

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CANTERBURY BRANCH RAILWAYS.

No. 1.

From Mr. MAUDE to Mr. KENNAWAY.

The Canterbury Branch Railways.

MEMO.

Will you be so good as to remind his Honor the Superintendent that, at the personal interview which took place between the Hon. Mr. Reeves, His Honor the Superintendent, and yourself, on the subject of the Branch Railways, steps were to be taken to invite the Provincial Council to express its opinion as to which lines should have priority in course of construction.

THOMAS WM. MAUDE, Secretary.

Resident Minister's Office, Christchurch, 12-1-72.

No. 2.

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

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., 22nd January, 1872.

SIR,

Referring to the conversations which I have had with you on the subject of the construction of Branch Lines of Railway in this Province, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of Resolutions passed by the Provincial Council during the late Session relating to that subject.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON, Superintendent.

Enclosure in No. 2.

Provincial Council Chambers, 15th January, 1872.

Resolutions passed—That with reference to the contributions voted by this Council towards the construction of certain Branch Railway Lines within the Province, the Council is of opinion:—

1. That if the General Government undertake their construction the amounts thus voted should be paid over by the Provincial Government in proportion to the respective contributions of the two Governments, as defined in "The Railways Act, 1871," as and when works involving their construction are contracted for.

2. That the construction of the several Branch Lines of Railway should be proceeded with simultaneously.

3. The Council has also appropriated the sum of £5000 towards the construction of a Branch Line from the Washdyke to the Point in the Timaru District on the same terms as may be agreed upon for the construction of the above-mentioned Branch Lines.

No. 3.

(Telegram.)

From Hon. Mr. REEVES to Mr. MAUDE.

THE surveys of Branch Railways having been commenced, and the rails ordered, you must call on the Government to pay Fifteen Thousand Pounds on account in accordance with conditions agreed to.

6th March 1872.

W. REEVES.