

he has no objection to appoint two Officers to meet those gentlemen you may name to take into consideration any claim for damages that you may have sustained from the public works at this place now under his superintendance. The Officers named by him, are Capt. Bolton and Capt. Yule, of the Royal Engineers. He also desires me to request you to name the day on which you will be prepared to meet the aforesaid gentlemen.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed,) J. A. HAGERMAN.

To John Le Breton, Esq.

The undersigned, having at Chitty's Tavern and at the instance of Capt. Le Breton met Capt. Bolton and Lieut. Frome for the purpose as they were given to understand of arbitrating Capt. Le Breton's claim on Government, find that Capt. Bolton and Lieut. Frome's instructions empower them only to examine into Capt. Le Breton's claim for damage done in consequence of the Rideau Canal—not to arbitrate and award—moreover Capt. Bolton and Lieut. Frome having declined to submit to the nomination of an umpire under any consideration whatever. The undersigned are under the necessity of withdrawing.

Signed, { JOHN BUCHANAN.
 { HAMNET PINHEY.

Bytown, 30th Novr. 1831.

Mr. Hagerman was called into the room and in presence of the above gentlemen was asked what was his impression when he received instructions from Lieut. Col. By to answer Capt. Le Breton's letter; his answer was—my impression was that Capt. Le Breton's claims on Government were to be finally settled by arbitration.

Query.—Can it be settled without an umpire?—*Ans.* In my opinion it cannot.

J. L. B.