

That the following gentlemen do form the Council of the Association until the first Annual General Meeting :

R. W. Crawford, Esq., M. P.

Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet, of Canada,
Hon. Joseph Howe, of Nova Scotia,
Hon. S. L. Tilley, of New Brunswick, } *Ex Officio.*

Lord Alfred Paget, M. P.

Right Hon. Sir E. Head, Bart.

Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M. P.

Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M. P.

J. A. Roebuck, Esq., M. P.

The Hon. Robert Bourke.

Hon. Justice Haliburton, M. P.

Hon. Robert Grimston.

Hugh Childers, Esq., M. P.

H. W. Blake, Esq.

Robert Benson, Esq.

Robert Carter, Esq.

Robert Gillespie, Esq.

H. Montgomerie, Esq.

Thomas Baring, Esq., M. P.

George Carr Glyn, Esq., M. P.

Sir Minto Farquhar, Bart., M. P.

Sir Francis Head, Bart.

Hon. Wentworth Fitzwilliam, M. P.

Capt. Whyte Jervis, M. P.

Sir J. Dalrymple Hay, Bart., M. P.

Danby Seymour, Esq., M. P.

Henry Paull, Esq., M. P.

Charles Franks, Esq.

P. Rose, Esq.

William Chapman, Esq.

Edward Watkin, Esq.

Charles Bischoff, Esq.

John M. Grant, Esq.

It was proposed by Mr. Andrew M. Uniacke, seconded by Mr. Robert Benson, and Resolved,—

That the Council be requested to place themselves in communication with the Provinces, and public bodies and individuals either at home or abroad, with the view of making known the formation of the Association, and of obtaining annual subscriptions and contributions towards its preliminary expenses and maintenance, and gifts of books, papers, &c. to the library.

It was proposed by Mr. Wm. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Danby Seymour, M. P., and Resolved,—

That the Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M. P., be appointed Treasurer to the Association, and that the bankers be Messrs. Ransom, Bouverie, and Co., and Messrs. Glyn, Mills, and Co.

A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to the Chairman, the Meeting adjourned.

71 Old Broad Street, E. C.,
February 25th, 1862.

MY LORDS,—

As the Chairman of a Committee, recently appointed at a public meeting for the purpose of carrying on negotiations with the Imperial Government, in regard to the proposed Intercolonial Railway between Halifax and Quebec, I have been directed to place in Your Lordships' hands the accompanying Memorial from Merchants, Bankers, and others of the City of London, in favor of the object in view, and in so doing to submit to Your Lordships a brief statement of the proceedings recently taken here and in the Colonies in connection therewith.

On the 14th of June last a Deputation waited upon His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, for the purpose of laying before His Grace a memorial showing the commercial, political and military advantages of the proposed Railway, and the views of the promoters in soliciting the sanction and assistance of Her Majesty's Government in favor of the project. On that occasion His Grace remarked, that he was most anxious to consider favorably any feasible plan by which the proposed line of communication might be secured, but that it appeared to him that the subject had not been placed before him in a shape that would enable him to propose it formally for the consideration of the Government. His Grace suggested, at the same time, that a responsible body should be constituted, with whom he could communicate, and that more definite proposals should be submitted, as to the extent to which the Colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would bind themselves to afford financial support to the undertaking.

In conformity with these suggestions a convention of delegates from the three Provinces met at Quebec on the 30th September last, when a resolution