

# DEFENCE OF OUR IMPERIAL COMMUNICATIONS.





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OF  
GREAT AND GREATER BRITAIN.

SKETCHES OF ITS NAVAL, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL  
ASPECTS;

ANNOTATED WITH EXTRACTS  
FROM THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAVE CALLED FORTH  
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## PREFACE.

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As a Royal Commission, limited in its nature and local in its constitution, is now sitting to investigate portions of the subject of the following pages, I am induced to lay them before the general reader.

In doing so I venture to offer the facts they contain to the earnest attention of those whose broad national sympathies and instincts are superior to the provincial prejudices of political partizanship.

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