FORESTRY.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Sydney, September 4.

The Premier has addressed to the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone, the Prime Minister of England, and to the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone, the Prime Minister of Scotland, a letter in which he asks for consideration of the matter of a forest commission to be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the forests in Australia. The Premier's letter is as follows:

Sir, I have the honor to submit a copy of the report of the joint committee of inquiry into the state of the forests in Australia, and to request that you will consider the matter and take such steps as may be necessary to secure the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject.

The Premier, in his letter, further stated that the government had committed a large amount of money to the purchase of forest lands, and that the forests were now in a very unsatisfactory state.

The letter was forwarded by the Premier to the Prime Minister of England, and to the Prime Minister of Scotland, who are expected to reply shortly.

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