Enclosure 2 in No. 5.

KAIHU VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY.

List of signatures to memorandum of association—showing names, occupation, and residence of subscribers; number of shares held by each; and signatures of attesting witnesses in whose presence the several subscribers signed.—E. Mitchelson, merchant, Auckland; 100 shares; John Chambers, witness. Thomas Morrin, merchant, Auckland; 100 shares; John Chambers, witness. J. M. Dargaville, merchant, Parnell; 100 shares; James Farmer, witness. Robert Clapham Barstow, gentleman, Epsom; 100 shares; William Black, witness. Henry Brett, journalist, Auckland; 100 shares; J. D. Davies, witness. Graves Aickin, chemist, Auckland; 100 shares; William Black, witness. Henry Chamberlin, gentleman, Auckland; 100 shares; William Wood, J.P., witness. A. Dargaville, lady, Parnell; 50 shares; James Farmer, witness. E. Waymouth, merchant, Parnell; 25 shares; William Black, witness. Charles C. Dacre, merchant, North Shore; 25 shares; William Black, witness.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct list of the signatures to the memorandum of association of a company called "The Kaihu Valley Railway Company (Limited)," incorporated under "The Joint-Stock Companies Act, 1860," and registered at Wellington on the 12th day of July, 1882.

WALTER TILSLEY,

Law Clerk, Wellington.

No. 6.

The Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, to Messrs. Izard and Bell.

Gentlemen,— Public Works Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 9th August, 1882.

I am directed by the Minister for Public Works to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

of the 8th August, forwarding certificate of incorporation and list of names of persons signing memorandum of association of Kaihu Valley Railway Company (Limited), and to thank you for the same.

I have, &c.,

Messrs. Izard and Bell, solicitors, Wellington.

JOHN KNOWLES, Under-Secretary for Public Works.

No. 7.

Messrs. Izard and Bell to the Under-Secretary, Public Works Department.

Kaihu Valley Railway Company.

Wellington, 15th August, 1882.
We have the honour to enclose—(1) Draft contract, Her Majesty the Queen with the above company, as approved by the Government, (2) engrossment of same executed by the company.

You will observe that the date has been left blank, to be filled in when His Excellency signs. It is expected that the Railways Construction and Land Act Amendment Act will pass to-day, or to-morrow at latest, and it is earnestly hoped that His Excellency's signature may be obtained immediately after the Bill becomes law, as the contract has to lie on the table of Parliament for fourteen days.

We have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary for Public Works, Wellington.

IZARD AND BELL.

Enclosure 1 in No. 7.

This Deed made the twenty-first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, between Her Majesty the Queen (who, with her heirs and successors, is and are hereinafter included in the expression "the Queen"), of the one part, and the Kaihu Valley Railway Company (Limited) (which, with its successors and assigns, except where the context otherwise requires, is and are hereinafter included in the expression "the company") of the other part.

Whereas the Company has been established for the purposes (amongst other things) of constructing and maintaining a line of railway from a point on the bank of the Wairoa River north of the confluence of the Kaihu and Wairoa Rivers, and thence up the Kaihu Valley, to such point or points, place or places, as the directors should determine, with all necessary buildings, railway works, and other appliances requisite for the same, and of working the said railway, and especially of carrying thereon of passengers, animals, and goods for hire, and generally in other respects of carrying on the business of a railway company in all its branches, with power to contract with any other company or authority with respect to running powers, interchange of traffic, or otherwise: And whereas the said railway is intended to be constructed as nearly as may be along the line shown in red upon the map marked A hereunto annexed, and is estimated to be of the length of nineteen and a half miles or thereabouts, and the said line is intended to connect with a navigable river called the Wairoa River, which flows into the northern part of an arm of the sea known as the Kaipara Harbour: And whereas on the shore of the southern part of the said arm of the sea known as the Kaipara Harbour is the Town of Helensville, which is the present northern terminus of the Auckland-Helensville Railway, being a line of railway heretofore constructed by the Government of New Zealand: And whereas the Governor of New Zealand, acting therein with the advice of the Executive Council of the colony, and in pursuance of the provisions of "The Railways Construction and Land Act, 1881" (hereinafter in these presents termed "the said Act"), as amended by "The Railways Construction and Land Act Amendment Act, 1882," has agreed with the company for the construction and working of the said proposed line of railway upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth: