

Ottawa 25 Aug 1881.

Dear Dr. Harrington

Yours of 15th

was forwarded to me at Portland
as I am leaving to return here

If you have access to my Reports
on the Victoria Bridge (1853)

You will see that I there quoted
from Sir William's paper contributed
to Geological Society of London
15 June 1842.

I was very intimate
with Sir W^m during my residence
in Montreal 1851-57 and before
he had a hunchy man in his office
his work was & in my opinion
which he afterwards took Mr. Barlow.

When charged with the Bridge Survey
I consulted Sir W^m as to phenomena
on which the question hinged and ^{he} then
then supplied me with his papers of
1842 - and it was the publication

of the extracts from it in my
Report which Stephenson's
attention to it - It was not the policy
of the Grand Junction Engineers
to say too much about my report
at that time. (tho' Stephenson
at a public dinner in Montreal
alluded to it in most favorable
terms) and they preferred to have
it assumed that they were only
indebted to Sir John - of whose
paper they or I never have heard
but for my report. It was
they adopted my reasoning
& deductions which I supported
by Sir William's authority, they
built the Bridge on the site
and on the principles laid down
in my report. which was to diminish
the water way at the narrower
site of point St Charles rather

increase it by going higher up in the Laprairie
Pass - as had been done by my predecessors
Messrs Gay and Merton in two different
burveys -

I do not know if Sir William has
consulted us to the site - but I do know that
he concurred in my views as to the site and
the policy of the solid approaches, confining
the water to mid channels. If you read
my report you will I think see that there
was nothing left to them but to accept
or reject the conclusions arrived at, which
were so strongly fortified by Sir William's
paper, which however, does not allude to a
bridge question. It was entitled "Logan on
the Packing of Ice in the River St Lawrence"

You can I think find a copy of my report
in your library or with some of the older
assistants of Montreal - Mr Kennedy or Mr Pitman
but if you wish for anything further on showing
the value of Sir William's paper to the Bridge
question I should send you my copy - bound up
with other reports -

Very truly yours
John Lubbock