

ton, under cover to the brother-in-law of the Secretary to the Board, and I did not receive them until my return from Sheffield last night, where I had been since my interview with yourself in the early part of this week, and which will account for their late delivery; and it was by a letter then received that I had the first intimation that my report of the 28th August might be considered by me as available for the purposes of my visit to England; and I was engaged writing to you upon the subject when your letter of yesterday came to hand. In accordance with your desire I enclose herewith a copy of my report of the 28th August, 1879, and the only one written to the Board upon the subject; but, as it is the copy furnished to me by the Board, will you kindly take a copy of it. No designs or sections whatever were submitted by me to the Board; but, should you desire it, I can prepare from memory a sketch similar to that upon which I prepared my estimates contained in my report of the 28th August, above referred to. With respect to the proportion of stone of different sizes, as nearly as I can judge an outside estimate would be about as follows, viz: Under 20 cwt., seven-tenths; 20 cwt. to 30 cwt., two-tenths; over 30 cwt., one-tenth. With reference to the employment of convict labour I do not think that any such labour will be available for years to come, if at all. With respect to your appointment for 1 o'clock on Tuesday next, the 23rd instant, I shall be most happy to conform to the time most convenient to yourself, and any further information in my power I shall be glad to afford.

Yours faithfully,

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(No. 3.)—Sir JOHN COODE to Mr. J. R. REES.