

A. To perform so important an Exploring Survey under proper Instructions to meet the purposes and views expressed by the Committee, I should conceive that a Sum of about Fifteen hundred to Two thousand Pounds would not be too much, including of course Four Copies of Reports, Field Notes and Plans, the one for the Governor in Chief, two for the other Branches of the Legislature, and one to remain of record in the Surveyor General's Office.

Q. What Roads of Communication would you recommend from the old Settlements on the River Saint Lawrence to the River Saint John ?

A. I should say the following Roads might be traced with advantage, i. e. from the last Settlements of Frampton to the Source of the Saint John ; thence from Pilet to that River ; perhaps one from the rear Settlements of River Ouelle or Sainte Anne, which together with the Témiscouata Road, would offer sufficient communications to the Saint John ; and some deviation might be made to the latter Road towards its Southern extremity, to avoid the mountainous Country over which it now passes, and which has been ascertained by Travellers.

Q. If the Exploring Survey alluded to was confined to that part of the Country lying between the old Seigniorial Settlements and the River Saint John, including that River and the Lands on its immediate Borders or Vicinity, would it not considerably diminish the Expense ?

A. Yes ; and I believe that for such an Exploring Survey, comprising the tracing of the necessary Roads as before stated, a Sum of about One thousand to Twelve hundred Pounds would cover all Expenses.

Mr. *Pierre Chasseur* was called in and examined : Last September, in company with Mr. S. Neilson, I descended along the North Shore of the River Saint Lawrence with the intention of exploring the Tract of waste Land which is situated beyond Malbaie, in order to ascertain and collect the various natural productions which abound there.

From Malbaie as far as a little River which is 12 Leagues distant from that place, and which is called Duck River, a continuous chain of Mountains extends from the Bank of the Saint Lawrence to a great distance Northwards. The irregular Mountains form an uninterrupted mass of primitive Rocks, the barren aspect of which exhibits Nature without attire. Their Surface perfectly exposed offers no vestige of Vegetation, and over their Summit are scattered a few low Trees. Among those immense Rocks I gathered several specimens of Iron Ore which is abundant there. There are also vast Quarries of Lime Stone which predominates in that Tract. The Specimens are in my Museum, and will be submitted to the Committee if desired.

I beg to inform the Committee that among the Rocks last mentioned I remarked a calcarious Rock consisting of several Beds, and which appeared perfectly to resemble the kind of Stone at present used in Lithography. Under that impression, and in order to satisfy myself respecting its utility I have forwarded a Specimen of it to the Secretary of the So-