

1859-60.

VICTORIA.

IMPORTATION OF RAILWAY PLANT.

ABSTRACT of a Return to an Order of the *Legislative Assembly*,
Dated 27th June, 1860, for—

COPIES of the Advertisements calling for Tenders, the Names of the Tenderers, and the
Accounts and Correspondence with Mr. Brunel relating thereto.

(*Mr. Amsinck.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 10th July, 1860.

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENTS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE IMPORTATION
OF RAILWAY PLANT, &c.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Melbourne, Mount Alexander, and Murray River Railway are prepared by virtue of the powers conferred on them by Act of Council 19 Vict. No. 15, to receive proposals from resident mercantile firms in Victoria for the supply of Tubular Iron Girders for bridges, Rails, Chairs, and Fastenings, Turntables, Weighing Machines, Hoisting Cranes, Water Pipes, and Water Cranes, and for other similar articles required for the Melbourne and Williamstown Railway.

It is proposed that all the above mentioned articles shall be supplied from Europe, and that previously to their being finally accepted at the place of delivery in Victoria, they shall be subject to the approval of, or otherwise, of an officer appointed by this Government.

Contractors are invited to state the terms and conditions upon which they are prepared to deliver the whole or any portion of the articles, and to send in their tender addressed to the Trustees, at or before 12 o'clock on the 21st instant.

The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

Any further particulars can be obtained on application at this office.

RICHARD WOOLLEY,

Secretary.

Railway Department, Assay Office,
7th May, 1856.

SCHEDULE OF TENDERS received for the Importation of Railway Plant under Contract, known as Dalgety, Cleve, and Hammill's, showing Names of Tenderers, and Sums Tendered. [Approved 9th May, 1856.]

| No. | Names. | Commission. | Bonus. | | Remarks. |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|--|
| | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | |
| 1 | P. N. Russell and Co., Sydney ... | 3 8 0 | ... | ... | { At fixed rates current in England, February last. |
| 2 | Meyer and Co. ... | 2 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 3 | Miles, Kington and Co. ... | 1 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 4 | James McMeikan ... | 2 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 5 | Briscoe and Son ... | 2 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 6 | J. B. Tootal ... | 2 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 7 | Loader, James and Co. ... | 2 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 8 | Michaelis, Boyd and Co. ... | 2 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 9 | Bright Brothers and Co. ... | 1 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 10 | Dennistoun Brothers and Co. ... | 1 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 11 | J. H. Brooke and Co. ... | 2 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 12 | Calender, Caldwell and Co. ... | 2 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 13 | J. B. Were, Kent and Co. ... | 1 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 14 | Richard Phillpot ... | 2 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 15 | Dalgety, Cleve and Hammill ... | 1 10 0 | ... | ... | |

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Melbourne, Mount Alexander, and Murray River Railway.—Branch Line to Williamstown.

Notice is hereby given, that the Trustees of the Melbourne, Mount Alexander, and Murray River Railway are prepared to receive Tenders from mercantile firms resident in Victoria, for Locomotive Engines, and Rolling Stock generally, according to specification, which may be seen on application to the Engineer-in-Chief, at this address.

Tenders addressed to the Trustees, and endorsed "Tender for Locomotives and Rolling Stock," will be received by the undersigned till twelve o'clock on the 18th August next.

The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The terms and conditions upon which Tenders will be received may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

By Order of the Trustees,

Railway Department, Assay Office,
La Trobe-street-west, 31st July, 1856.

RICHARD WOOLLEY,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE OF TENDERS received for the Importation of Railway Plant under the Contract, known as De Pass, Brothers and Co's. first Contract, showing Names of Tenderers, and Sums Tendered. [Approved 22nd August, 1856.]

| No. | Names. | Commission. | Bonus. | Remarks. |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| | | | £ s. d. | |
| 1 | J. B. Tootal | 1½ per cent. | ... | At fixed prices. |
| 2 | T. J. Garrett | 3 " | ... | |
| 3 | T. J. Garrett | ... | ... | |
| 4 | Edward DeCarle | 1½ per cent. | ... | |
| 5 | Smith, Cannon and Co. | 1½ " | ... | |
| 6 | James McMeikan | 1½ " | ... | |
| 7 | Wharton, Caird and Little | 2½ " | ... | |
| 8 | Cleve and Dalgety | 1½ " | ... | |
| 9 | Bright Brothers and Co. | 2 " | ... | |
| 10 | De Pass Brothers and Co. | ½ " | ... | |
| 11 | P. N. Russell and Co. | 1½ " | ... | |
| 12 | Loader, James and Co. | 1½ " | ... | |
| 13 | William Crossly | 1½ " | ... | |
| 14 | Miles, Kington and Co. | 1½ " | ... | |
| 15 | R. M. Smith and Strachan | 1½ " | ... | |

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Trunk Lines—Melbourne to the Murray River, and Geelong to Ballarat.

