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Mon Collègue,

Mr. R. Stephenson having been absent, it was only yesterday that he received your esteemed letter of the 10th instant. At his desire, I wrote to you on the 15th instant. It is with extreme regret that he observes, that it will be out of your power to proceed to Egypt in March; and as it seems hardly probable, that any period could be named, when persons having such important Works under construction as those directed by yourself - Mr. Tulabot, and Mr. Robert Stephenson, can all proceed together to Egypt - it strikes him, that should it meet your views, the suggestion made by Mr. Cufantin might be followed:

Mons^r Negrelli,

Ingénieur en Chef des Chemins de Fer de l'Etat,

à Vienne.

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viz. - by your availing of your early leisure, to proceed to Egypt - where you would see Mr. ~~Linant~~, Linant; - and that Mr. Robt. Stephenson & Mr. Salaboh, on their return from that Country, in the Spring of next year, could make a detour to Vienna, in order to concert final measures with you.

On his return, Mr. R. Stephenson found that the Works of his Bridge, had not progressed quite so rapidly as he had anticipated - and though every thing appears satisfactory, some little time longer must elapse, before it can be left by him. I now allude to the Conway Bridge - this will be followed by the Britannia Bridge, over the Menai Strait; so that he finds it will be quite impossible for him to leave England so

soon

so soon as he expected, when we had the pleasure of
seeing you at Vienna. I repeat, that he regrets
extremely, that anything should prevent your all
proceeding to Egypt together - but this disappointment
appears unavoidable.

As yet, Mr. A. Stephenson has not had
leisure, fully to go through your Report, and
plans, but he desired me to express his appreciation
of the care with which they appear to have been
got up. Begging you will accept the expression
of his, & my own kind regard, I remain

Dear Colleague,

Yours very devotedly & obediently,
Edward J. Harbuck

We yesterday remitted the Third Instalment of
£10,000:- to Paris, on account of the English
Group.