

A List of all the communications on the subject of the Land taken from Mr. Sparks at Bytown, by Lieut Colonel By, that have been now found in the W. Engineer Office at this place. — Bytown. 1st Dec^r 1848.

Date	From	To	Vol. folio	Subject.
1828. Sep ^r 30	Mr. Sparks	Lieut Colonel By. C.R. &.	Rec ^d A. 136	Stating that he has received an answer to his letter of 17 th June last; referring to its contents, and that an immediate arrangement is his object in again communicating on the subject of his Land being taken, &c.
Nov ^r 8	Lieut Colonel By	Mr. Sparks	Issued B. 72	Informing him that he cannot allow of his interfering with the land he has taken under the authority of the Provincial Act, for the Rideau Canal.
Dec ^r 21	Ditto	Colonel Durnford Com ^d W. Eng ^s	do. 86	Respecting that Mr. Sparks has entered an action against him for the taking of his Land for the public Works, &c.
1829. March 13	Jonas Jones Esq ^r	Lieut Colonel By	Rec ^d A. 260	Addressing him of his being retained in an action of Law to recover the Land illegally taken from Mr. Sparks.
Do. 20	Lieut Colonel By	Colonel Durnford	Iss ^d B. 138	Enclosing a copy of J. Jones Esq ^r letter on behalf of Mr. Sparks, with one of his to the Att ^r Gen ^l : to be laid before His Excellency Sir James Kempt.
1 Do. 23	Ditto	The Attorney General a.c.	do. 136	Enclosing Mr. Jones letter on behalf of Mr. Sparks, relative to the 88 acres of Land taken from him for the use of the Rideau Canal.
Do. 28	Colonel Durnford	Lieut Colonel By	Rec ^d A. 294	Exhibiting to His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, the letter of 20 th March, respecting Mr. Sparks — with the enclosures.
April 2	S. Cooper M. S.	Colonel Durnford	do. 333	Submitting the above to His Excellency — Attorney General to be consulted.
2 June 20	Lieut Colonel By	Ditto	Issued B. 221	Transmitting to His Excellency Sir J. Kempt, a plan of the property of Mr. Sparks, and that the portion of his Land taken was necessary for a reservoir.
3 August 1	Ditto	Ditto	do. 280	On the above Subject.
" 10	Jonas Jones Esq ^r	Lieut Colonel By	do. B. 34 & 35	Copy of an Ejectment.
" 10	J. Macruman Esq ^r	Do.	do. 185	Countermarching Action of Mr. Sparks
1828. July 26	Mr. Sparks	Sir F. Bond & Brad	do.	Petition respecting his Land, see Miss. Letter Rec ^d 4836
4 April 12	Captain Bolton	J. Joseph Esq ^r Sect ^y	Iss ^d 5. 107	In answer to the above Petition, and stating that no more Land was taken than necessary for the preservation of the Works.
Sept ^r 12	Mr. Sparks	His Excellency Sir B. Brad	Rec ^d 5. 68	Petition respecting his Land taken.
Oct ^r 19	Colonel Nicolls	Capt Bolton	do. 68	Forwarding Petition of Mr. Sparks, requesting his observations thereon.
5 " 26	Capt Bolton	Colonel Nicolls	do. 302	Forwarding his observations as desired, and that a less quantity would be required for the Defence of the 8 Locks only — but for a regular Work of Defence, even more Land might be required than is taken.
1830. July 23	Sir G. Byce M. G.	Remarks upon Works of the Rideau Canal — with reference to the reservoir to be constructed at Bytown	do.	
1833. Sept ^r 21	Major Thomson	The Com ^d W. Eng ^s in Canada	Rec ^d 148	Stating that the Land taken from Mr. Sparks is necessary for the Rideau Canal.
8. Oct ^r 18	Ditto	Ditto	do. 1536	

The numbers in Red Ink, refer to those documents of which Copies or Extracts are sent herewith

(Signed) Jas^l Ringler Thomson
Major & Capt^l W. Eng^s

* Note: — Mr. Sparks' letter of 17 June '28 to Colonel By, cannot be traced.

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