

ARBITRATION.

30. Should any dispute arise between the Contractor and the Engineer, or between the Contractor and the Minister for Public Works or the Government, relative to the force and intent and meaning of the specifications, drawings, or conditions, or to the mode of carrying on the works, or the nature or quality of materials used or supplied to be used, or workmanship of work done, or as to the maintenance of the works, or as to the expense of additional works, or of alterations or deviations from the specifications or plans, or as to any other matter connected with the execution of the works, or with the contract, specifications, drawings or conditions, or as to any matter which by this Contract it is expressly provided is to be settled, ascertained, or determined by arbitration, such dispute shall be referred in writing to the sole determination, arbitrament, and award of the Judge of the Supreme Court assigned to that Judicial District of the Supreme Court within which the works relative to which the dispute shall have arisen, have been or are to be executed, whose award shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all parties: Provided, however, that before any such dispute, as aforesaid, shall be so referred, the Contractor shall give to the Minister for Public Works one calendar month's notice in writing of such dispute, and of the matter and cause thereof, and in such notice the Contractor's claim shall be explicitly stated; and if such claim be for pecuniary compensation, the amount thereof shall also be stated.

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SPECIFICATION OF THE MANNER OF CONSTRUCTING THE AUCKLAND AND MERCER RAILWAY.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Description.

1. The line of Railway included under the title "Auckland and Mercer Railway," and to which this Specification applies, begins at a point in the Town of Newmarket, and terminates at the wharf in the Township of Mercer, on the Waikato River, as delineated on the accompanying plans and sections; the total length of the contract being forty-one miles thirty-four chains or thereby, with an addition of two miles of sidings.

DRAWINGS.

Drawings.

2. The drawings, including general plans and longitudinal sections, as shown on list A, accompany this Specification. These show the character of the works to be executed. Further drawings of details will be issued from time to time as may be necessary.

The general plan is drawn to a scale of three chains to an inch, and shows the course of the Railway, the centre line of which has been staked out on the ground, and is represented on the general plan by a red line.

The road and stream diversions are shown on the general plan.

The longitudinal section is drawn to a horizontal scale of three chains to the inch, and to a vertical scale of thirty feet to the inch. It represents the natural profile of the ground along the centre line of the Railway. The red line shows the level of the bottom of the ballast. On the longitudinal section are shown the positions and sizes of the culverts and bridges described in this Specification.

ALIGNMENT OF STRUCTURES.

Alignment.

3. In the construction of bridges, culverts, road crossings, and generally, it is to be understood that they are to intersect the line of Railway at such angle or