

from the latter to Quebec is about sixty-five leagues, and the Post Master here can inform as to the remaining distance.

Q.—Have you at any time and when explored the Country, lying between the Great Falls of St. John and the old settlements on the South shore of the St. Lawrence at or near Kamouraska.

A.—Yes, I did so in the winter of 1787 and 1788, and subsequently seven or eight times, but only as a Common Traveller from Ristigouche to Quebec, striking the St. John a few miles above the Great-falls, thence across *Temiscouata* Lake and the Portage, out to the Parish *St. André*, on the South shore of the St. Lawrence, about thirty eight leagues below Quebec.

Q.—Did you ever explore the Country lying between the Parish of *Mitis* on the St. Lawrence, and the head of the *Baie* of *Chaleur*, and if so at what time and upon what occasion?

A.—I had this Route explored in the months of December and January of the years 1821 and 1822 as one of the Commissioners for the Internal Communications of the Inferior District of Gaspé, for the express purpose of ascertaining a Route of Communication between the Parish of Little *Mitis*, situate about sixty-four leagues below Quebec on the South shore of the St. Lawrence, and the head of the Bay of *Chaleurs*, as was contemplated by a Grant of £1000 from the Legislature of this Province, to open a Road between these two points, a distance of about one hundred miles.

Q.—State particularly the Expense of the said exploring, the number of men, & the time employed & generally the circumstances and manner of it, and the practical results to which you came?

A.—As one of the Commissioners for the Internal Communications of the Inferior District of Gaspé in December 1821, I fitted out a well chosen party of four white men and two Indians, who were employed in exploring the before mentioned Tract during the period of thirty-six days, which with the Report of their proceedings; together with a Map and description of the Tract of Country they explored cost one hundred and sixty-three Pounds, a Copy of which Report and description being voluminous, I herewith submit, as also the above mentioned Map for further particulars.

Q.—What is the most convenient, effectual, and least Expensive mode of exploring a New Country, with a view of making a Road through it, giving the details of the number of persons to be employed, the time that the exploring would take, the circumstances which might shorten or lengthen that time, and the Expenses per day?

A.—This question can only be answered as it merits, when the importance, extent and description of the Road is known; say for