

ferred upon the community, especially upon the commercial classes, are duly appreciated and largely availed of.

In political point of view these advantages are not less valuable and important. We have already had the satisfaction of interchanging by this means, prompt communication with Her Majesty's representatives in Canada and all Her other North American possessions upon the Eastern shores of the continent; while the opinions of men of profound practical science, of experience and skill, sanction the belief that the union of that continent with the other quarters of the globe, through Great Britain and this Island, by the same marvellous agency, will be consummated in the course of the approaching summer.

Nor has the expectation in which on the same occasion I ventured to indulge, that regular communication by steam with the mother country, direct, would be *initiated* at an early date, although far from satisfactorily met, been altogether disappointed. An experimental voyage upon this principle has been carried through; and although it was notoriously performed under most unfavorable circumstances, the immediate renewal of the scheme upon a more expensive scale, is now publicly announced.

I have duly transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, your representations in relation to this interesting question; and the correspondence, a part of which has already been made public, will be fully communicated to you.

While I regret that the good faith due to existing contracts necessarily prevents the Imperial Government from at once acceding to your views, I suggest to you to consider whether the financial resources of the Colony may not be fairly and advantageously applied to the promotion of those increased facilities of Postal correspondence and personal locomotion, which the conspicuous place the Island is about to occupy upon the Telegraphic chart of the world, and the increased commercial activity which must ensue, seem urgently to call for.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I appeal to you, with that confidence which experience warrants, to provide the supplies necessary for the efficient conduct of Her Majesty's service; for liquidating the claims of the public creditor, and for the maintenance of those Institutions and public objects conducive to the moral and social advancement of the Colony, which have hitherto received your liberal support.