

of the proposed Railway, must be so apparent as to make any detailed reference to them on my part alike unnecessary and obtrusive, and I will therefore trespass on your attention no longer than to solicit an early answer to this communication.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FALKLAND.

LORD STANLEY, &c., &c.,

No. 355.

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*Government House, Halifax, December 2d, 1845.*

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to transmit, for your Lordship's information, copies of two letters addressed by me to the Governor General, and Sir William Colebrooke, respectively, on the subject of the proposed Railway from Halifax to Quebec and Montreal.

I trust that the step I have taken in opening this communication will not meet with your Lordship's disapprobation, as the result will probably be the exposition, not only of the views of the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick in regard to this important undertaking, but an indication on the part of the several local Legislatures of the mode and degree in which they will be willing to contribute to the advancement of a scheme in the success of which they are so deeply interested.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FALKLAND.

LORD STANLEY, &c., &c.

(COPY.)

*Government House, Halifax, 24th. November, 1845.*

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to transmit for your Excellency's information the copy of a Despatch I addressed to Lord Stanley by the last mail, on the subject of the proposed Railway from hence to Quebec and Montreal, by which your Lordship will perceive that, although I am deeply impressed with the beneficial results which would accrue to these Colonies from the execution of such a work, I do not entertain the hope that any such project can be successfully carried out except through the combined action of the several Legislatures of the three Provinces of United Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia; and further that I conceive that the assistance and actual interference of the Home Government will be necessary to insure its completion.

I, of course, do not anticipate that Her Majesty's Government will be induced to render pecuniary aid to forward so important an enterprise, without receiving sufficient guarantees that strenuous and united efforts will be made by the Colonies themselves, to secure the manifold advantages which such a scheme, successfully brought into operation would confer; or unless the arrangements under which the funds contributed by the Parent Country and the Local Legislatures are to be received and disbursed shall be such as to insure their faithful and judicious appropriation.

Any communication from your Lordship acquainting me with your own views in regard to the contemplated plan, together with the securities which you think should be adopted and also stating in what degree you conceive the Canadian Parliament might be induced to pledge the Revenues of that Province for the purpose of raising the funds requisite to effect this great undertaking, would very much oblige me, as a knowledge of your Lordship's sentiments and intentions will doubtless have an influence