

lice, or some one of them shall at the commencement of the works advance to the said James G. Strowbridge, John W. Hayes, and John Mac Keen, Contractors, the sum of one thousand pounds lawful money of Upper Canada, to enable them, from time to time, to collect materials employ labourers, artificers, and other workmen, they the said Contractors finding adequate and ample security for the advance so made, and that the future instalments or progressive payments shall be regulated by the monthly report of one of the Commissioners and the said Engineer, Francis Hall Esquire, or such other person as said Commissioners may appoint, under the express condition and restriction that the said Commissioners shall not be made liable to any advance of payment during the continuance of the work beyond seven-eighths of the contract price, stipulated as aforesaid, the other eighth part remaining in the hands of the said Commissioners until the Canal required by the Act of Parliament, the annexed proposals and requisitions are finally inspected and duly approved of by their Engineer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their hands set their Hands and Seals the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed, and delivered, }  
In presence of

(Signed) THOMAS CRARK. WM. CHISHOLM. JOHN M'KEON.

JAMES CROOKS. JOHN WILLSON. JAMES G. STROWBRIDGE.

EMANUEL OVERFIELD.

The words "successors in office," in the nineteenth line, second page, being first interlined, and the words "heirs, executors, and administrators," cancelled; and the word "their," in the twenty-ninth line of same page, wrote over an erasure.

#### INDORSEMENT THEREON.

It is understood and agreed, by the parties in the annexed Indenture, that the periods mentioned therein for the completion of the work shall be extended to the first day of October, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, with the full understanding that the Canal shall be open for the purposes of ship navigation by the first day of July next.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Burlington Bay Outlet, the first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

(Signed)

JAMES CROOKS.  
MANUEL OVERFIELD.  
W. CHISHOLM.  
ROBERT NELLES.  
JAMES G. STROWBRIDGE.

In presence of

FRANCIS HALL.  
G. CHAPIN.