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*Copy of a letter to Major Hillier.**Burlington Canal, Jan. 9, 1828.*

SIR,

I had the honor to receive your communication of the first of October last, in answer to the Memorial addressed by me to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, respecting the Burlington Canal. I can assure you, sir, that no person can more regret than myself, the difficulties that have arisen in prosecuting the work at this place, and that my affairs concerning this work, yet remain in an unsettled state.

I do not conceive it necessary at this time to enter into a detail of my claims, but to state to you that the proposition made to his Excellency to accomplish a general settlement, I hope may be carried into effect, and from your communication, I am convinced that it is the wish of government that my concerns with this work should be honorably and fairly adjusted.

The amount of Mr. Barthe's report last fall is £1213 9 5, and the amount of my expenditures since up to 31st December, 1827, is £4071 11 10½, making in all £16203 1 3½, and the whole amount received is £9998 0 7½, including the £2000 loaned from Government last winter, consequently I have involved myself in debt in prosecuting the work which I am unable to pay without further assistance from Government. I have received since the £2000 loaned by Government last winter, from the Commissioners £1328 0 7½, part of which was said to be paid on the report of Mr Harris as Engineer, how far that gentleman did me justice I am unable to say, as I have never seen his report.

The difficulty of making out reports by different Engineers, and at different times, and such a length of time between, while the work is progressing, is very obvious, as it is difficult for them to know what part of the work has been taken into consideration. As it is not compatible with his Excellency to have a general estimate made of the work as proposed by me in the Memorial which I had the honor to lay before him (it not being consistent with the late act,) I have therefore to request not only for my own relief, but for the relief of many others in this section of the Province who are deeply interested, that have rendered me every assistance in the progress of the work, that his Excellency the Lieut. Governor will lay the whole matter before the Legislature.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your Ob't &amp; humble servant,

(Signed.)

JAMES G. STROWBRIDGE.

Major Hillier, secretary }  
to Gov. U. C. &c. }

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