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CITADEL, QUEBEC,

February 7th, 1856.

SIR,

I have the honor to state in answer to your queries relative to the advantage of establishing a Telegraph Line to Green Island, in the St. Lawrence.

That a ready means of communication with Quebec, from that part of the river, must be of great consequence to the shipping interests of this port, and in the event of a troop or emigrant ship getting on shore, in the vicinity of that Island, great loss of life and property would probably be prevented.

But although these advantages would, no doubt, be great, still the advantage of having a sentinel at a point where all vessels must pass within sight would be greater, as no enemy could approach by the river without warning being given at once to the Citadel.

This alone would, I should think, insure the government assisting liberally with a grant.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) E. D. ASHE,

Lieutenant Royal Navy.

HENRY WELCH, ESQUIRE,
Secretary to B. N. A. T. Co.,
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