

LETTER

Of Instructions, signed respectively by the Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners and the Chairman of a Committee of Citizens on Harbour improvement, handed to Mr. TRAUTWINE, on his undertaking the duty of examining into and reporting upon Dock and Harbour accommodation.

MONTREAL, 15th July, 1858.

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SIR,—

We have the honor to convey to you the views which the Harbour Commissioners, acting in concert with a Committee of Citizens, have adopted as a guide for you in the investigations which you have undertaken to make on the subject of Harbour improvement and of Dock accommodation in this city.

It may be well to inform you that the citizens have been much divided in opinion upon these questions—especially upon that of Docks; and that two projects have been very prominently before the public—the one favoring Hochelaga Bay and the other Point St. Charles, as a site for Docks.

On the subject of improving and extending the present Harbour, a general desire seems prevalent to accomplish that object, and any difference of opinion which now exists on that point is simply as to the plan to be adopted, and the cost which it may