

*In addition to the information disclosed by the foregoing interesting experiments, upon the Liverpool and Manchester Rail Road, the following extracts from a letter written by a member of a highly respectable mercantile house in Liverpool, to his brother in this city, will afford a correct view of the present state of the public feeling in England, upon the subject of Rail Roads, and of the daily increasing confidence in them, there.*

Extracts of a letter from a respectable gentleman in Liverpool, to his friend in this city, dated 19th November, 1829.

“By the John Jay, just arrived, I have your letter of the 21st October. I am pleased to hear that all the instalments on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road have been paid up, as far as to 12½ per cent. on the capital, and that there are no defaulters.

You will be rather surprised when I communicate to you that the Stockholders in the Sankey Canal, the most profitable canal in this kingdom, rising from 100£ to 1800£ per share, have had a meeting this week, as is most confidently believed, ~~to take into consideration the expediency of letting it dry and laying a Rail Road on it,~~ and that they are about applying to Parliament for this liberty. This very day Lord Grosvenor, the Earl of Derby, and the Marquiss of Stafford, with some of the Liverpool and Manchester Directors, are going over the road accompanied with Engineers, for the purpose of making examinations. These noblemen are very heavy holders of Canal property, and think it may be advisable to make them into Rail Roads.

A Rail Road from this to London is contemplated, and I believe a negotiation is at this moment going on between the Manchester Rail Road Company and certain powerful and influential holders of canal stock, in order, as far as possible, to make the canal property available, provided they will support a bill in Parliament for the above object. This is, however, kept as quiet as possible. Thirty millions sterling are invested in canal property in this country, and its fall must ruin many people.

The late experiments must save you a great deal of money in levelling. Rain Hill inclined plane ascends one foot in ninety, (fifty-five feet per mile,) and it was intended to place a station-