

Nov. 26th 1849.

Mr. Russell stated, that on his arrival at Cornwall
he forwarded the Letter of the Executive Committee
to Mr. Hume, and received the following answer.

See Letter A attached

He accordingly waited on Mr. Hume and explained
to him the present position of the arrangements, and
the manner in which they had arisen: on which
Mr. Hume expressed himself satisfied that what the
Society had done was nothing more than appeared
to him absolutely necessary to ensure the success
of the undertaking: that the manner in which they
had done so appeared to him judicious, and that
so far from throwing obstacles in the way of success
he would personally and with all his influence
do whatever he could to promote it. On asking
his opinion whether the Statements made to him and
the Papers laid before him should be now published
or the Publication deferred until they had been
discussed by the Royal Commission. He stated,
that he would consider such publication premature.
He therefore thought it highly important that the
Commission should be appointed and set to work
forthwith.