## Department of Agriculture—Archives.

1826. April 8, London.

Lieutenant Colonel G. Macdonell to Wilmot Horton. Is the report correct that orders have been issued for the execution of the Rideau communication? His only object is to be satisfied as he was the original proposer of the work.

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April 12, London. H. J. Boulton to the same. From his constant employment on matters interesting to Canada, applies to be made a member of His Majesty's Council on his return to Canada.

April 18, London. Carmichael Smyth to the same. Called on Lieutenant Colonel Macdonnel. Was happy to meet so zealous and intelligent an officer Lieutenant Colonel By is to superintend the construction of the Rideau Canal; believes he sails next week.

April 25, Lincoln's Inn. Stuart to the same. Understands from Sir James Riddell that he (Wilmot Horton) desires information on the subject of emigration from the West Highlands. He shall have pleasure in giving information at a personal interview.

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April 26, London. H. J. Boulton to the same. Has been appointed to negotiate £100,000 currency for the Welland Canal Company. The Board of Directors desire to offer the situation of agent in London, to John Galt and to request his (Wilmot Horton's) approbation of the proceedings of the company.

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April 26, London. Knatchbull to the same. For information on the subject of a letter enclosed.

April 26, London. Strachan to Bathurst. Had come at the instance of the lieutenant governor to solicit His Lordship's co-operation in the establishment of a university. Transmits dispatch, with this letter, which will show the great importance attached to this subject by the lieutenant governor. 527

April 29.

Markland to ———. Asks for an appointment as superintendent of the post office in Upper Canada owing to his own and his father's services. Refers to testimonials.

April 29, London. Strachan to Wilmot Horton. The government of Upper Canada feels much interested in the Welland Canal as evidenced by the loan of £25,000 to accelerate the work. The inhabitants of the United States are alarmed at the effect of the superiority of the work of the Welland Canal lest it should materially interfere with the canal they have completed from Lake Erie to the Hudson.

April 29, Monaghan. P. Robinson to Wilmot Horton. Sends return of Irish settlers in the district of Bathurst, settled in 1823.

April 29, London. Rolph to Wilmot Horton. Has come from Upper Canada to vindicate the conduct of himself and friend from imputations for the part they have taken on some questions of importance to the colony. Desires also to have an interview with Bathurst.

May 4, London. H. J. Boulton to ———. His reasons for not being at the committee on emigration. Cannot name a day earlier than next week for giving a regular reply to the answer of the commissioners, nor does he think Dr. Strachan could be ready earlier.

May 5, London. Bannister to Wilmot Horton. Sends some numbers of his pamphlet on emigration, confining himself strictly to practical matter and altering the cost of sending people to Canada to conform it to late experiments. He shall have no objection to take whole families to Canada; no one can take people and keep them in Canada in comfort at less cost than himself.

May 11, Winchelsea. H. Powell to the same. Owing to his wife's long illness he could not proceed to Canada to take possession of the 800 acres granted him by Batharst in February, 1823, to be in the neighbourhood of his son's 1000 acres, but he died last February at Prescott. His grantis to be assigned to trustees for the benefit of his widow and children; asks that his 800 acres may be assigned to trustees for a like purpose. Has sent persons to cultivate the land and had intended to go himself but his son's death

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