

upon which it was built something of the kind was expected —yet I believe it was rather heavier than anticipated.

I have been informed by Mr. Mills that it would be found necessary to remove Mr. A. Millross's house immediately, and have accordingly spoken to him on the subject. He has made a proposition which I now beg leave to submit—it is upon the usual large scale—two or three times the amount he will be likely hereafter to accept.

We have a few hands now at work, which will be estimated for at days work: these men are employed making a drain to divert the water pumped out of Lock No. 4, past Locks No. 5 and 6: they are provided for in the Lock contracts at 3s. 4d. per day. Contractors are now paying £4 per month, laborers are asking £5; and from the high wages offered upon every work south of the St. Lawrence, I do not think the Contractors can keep up a strong force for less than 5s. per day, through the season; and feeling satisfied of the great advantage that would accrue to the Province from having the work finished in the least possible time; I would humbly advise that the contractors should be assisted in such a manner as would enable them to proceed with the work, as otherwise I firmly believe many of the contracts must be thrown up.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
W. R. F. BERFORD,
Agent.

Ordered. That the sum of thirty pounds, six shillings, and sixpence, as per account submitted, be paid for cutting the drain, in the foregoing Report.

The Engineer reported verbally upon the claims of H. Pierce & Co., and S. & W. M. Fraser, submitted to the Board at its last session. He referred to his former Reports upon these claims, to which he had nothing to append.

The Engineer submitted a statement relative to the claim of R. & W. Hervey for an amount overpaid to their sub-contractor Burns, in consequence of an error in measurement, which was read as follows:

“In January last, I made some remarks upon this matter, but not having all the data concerned, it is hereby corrected. The amount of excavation estimated at sundry times to Mr. Burns was 8444 c. yds. After Mr. Burns gave up the work, the Messrs. Hervey spent 480 days' labor upon it at sundry times.

480 days at 5 yards per day, (which is as much as the average performance on Section No. 1, gives . . . 2400 yards. Of this amount there have been returned to them only 1011 “

In consequence of excess estimated to Mr. Burns, leaving according to this estimate (not measurement) Messrs. Hervey minus 1389 yards, at 7d. per yard, is £41 19s. 2d. } 1330 “

J. B. MILLS.

Cornwall, 11th May, 1836.

Ordered. That the sum of forty-one pounds, nineteen shillings, and twopence, be paid to Messrs. R. & W. Hervey in full of their claim for the amount overpaid to the sub-contractor Burns.

The Engineer submitted a Report upon the application of Martin Cassleman to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for permission to erect mills at Point Cardinal, and which was referred by His Excellency to the Commissioners.

To the Commissioners for the Improvement of the St. Lawrence Navigation.

GENTLEMEN,

I have duly considered the Petition of Mr. Martin Cassleman for leave to erect mills at Point Cardinal. Having my original plans before me of the point in question, I conclude that in view of the contemplated improvements of the St. Lawrence, no buildings can be erected there for mechanical or milling purposes.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
J. B. MILLS.

Cornwall, 11th May, 1836.

Ordered. That the Secretary forward a copy of the foregoing Report to Mr. Secretary Joseph for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Engineer submitted a report upon the application of Messieurs. George & Wm. Browse for permission to erect Mills at Les Galloppes rapids.

To the Commissioners for improving the St. Lawrence Navigation.

GENTLEMEN,

I have duly considered the Petition of the Messrs. Browse for leave to erect Mills at the Galloppes Rapids. Having my original plans by me of the points in question, I conclude that in view of the contemplated improvements of the St. Lawrence, no building can be erected there for mechanical or milling purposes.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,
J. B. MILLS.

Cornwall, 11th May, 1836.

Ordered. That the Secretary furnish Messrs. George & William Browse with a copy of the foregoing Report.

The Engineer submitted a Report accompanying an account from Messrs. R. & W. Hervey for the cost of erecting a capstan on Section No. 1, as follows:

To JONAS JONES, Esquire, *President, &c.*

SIR,

Following is the explanation of the account for the capstan on Section No. 1. Upon the question being settled that the Canal should be cut quite within the bank, along the rapid water of the Long Sault, it appeared that the stone that would be found in the excavation for the same would not be wanted at that place. As a great amount of stone was (and is) required to carry out the plans of the upper part of the section, which part would furnish very few stone, it became a question whether the stone of the lower work could not be transferred to the upper part to advantage. The manner in which the lower work was proceeding made it clear that by teams on shore would not be the best method of moving the stone, therefore I concluded that at a point above which towing could be done by a horse along the shore, a capstan could be placed by which a scow could be let down the rapid water opposite that part of the work occupied by the platforms, be loaded with stone and thus drawn up by the capstan, from which the scow could be towed to the place of destination. As the plan appeared to me to offer no difficulties, I determined to place a capstan there. I accordingly furnished Mr. Hervey with a plan of the same, and desired him to make and place it, which he did. On the 7th August, in company with Mr. Wright, an experiment with it was made, which determined that the plan would succeed well. Soon after this, by advice, it was determined not to go on with moving the stone, but throw them into the river, and get the stone for the upper part of the work, from another quarter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
J. B. MILLS.

Canal Office, Cornwall, }
April, 1836. }

Ordered. That twenty-eight pounds, fifteen shillings and eight pence, the amount of the account referred to in the foregoing Report, be paid to Messrs. R. & W. Hervey.

The Engineer submitted a communication relative to the construction of an office for the use of the Department, &c. in Cornwall, as follows:—

To JONAS JONES, Esquire, &c.

SIR,

At the last meeting of the Board, held at MoulINETTE, I was authorised to move the Canal Office to the town of Cornwall. As I did not succeed in finding a building or rooms suitable, I determined to build an office—I did accordingly, and it cost £50, which I have paid from my own funds. The ground on which the office stands is by virtue of an agreement with Mr. R. Merriam rent free to the first of July, 1836; which is two years and one month from 1st June 1836; at which date the rent of the office at MoulINETTE ceases. Will the Board be pleased to take the building off my hands, and pay me the £50.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. B. MILLS.

Cornwall, 11th April, 1836.

Ordered. That £50 be paid to Mr. Mills for the cost of the office at Cornwall.