

A P P E N D I X (A.)

cending the capes should lead to and terminate at the said Côte de la Friponne. Others again and especially the Gentlemen of the Seminary insisted that the said Road or Path should be continued along the Cordon between the Concession near the River, and that higher up in the Parish of St. Joachim upon the heights of the Mountain called "Lamiche," to descend at some place situate near the Church of the said Parish. The reasons in support of the several projects appearing equally balanced, I felt it to be my duty to apply to His Excellency the Administrator in Chief in order to obtain the appointment of a Surveyor who, according to my instructions, and under the direction of Guides previously charged by the persons interested with examining the ground, should proceed upon these several Lines, and whose plans and observations should definitively govern our choice, which having been acceded to by His Excellency, I caused the said Surveyor so appointed to be accompanied by a person equally skilled in knowledge of grounds and in the erection of Bridges, in case they should be necessary, and by a number of Assistants sufficient for accelerating and facilitating his operations. The result of these preliminary measures was that the direction universally, (except in the instance of the Gentlemen of the Seminary) recognized, as being that which is the most convenient and advantageous to the Public at large, as well as to the persons interested, was that which, commencing at the Village of St. Antoine, terminates at the said Côte de la Friponne, as represented upon the Surveyor's Plan in His Excellency's possession,

I therefore determined to adopt the direction aforesaid, but as I foresaw there would occur much difficulty in compelling the persons mentioned in the Procès Verbal of Mr. Taschereau, to perform personal labour, and the means proposed for obviating these difficulties would produce delay of which the termination could not be foreseen, I determined to cause the said Road to be opened *à l'entreprise*, and contracted, with the consent of His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, with *Ithamar Goodenough*, recommended by a respectable person, to open Eighteen Miles of the said Road, beginning at St. Antoine, for the Sum of £750 Currency, and with François Martineau for the remainder of the said Road and the Côte de la Friponne, being in the

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