

The expenditure likely to be incurred in the construction of the works proposed upon the present plan is stated in the Commanding Engineer's papers appended to this memorandum.

(Signed) R. D. JACKSON.

Memoranda of the probable expense of defences for Montreal and the Frontier between the Richelieu and the St. Lawrence, having the Line of 45° for the Base and Sorel for the Apex of the Triangle.

Posts.	Expense.		
	No. 1.*	No. 2.†	
Montreal . .	£. 315,122	£. "	According to the project of the committee.
"	"	7,000	By a chain of posts.
St. John's . .	"	3,984	For restoring the old work, and forming a new river front, exclusive of 1,160 <i>l.</i> for proposed tête de Pont at St. Athanase.
"	"	12,613	Giving casemated cover in a cavalier, or for 300 men, and improving the trace of the old work by placing three ravelins on the land fronts.
Chateauguay .	40,000	"	According to the project of the committee.
"	"	2,000	Earthen redoubt and batteries on Nuns Island, but no cover for troops or stores.
"	"	13,000	Redoubt with a cavalier, affording bomb-proof cover for 200, and tower and batteries on Nuns Island.
Laprairie . .	"	1,200	No provision is made for the cover of troops or stores in these last posts, as it is imagined they would be temporarily put up in existing buildings, either public or private. The works proposed are field-works of a respectable profile, well palised and fraised; to be executed by military working parties. The value of the land is not included.
Longueuil . .	"	1,200	
Sorel	"	1,500	
Cascades . .	"	1,200	
Bout de l'Isle.	"	1,200	
St. Helen's .	"	150	

* Works not proposed in this Memorandum.

† Works submitted for consideration.

March 24, 1840.

(Signed) J. OLDFIELD,
Lieut.-Col. Commanding Royal Engineers.

No. 7.

J. Stephen, Esq., to R. Byham, Esq.

Sir,

Downing Street, April 24, 1840.

I AM directed by Lord John Russell to transmit to you herewith, in original, a confidential despatch from the Right Honourable C. Poulett Thomson, inclosing a memorandum upon the state of Montreal, and its immediate frontier, together with a map, illustrative of the suggestions therein contained; and I am to request that you would move the Master-General and Board of Ordnance to take into their earliest consideration the place of defence for Montreal and its vicinity, as proposed by the Commander of the Forces, and state that, if the views of that officer meet with the concurrence of the Master-General, it appears to Lord John Russell that it would be advisable to lay an estimate before Parliament, and ask for a sum of 25,000*l.*, in the present year, for this service, independently of any sums required next year for other fortifications.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. STEPHEN.

P.S. It is requested that the inclosures may be returned.