

Among the British possessions in the southern hemisphere directly interested in the work are Fiji, Tasmania, New Zealand, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria. I venture to think that their co-operation with Canada in the manner set forth would, without difficulty and with no great delay, secure to them and to the whole British colonial system all the political and commercial advantages to result from the projected line of communication.

As the contemplated work is of special importance to the Mother Country and all her Colonies, I trust I may be allowed to entertain the hope that you will be pleased to bring the subject under the notice of the respective Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SANDFORD FLEMING.

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