

to the specified slopes. The quantity of material requiring to be shifted from these cuttings was estimated at 32,204 cubic yards, which at schedule rate for cuttings would cost £1,341 16s. 10d., and this sum was deducted from the amount of contract on the final settlement, and the reduction accepted by the contractors.

The amount of the original contract was £17,746 6s. 8d., and extra works allowed amounted to £504 10s. 2d., making total amount of contract and extras £18,250 16s. 10d.

Deductions from amount of contract were £1,341 16s. 10d. for deficient slopes in cuttings and £400 portion of penalties for overtime, leaving £16,509, which was paid to the contractors, who executed a deed of acquittance on receiving the final payment.

W H. HALES, Engineer-in-Chief.

P.S.—A copy of the deed of acquittance and final voucher is attached.

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