

# RETURN

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 17th April, 1855, for "Copy of the Report of the Department of Public Works, upon the Petition of James Egan, and copies of all Tenders, Correspondence, and other papers."

By Command,

GEO. ET. CARTIER,  
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,  
Quebec, 20th April, 1855.

## PROVINCE OF CANADA.

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.

## THE MEMORIAL AND PETITION OF JAMES EGAN, OF THE CITY OF MONTREAL, CONTRACTOR,

### HUMBLY REPRESENTS :

That at the beginning of February last the Commissioners of Public Works invited tenders for (among other things) the deepening and widening of the Rock Cut of the Lachine Canal, said tenders to be receivable up to the 20th of February, 1855.

That on or about the 16th of February, 1855, your Memorialist tendered for said work, under the name of James Egan & Co., at low prices.

That in Montreal on or about the 19th of February, 1855, James Moir Ferres, of Montreal, one of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, sent for your Memorialist, and on your Memorialist meeting him in the Office of the Commercial Advertiser, he asked your Memorialist if he was going to tender for the said work, to which your Memorialist answered that he had already tendered.

The said James Moir Ferres expressed himself amazed, and said, "You know I will get that work, but I cannot tender for it in my own name." I said he could use his brother-in-law's name, (John Milne's,) I supposed. At first he said he could not do that either, but he added, "I can make that all right." He said that the undersigned, (your Memorialist) must send in another contract. Your Memorialist objected, but he said he would make this "all right."

Another blank form of tender was then exhibited to your Memorialist by said James Moir Ferres, which was signed by your Memorialist, "James Egan & Co.," and at the request of Messrs. Ferres and Milne, Memorialist put down the names of Messrs. Abbot & Hughes as securities. No prices were filled in by Memorialist