

1889.

NEW ZEALAND.

MIDLAND RAILWAY CONTRACT.

(COPY OF THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO IN PURSUANCE OF "THE MIDLAND RAILWAY CONTRACT ACT, 1887.")

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

THIS DEED made the third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, between HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN (who, with her heirs and successors, is and are hereinafter referred to as "the Queen"), of the one part, and "THE NEW ZEALAND MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY (LIMITED)," a joint-stock company carrying on business in the City of Christchurch, in New Zealand, and elsewhere, and having its head office at No. 79, Gracechurch Street, in the City of London, in England (which, with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), of the other part.

Date and parties.

WHEREAS, by a deed bearing date the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and made between the Queen, of the one part, and William Chrystall, John Tucker Ford, George Hart, John Thomas Matson, Thomas Shailer Weston, John Honeycomb Cock, Charles Yates Fell, Henry Douglas Jackson, Albert Pitt, and James Sclanders, all therein respectively described and thereafter collectively referred to as "the contractors," of the other part, which said deed is hereinafter referred to as "the original contract," the Queen and the contractors did, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Railways Construction and Land Act, 1881" (thereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), and of "The East and West Coast (Middle Island) and Nelson Railway and Railways Construction Act, 1884" (thereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and of all other powers and authorities them thereunto enabling, mutually contract and agree for the construction, maintenance, and working of a line of railway to connect the east and west coasts of the Middle Island, from Springfield, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, to Brunner-ton, in the Provincial District of Westland, so as to connect at Springfield aforesaid with the New Zealand Government railway already constructed and having its terminus there, and at or near Brunnerton with the Government railway already constructed, and connecting Brunnerton aforesaid with the Town of Greymouth; and also a further line of railway from Brunnerton aforesaid to or near Belgrove, in the Provincial District of Nelson, so as to connect there with the New Zealand Government railway already constructed and leading thence to the City of Nelson, and connecting the same with the first before-mentioned line of railway, which two several lines of railway are thereafter referred to as "the said railway," with all necessary buildings, railway works, and other appliances requisite for the same, and for working the said railway upon the terms and conditions and with and subject to the covenants, agreements, provisoes, or restrictions in the said deed now in recital contained:

Recital of original contract of 17th January, 1885.