

The Senate and the House of Commons are formed for the introduction of Private *Bills* by birds of prey, and for the distribution of a sessional allowance and mileage among impoverished carpet-baggers.

They have also a Pure Brandy Temperance Association, for improving the *spirits* of the people. Nobody dares throw cold water upon its efforts under a heavy penalty.

In conclusion, I would state that, having given you a brief, but, I hope, also a comprehensive account of this great territory, I have no doubt of the success of the scheme. All the lunatics are going crazy about it. I carry the maps of the projected route in my head, where they will remain.

The line as surveyed will not cost over twenty-five cents, and I trust that your Government will not throw any obstacles in the way of its success.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

PAUL FORD,

Engineer in Chief to the Lunatic Railway Survey.

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HEIGHT OF IMAGINATION,

19TH KING.

To the Honorable the First Minister of *Duffy*:—

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith, a draft Treaty between the Great *Duffy* and His Exalted Majesty, Night Blooming Ceres, Monarch of the Moon, Emperor of the Starry Isles, etc., etc., upon the subject of the construction of the Imperial, Lunar, Grand, Mid-air, Lunatic, Governmental Railway.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient humble servant,

PAUL FORD,

Chief Engineer R. R. Survey, and Minister *pro tem*.

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