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Cleveland Branch

Referring to your memo 12,445 &c. of the 12th instant, I have the honor to advise you that a route as direct as possible between 7 ms 35 chs 90 lks peg and Cleveland via Capalaba would probably be not more than about say, half a mile shorter than the route already surveyed between those points via the neighbourhood of Waterloo Bay, as there is a good deal of high ground on the suggested route which would render it impossible to go very direct.

(The probable approximate Course of such a line is shown in yellow on the accompanying lithograph.)

The Commissioner for Railways

Brisbane

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There is but little settlement on the suggested route and there is not likely to be much, as it consists of inferior country, whereas the route at present surveyed (shown in red on accompanying lithograph) would not only accommodate more existing settlement, but, as it passes close to the shores of Waterloo Bay, and about 2 miles nearer to Wellington Point than the suggested route, it would accommodate a large area which is in every respect very suitable for close settlement.

I beg to remind you that unless an early decision is come to as to the route of the Cleveland Branch it will be impossible to have the plans &c prepared in time to be laid on the table of the House this Session.

Henry C. Stanley

Chief Engineer