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tended to swell the amount of actual disbursements considerably beyond the amount of the original estimate.

Nevertheless, there has been no misapplication of the funds, for the money is all satisfactorily accounted for, as it has been all regularly disbursed on work done, or services honestly rendered in pursuance of fair agreements. Nor has there been any mismanagement in the execution of the work; for it is evident to all men who may choose to inspect the work, that it has been executed in a manner which can scarcely be excelled.

In England itself, where science is so exact, method so perfect, and competition so active, we believe that engineers as well as contractors frequently contrive to make ample fortunes in the construction of canals and other public works; whereas upon the Long Saut Canal, neither contractors nor engineers have obtained more than a moderate remuneration for their labour.

We humbly entreat Your Majesty's gracious indulgence towards Your Majesty's petitioners, who have ventured thus to submit to Your Majesty this necessary vindication of their conduct and character, which they have had the pain to find assailed by a hand from which a blow was not to have been expected.

Your Majesty's petitioners therefore beg leave humbly to state to Your Majesty, that they have acted faithfully and justly as commissioners, and that they do not merit the imputations contained in the Report made to Your Majesty by the Right honourable the Earl of Durham; and humbly assuring Your Majesty of their true loyalty, and of their most fervent wishes that Your Majesty may enjoy a lengthened reign of happiness and glory over a prosperous and united empire, Your Majesty's petitioners will ever pray.

(signed)

Jonas Jones.

John M. Donald.

John Hamilton.

John Macaulay.

P. Van Koughnet.

George Longley.

Peter Shaver.

James Sampson.

James Morris.

Toronto, 4th day of May 1839.

Gentlemen,

Government House, 9 May 1839.

THE Lieutenant-governor has directed me to acquaint you, in reply to your communication of the 4th instant, that he will avail himself of an early opportunity of transmitting the petition which you have been induced to address to Her Majesty, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Reposing, himself, the highest confidence in your integrity and zeal for the good of the country, his Excellency very much regrets that any observations should have been introduced into the Earl of Durham's Report, founded on erroneous information, respecting the conduct and management of the work of the St. Lawrence Canal, which you consider injurious to your characters, and extremely painful to your feelings.

At the same time his Excellency has the fullest assurance, that whenever the true facts of the case shall be fairly brought under the notice of the Earl of Durham, there will be the strongest disposition on the part of his Lordship to view them with the strictest impartiality, and the most rigid regard to justice.

I have, &c.

(signed)

R. A. Tucker.

Prov^t Secretary.

To the Honourable Mr. Justice Jones, and the other Gentlemen who have acted as Commissioners for the Construction of the St. Lawrence Canal.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant Governor Sir George Arthur, K. C. H.
to the Marquess of Normanby.

(No. 138.)

Government-House, Toronto,
10 June 1839.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your Lordship's information the printed copy of the "Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, on the Report of the Right honourable the Earl of Durham, Her Majesty's late Governor-in-Chief of British North America."

I have, &c.

(signed)

Geo. Arthur.

Sir G. Arthur to
the Marquess
of Normanby,
10 June 1839.