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To the Lords of Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

The Memorial of the undersigned Merchants and Others of London, interested in the Trade of Canada and Newfoundland,

Showeth,

That communication by steam has of late years been opened between England and almost every part of the world, including the United States, which are immediately contiguous to the colonies with which your memorialists are connected.

That such communication has not yet been extended either to Canada or Newfoundland, and that the interests of those colonies, and of your memorialists, are seriously injured by having to depend entirely on the slow and uncertain voyages of sailing ships, while the neighbouring states enjoy the advantage of receiving their supplies from Europe with rapidity and regularity by steam vessels.

That many of your memorialists' correspondents resident in Canada have recently gone to the United States to purchase goods, which they formerly imported from England, to the manifest disadvantage of the trade of this country.

That your memorialists have endeavoured to establish lines of steam vessels in the trade to Canada without success, and they believe that the only way in which this desirable object can be accomplished is by means of chartered companies, which are content with more moderate profits than individuals expect from similar investments.

That your memorialists have heard that parties calling themselves "The London, Liverpool, and North American Screw Steam Ship Company," propose to establish a line of steam vessels between London, Newfoundland, and Canada; that they have petitioned Her Majesty to grant them a Royal charter of incorporation, and that their petition has been referred to your Lordships.

That your memorialists believe the interests of those two important colonies would be materially promoted by the grant of such charter of incorporation.

And your memorialists respectfully pray that your Lordships will be pleased to recommend that such charter may be granted accordingly.

London, 17 November 1852.

(signed)

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