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TO
NICHOLAS MAHER, ESQ., M.P.,
TURTULLA, TIPPERARY.

MY DEAR MAHER,

It affords me peculiar pleasure to dedicate to you this account of the past and present state of our country.

If I were to recapitulate here all the motives which have led me to prefix your name to these pages, I should trespass upon the reserve of private friendship. There are public grounds, however, on which the selection becomes so appropriate, that I may be fairly allowed to mention some of them. As a constant resident in the country—a practical agriculturalist—a large landed proprietor—and one of the representatives in Parliament of an extensive, populous, and wealthy county,—you take, I know, a deep interest in the subject itself, and will regard, I am sure, with indulgence, this attempt to make its importance more generally understood.

There are, it is true, opinions expressed and views taken in this Work, which neither you, nor a large number of our fellow countrymen, at present coincide in. I am not, however, the less disposed, on that account, to place it in your hands or theirs. I have studied to be impartial, and spoken deliberate convictions; and I rely with confidence upon the candour

and justice of all parties, for an honest appreciation of my intentions in offering this humble contribution to the cause we have all at heart—the good of Ireland.

I am, my dear Maher,

Ever truly and sincerely yours,

GEO. LEWIS SMYTH.

Bridge Street, Westminster,
April, 1844.

MAP OF IRELAND, Shewing the Lines of Railway Projected by PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. IN 1836.

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Tons Value
Exports 14,500 £84,500
Imports 5,000 28,000

Tons Value Exports 25,000 £300,000
Imports 12,000 115,000
Tons Value Exports 1,500 £10,000
Imports 2,500 10,000

Tons Value Exports 1,500 £10,000
Imports 2,500 10,000
Tons Value Exports 1,800 £11,000
Imports 2,300 9,600

Tons Value
Exports 37,000 £1,050,000
Imports 10,000 71,000
Tons Value
Exports 7,500 £118,000
Imports 8,500 70,000

Tons Value
Exports 65,000 £400,000
Imports 250,000 3,150,000

Tons Value
Exports 9,000 £62,000
Imports 5,000 7,000

Tons Value
Exports 18,000 £30,000
Imports 14,000 30,000

Tons Value
Exports 30,000 £600,000
Imports 60,000 360,000

Tons Value
Exports 36,000 £450,000
Imports 30,000 108,000

Tons Value

