

I.—CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WORKS—continued.

No.	Date.	From.	To.	Subject.
43	1870. Dec. 24	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. J. Vogel ...	As to the various courses open in reference to the continuance of the railway works. The Provincial Government would prefer to execute the works under the direction of the Colonial Government, and to have the cost refunded when funds accrue.
44	Dec. 28	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Government will agree to proposals, provided the resident engineer is appointed and removable by the Governor. Whom does His Honor recommend as Resident Engineer?
45	Dec. 29	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Recommends Mr. W. B. Bray as Resident Engineer. He will take up the plans to Wellington; meanwhile is there any objection to calling for tenders for fencing, &c?
46	Dec. 30	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Bray will be appointed. If Superintendent is satisfied with arrangement, the risk of calling for tenders will not be great.
47	1871. Feb. 21	The Superintendent of Canterbury	—	Memorandum of interview between the Provincial Government, the Minister for Public Works, the Hon. F. D. Bell, and Mr. Blackett on the general question of public works.
48	March 10	Mr. Blackett ...	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Suggesting that the surveys should be carried on under the supervision of the District Engineer.
49	March 13	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Enclosing a memorandum from the Superintendent, with reference to the order in which it is wished the contemplated survey of railway lines should be carried out.
50	April 21	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Notwithstanding previous arrangement, no survey except that of the Northern Railway is being carried out.
51	April 27	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Blackett instructed to cause surveys to be proceeded with without delay.
52	April 29	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Bray instructed to have surveys put in hand at once. Surveys were directed to be made before Mr. Blackett left Christchurch.
53	April 28	Mr. Blackett ...	Mr. Bray ...	Superintendent complains that only the Northern Line is being proceeded with. Push the others on.
54	April 28	Mr. Bray ...	Mr. Blackett ...	Explaining the delay.

II.—CHRISTCHURCH TO RANGIORA.

55	1871. Feb. 21	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Has examined plans, &c., of Great Northern Railway, and approved them. Encloses a statement of the work in progress.
56	Feb. 23	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Authorized Government of Canterbury to order iron work for forty goods waggons.
57	Feb. 28	Mr. Blackett ...	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Style of rail approved. Order for Northern Line can therefore be sent.
58	March 1	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards copy of order for rails, &c., for Northern Railway, about to be sent to London. Requests that the Hon. Mr. Vogel may be informed, with a view to his providing the necessary funds, so that the expense of drawing on the Province may be saved.
59	March 1	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. F. D. Bell ...	As Hon. Mr. Gisborne is absent, will Hon. Mr. Bell give his consideration to purport of letter No. 58.
60	March 9	Hon. F. D. Bell ...	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Forwards copy of memorandum addressed to Hon. Mr. Sewell (No. 61).
61	March 8	Hon. F. D. Bell ...	Hon. H. Sewell ...	Memorandum of arrangement as to provision of funds for Canterbury Railway orders, sent and to be sent to London.
62	March 16	Hon. F. D. Bell ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Memorandum of arrangement with Superintendent of Canterbury as to provision of funds by Hon. Mr. Vogel for railway plant.
63	June 2	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Agent-General, London	Forwarding the correspondence relating to the purchase of plant for the Canterbury Railways.
64	July 26	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Forwards reply of Hon. Mr. Vogel, relative to the provision of funds for Canterbury Railways.

III.—ASHLEY RIVER.

65	March 9	Mr. Blackett ...	Mr. Bray ...	Instructing him to make sectional and plan surveys of Ashley River Crossing.
66	July 4	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Report on the Ashley River Crossing. Of the three alternative lines, the parliamentary is the best.
67	July 6	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Blackett ...	Could the main line be laid out so as to touch the township of Rangiora and join the Cam Mill Line? Cost of a branch line to township of Rangiora.
68	July 7	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	No reason why the main line should not be laid out as suggested. Estimate of cost.
69	July 8	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury.	Forwards Mr. Blackett's report No. 66.
70	July 20	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Acknowledges receipt.