

Department of Agriculture—Archives.

1825.
February 24,
York. W. Morris to Hillier. Discussion produced by the application of the president and directors of the Welland Canal Company; is much afraid that the munificent offer of the British Government will not be met in the spirit the importance of the subject demands. Suggests that a small duty on timber cut on the Crown lands would meet the interest and liquidate the principal of the sum advanced for the canal between Ottawa and Kingston. As the people on the North Shore will desire as much advantage from access to Lake Ontario as those on the south, the duty should be imposed also on timber cut there. The supply of lumber on both sides of the Ottawa will last for twenty years, and as to the objection to allowing the timber to be cut, it has been shown that, without permission, the forests in every part of the province have been divested of valuable timber. The lumber trade is the staple commerce of Canada, and every obstacle to its prosperity should be removed. The importance of the canal in event of war. Page 181
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