The fact that the Receiver General of the Province, the Attorney and Solicitor General, and Colonel Wells, a member of the Legislative Council, compose four of the seven Directors by whom the affairs of the Company are conducted, is a sufficient assurance that every thing is intended and carried on in perfect good faith. These gentlemen, from a conviction of the great importance of this work to the province, consented, at the earnest request of the stockholders, to become Directors at an inconvenient sacrifice of time and attention to themselves, and for the purpose of excluding all ground for that suspicion and distrust which might have attached to the Company if it had been under the management of persons having local interests, and possessing no particular claim to public confidence.

I recommend the object which Mr. Merritt has in charge to your particular attention, and most earnestly hope that his mission may be successful.

I have, &c.

(signed)

P. MAITLAND.

To the Right Hon. W. Huskisson, &c. &c. &c.

A true Copy.

R. W. Hay.