

Vincent County Council.

Clyde Nov^r 24th 1887

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Mr. Ralph Halliday
Det. Baker
New Pembroke

Sir

It having been reported to the County Council by the County Engineer that your contract No. 198 is not yet begun, notwithstanding that it is distinctly provided by section 12 of the General Conditions that the works must be commenced within twenty days of the date upon which such contract was accepted. Now therefore take notice that in virtue of the provisions of the said section 12 your contract No. 198 is absolutely determined by me, and the deposit now in the hands of the County Council is declared forfeited.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
H. H. H. H.
Chairman

Mount Barker Pembroke
14th Jan'y 1888

The Vincent
County Council
Lalysde

Gentlemen

I beg respectfully to Submit
for your consideration the enclosed letter from
the Chairman, Mr Fraser, which shows that
the Contract No 198 has been taken from me
and my Deposit on same forfeited, while I
was executing the work on Contract 195,
Mr Mr George the Engineer visited the
ground. I then told him there was no chance
of completing Contract 198 within the
specified time and asked him if there was
a likelihood of getting an extension of the
time, he said he thought it was likely, as
the Council had been in the habit of doing
that, when I had finished Contract 195
I wrote to the Chairman, stating I was
willing and ready then to proceed with Contract
198 but got no reply, Contract 195 did not
pay, although I worked late and early at it,
and it was on Contract 198 I expected to get
paid for the two - If my deposit is
forfeited it will be most severe upon me -
and besides will be very unjust, because
although the Conditions Authorise the Council
to Declare a Deposit forfeited, if they are
not fulfilled, it has not acted upon this
principal, up to the present time, and as
the practice has been as variance with the
conditions, as to forfeiture, you will I think
allow - Notice should be given to all tenderers

tenderers that in future the conditions as to
forfeiture of Deposit would be enforced, —
had this intimation been given at the time
of calling for tenders, I could not raise any
objections to your treatment of me — but
when so many has been let off — under
similar circumstances to mine; you will
allow, I think, I am harshly treated, besides
my Deposit, I paid the Engineer 2/-
for Plans and Specifications, this sum will also
be lost to me — I enclose Plans & Specifications
as they are of no use to me now —

I hope I have satisfied you that under the
circumstances it will be a great wrong to me,
not to return my Deposit, I therefore rely
upon your sense of fairness & between
man and man in this matter, and
respectfully request you to return my
Deposit money?

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
your obedient Servant
Ralph Halliday