

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT OF NIAGARA. 1791—1793.

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On May 3, 1791, an important meeting of the Land Board was held at Niagara, at which the Hon. Robert Hamilton, John Warren, John McNab, John Burch and Robert Kerr were present. A letter from Henry Motz was read, enclosing an Order in Council authorizing the augmentation of the Board by the appointment of the four latter gentlemen as new members and its continuance from May 1, 1791, to June 1, 1793. The following resolution was then passed with reference to the river road:

"The Board having observed that the intention of the Government, in keeping roads along the river from the Landing to Chippawa Creek, has not been attended to by the inhabitants occupying those lands and who cannot be ignorant of a chain being left by the surveyors for that purpose, the Board order that as soon as the present crops are got in the people do then move their fences and open the road to the breadth of the chain of which the clerk is directed to give them notice."

On the 9th of August the Governor General referred to the Committee for Inland Navigation and Commerce, the proposals which had been received for the carriage of Government stores from the new landing place to Chippawa Creek by this road from Philip Stedman, Jr., who had been the contractor for some time past for the same service on the right bank of the river, and from Robert Hamilton, George Forsythe, John Burch and Archibald Cunninghame. Stedman offered to transport all kinds of stores and provisions over "the carrying place of Niagara" at the rate of one shilling