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H. C. P. A.

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Minutes of 28 April and of Board's
Reference of 19 April 1277 forwarded
for the information of the Com[?]ing

Office of Ordnance
1st May 1847. 1277

W. Squires
in Canada

P. H.

3rd May 1847

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Having submitted to the Master
General and Board your Report dated
23rd ultimo, in reply to the Board's
reference of the 19th 1277, as to the
Award (£25,000 Currency) of the
Arbitrators appointed to determine
the value of the land set apart from
the property of W. Sparks at By
Town for service of the Rideau Canal.

I have the honor to acquaint you
that, under the several considerations
brought forward in the above Report,
and in that from the Commanding
Royal Engineer dated 23rd ultimo
(forwarded therewith), it appears to
the Master General and Board most
advisable, notwithstanding what
is stated by W. Elliott as grounds for

Major General Fanehaue C. B.

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contrary decision, to decline the purchase altogether of the land in question - more especially as it may at any time hereafter be taken possession of under the Canada Vesting or Riteau acts, upon payment of its then existing value, should it be really required; a contingency which appears at present to be so doubtful as scarcely to justify such an enormous outlay as the sum awarded by the Arbitrators, in anticipation of a necessity that might possibly never occur.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant

A Byrnes

P.S.

A communication
will be made by the next mail
to Sir Geo. Elliot to the foregoing
effect.

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