

Official Correspondence

BETWEEN

· DUFFY'S GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSAL PARLIAMENT OF THE GALLERY

AND THE

VISIONARY SUPREME & EXALTED GOVERNMENT & MOON

In compliance with a resolution of the said Government, dated March 17th, 1875.

From the Ethereal Government of Moonland to Duffy's
First Minister.

PALACE OF LUNAR,
16th Kino.

ILLUSTRIOUS MAGNATE OF A LARGER WORLD.

The quaking of mountains and the surging of oceans of cheese, heralded the approach of your Commissioner, whose mighty sneeze convulsed our empire. Know, 'O First Minister that he was duly elevated, and the staggering of his footsteps impressed us with the gravity of his mission

His credentials were duly inspected through our marine glasses and we bade him welcome as the representative of a mighty planet.

The practicability of a scheme which reflects no small credit upon your empire has raised you in our estimation and we thirst for a lesser interval between drinks.

Know then, O First Minister, that, by command of our Monarch of the Moon, (may his name ever be exalted!) it is my duty to inform you of the resources of our system, whose rays though borrowed, throw upon your rubicund countenance its halo of intellectuality.

The size of our world is ten-herto-millions of myriadical spheres. It is bounded on the North by a magnificent pasturage of carnivorous produce, called in your vulgar parlance, "The Milky Way;" on the South by a remote region, between the inhabitants of which, and us, there exists an intense coldness; on the East by a large section of comparatively inferior beings of evangelical proclivities; on the West by millions of shadowy forms of one, Horace, Greeley, whose harmless diversions chiefly consist in vapoury-agricultural pursuits. A street railway, in course of construction, between this and adjacent smaller spheres, will, it is expected, develop much useful information as yet unknown.

Our mineral products are air bubbles, concentrated tobacco juice, and a new and valuable substitute for "Goldine Jewellery."

We have also a natural soda water spring, with a rivulet of pure brandy, about a quarter of a mile distant. Large mounds of compressed meerschaum and imitation briar root, can be seen in abundance. Our minor minerals are soft soap, diamonds, rubies, and other gems, which we give our children to play with, or exchange with the barbarous tribes of smaller worlds for pot luck and other useful commodities. Root beer affords us a large source of revenue. An Arcelite Manufactory for pyrotechnic purposes has recently been established. It is a very light concern and these useful instruments are utilized as a means of telegraphing to Kingdom Kum.