

*Copy of the Association's Petition to His Majesty, for aid, &c.*

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

*The Humble Petition of the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Association,*

SHEWETH :—

That your Petitioners, firmly impressed with a conviction of the practicability of opening a Railroad Communication from Saint Andrews, in your Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick, to Quebec, in your Majesty's Province of Lower Canada, did, in the month of October last, form themselves into an Association for the express purpose of bringing that desirable measure before the Public, thereby to enable it to form a correct estimate of the incalculable benefits to be derived therefrom.

That they immediately submitted the object of their Association to His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell, your Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, who was pleased to approve the same, in decided and gratifying terms.

That in a short time, thereafter, they also submitted the scheme to His Excellency Earl Gosford, your Majesty's Governor General in Chief, who likewise was pleased to approve the measure and their proceedings, in the most unqualified manner.

That they caused a party consisting of Surveyors and other men, having a knowledge of wilderness country, to explore the contemplated line of road ; who after great diligence and care, have reported favorably thereon.

That they conceive, that the completion of the proposed Railroad, from Saint Andrews to Quebec, as aforesaid, would be of great national importance, inasmuch as it would connect and consolidate your Majesty's North American Provinces : open a direct and certain communication between them at all seasons of the year ; improve and bring into action many inaccessible resources ; extend the trade and commerce of these growing Colonies, and secure the same to the interests of your Majesty's Empire, which otherwise must, in part, be diverted to other countries ; more especially the extensive and increasing trade of Upper Canada, which will be almost wholly engrossed by the internal improvements now rapidly advancing in the United States, and which the contemplated Railroad alone can counteract.