

Bridges, &c. could be pretty accurately ascertained, and the Line given in Lots at a valuation, or to the lowest bidder, among those settling on the Land bordering on it.

I enclose a Tracing herewith, shewing the extent and connection of the proposed Line of Road.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

Honorable Thomas Baillie, Surveyor General.

### QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Deputy COLLING'S Report.

*Gagetown, December 21, 1848.*

The Honorable Thomas Baillie,

SIR,—In compliance with your Circular of the 16th November last, wherein you express a desire that I should recommend any District in this County where I consider it would advantage and promote the settlement of the Country, by connecting Settlements, and to open the Wilderness in Districts where the Land is fit for cultivation, as an inducement for Emigrants to remain and settle in the Country—

I have long been of the opinion that nothing would promote more to the settlement of the Province than that judicious explorations should be made of the Wilderness Land, and where they are found of a good quality, and fit for cultivation, that main Roads should be laid out to induce and enable the Emigrants, or in fact any other Settler, to enter the wilderness, and then, as the Land is occupied, to open cross Roads leading to other main Roads or Settlements.

The Line of Road I would recommend, with every prospect of your approval, would be to commence at or about Picket's Cove, Washademoak Lake, from thence to the north Forks, Canaan River, near Taylor's Mill, the distance will be about five and twenty miles, course about east (Mag.), it will go through a fine ridge of ungranted Land; of my own knowledge, I shall say four fifths will be found fit for settlement, generally very level, no streams of any consequence, except a few brooks, therefore requiring no Bridges of any amount, except one on the north Forks, and it could be built for £20 at the outside, at least I was informed that Mr. Price or Mr. Clarke, some time ago, had offered to build one for that sum. This Road will connect the different Settlements on the Grand Lake with those of the Washademoak Lake, Canaan River and Settlement, which would be of the greatest advantage and convenience to the Inhabitants of those Settlements; also opening some very convenient and good Land for settlement. Picket's Cove also, at the present time, stops, or nearly so, the communication on that part of the side of the Lake, the Cove being too wide, and not sufficient travelling to pay for keeping a regular Ferry, and there being as yet no Road, not even a path round it. The line of Road I recommend would make an excellent connection here. I also think, by referring to a plan of this part of the County, you see it embraces more advantages than mere local ones; it seems to me to be a more direct and nearer route than the present unfinished one from the Bend of the Petitcodiac to Fredericton, by Coal Creek, Salmon and Newcastle Rivers, &c., without the disadvantages and expenses of the Ferries, Bridges, &c. on that route, the line I recommend not having a single Ferry or Bridge except the Bridge on the North Forks. You wish also I should give an estimate of the expense. I must say I have not been much engaged in Road making, but have always taken an interest in the subject, and have been in the habit of seeing Roads let, and inquiring what such and such Roads have cost. I have seen very good Roads, well formed and turnpiked, that Major Foshay has informed me he had got done at 2s. 6d. per rod from the stump; he had the trees