

[No. 4.]

I, the undersigned, having been master of several vessels on Lake Ontario, which have frequently been laying at anchor at the head of the Lake in heavy gales, do certify that I have this day examined a plan of the completion of the Burl. Canal, as drawn by Messrs Moore & Mactaggart, & am decidedly of an opinion that if their plan is adopted it will be almost impossible for vessels to enter the Canal in heavy gales without the greatest risk.—I am satisfied with the plan which is now pursued, and I think that if the south pier, if not run in a more northerly direction, will not obstruct the entrance of the Canal; but if suffered to angle across before the mouth of the channel as proposed in the above mentioned plan, the object for which the Burlington Canal was intended would be quite destroyed.

GEO. SMITH.

Burlington Canal, }
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[No. 5.]

Having examined the plan proposed by Messrs. Moore & Mactaggart, for the construction of the piers at the entrance of the harbor at Burlington Bay. I do not hesitate to state, that in my opinion, if the said plan be adopted, it will be almost impossible for vessels to enter in heavy gales from the East, or North East, which is the time the harbor is most wanted for the safety of vessels. Having frequently entered the Burlington Canal I readily give it as my opinion that if the present plan is pursued, and the direction of the piers not altered there will not be the least difficulty in making the harbour at all times, and in the worst of weather.

JOHN CAMPBELL,

Master of the *Ser. Catherine*.

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[No. 6.]

We the undersigned, are of an opinion that if Mr. Mactaggart's plan of the completion of the South pier, in Lake Ontario, be adopted, it will destroy the entrance of the Canal in bad easterly weather, as we feel confident that it will lead the channel too near the Beach, so that vessels will be obliged to anchor and beat off and on as they have formerly done, rather than risk the loss of lives and property in an Easterly gale; the entrance will be so narrow that there will be no possibility of getting in the Canal only in moderate weather.

We do approve of having the South pier extended considerably further in a direction towards the center of the Break-water or thereabouts. We