

Acton, Ap. 20, 1848

Hon J R Young

My dear Sir,

I have received your note of yesterday, and shall endeavour to answer it by this evening's mail.

To survey thoroughly the country you mention, would require much time, and would cost more than you would probably be justified in expending; but I suppose you do not intend anything of this kind.

A reconnaissance of the line between Inso and Sturheit, might I suppose be accomplished in from two to five weeks. It would afford to persons wishing to invest money in the railway, a good general idea of the capabilities of the country traversed, more precise information respecting places said to contain coal be but not explored, and a large map of facts respecting building materials, Lime, &c. &c. may be, which will be useful in making the road or to be carried along it. Whether the results would satisfy the present expectations of the friends of the scheme I cannot conjecture, but the knowledge I already have of the ground gives me good hopes of it.

If I go to Calabacou come, I fear I shall have little time to see you in the

railway matter, but ~~I~~ if I can find time,  
and no unforeseen occurrence intervenes, I  
will have no objections to work for you at  
the same rate offered for Carabacou; or  
£25 for every two weeks in the field.  
I think this is low, as much time may  
be required for preparing the report, and the  
expenses are considerable (I have sometimes  
spent at the rate of 20/ per day in my own  
excursions)

I think the information I already possess  
respecting the localities would enable me to  
work at it with as much advantage as  
any man you could employ. In preparing  
a report I would study to be plain and  
practical, as I know that British capitalists  
are in these matters very slow to understand, un-  
less everything be brought within the sphere of their  
ordinary experiences. I have not much doubt  
that I should prepare a report which ought  
to have weight, but of course I would not  
pretend to settle everything in an exploration  
of a few days.

I would be better able to give you a  
definite answer if I knew what is to be done  
about Carabacou. I have written in haste  
but hope I have sufficiently answered your in-  
quiries

Letter  
S. R. Young  
& Answer

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