

A LETTER

FROM

MAJOR ROBERT CARMICHAEL-SMYTH

TO

HIS FRIEND

THE AUTHOR OF "THE CLOCKMAKER,"

CONTAINING

Thoughts on the Subject

OF

A BRITISH COLONIAL

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION

BETWEEN

THE ATLANTIC AND THE PACIFIC,

FROM

THE MAGNIFICENT HARBOUR OF HALIFAX,

IN

NOVA SCOTIA

(NORTH-EASTERN AMERICA),

TO

THE MOUTH OF FRAZER'S RIVER,

IN

NEW CALEDONIA

(NORTH-WESTERN AMERICA),

OR SUCH OTHER PORT AS MAY BE DETERMINED UPON.

"Let those, who discard speculations like these as wild and improbable, recur to the state of public opinion at no very remote period on the subject of Steam Navigation.

"Within the memory of persons not yet past the meridian of life the impossibility of traversing by Steam Engine the channels and seas that surround and intersect these islands was regarded as the dream of enthusiasts."

DR. LARDNER, 1840.

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