

*CERTIFICATES of Captains of vessels, as to the inexpediency of the plan proposed by Messrs. Moore & Mactaggart.*

[No. 1.]

THIS may certify that in the opinion of the subscriber the plan of the piers as exhibited on a map or draft made by Messrs. Moore and Mactaggart, and now in the possession of Mr. Stowbridge, is badly calculated, as well for facility and ease of entrance to vessels, as for permitting the sand which it is natural should be deposited at the mouth of the Canal, to be washed away by the current which is always created at this place from North to South, by an easterly wind, in consequence of the too great extension of the South pier.

HIRAM HUGUNIN,  
*Master of Schr. Aljt. Clütz.*

*Burlington Beach, May 21st, 1827.*

[No. 2.]

THIS is to certify that I have this day been requested by the Contractor of the Burlington Canal to examine Messrs. Moore & Mactaggart's plan of the proposed alterations in the construction of that work, dated 6th April, 1827. I am decidedly of opinion that should those alterations be effected, as specified in the plan, it will be dangerous and improper for any vessel to run for the harbor with an easterly gale, which are the only winds in which a good vessel cannot keep off the shore, the utility of the Burlington Canal, as a place of refuge in stormy weather, will be destroyed and I have no hesitation in saying that even in its present unfinished state it has saved much public property and many lives.

THOS. OWSTON,  
*Master Schooner Minerva.*

*Burlington, May 21st, 1827.*

[No. 3.]

THIS may certify that I have this day been requested by the Contractor of the Burlington Canal to examine Messrs. Moore & Mactaggart's plan of the proposed alteration in the construction of that work, and to give my opinion in regard to the same, and I am fully confident, should such alteration be strictly adhered to, that the use of the harbour in the time of heavy easterly winds, would altogether be destroyed thereby—and that no vessel in such weather can enter the harbour without incurring the greatest risk of property and the lives of individuals.

GEORGE ROSS,  
*Master of the Schr. Eclipse.*

*Burlington Canal, }  
May 22d, 1827. }*