

LETTER from the Right hon. J. W. Croker, to G. Dawson, Esq. &c. &c. Treasury.

Sir,

Admiralty Office, August 1st, 1829.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith copy of a letter and its enclosures from Rear Admiral Sir Charles Ogle, the Commander-in-Chief on the Halifax Station, recommending to their Lordships notice the application of the Directors of the Shubenaccadie Canal (by which it is proposed to form a direct water communication between the town of Halifax and the Bay of Funday) to the protection of His Majesty's Government, and I am to request you will lay the same before the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, for their information and determination.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

*J. W. Croker.*

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LETTER from Sir Charles Ogle, bart. to the Right hon. J. W. Croker.

Sir,

Hussar, in Halifax Harbour, 26th May 1829.

IN submitting to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the enclosed address, with its accompanying memorial, map, plan, estimate and abstract, from the Directors of the Shubenaccadie Canal, I beg you will state to their Lordships, that I have taken some pains to make myself acquainted with the details, and have visited the line of works now carrying on, which I consider well executed.

Impressed with the importance of this loyal province to His Majesty in every relation with the United States of America, I cannot but view a free communication with Halifax from the Bay of Funday, both as regards its own supplies, as well as our maritime necessities, and the facility of succouring the neighbouring province, by transporting troops, naval stores, &c. as objects of deep interest to the United Kingdom, and therefore humbly recommend the prayer of the memorialists to the favourable consideration of their Lordships.

The advantage to His Majesty's government of securing the right of passage toll free, appears to me, in the event of war, of great consequence; and I beg to refer their Lordships to the agents, Messrs. Bainbridge and Fairbanks, for such further information as they may require.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Cha. Ogle.*

Rear Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

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To Sir Charles Ogle, baronet, Rear Admiral of the Red, and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the North American Station.

Sir,

WE, the Directors of the Shubenaccadie Canal Company, respectfully beg to state, that for the purpose of soliciting the support of the Right honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to the undertaking in which the Company are employed, a memorial has been addressed to their Lordships, which we have now the honour to submit.

By opening, from the centre of the province, from Halifax to the bason of Mines an inland navigation, safe, cheap and expeditious, it is admitted that the advantages possessed by this port as a naval station will be greatly extended. The works have hitherto proceeded successfully, and for their completion requiring those funds which this province cannot yet supply. To obtain these we now ask the assistance both of their Lordships and of His Majesty's Government, under the confident belief that an enterprize of acknowledged utility, and of the first importance to this town, will be favoured with the same aid which has been so liberally afforded in other cases.

The nature of this canal navigation, its value in reference to the naval yard here, its connection with the military defence of these provinces, are, with the appreciations of the Company, intended to be submitted to His Majesty's Govern-