

safe from hostile aggression, and with that rapidity which the use of steam-boats ensures, then it is humbly submitted that on all these points the undertaking of this Company is most closely connected with those extensive measures of defence which are now in progress in Halifax, and that it will tend in a very essential degree to the security of these important possessions.

Yet further your memorialists are enabled to state, that were the canal open, the expenditure now making by His Majesty's Government at Halifax would be considerably diminished, by the very reduced prices at which building materials would be furnished to the departments here, these existing in great abundance on the canal line, within a short distance from Halifax; for the naval yard also, supplies of valuable pine, oak and other timber, from that quarter, would be immediately obtained, and at nearly one fourth part of the price which on several occasions have, owing to the expense of transportation, been actually paid for timber brought from thence for the public service in this port.

Your memorialists have been informed, that in the case of the Welland Canal Company, in Upper Canada, a work, although more expensive, not as long as the Shubenaccadie Navigation, and perhaps in many points of view not more useful, His Majesty's Government was pleased to secure to itself, in return for a portion of the assistance conferred, the right of passage toll free, for ever, for troops, stores and articles for the public service: the like privileges your memorialists, in behalf of this Company, freely offer to His Majesty's Government, if it should be thought advisable to acquire it for the public, and on such terms as your Lordships may deem an equivalent therefor. They have also understood that the operations of that Company have been otherwise and very extensively assisted.

Under similar circumstances, prosecuting a most useful public work in a new country where sufficient capital cannot be obtained, and confident that the interests of this province are, equally with those of Canada, objects of attention to your Lordships, your memorialists respectfully solicit the favour and support of your Lordships to the enterprize of the Shubenaccadie Canal Company, and humbly pray that your Lordships will be pleased, in such manner as shall be deemed proper on this occasion, to grant to the Company that assistance which will enable your memorialists, by obtaining the necessary funds, to prosecute the important objects they have undertaken, and to bring their enterprize to an early and successful termination.

By order, and in presence of the Board,

Halifax, }
20th May 1829. }

(signed)

Michael Wallace, President,
Charles R. Fairbanks, Secretary.

Copy of TREASURY MINUTE, dated 31st August, 1829.

READ letter from Mr. Hay, dated 27th ult., transmitting, by direction of Secretary Sir George Murray, copy of a despatch from Lieutenant General Sir Peregrine Maitland, enclosing the memorial of the Shubenaccadie Canal Company, which has been established in the province of Nova Scotia by an Act of the Legislature of that province, for the purpose of uniting by a canal the harbour of Halifax with the basin of Mines, praying the assistance of His Majesty's Government to enable them to complete that important work, in which considerable progress has already been made, and Mr. Hay states that Sir George Murray is induced to recommend the memorial of the Directors of the Shubenaccadie Canal Company to the favourable consideration of my Lords.

Read also a letter from the Secretary to the Admiralty, dated 1st instant, transmitting, by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, copy of a letter and its enclosures from Rear Admiral Sir Charles Ogle, the commanding officer on the Halifax Station, recommending to the notice of the Lords of the Admiralty the application of the Directors of the Shubenaccadie Canal, by which it is proposed to form a direct water communication between the town of Halifax and the Bay of Funday.

Acquaint Mr. Hay, for the information of Secretary Sir George Murray, that my Lords are anxious to promote the completion of the work in question, from an opinion of its utility, and from regard to a province distinguished for its loyalty and attachment to His Majesty.