

APPENDIX (V)

after which you shall receive the necessary instructions, and in the meantime you will abstain from proceeding any further with the Road.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

MR. BENJAMIN HAYWOOD,
Commissioner of Highways, Tignish.

COUNCIL OFFICE,

CHARLOTTETOWN, 5th August, 1863.

SIR;—With reference to the new line of Road from the Western Road to Miminigash, Lot 3, I am directed to acquaint you that the attention of His Excellency in Council, has been called thereto, and that the further consideration of the subject has been deferred until the next meeting of Council; and I am especially directed to request that you will, in the mean time, abstain from proceeding any further with the Road until you shall have been fully instructed in this matter. His Excellency in Council deeming the amount at which the several contracts have been let, so very exorbitant, that it has been considered necessary that the further consideration of this matter should be deferred for the present.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

(Copy.)

TIGNISH, August 8, 1863.

SIR,—I received yours of the 5th, and in reply, I am very much surprised that there is any misunderstanding concerning the new Road. I am very sorry to say it is going to cause much trouble. The contractors have almost all been to work, more or less, and have gone pretty heavily in debt to Merchants for supplies on the strength of it; for myself, I have given orders on Merchants to the amount of Twenty-five pounds. It appears His Excellency in Council deems the contract very excessive; but as there are four large bridges to make, two of which are about 100 feet in length, and about one mile of the Road through swamp, which will have to be logged, and the remainder through solid hardwood, it cannot be done less. There were about 50 men travelled the road through with me on the day of sale, all of whom deemed the job too cheap.

I am willing to leave it to any man or men whom His Excellency in Council may choose, that are judges, to examine the Road through.

I remain, &c.,

BENJAMIN HAYWOOD, Commissioner.

CHARLES DESBRISAY, Esq., C. C.

COUNCIL OFFICE,

CHARLOTTETOWN, 19th August, 1863

SIR;—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, having had under consideration your return of the sale of the Road from the Western Road to Miminigash, Lot 3, as also your communication of the 8th instant, relative thereto, I am instructed to acquaint you that your duty was, after letting the several contracts, and before taking any action therein, to have reported the sale to the Government for their approval. You are now required to abstain from proceeding any further with these contracts until His Excellency in Council shall have come to a decision in this matter.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

MR. BENJAMIN HAYWOOD,
Commissioner of Highways, Tignish.