

3. That no payments will be demanded by the General Government except for land purchased, for materials the advice of shipment of which has been received, and for work actually done.

It is understood that after the question has been discussed in the Executive, Mr. Reeves will be communicated with, with reference to the resolution to be brought before the Council.

W. KENNAWAY.

No. 11.

From Mr. MAUDE to Mr. CARRUTHERS.

Office of Resident Minister for the Middle Island,
2nd May, 1872.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Reeves to inform you that arrangements have been made with the Superintendent of Canterbury for rendering available the Provincial contribution of Forty-two Thousand Pounds towards the Canterbury Branch Railways.

The money is to be paid for materials so soon as the advice of their shipment is to hand, and also for lands purchased, and for work actually done.

I am therefore to request that you will, with all convenient speed, prepare and take the proper steps to have transmitted to the Agent-General an order (1st) for sufficient thirty-pound rails, together with the usual fastenings, &c., to lay thirty miles of railway. This, together with the former order for twenty miles, makes in all fifty miles. (2nd) For six locomotives and twelve passenger carriages, suitable to the character of the line and the weight of the rails. (3) For a quantity of wheels and axles to the value of the balance remaining.

The wheels and axles to be for railway goods wagons, the bodies and the fittings of which Mr. Reeves thinks may be manufactured in the Colony.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS WM. MAUDE, Secretary.

No. 12.

From his Honor the SUPERINTENDENT to the Hon. Mr. REEVES.

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., 2nd May, 1872.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a resolution which it is proposed to submit to the Provincial Council with reference to the payment of the Provincial subsidy of Forty-two Thousand Pounds. I should be glad if you would inform me whether the resolution will meet with your approval.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON, Superintendent.

Enclosure in No. 12, and similar Enclosure in No. 14.

"That this Council having before them the Correspondence between the Government and the Resident Minister on the subject of the terms of payment of the Provincial subsidy of Forty-two Thousand Pounds towards the construction of the Branch Railways, authorises the payment of the said sum in accordance with the proposal of the Resident Minister, viz. :—

"That payments shall be made for materials the advice of the shipment of which has been received, for land bought, for surveys executed, or other necessary works in connection therewith."

No. 13.

From Hon. Mr. REEVES to his Honor the SUPERINTENDENT.

Office of Resident Minister for the Middle Island,
Christchurch, 2nd May, 1872.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, forwarding a copy of a resolution which your Honor intends to transmit to the Provincial Council with reference to the payment of the Provincial contribution towards the Branch Railways of Forty-two Thousand Pounds, and requesting to be informed whether the resolution meets with my approval.

In reply, I have to convey my approval of the resolution.

I have, &c.,

W. REEVES.