[illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible] mercial [illegible]
believed that [illegible]
aware of [illegible]
port she has [illegible]
will therefore probably be brought [illegible] of the [illegible]
which Norfolk is interested [illegible] in all [illegible]
interest [illegible].

[illegible] not been able to [illegible] have been [illegible]
[illegible] for surveying [illegible] by [illegible] the
[illegible] and let pressure [illegible] the immense
[illegible] of business which [illegible] paid [illegible] the close of this
[illegible] as it may have been in the town harbour bill. I will [illegible]
what can be done for it with the funds of the Bureau before I
leave town.

I purpose undertaking the survey of the branch road which you
spoke of when I was leaving Annapolis, at the time proposed by
you. Mr. Hamilton has also spoken of it in a note which I have
received from him since my return to this place. Our party will
be enough on it as it now appears to me. Should circumstances,
however, occur to render it apparently expedient to place more
force upon it the advice of the Commissioners and of yourself
will be carefully will taken on the subject. Such circumstances would
[illegible] to those only which move [illegible] themselves with
[illegible] of the work, [illegible] of the Eastern shore
[illegible] the main stem of the road [illegible] seems to me highly
[illegible] that a portion of it at least, viz: [illegible] would need
[illegible] some [illegible] contractors [illegible] be [illegible] to be located as
[illegible] impracticable. The location of the road and the preparation
[illegible] the contractors required [illegible] of time and considerations looking
to the interests of all parties and the [illegible] be more done
if the engineers are [illegible]. The [illegible]