

is himself here, and he surveyed the whole line. He would be the best man to refer to.

Mr. NELSON.—He has gone very fully into the financial part of the subject.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—*It is not an UNFAVOURABLE PERIOD for undertaking THESE GREAT WORKS*, if you can agree upon any arrangement. I can only say that I am *duly impressed* with the great importance of it; and your (Lord Bury's) very clear and lucid statement has revived my recollection. I remember a great deal on this point when Lord Grey was in office. It certainly is, in every point of view, *a matter of the highest consideration*, and I will confer with Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton immediately upon it. I will not lose any time. Perhaps I had better communicate with you, Lord Bury?

Lord BURY.—If you please, sir.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—This resolution is signed, and I see the direction of this company will be formed chiefly of persons in this country.

Lord BURY.—The directors are not appointed; but seven gentlemen have signed the deed of association.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—Have you any deputation from Canada here?

Lord BURY.—A deputation has been here, but the company was not then formed. Mr. Cunard's name is amongst them.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—Is Mr. Cunard here?

Lord BURY.—No; he is so unwell that he could not attend to-day, and also Lord Goderich and other gentlemen have expressed their regret that they could not attend.

Mr. NELSON.—Mr. Cunard is unfortunately too unwell to attend to-day. He attended yesterday at the Colonial Office, and he is only very sorry he cannot attend here to-day.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—I am sorry I have not heard him.

Lord BURY.—I thought Mr. Haliburton would have been here to-day,—he is also absent.

The Hon. Sir ALLAN MACNAB.—He would have been here to-day, but he was not quite certain whether you could receive us.

Mr. NELSON.—I may state that Mr. Cunard will be one of the directors of the company.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—Does the Collins's line of packets run now?

Mr. NELSON.—No, they have ceased.

Mr. WYLD, M.P.—The United States have withdrawn them.

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—Well, gentlemen, all I can say is that I will give this undertaking an **EARLY AND ATTENTIVE CONSIDERATION**, and will communicate with Lord Bury.

The Deputation, having thanked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, then withdrew.