

Enclosed in Mr. A. Brogden's letter of 8th August, 1881.
 STATEMENT showing the WORKS TENDERED FOR by Public Competition by Messrs. JOHN BROGDEN and Sons, and the Difference between their Tenders and the Prices at which the Work was let.

Contracts.	Dates and Amounts of Messrs. Brogden's Tenders.			Dates and Amounts of Accepted Tenders.			Difference between Messrs. Brogden's and Accepted Tenders.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Contract No. 1, Winton to Kingston	May 16, 1873	16,703	16	2	May 16, 1873	12,760	3	10	J. M. Watson	3,943	12	4
Tokomairiro, Tokomairiro to Lawrence	" 22, "	14,141	14	9	" 22, "	11,023	0	11	J. W. Campbell	3,118	13	10
Glenore, "	" 22, "	19,308	14	2	" 22, "	16,491	14	6	W. Strachan	2,816	19	8
Roundhill "	" 22, "	22,047	0	11	" 22, "	19,780	0	0	Morrison and Irving	2,267	0	11
Waiahuna "	" 22, "	13,588	2	11	" 22, "	12,414	10	10	J. Goodfellow	1,173	12	1
Tuapoka "	" 22, "	17,212	18	8	" 22, "	13,846	9	8	"	3,366	7	0
Port Chalmers Wharf "	July 15, "	21,438	0	0	July 15, "	16,408	6	3	D. Proudfoot	5,029	13	9
Wanganui, Wanganui to Manawatu	Oct. 8, "	22,127	0	0	Oct. 8, "	16,372	4	8	W Strachan	5,754	15	4 (a)
Deborah Bay, Dunedin to Moeraki	Mar. 9, 1874	70,023	8	11	Mar. 9, 1874	35,227	7	2	D. and J McKenzie	34,796	1	9* (j)
Hutt, permanent way, Wellington to Masterton	April 17, "	3,209	7	0	April 17, "	2,125	0	0	McKirdy	1,084	7	0 (b)
Wangahau, Wanganui to Manawatu	" 29, "	26,948	7	2	" 29, "	19,959	11	0	W Pell	6,988	16	2 (c)
River, Wellington to Masterton	" 30, "	20,600	9	4	" 30, "	19,138	0	0	McKirdy	1,462	9	4 (d)
No. 2, Winton, Winton to Kingston	June 24, "	39,537	4	8	June 24, "	27,835	16	8	W H. L. Bennett	11,701	8	0
Pakipaki, Napier to Waipukurau	July 15, "	23,773	4	4	July 15, "	19,532	15	0	McKirdy	4,240	9	4 (e)
Pukuratahi, Wellington to Masterton	Sept. 2, "	87,609	18	6	Sept. 2, "	61,979	19	0	W F Oakes	25,629	19	6 (f)
Port Chalmers, Dunedin to Moeraki	" 9, "	55,086	7	4	" 9, "	47,968	0	11	W Strachan	7,118	6	5 (g)
Southern, Timaru to Waitaki	" 23, "	23,770	3	6	" 23, "	18,544	7	8	S. Pratt	5,225	15	10
Mataura, Clutha to Mataura	" 23, "	24,008	0	0	" 23, "	19,588	16	9	McMenamin and Co.	4,419	3	3
Hook, Timaru to Waitaki	" 23, "	44,662	17	11	" 23, "	35,852	0	0	D. Proudfoot	8,770	17	11
Purakanui, Dunedin to Moeraki	April 21, 1875	85,687	0	0	April 21, 1875	63,384	13	0	J Wain	17,302	7	0†
Brunswick, Wanganui to Patea	" 28, "	31,662	0	0	" 28, "	31,552	0	0	P Lanyon	110	0	0
Wanganui, permanent way, Wanganui to Manawatu	May 26, "	4,945	13	0	May 26, "	3,895	0	0	Wilkie and Denby	1,050	13	0
Incline, Wellington to Masterton	Oct. 1, "	61,125	9	8	Oct. 1, "	49,029	1	8	McKirdy	12,096	8	0 (h)
Marton, Wanganui to Manawatu	Feb. 23, 1876	23,369	1	6	Feb. 23, 1876	19,356	0	6	J D. Fraser	4,013	1	0 (i)
Bluebird, Dunedin to Moeraki	Mar. 22, "	45,171	0	0	Mar. 22, "	45,000	0	0	D. Proudfoot	171	0	0
Westport Station, Westport to Mount Rochfort	May 26, "	32,458	6	10	May 26, "	30,070	17	11	W Smith	2,387	8	11
Rangitaura, Wanganui to Manawatu	" 31, "	11,972	16	9	" 31, "	9,958	6	8	Nathan Wilkie	2,014	10	11
Clutha, permanent way, Clutha to Mataura	" 14, 1877	10,770	10	0	" 14, 1877	10,000	0	0	Proudfoot and McKay	770	10	0
		872,918	14	0		694,094	4	7		178,824	9	5

* Contract amended.

† Carried out at a loss.

(Signed) W A. THOMAS.

Hon. E. RICHARDSON, C.M.G., to the CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 15th August, 1881.

I have to thank you for giving me the opportunity of reading the statement signed by Mr. A. Brogden, in reference to the evidence I gave before your Committee in connection with Messrs. Brogden's immigration petition.

As there can be no doubt that the object of this statement of Mr. Brogden is to endeavour to show to the Committee that my evidence is not worthy of credence, and, to quote his own words, is "disingenuous, and calculated to mislead," I consider I am entitled to reply to his letter of the 8th instant, quoted above.

Feeling, as I did, that the subject-matter of the inquiry was of extreme importance, I was very guarded in the evidence I gave, and kept far within the mark in the adverse statements I made bearing on Messrs. Brogden's contracts, and the way in which they were carried out.