

At a respectable Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, assembled at the Niagara Hotel on the 5th September, for the purpose of taking into consideration and adopting measures to obtain an immediate survey of the River St. Lawrence.

The honorable Thomas Clark, was called to the Chair.

William Hamilton Merritt Esq., appointed Secretary.

When it was Resolved that, this Meeting having long witnessed the vexatious; delay and heavy expence attending the navigation of the St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Prescot, and being satisfied that a perfect Canal Navigation can be made between those places, at a moderate expence, compared with the object of the undertaking, do recommend a Subscription to be opened immediately, in both Provinces for the purpose of employing a scientific and practical Engineer or Engineers, to explore that, and make out an estimate of the expence of constructing a Canal, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, or otherwise as may prove most eligible—in order that the same may be laid before the Legislatures of the two Provinces at the next Session of their respective Legislatures.

Resolved, That the Honorable Thomas Clark, James Muirhead, Robert Grant, John Ross and W. Hamilton Merritt Esquires, compose a committee for the purpose of opening, a correspondence in various quarters—employing Engineers and carrying the intentions of this meeting into effect,

THOMAS CLARK, *Chairman.*

HAMILTON MERRITT, *Secretary.*

At a Meeting of the Committee, appointed by the Inhabitants of this District, on the 6th instant, for the purpose of carrying their intentions into effect.—The Hon. T. Clark, of Stamford, was appointed Chairman, W. Hamilton Merritt, Esq. Secretary, and John Ross, Esq. Treasurer.

Resolved, That Mr. John Clowes, Engineer, be appointed to collect and receive Subscriptions from various quarters, of the purpose of obtaining a correct survey of the River St. Lawrence, and that as soon as a sufficient sum be obtained, Mr. Clowes is to commence the said Survey.

Resolved, That if our funds will permit we will, employ another Engineer, to examine and estimate the same Route, in order that the most satisfactory information may be laid before the Legislatures of the two Provinces at their next Session.

Resolved, That the Committee, communicate with the following Gentlemen, and solicit their co-operation in the undertaking, viz :

Hon. J. Irving, Noah Freer, John Steward Esquires, Messrs. Gillespie, Finlay & Co. Quebec.—J. Fleming, George Moffat, John Forsyth, Esq's Montreal.—Charles Jones, & Bill Flint Esquire, Brockville —John M'Cauley & John Kerby Esq's Kingston.—Henry I. Boulton, W. Boulton, and J. M'Canly, Esq., York.—James Crooks, Esquire, Flambro.—William Crooks, Grimsby.—James Gordon, Esq., Amherstburgh—and any other Gentleman they may conceive necessary.

Resolved, That all communications on the subject be transmitted, to the Secretary, and whatever money may be collected by the different Committees, be paid to Mr. John Clowes Engineer, or sent to the Treasurer, at Niagara.

THOMAS CLARK,  
JAMES MUIRHEAD,  
ROBERT GRANT,  
JOHN ROSS,  
W. H. MERRITT.