

Correspondence
relative to the
Canal Communi-
cation in Canada.

Government to keep in their own hands, and settle the Emigrants on them immediately, by giving Fifty acres to each at a low rent per annum; this would produce a dense population, and if they proved good settlers they might be moved to lots of 200 acres, and their fifty acres let to fresh emigrants; but on the present system the emigrants have no where to settle, and numbers wander to me in a starving state, asking for land, and when they are shown the back concessions, being afraid to encounter the wilderness, they pursue their journey until they reach the United States, which I trust my project would in a great measure check.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,

(signed) *John By,*
Lt Col. R. Eng.

No. 129.—LETTER from *R. W. Hay, Esq.* to the Hon. *James Stewart,*
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Downing-street, 2 Feb. 1831.

I AM directed by Viscount Goderich to transmit to you the copy of a letter from Mr. Byham, stating, by desire of The Master General and Board of Ordnance, that the undermentioned Sums will be required for carrying on the Works of the Rideau and Grenville Canals, in the present year; viz.

For the Rideau	£. 256,782
For the Grenville, and other Canals on the Ottawa	40,000
	<u>£. 296,782</u>

I am to request that you will lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, acquainting their Lordships, that Lord Goderich is disposed to recommend that Estimates for the whole sum proposed by the Ordnance, however large the amount, should be submitted to Parliament; and thus the necessity may be avoided of continuing the expenditure of public money, not voted by Parliament, on Works which from their advanced state may be expected to be completed in August next.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

R. W. Hay.

No. 130.—LETTER from *R. Byham, Esq.* to *R. W. Hay, Esq.*
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Office of Ordnance, 24 Jan. 1831.

THE Master General and Board of Ordnance having taken into consideration the question as to the sums which will be required for carrying on the Works of the Rideau Canal and Grenville Canal in the present year, for which services the money is not voted in the Ordnance Estimates;

I am directed to acquaint you therewith, for Viscount Goderich's information; and to request you will submit to his Lordship, that upon considering the necessary reports and documents upon this subject, the two following Sums are those which the Master General and Board suggest should be voted in the Colonial Estimate for the year 1831, the works being all in progress and reported to be indispensably necessary; viz.

For the Rideau	£. 256,782
For the Grenville, and other Canals on the Ottawa	40,000
	<u>£. 296,782</u>

I have, &c. &c.

(signed) *R. Byham.*