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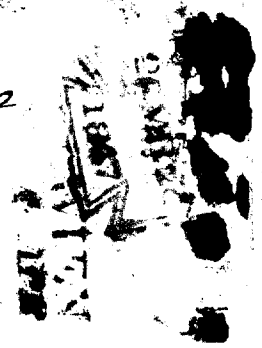
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Count A. Negrelli,
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Locomotive Engines, Railway Cars
& Forged work generally, &c. &c.
Representing Messrs. Robt. Stephenson & Co.
Newcastle upon Tyne.

London, 26 March 1847.

Dear Colleague;

I am desired by our mutual friend
Mr. Robert Stephenson to reply to your much
esteemed letter of the 3rd instant.

The "preliminary Prospectus of the
"Grand Ship Canal through the Isthmus of
"Suez" dated September 1846, and published
by Mr. David Barrie, appears to have
been attended with no result whatever—
nor has any Company been formed thereon.

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Mons. L. Negrelli
Ingenieur en Chef de l'Etat
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likely to exercise either in or out of England
any pernicious influence whatever on
our project, but on the contrary the very
little effect it may have produced will
be more likely to aid than impede our
measures, by drawing attention to the
subject. You will conclude from the
foregoing, that we are of opinion that
no notice need be taken of the
Document in question - at the same
time it may be well to pursue
our own measures with as little
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time as possible and although even
to this moment we are not able
to furnish all the names required for
the English Group, yet we do trust that
a very short time will elapse before
we complete our List.

You will have heard with satisfac-
=tion, of the Course, pursued by the
Chamber of Commerce of Lyons, and of
Marseilles, in regard to our project.

With the expression of the Sincere
regard of Mr. R. Stephenson, and myself,
I beg you will believe me

My dear Sir, Yours very obediently
and faithfully,
Edward M. Westbrook