Notice is hereby given, that Tenders from mercantile firms, resident in Victoria, will be received for the supply of certain Rails, Chairs, Fastenings, and Machinery, for the above-mentioned lines of Railway, according to specification, which may be seen on application to the Engineer-in-Chief.

Tenders addressed to the Trustees and endorsed "Tender for Permanent Way, Material, &c.," will be received by the undersigned, till 12 o'clock noon, on the 20th September, instant.

The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The terms and conditions upon which tenders will be received, together with forms of application, may be obtained on application to the Secretary:

By Order of the Trustees;

Railway Department, Assay Office,
11th September, 1856.

RICHARD WOOLLEY,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE OF TENDERS received for the Importation of Railway Plant under the Contract known as De Pass, Brothers, and Co's. Second Contract, showing the Names of Tenderers, and Sums Tendered. [Approved 20th September, 1856.]

| No. | Names. | Commission. | Bonus. | Remarks. |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|------------------------|
| | | | £ s. d. | |
| 1 | Garrett and Co. | ¼ per cent. | ... | One farthing per cent. |
| 2 | De Pass, Brothers, and Co. | ... | 105 0 0 | |
| 3 | Cleve, Brothers, and Co. | 1 per cent. | ... | |
| 4 | J. B. Tootal | ... | 0 0 0½ | |
| 5 | Smith, Cannon and Co. | 2½ per cent. | ... | |
| 6 | Miles, Kington and Co. | ¼ " | ... | |
| 7 | A. Wilson, Nephew and Co. | ¼ " | ... | |
| 8 | Beyfies and Philpot | ... | ... | |
| 9 | Law, Dodd and Co. | ¼ per cent. | ... | |
| 10 | James McMeikan | 1-16 " | ... | |

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Secretary's Office, La Trobe-street, West,
Melbourne, 5th August, 1858.

Tenders are invited from mercantile firms in Victoria, for the supply of Rails, Chairs, Machinery, and Rolling Stock, Iron Girder Bridges, and other articles to be imported from England.

Printed forms containing a schedule of the articles required, Stipulations of Contract and terms of Payment, can be had on application to the Secretary.

Specifications of the Plant and Rolling Stock will be furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief at the office, Batman's Hill.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Imported Railway Plant" must be delivered at this Office, by 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, August 12th, 1858.

G. S. W. HORNE,

Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.

SCHEDULE OF TENDERS received for the Importation of Railway Plant under Contract known as Raleigh, Daughlish and Co's. First Contract, showing Names of Tenderers, and Sums Tendered. [Accepted 13th August, 1858.]

| No. | Names. | Commission. | Bonus. | | Remarks. |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|--|
| | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | |
| 1 | Edward De Carle ... | 1 5 0 | ... | ... | Or £1 per cent. on the nett cost of the plant by way of bonus. Or to hand over to the Government one-third of the profits derived from the contract. |
| 2 | R. Walton and Co. ... | ... | 1,500 | 0 0 | |
| 3 | De Pass Brothers and Co. ... | ... | 3,500 | 0 0 | The tenderers agree to return to the Government all direct or indirect profits resulting from commission on freight, whether by commission on ship's business or otherwise. Or in case they retain such commissions and do not account for them, they will forego not only the above 1½ per cent., but will pay the Government a premium of 7s. 6d. per cent. on the amount of the furnishers or manufacturers invoices. |
| 4 | Flint, Ramsay and Co. ... | ... | 1,785 | 0 0 | |
| 5 | E. F. Sichel and Co. ... | 1 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 6 | Mackay, Baines and Co. ... | ... | 5,000 | 0 0 | |
| 7 | Edelman and Co. ... | 1 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 8 | Joshua Brothers ... | 0 2 6 | ... | ... | Returning to Government 2½ per cent. commission on amount of freight from England. |
| 9 | Dalgety and Co. ... | 0 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 10 | H. T. Wilson and Co. ... | ... | 1,150 | 0 0 | |
| 11 | Law, Dodd and Co. ... | ... | ... | ... | Or at the option of the Government at one-half per cent. premium on the <i>bona fide</i> nett English cost of the plant. |
| 12 | Cleve Brothers ... | ... | 1,102 | 10 0 | |
| 13 | A. Forbes ... | ... | 1,026 | 12 6 | Propose as security for the performance of contract to purchase from the Government their bond for £15,000, bearing five per cent. interest, or debentures, or they would make a cash deposit of the £15,000 provided it bear interest at five per cent. |
| 14 | Raleigh, Daughlish and Co. ... | ... | 5,250 | 0 0 | |
| 15 | McPherson, Francis and Co. ... | 0 2 6 | ... | ... | |
| 16 | T. S. Martin and Co. ... | 1 0 0 | ... | ... | |
| 17 | Miles, Kington and Co. ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| 18 | Meyer and Co. ... | 0 10 0 | ... | ... | |
| 19 | Bright Brothers and Co. ... | 1 7 6 | ... | ... | |
| 20 | Michaelis, Boyd and Co. ... | ... | 1,100 | 0 0 | |

Department of Railways, Secretary's Office,
La Trobe-street west, 15th July, 1859.

NOTICE.

Tenders are invited from mercantile firms in Victoria for the supply of the Rails, Chairs, and other articles to be imported from England for railway purposes.

Printed forms containing a schedule of the articles required, stipulations of contract, and terms of payment, can be had on application to the Secretary.

Specifications of the plant will be furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief, at the offices, Batman's Hill.

Tenders endorsed "Tender for Imported Railway Plant," and addressed to the undersigned, must be sent in to this office at or before 11 o'clock a.m. of Tuesday, the 26th instant.

G. S. W. HORNE,

Commissioner of Public Works.

SCHEDULE OF TENDERS received for the Importation of Railway Plant under Contract known as Raleigh, Daughlish and Co.'s second Contract, showing Names of Tenderers, and Sums Tendered. [Accepted 26th July, 1859.]

| No. | Names. | Commission. | | | Bonus. | | | Remarks. |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|--|
| | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | |
| 1 | Alexander Wilson, Nephew and Co. | ... | ... | ... | 3,010 | 0 | 0 | Or 3s. per ton on the arrival of each and every parcel. |
| 2 | Michaelis, Boyd and Co. ... | | | | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3 | Cleve Brothers ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,180 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | Bright Brothers and Co. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | |
| 5 | Raleigh Daughlish White & Co. ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,775 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6 | Smith, Strachan and Co. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | |
| 7 | Gibbs, Ronald and Co. ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | Offer to advertise publicly for tenders for freight so as to secure the lowest rate possible, they looking only to the consignment of the vessels for their remuneration, one-half of the commission on which to be returned to the Government. Per cent. on the manufacturer's <i>bona fide</i> nett English cost of the said plant. |

London, 14th July, 1859.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the rate of freight charged by the contractors to the Victorian Government, say 45s. to 50s. per ton for weight and measurement, is the true and correct rate payable for such freight from London to Williamstown, Port Phillip.

JOHN SIDGETT AND SONS,
FOLEY AND AIKMAN,
CHARLES GUMM.

4 Abchurch Lane, Lombard street, London, E.C.,
15th August, 1859.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the rate of freight charged by the contractors to the Victorian Government, say 45s. and 50s. per ton for weight and measurement, is the true and current rate payable for such freight from London to Williamstown, Port Phillip.

WALTON BROTHERS,
CHARLES GUMM,
PHILLIP LEVI AND Co.

London, 14th September, 1859.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the current rate of freight from United Kingdom to Port Phillip upon railway plant is as follows:—Rails and Chairs, 50s. per ton, Coke, 90s. per 20 cwt., machinery, special agreement.

WALTON BROTHERS,
WILLIAM FELGATE AND CO.,
W. S. BRUCE.

London, 14th October, 1859.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the current rate of freight from United Kingdom to Port Phillip upon railway plant is as follows:—Rails and Chairs, 50s. per ton, Coke, 90s. per 20 cwt., Machinery, special agreement.

WALTON BROTHERS,
W. FELGATE AND Co.,
W. S. BRUCE.

London, 14th November, 1859.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the current rate of freight from United Kingdom to Port Phillip upon railway plant is as follows:—Rails and Chairs, 50s. per ton, Coke, 90s. per 20 cwt., Machinery, special agreement.

WALTON, BROTHERS,
W. FELGATE AND CO.,
W. S. BRUCE.

London, 30th December, 1859.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the current rate of freight from United Kingdom to Port Phillip upon railway plant is as follows:—Rails and Chairs, 60s. per ton, machinery special agreement.

ELLIS, SON, AND FRICKLING,
W. O. YOUNG,
W. S. BRUCE.

Total of payments rendered to the Treasurer by the Colonial Agent-General, showing the several payments made on account of the Railway Department from December 1856 to December 1859, £523,507 0s. 6d.

JOSH. T. MERRITT,
Acting Secretary

Department of Railways, Melbourne,
Secretary's Office, 15th September, 1858,

SIR,

The non-arrival of the English mail, now several days overdue, prevents me acknowledging the receipt of any letters except one from Mr. Bennett under date the 16th June, the contents of which are duly noted.

