

TRADE AND TRAFFIC

THE NORTH ATLANTIC.

THE "North Atlantic Steam Navigation Company"* has been projected for the purpose of placing a line of first-class screw steam-ships between Liverpool and Portland, in the United States, calling at St. John's, Newfoundland, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Company will commence the service on the 7th of March, 1857—the *Circassian*, a new screw steamer of about 1800 tons and 300 horse power, being advertised to leave Liverpool on that day. Object of Company.

The service will, in the first instance, be monthly, until the intended fleet is completed, and a fortnightly service arranged.

The enormous increase in the tonnage between these places, and the gradually increasing number of passengers and quantity of goods destined for the Lower Colonies, for Canada, and for the western states of America, imperatively call for increased facilities of transit.

Indeed, it seems surprising that no line of steamers has yet been

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