLINGTON.