

No. 20 1st. January, 1864. Heskett to Bragg. (the original letter).

His report on the 31st. December meeting. Described how Addison had tried to prove that his road plan was for a better approach to the house. Addison was afraid of the cost of their plans; he had said that the Hutton and Bragg proposal so much improved the property that the owner should make some contribution. He said that there would be no more requests should they agree. However, agreement would depend upon a reasonable settlement for the land as well. Heskett asked Bragg for his views and any other instructions.

No. 21 4th. January, 1864. Bragg to Heskett. (Bragg's draft copy for retention).
Thanked him for his report on the 31st. December meeting. Endorses his approach.

A gap in correspondence available until May, 1864.

No. 22 12th. May, 1864. Heskett to Bragg. (the original letter).

Reports that he had met with Dickinson and Addison the day before. Suggests detailed proposals to Bragg. He had proposed a detailed over bridge plan. The Coy to pay Bragg £1,250 for land severance and Hutton £100 for his interest. (Addison had calculated that this proposal would cost the Coy. £1,474). Mr. Addison proposed an under bridge which would cost the Coy. £550 to which he, Heskett, had objected. He then left Dickinson and Addison to discuss the matter and when he returned Mr. Addison gave him the following proposal in writing.

"Mr. Bragg be paid £1200 for land severance Mr. Hutton be paid £100. - any excess to be paid by Mr. Bragg seeing that the Depot will be principally used by Mr. Hutton. Mr. Bragg to give free of charge 1 rood on the west side and 2 roods on the east side of field No. 3 also £150 towards the new road approach and Bridges re the cost he was prepared to incur for the same object. Mr. Bragg to give land for the approaches and also land for the side-cutting for the embankment portion of the approach. This side gully to be re-soiled by the Company. The Company to build over bridge, water arch, from road and metal and fence it at their cost. The Company to repair and keep in good order the road between the public road and the Depot and fence it off if required. The gradient of the new road not to be steeper than 1 in 14 at any part."

Heskett then advised some concessions as he had got agreement on the over bridge. Advised it was the approach that mattered. He suggested giving 3 roods, give land for the approach and side-cutting and giving a right of way over the land to the depot; let Hutton settle his own claim, but do not give up the £150 and stick to the £1250.

No.22a 13th. May, 1864. Bragg to Heskett. (Brief draft on the reverse of back page of Letter 22). States that he is going to take a little time to consider his letter and the proposals. Told him to inform Addison that the Coy. must settle with Hutton separately.