The solicitor's account for the preparation of deeds therein referred to has not yet come to hand.

Since the date of my last letter the Government have accepted the tender of Messrs. Raleigh, Daughlish, White and Company, merchants of this city, for the importation of railway plant, and enclosed herein you will find the following papers:—Attested Copy of Agreement, &c.; Schedule of Plant; Specifications, Nos. 1 to 9 of the same, with letter from the Engineer-in-Chief having reference thereto.

In requesting your supervision of this contract as inspecting officer, I am instructed by the Honorable the President of the Board of Land and Works to draw your particular attention to the remarks of Mr. Darbyshire, upon the manner in which many portions of the contract now nearly completed have been shipped by the manufacturers, special reference being made to the Saltwater River and Stony Creek Bridges.

A memorandum of the short deliveries and cost of replacing the same will be sent you without delay, and I have to state that every confidence will be placed in your giving such instructions as will prevent a recurrence of like mistakes in future, productive of great loss and inconvenience to this Government.

Messrs. Raleigh, Daughlish, White and Company, have submitted the names of Messrs. De Pass and Sons of London, as their Agents in England, for this Contract, and those gentlemen will correspond with you in reference thereto.

With reference to the Contract, I am required to draw your particular attention to the clauses in the Deed where it is stipulated that Monthly and every month the Contractors shall furnish you with a certificate signed by not less than three persons being Merchants and Ship Brokers, that the rate of freights charged are the true and current rates of the day, the original or duplicates of which documents, you will oblige by forwarding on each occasion and to the clause in which the Contractors are required to furnish particulars of "Trade Allowances" the same to be credited to this Government in each invoice when allowed.

All payments will as before be made by the Colonial Agent-General, and you will keep the Honorable the President well advised of the amount of remittances required to meet the payments of the various contracts entered into.

Enclosed is a list of a few articles required with great dispatch, these are in addition to the order for Ticket Cabinets &c., forwarded in my letter of 16th March.

C.—No. 15.

It is most desirable that the Screw Moorings mentioned in the Schedule of Plant, should be forwarded by an early opportunity after the receipt of this.

In conclusion, I am instructed to request that all communications with reference to this Department, may be directed to the Honorable the President of Board of Land and Works, and legibly endorsed "Railways".

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

I. K. Brunel, Esq.,
18, Duke-street, Westminster.

JOSEPH WARD,
Secretary.

18, Duke street, Westminster,
16th November, 1858.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th September, 1858, informing me of the acceptance of Messrs. Raleigh, Daughlish, White and Co's. tender for the importation of railway plant into Victoria, and desiring me to undertake the supervision of this (as I have done of the three previous contracts) as inspecting officer in England; also, of a letter bearing the same date and enclosing a list of "articles required from England for the use of railways"; also, of two letters from the Engineer-in-Chief, dated respectively 11th August and 15th September, 1858, and of a copy of the agreement with Messrs. Raleigh, Daughlish, White, and Co., specifications Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, and specifications for passenger and goods locomotive engines.

I would beg to call attention to the serious inconvenience resulting from the whole of the letters arriving *via* Southampton, it has prevented *invariably* the possibility of replying by that route and frequently by the return mail at all, while in every case the time is too short to permit the collecting of that information which is generally requisite for a full and satisfactory reply to your communications.

Reverting to your letter, I beg to assure you that the remarks of Mr. Darbyshire relative to the short deliveries of articles supplied under the contract just now expiring shall have my best attention. I hope to write to him on the subject by this mail, but shall be better able to devise further precautionary measures for securing the complete shipment of articles ordered from the manufacturers when I receive the promised Memoranda and learn the exact character of the deficiencies. I may observe, that those reported in the case of the Saltwater River Bridge arose from gross negligence on the part of the ship at Melbourne, where the missing part really arrived with the other, and not from the default of the manufacturer.

Immediately on the receipt of your letter, I gave notice to Messrs De Pass and Sons, and to Messrs. Daughlish, White, Hankey and Co., (the English house named in the tender) of my being prepared to act in all matters appertaining to the duties of inspecting officer.

I notice the clauses in the agreement requiring the certificate of merchants as to the rate of freight and the repayment of trade allowances, the former is very satisfactory, and the latter will strengthen my hands on a delicate point, but one which I had already endeavored to meet.

I have put in training the order for the tickets-dating machine, &c., &c., and no time shall be lost in obtaining and shipping them.

I have also communicated with the agent of Mr. Mitchell and expect their tender to-morrow, and the advertisement for the locomotives and rails are sent for insertion.

I propose to contract at once for the rails, as everybody at present seems to expect a rise of prices during the next year; and although I form no opinion myself, I do not like to take the responsibility of waiting.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

I. K. BRUNEL.

To Joseph Ward, Esq.