Having thus heard the explanations on this point, I felt myself bound to attend to the objections of the honourable Mr. Richardson, and accordingly proceeded to the discussion of what part of the revenue was to be assigned to Upper Canada, the issue of which I have had the honor to transmit in the award of the Arbitrators.

All which is humbly submitted.

[Signed] York, 15th Sept. 1825. J, BABY,

Arbitrator for Upper Canada.

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Montreal, Lower Canada. July 23rd, 1825.

Sir,

In pursuance of the directions of the Statute 3d. Geo: 4. Chap. 119, we have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency herewith, our award as Arbitrators, under that Statute for ascertaining the proportion of duties to be paid to Upper Canada for four years, next succeeding the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient Humble Servants,

(Signed)

(Signed)

WARD CHIPMAN, Third Arbitrator.

J. BABY, Arbitrator for Upper Canadas

To His Excellency Major General Sir Peregrine Maitland, &c. &c. &c. True Copy. G. HILLIER.

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## BURLINGTON BAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in North America, &c. &c. &c.

The Commissioners appointed by your Excellency in conformity to the provisions of two several acts of the Legislature of this Province for making a navigable canal between Burlington Bay and Lake Ontario,

## MOST RESPECTFULLY REPORT.

That, since our last Report, the season has been unfavorable for active operation, and although it was supposed at the time it was made, that the driving of piles must be delayed till the operation of the dredging machine so far reduced the strata of land as to facilitate that operation; yet the anxiety of the contractors to get forward with the undertaking induced them to persevere in driving them through the whole body of sand, which composes the dividing ridge between Lake Ontario and Burlington Bay, and have succeeded to the extent of about eighty feet, at two places; a considerable length of block work has also been put down in Burlington Bay, indeed as much as could be done without the dredging machine; but the difficulty of driving piles through a body of sand sixteen feet deep (across the beach) is so great, that it is now proposed to be abandoned, except at either side and at both ends of the cut so as to secure them, and then to reduce this body of sand so as to render the work more easily to be done, as was mentioned in a former report, and to also open a passage for vessels as speedi ly as possible, finishing the sides of the canal at a future period, without interfering with its usefulness in the mean time; and, as the irons for the dredging machine have arrived from Albany, and the different craft necessary to its use are nearly completed, a short time will suffice to bring it into operation.

The block work sunk last fall, in Lake Ontario, has not withstood the winter storms so well as was expected; more, however, from its limited length and unfinished state, than from such a work not being adequate to meet the violence of the waves and ice. A new break-water is now framing, and the remains of the former one will be used to secure the centre of it; and as the season has now arrived when work can be done in Lake Ontario, and a sufficient quantity of timber being provided to complete the whole work, we do not anticipate any delay in the progress of it.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

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JAMES CROOKS, ROBERT NELLES. JOHN WILLSON, MANUEL OVERFIELD. W. CHISHOLM.

Burlington Bay, 7th May, 1825.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Buth, Licutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, Sec. &c. &c.

The Commissioners appointed by your Excellency in conformity to the provisions of two several acts passed by the Legislature of this Province, for making a navigable canal between Burlington Bay and Lake Ontario,

## MOST RESPECTFULLY REPORT,

That the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, wishing to avail themselves of the professional abilities of Mr. Hall, the Engineer employed by us, to superintend the Burlington Bay Canal, we, upon his employing a person of respectability to act in his absence, readily assented to his paying those Provinces a visit, which we understand has been advantageous to them; and, although his journey