

Association for the Emigration, Employment and Colonization of the Shareholders.

In about two weeks (viz., on the 13th of May) after the interview with these Colonial Commissioners, your Committee instructed the Secretary to address a communication to the Earl of Derby, directing his Lordship's attention to the objects of the Association, and begging his Lordship "*to urge upon the Colonial Commissioners the importance of giving all the aid in their power to promote a regular system of emigration and colonization in these colonies, in connection with their Railway, and such other public works for the execution of which the credit or capital of Great Britain is to be given.*"

In two days after this communication had been sent, a letter was received from the Secretary of his Lordship, stating that, "from recent communications which had been received, great doubts have arisen whether the negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and the Colonial Legislatures are likely to lead to the construction of the Railroad in question;" and these doubts were confirmed a few days afterwards by the statement of Sir John Pakington, in the House of Commons, to the effect, that the negotiations **had** been terminated, and that Her Majesty's Government regretted they could not recommend the Legislature to give the guarantee for the new line through New Brunswick adopted by the Colonies.

On the day on which the report of Sir J. Pakington's statement appeared in the newspapers, your Committee addressed a letter to the Hon. E. B. Chandler, the Commissioner from New Brunswick, to inquire whether he considered the decision of Her Majesty's Government as final; and, if so, what other course the Colonies are now likely to adopt for the construction of their railways.

In reply to these inquiries, Mr. Chandler immediately (on the 25th of May) stated, that, "It is too true that Her Majesty's present advisers have distinctly refused to offer any aid or guarantee for the only line of railway from Halifax to Quebec that the several provinces can or will agree upon, *and in consequence arrangements are being made, on our own credit, to*