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St. Bathans, 8th June 1895.

Mr S. Dickie Esq^r
Vincent County Clerk.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of 31st inst - informing me that the Council had resolved to receive mine of 29th Inst last and that the Chairman and C^r Naylor had visited the place and reported to the Council. Your letter might surely have contained information - if not as to what was reported to the Council, at least as to what is proposed to be done. I have been advised that my employe has an action against either the Council or the person who placed the obstruction across the road but I am unwilling to proceed, or allow him to proceed, with an action - more especially as the injuries did not prove so serious as I expected at the time I wrote. I should have thought however that apart from the danger to travellers the inconvenience that

is occasioned by the closing of a good, straight, hard road, and sending the traffic by a round-about course over soft ground full of hills and hollows without even a tussock being chipped would have moved the Council to do something in the matter. I cannot understand the apathy of the Council and its officers in connection with this fencing and I must express my belief that in no other County in New Zealand would such interference with a road as has taken place at Drybread be permitted.

I am Sir
Your most obedient servant
John Ewing.