

H. Fraser Esq

Chairman V. Co. Council

24th  
Cromwell 25<sup>th</sup> March 1889

Sir,

Re the Quarry near the Cromwell  
Bridge —

I beg to remind you that the quarry has been in my possession or occupation for nearly sixteen years. The circumstances under which I acquired any right to its occupation are briefly as follows. The whole of what was the "face" of the quarry was at ~~one~~ time a huge slip which frequently blocked the traffic for a day or a couple of days and caused great inconvenience & expense. On one occasion I offered to remove the slip if I were allowed to use it as a quarry for building purposes. My offer was accepted

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and I still hold the then Provincial Engineer's formal sanction to my occupation of it. That ceased to have any effect when the County was formed and I applied for & obtained the sanction of the Council to remain in occupation under certain conditions. These conditions I may fairly claim to have strictly adhered to, and have caused no inconvenience or danger to the public.

When the road to Bendigo was opened it shut up the most valuable part of the quarry and the largest body of stone but as the work in question was done in the public interest I had no voice in the matter - and I now respectfully submit that as a matter of only your Engineer (i.e. of course your Council) has a right to stop me in still working the quarry. This course I further sub-

he would never adopt except in the public interest -

There is no monopoly involved in case there is any quantity of stone to be had by simply proceeding five chains up or down the road. The only reason so far as I can see why any person should <sup>me</sup> envy the possession of the quarry is that I have always taken care to leave an excellent working face upon it

So far as Mr. Romney is concerned I may inform the Council through you that he immediately dropped the matter upon being informed by me how the matter stood and that he has been supplied with stone from the quarry

I trust the C. will see it's way clear to confirm me in occupation of the Quarry

I am yours respectfully  
B MacKillop

P.S. I have used the term 'firm' in the original but I have since seen that it was for brevity only