

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO NON-PAYMENT OF MONEY DUE ON MOERAKI CONTRACT.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS to MESSRS. JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

GENTLEMEN,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 12th May, 1877.

Referring to the applications that have been personally made by Mr. Billing for the payment of the sum of £7,910 4s. 11d., being the amount still unpaid on the Moeraki Contract, the Hon. the Minister for Public Works directs me to inform you that the following items, amounting to £3,325 5s., will require to be deducted therefrom, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Penalties on Kakanui Bridges Contract	160	0	0
Moeraki deviation	256	5	0
Maintenance failed to be performed	160	0	0
Penalties on Moeraki Contract	2,749	0	0
	<u>£3,325</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

As the above amount, together with the overpayment of £4,582 15s. 1d. on the Waitara and Invercargill Contracts (together £7,908 0s. 1d.) will nearly absorb the amount applied for, the Minister is unable at present to direct any further payment to be made. The equity of this decision will no doubt meet with your concurrence.

I have, &c.,

JOHN KNOWLES,

Under-Secretary for Public Works.

Messrs. John Brogden and Sons, Wellington.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON THE TAIERI CONTRACT OF THE DUNEDIN AND CLUTHA RAILWAY.

Messrs. JOHN BROGDEN and SONS to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

Wellington, 17th August, 1877.

SIR,—

Taieri Contract, Dunedin and Clutha Railway.

We have the honour to request a reply to our letter of the 16th March last, and having reference to yours of the 8th and 16th March relating to the accounts we forwarded to you in connection with the Taieri Contract, Dunedin and Clutha Railway.

We are anxious for an early settlement of the balance due on this contract, and have several times expressed our willingness to go through the accounts with your Engineers for this purpose, and, in accordance with the wishes of the Engineer-in-Chief, our Mr. Williams proceeded to Dunedin in May last, and requested the District Engineer, Mr. Blair, to go through the accounts with him, and in case of any difference as to measurement or the execution of certain extras, to go out on to the works and settle such differences.

The District Engineer, Mr. Blair, however, refused to go through the accounts, stating he had received no instructions to do so. We therefore request an early reply as to when the balance due on the above contract will be paid to us.

We have, &c.,

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS,
(per JOHN HENDERSON.)

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO RETAINING MR. BRUNTON AS A WITNESS IN THE INVERCARGILL-MATAURA CASE.

Mr. ALEXANDER BROGDEN to W. E. BRUNTON, Esq.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th August, 1881.

By all means give Mr. Higginson all the information he wants. We shall rely on you for our compensation claims.

W. E. Brunton, Esq., Oamaru.

ALEX. BROGDEN.

Messrs. JOHN BROGDEN and SONS to W. E. BRUNTON, Esq., C.E.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 10th August, 1881.

In reference to our claim against the Government in respect of the Invercargill and Mataura Railway we wish to retain you as a witness for us, and herewith send you a cheque for £10 as a retainer.

We do not object to your giving Mr. Higginson any information he may require as to the measurements.

Yours truly,

W. E. Brunton, Esq., C.E., Oamaru.

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.