

R I D E A U C A N A L.

COPY of LETTER from the SECRETARY of the ORDNANCE, dated 21st May 1832, respecting the EXPENDITURE upon the WORKS of the RIDEAU CANAL in *Canada*; together with a Copy of the TREASURY MINUTE thereon.

LETTER from *R. Byham, Esq.* to the Right Hon. *T. Spring Rice,*
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Office of Ordnance, 21st May 1832.

REFERRING you to my communications of the 17th and 20th February last, transmitting various Documents connected with the progress of an Expenditure upon the Works of the Rideau Canal;—

I have the honour, by command of the Master General and Board of Ordnance, to forward to you, for the purpose of being submitted to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, a further Letter from Lieut-Colonel By on the same subject, to which is annexed a Report from the Inspector General of Fortifications, dated the 18th instant; and, as the Papers accompanying the said Letter, are extremely voluminous and would occupy a considerable period in copying, the Master General and Board, in order to save time, are induced to send the same in original, with the Board's request that they may be returned as soon as they can be conveniently spared;—and if it should be their Lordships' desire to be furnished with Copies of those Documents, the Master General and Board will order the same to be prepared, on receiving back the Papers, with a notification of their Lordships' wish to that effect; and with any further communication which their Lordships may consider it necessary to make to this Department on the subject in question.

I have the honour, &c. &c.

(signed) *R. Byham.*

LETTER from Lieut.-Colonel *By*, Royal Engineers, to Colonel *Nicolls*,
Commanding Royal Engineers, *Canada*.

SIR,

Commanding Royal Engineer Office,
Rideau Canal, 27th Feb. 1832.

NO Notifications having been made to me, that my progress Report to the 31st December 1830, forwarded through Colonel Durnford, Royal Engineers, has been received by the Inspector General of Fortifications, I have the honour of forwarding a Duplicate of the same for the information of the Master General and Right honourable and Honourable Board, with additional sheets, showing the amount expended to the 31st December 1831, and the sum required to complete the Canal; also, an Abstract (Z.), exhibiting the Total Expenditure from the commencement of that work to the 31st December last, and the amount which will be required during the present year to complete the Water Communication; and I fully expect that the Canal will be opened throughout its whole extent by the 1st May next.

I have, &c.

(signed) *John By*, Lieut.-Colonel, Royal Engineers.
