

No. 23. 18th. May, 1864. Hutton to Bragg. (the original letter).

He had seen Heskett and he acknowledged a letter from Bragg. Heskett had told him that Addison and Dickinson had offered an over bridge and £900 for the landlord's damages. Heskett had written back advising nothing less than £1,200. Gave information that Low Blaithwaite and Thomas Calvert's Estate were to come onto the market. Suggested that if he bought this then he could get a road to High Blaithwaite without going under the railway. Said he would get Heskett's valuation of Low Blaithwaite.

No. 24. 21st. May, 1864. Bragg to Heskett. (Draft copy for retention).

Explained his interest in buying Low Blaithwaite and building a different flat road to the house. Emphasised this in confidence or he would face a penalty if he had closed already with the Railway Company.

No. 25. 23rd. May, 1864. Heskett to Bragg. (the original letter).

Advising Bragg to be sure of his purchase of Low Blaithwaite before giving up the "over" bridge demand. Play a "waiting game".

No. 26. 9th. June, 1864. Heskett to Bragg. (the original letter).

Wishes to meet Bragg next Wednesday. He wishes to consult Bragg before submitting final terms. Asks that Addison should be asked. If he cannot meet on Wednesday then Thursday at Maryport.

No. 27. 11th. July, 1864. Hutton to Bragg. (the original letter).

He had discovered that Isaac Harrington was going to value Calvert's land at Low Blaithwaite. Additionally the Railway contractors had come onto the farm and had gone through some of the crops. He was going to see Addison at Maryport the next day. He also reported on the progress of work in the house. Will write on Friday if he has any more information on Low Blaithwaite.

No. 28. 10th. August, 1864. Hutton to Bragg. (the original letter).

Replying to a letter from Bragg (no record here). He states that as far as he is aware nothing further has been done between Heskett and the Railway Company. The line was now all railed in and soil being moved. Getting to the point when they would have to wait further works for the "under" / "over" decision. Commented on Bragg's purchase of Low Blaithwaite if possible. Mary Calvert's land still an issue, but not to worry, she will come to terms when the railway gets to her house.

No. 29. 25th. August, 1864. Bragg to Heskett. (copy retained by Bragg).

Explains his failure to buy Mary Calvert's property privately. The sum asked was £500 more than his estimate. Discussion on whether to tell Addison the reasons they had delayed negotiations. Encloses the advertisement.