

PAPERS RELATING TO THE

No 9.

From Mr. BLACKETT, to Mr. MAUDE.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 5th March 1872.

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Hon. the Minister for the Middle Island, are the papers and plans relating to Greymouth, and the damage done there by flood, including Mr. O'Connor's report as to the works necessary, attached to which is a copy of a letter to him from me, approving generally of the works proposed, but reserving for Mr. Reeves's final approval, the extent of the works to be undertaken, and the apportionment of the cost especially of Nos. 1, 3, 4 between the Railway and Local authorities. It may not be necessary to adjust those proportions at once but leave it until we are in a position to say exactly what will be required for Railway purposes, and therefore with Mr. Reeves's approval, the work may be proceeded with on this understanding.

As far as I can judge from Mr. O'Connor's report, and my own knowledge of the locality, we cannot well leave out any of the items proposed by him, and it is quite clear, that to protect the Town for the future and to improve and preserve the channel of the river and entrance over the bar, extensive works in stone will be needed all along the river bank nearly to the lagoon. This expenditure however may be spread over many years and need not now enter into our calculations.

Mr. Carruthers looked over the plans, and suggests as an addition and improvement to the stone work, that a trench should be dredged to receive the outer toe or foot of the slope of the rock work on the river, which will tend to make it more secure. I will instruct Mr. O'Connor accordingly.

As the enclosed papers are original records, I should feel obliged by your returning them to this office when done with.

I have, &c.,

JOHN BLACKETT,

Assistant Engineer-in-Chief.

T. W. Maude, Esq., Secretary to Resident Minister, Christchurch.

No. 10.

This Deed made the eighth day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two between the Mayor Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Greymouth incorporated under "The Municipal Corporations Acts 1867" hereafter called the Mortgagor of the one part and Sir George Ferguson Bowen Knight Grand Cross of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same of the other part WHEREAS by the said Act and by "The Greymouth Quays Act 1869" the Mortgagor is entitled to levy charge and recover certain rates dues and tolls and to receive certain other monies denominated by Clause 200 of "The Municipal Corporations Act 1867" the Ordinary Revenue of the Body Corporate of the Borough And whereas the Mortgagor has applied to his Excellency the Governor to reconstruct the Harbor Works on and for the improvement of the navigation of the River Grey and for that purpose to advance out of the funds at the disposal of the General Government of the said Colony the sum of Four Thousand Pounds the said works to be carried on under the control direction and supervision of the General Government District Engineer and the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds to be paid by instalments from time to time on his certificates as the said works progress to the person or persons entitled to payment for the construction thereof And whereas the said Governor hath agreed to construct such works in manner aforesaid and to advance the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds to be applied in payment thereof as aforesaid on obtaining such security as is hereinafter effected for the re-payment of the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds and interest thereon after the rate of Six Pounds per centum per annum NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises and of the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds so to be advanced as aforesaid the Mortgagor hath bargained sold assigned transferred and set over and by these presents doth bargain sell assign transfer and set over unto his Excellency the Governor his successors and assigns all and every the rates dues tolls sum and sums of money granted allowed to be taken or made payable to or by the Mortgagor by the said Acts or either of them and being the Ordinary Revenue of the Body Corporate of the said Borough with all and every the ways and means powers authorities and remedies for raising collecting gathering in and receiving the same to have and take and receive the said rates dues tolls sum and sums of money and other the premises hereby assigned or otherwise assured or intended so to be unto and by the said Governor his successors and assigns Provided always and these presents are upon this express condition that if the Mortgagor or its successors or the Treasurer or Receiver of the said rates dues tolls and monies for the time being do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Governor his successors or assigns the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds by six yearly instalments payable on the First day of May in every year during the continuance of this security commencing on the First day of May One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three the amount of each instalment payable during the first five years to be Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds together with interest on the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds or so much thereof as for the time being remains unpaid in the mean time and thereafter if the same or any part thereof be not then paid after the rate of Six Pounds per centum per annum payable half-yearly on every First day of November and First day of May during the continuance of this security the first payment of such interest to be made on the First day of November One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two then he the said Governor his successors or