

40 APPENDIX TO REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE

possibility of future unauthorized expenditure; and that this Department will lose no time in giving effect to such arrangements and orders as the Lords Commissioners may consider most suitable to the case. The Board beg to draw the attention of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in an especial manner to the contents of Sir Alexander Bryce's Letter, from an impression, that if Funds are not speedily provided for the maintenance of the Canal by the Colonial Legislature in Canada, no time ought to be lost in deciding upon and regulating all charges for repairs in the interim, in order that unauthorized future expenditure may, under any possible circumstances, be effectually guarded against.

(signed) T. F. K.

I approve,

29th May 1832.

(signed) J. K.

Ordered accordingly.

Appendix, No. 6.

LETTER from the Right Hon. T. Spring Rice to the Secretary of the Ordnance, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 9th June 1832.

HAVING laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your Letter of the 26th ult., I have it in command to acquaint you, that My Lords entirely concur in opinion with the Master General and Board of Ordnance, that it is of essential importance that precise Instructions should be given with respect to the future management of the Rideau Canal, and to the mode of defraying the expense of its maintenance and repair, and that My Lords will have this important branch of the subject under their consideration as soon as the Select Committee of The House of Commons now sitting by direction of the House, upon the subject of the expenditure already incurred, shall have made any Report to The House, it appearing to My Lords that the whole subject in all its branches should be considered by that Committee. In the mean time, however, and until some final arrangement shall be made, My Lords are of opinion, that the expense absolutely required to maintain the Canal, must be borne by this Country. My Lords have no means, however, of forming any judgment of the probable charge per annum which will be occasioned thereby; and as that information is necessary, not only for this Board, but also for the Select Committee of The House of Commons, My Lords request the Master General and Board will direct some of their practical Officers to prepare an Estimate of the probable amount that may be required, looking to the nature and extent of the work. My Lords entirely approve of the suggestion, that a separate and distinct account should be kept of all the Charges now to be incurred for this Canal, in the manner proposed by Sir A. Bryce, and for the reasons stated by him.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Spring Rice.

9th June 1832.

REFER to Sir A. Bryce, and that he be desired to consider the subject here mentioned, and, after consulting any Officer of Engineers whom he shall consider necessary, to prepare the best Estimate he can form of the probable Expense of maintaining the Rideau Canal, looking to the extent and nature of the work, and to lay the same before the Board with as little delay as possible.

Submit this Minute to the Master General before it is acted upon.

11th June 1832.

Approved.

T. F. K.

11th June 1832.

Ordered according to the Board's Minute of the 9th inst.

T. F. K.