

Governor to expend the sum of Three Hundred Pounds upon the Main Roads in the back settlements of Colchester, and that this House will provide for the same next Session:

Which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative."

McLellan opposed this resolution and had the hardihood to say, that the expenditure was both judicious and indispensable. The House consequently rejected the application, on the plea that the members from the county disagreed among themselves. Recollect, Gentlemen, that the son of commissioner Archibald, who thus commenced an alteration, *without authority*, and which cost this county upwards of one thousand Pounds, and is yet unfinished, is the nominated colleague of G W McLellan, to represent this county, and you may then form an opinion, how things will be managed if they have the uncontrolled power to appropriate the road money of this county. They have not forgotten my past services in exposing the family Jobs of 1842 in building the Truro Bridge, the Bible-Hill Road, and Corn Hill; and they dread my humble ability to check their future designs. This is the head and front of my offence.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I regret exceedingly that I have been thus dragged forward to open a fresh old sore that should have been allowed to heal. *The* question which now ought to command the attention of every one interested in the prosperity of the county is the Railway. It has and will command my attention as the *backbone* of our future prosperity. And altho' I am decidedly of opinion that the best mode of constructing and managing it is by a Board of Directors appointed by the Government and the shareholders—yet I am ready to join in any rational scheme, that may receive the approbation of the legislature.

I am, Gentlemen, with sincere respect, your obedient servant,

JOHN ROSS.

Truro 5th May, 1851.