

GENTLEMEN,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 6th July, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th June, in which your tender for the construction of the Invercargill and Mataura, Auckland and Waikato, and Napier and Paki Paki lines of Railway, and in reply beg to inform you that, subject to the conditions and modifications verbally agreed to, the Government accept your offer to construct the two lines first mentioned—the line from Napier to Paki Paki being still under consideration.

Contracts embodying those conditions are now being prepared for execution, and will be completed with as little delay as possible.

Messrs. John Brogden and Sons, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. REEVES.

P.S.—The tender for the line from Wellington to the Hutt, contained in your letter of the 26th of June, has also been accepted, subject to a reduction of £250 from the amount therein charged, to meet accidents by storms and floods, and to the conditions and modifications above alluded to.

W. REEVES.

CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO.

OTAGO SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

DUNEDIN CONTRACT.

Tender of J. Chaplin and Co. £4,325 15s.

Fencing:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fencing on reclaimed ground						
39 chs. at 34s 6d. ...	67	5	6			
Ordinary Fencing, 188 chs. at 30s 9d. ...	289	1	0			
				356	6	6
Clearing Line ...				6	0	6
Cuttings:—25,715 c. yds.						
Deficiency, 16,201 c. yds.						
Embankment:—41,916 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...				2,794	8	0
Formation:—						
Chains 133, at 2s. ...				13	6	0
Pitching Slopes, complete, 821 sq. yds. at 2s. ...	82	2	0			
Levelling Crossing Gates and Wickets, 2 pairs at £12 ...	24	0	0			
Bridges:—						
Bridge over Main South Road:—						
Excavation, 233½ c. yds. at 1s.	11	13	6			
Concrete in Foundations, 24 c. yds. at 26s. ...	31	4	0			
Rubble Masonry Foundation, 24 c. yds. at 30s. ...	36	0	0			
Rubble Masonry Superstructure, 339 c. yds. at 27s. ...	457	13	0			
Ashlar in blocks, 24 c. ft. at 3s. 6d. ...	4	4	0			
Ashlar in coping, 32 c. ft. at 5s.	8	0	0			
Cement Plastering, 30 sup. yds. at 2s. ...	3	0	0			
Carriage and Erection of Girders	6	0	0			
Bridge over Railway:—						
Excavation for Cills and Refilling Trenches, 4 c. yds. at 1s.	0	4	0			
Timber in Cills and Plates, Timber Uprights and Bracing, Beams and Struts, Timber Planking, including Spikes, Timber Parapets and Ballast Beams, 55 c. ft. at 8s. ...	97	10	0			
Iron in Straps and Bolts, 464 lbs. at 6d. ...	11	12	0			
Painting and Tarring ...	10	0	0			
				805	2	6
Culverts.						
Timber culvert, 9 l. yds. at £4	36	0	0			
Culvert at 1-28:—						
Excavation, c. yds. in bank						
Rubble Masonry, 124½ c. yds. at 25s. ...	155	12	6			
Brickwork in arch, 36 c. yds. at 40s. ...	72	0	0			
Concrete, 35 15 ft. c. yds. at 22s. ...	38	11	6			
Pitching, 32 sq. yds. at 7s. ...	11	4	0			
Cement Plastering, 96 sq. yds. at 2s. ...	9	12	0			
Puddle, 24 c. yds. at 3s. ...	3	12	0			
Maintenance for two months ...	18	0	0			
Grassing slopes ...	6	0	0			
				350	12	0
				£4,325	15	0

CAVERSHAM CONTRACT.

Tender of A. J. Smyth, £16,152 7s. 5d.

Fencing:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Fencing, 192 chs. at 32s. 6d. ...	312	0	0			
Close Fencing, 2-17 to 2-21, 4 chs. at £7 ...	28	0	0			
				340	0	0
Clearing Line, 96 chs. at 20s. ...				96	0	0
Cuttings:—						
From 1-55 to 1-60, 2,217 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	147	16	0			
From 1-66 to 1-71, 492 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	32	16	0			
From 2-10 to 2-26 soft material, 16,503 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	1,100	4	0			
From 2-10 to 2-26 rock, 11,243 c. yds. at 2s. 3d. ...	1,264	16	9			
From 2-67 to 2-71 soft material, 1,900 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	126	13	4			
From 2-67 to 2-71 rock, 1,570 c. yds. at 2s. 3d. ...	176	12	6			
From 2-73 to 3-5, 540 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	36	0	0			
From 3-12 to 3-19, 2,374 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	158	5	4			
				3,043	3	11
Embankments, 40,949 c. yds. ...				3,479	3	11
Soiling Slopes of Embankment, 8,700 sup. yds. at 6d. ...				217	10	0
Formation, including Side Ditches, 96 chs. at 20s. ...				96	0	0
Ditches, 25 chs. at 20s. ...				25	0	0
Road Alterations:—						
From 1-68 to 1-76 Earthwork, including Formation, 300 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	20	0	0			
Metalling, 156½ c. yds. at 8s. ...	62	12	0			
				82	12	0
From 2-17 to 2-21 Earthwork, including Formation, 132 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	8	16	0			
Metalling, 66 c. yds. at 8s. ...	26	8	0			
				35	4	0
Where directed, Earthwork, including Formation, 1,000 c. yds. at 1s. 4d. ...	66	13	4			
Metalling, 200 c. yds. at 8s. ...	80	0	0			
				146	13	4
Level Crossings:—						
Gates and Wickets complete, 4 pairs at £20 ...	80	0	0			
Ordinary Crossings complete, 3 pairs at £30 ...	90	0	0			
				170	0	0
Tunnel:—						
Excavation, including Recesses, Drain, &c., 902 l. yds. at £9	8,118	0	0			
Blue Stone Covers, 2 ft. wide, 902 l. yds. at 15s. ...	676	10	0			
Brick Lining, 22 l. yds. at £15	330	0	0			
Ashlar Masonry in Fronts, 1,388 c. ft. at 5s. ...	347	0	0			
				9,471	10	0
Carried forward ...						