

lowed to propose myself as a Candidate for this appointment. I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,
PETER FLEMING,
Civil Engineer.

Cornwall, 21st May, 1836.

Moved by Mr. Jones.—That as Benjamin Wright, Esquire, Consulting Engineer, and J. B. Mills, Esquire, late Resident Engineer on the St. Lawrence Canal have recommended the employment of Captain Phillpotts, the Board do hereby appoint him as Resident Engineer in the place and with the salary of his predecessor.

Which was carried.

YEAS—Messrs.		
Jones,	Hamilton,	Vankoughnet,
MacDonell.		
NAYS—Messrs.		
Norton,	Shaver.	

Moved by Mr. Jones.—That in the absence of Mr. Mills, late Resident Engineer, and Mr. Roderique, Assistant Engineer, the services of Mr. Berford as Agent cannot be dispensed with, with a due regard to the interests of the service, and that therefore he be continued as Agent for the present year.

Which was carried.

YEAS—Messrs.		
Jones,	Hamilton,	Vankoughnet,
MacDonell.		
NAYS—Messrs.		
Norton,	Shaver.	

Ordered, That the Agent be directed to proceed forthwith to the settlement of such claims as have been made upon the Board, and to exercise his discretion in making such settlements, referring to the Board for their decision such claims as he cannot satisfactorily liquidate, and reporting the adjustment of all claims for the sanction of the Board.

Ordered, That the Agent be directed to make enquiries respecting the character and abilities of Mr. James Ross as an overseer to superintend the quarrying of stone for hydraulic lime at Massina in order to prevent the preparation of a spurious article, and to employ him for that purpose if he shall think it advisable, paying particular attention himself from time to time to the correct discharge of his duty and to the quality of the article delivered for use.

Ordered, That the Secretary be authorised to arrange the accounts of the Engineer Department with Mr. Mills up to the time of his departure from the service of the Board.

Resolved unanimously, That the first blank in the last resolution of the meeting of the 10th, 11th and 12th instant, be filled up with 10 per cent., and the other blank with 30 per cent.

At a meeting of the Commissioners, held at Cornwall on the 7th and 8th June, 1836.

Present.—Honorable PHILIP VANKOUGHNET,
GEORGE LONGLEY, } Esqrs.
PETER SHAYER,
JOHN MACDONELL. }

In the absence of the President, the Hon. Philip Vankoughnet took the Chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read.

The Books, Accounts of Disbursements and Vouchers, were examined and approved.

The monthly Estimate of work was submitted and ordered to be paid.

The Report of Mr. J. B. Mills (late Resident Engineer) upon a claim submitted by Mr. Peter Anderton, Contractor for Sec. No. 11, was read as follows:

JONAS JONES, Esquire.

Sir,

I have carefully examined the memorial of Mr. Anderton, and conclude he is entitled to be reimbursed on the three items following:

1st. Detention.

2d. On earth supplied for backing up the wall while building.

3d. On the raising of a certain portion of the excavation to an extra height in carrying it into bank.

It would have been quite possible for Mr. Anderton to have completed his work in 1835, but I certainly do not think he would have done it had the wall not been built. I think, however, that he would have completed his work very early this year, therefore I think he is on this account to be paid £200.

The work referred to in the second item was necessary, and inevitably caused extra expense; the quantity concerned in this item is 9120 yards on which I propose 2d. extra, = £76.

The third item Mr. Anderton thinks would amount "to 7-10ths the excavation opposite the wall." I think this would be too much, and therefore estimate it at 3-5ths. I think Mr. A. places an undue stress upon this item. I know his views of this work, but could not get my ideas to advance at an equal pace with his. I conclude to put it at 1d. advance. The number of yards that will be effected by this arrangement will be 46,000, which at 1d. per yard equals £193 15 0
Detention 200 0 0
9120 yards extra work at 2d. 76 0 0

£469 15 0

Making a total of four hundred and sixty-nine pounds, fifteen shillings, to be allowed to Mr. Anderton.

Respectfully submitted by

J. B. MILLS.

Cornwall, 27th May, 1836.

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred and sixty-nine pounds, fifteen shillings, as recommended in the foregoing Report, be paid to Mr. Anderton.

The Report of Mr. J. B. Mills upon the claim submitted by R. & P. McKay, was read as follows:

JONAS JONES, Esquire, President, &c.

Sir,

I have given due attention to the communication from Messrs. R. & P. McKay. It is true that Lock No. 4 has been moved from its original location, where, as they say, "it was distinctly stated and understood that the Lock was to be formed." It was fairly "understood" from the plans that the Lock was to be where it was originally, but it was, I think, distinctly stated, that the Lock would be moved farther down; however this may be, it was moved before they had done any work towards it. I will refer to their bill. The first item is the excavation. On this they certainly are entitled to a difference, but I think not so great as they have claimed. They say 6d. extra; Mr. Wright says 3d.; I think 4d. will be fair: 11,150 yards at 4d. = £185 16s. 8d. On the item for extra hauling of timber and plank, I shall not allow any thing, as the present site of the Lock is as convenient, even more so, to the point from which these articles were drawn, as the original one; the most of their timber and plank was delivered on the bank of the river below Potash Point. On the 4th item it would be fair to allow something, though I consider it rather a forced claim. On the extra hauling of stone, cement, sand, &c.—what has been done, and what is to be done, £50.

The three last items which relate to clearing the Lock-pit of water is to be offset by what it would have cost the Messrs. McKay to have cleared their work of water at the former site. This would have involved 3437 yards of excavation, which from the depth and narrowness of the work I shall put at 9d. per yard making £128 18s. 3d. The amount of the three items in their Bill is £112 1s., and also some expense must have been incurred in maintaining said drain, and after all bailing in the lower part of the Lockpit would have been necessary. I come to the conclusion therefore that they have no claim on this account.

To be allowed £185 16s. 8d. and £50 = £235 16s. 8d.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
J. B. MILLS.

Cornwall, 28th May, 1836.

Ordered, That the sum of £235 16s. 8d. as recommended in the foregoing Report, be paid to the Messrs. R. & P. McKay.

The Report of Mr. J. B. Mills upon a claim submitted by the Lock Contractors, was read as follows:

JONAS JONES, Esquire, &c.

Sir,

A communication from the Lock Contractors addressed to the Board of Commissioners has been put into my hands, that I may report upon it according with my views; the ad-