

said Edward Donovan to be his representative agent in accordance with the said Agreement; it is hereby agreed between the said parties hereto as follows:—

1. The said William Thomas Henley hereby engages the said Edward Donovan, and the said Edward Donovan agrees to be in the service of the said William Thomas Henley, as agent and engineer, as from the eighteenth day of January last until the end of the said period of twelve calendar months, on the following conditions:—

2. The said Edward Donovan shall proceed to Wellington, in New Zealand, by the said ship “Weymouth,” and shall there devote the whole of his time and attention to the service of the said William Thomas Henley, and shall faithfully, diligently, and exclusively employ himself therein.

3. The said Edward Donovan shall superintend the submerging and laying of the said cable, and also (in case of need) the picking up and repairing the said cable, and also the maintaining and keeping the said cable in good and proper working order and electrical condition, in accordance with the terms of the said contract, and shall punctually and diligently perform all the duties required of the agent of the said William Thomas Henley in the said contract, and do all such other things as are necessary for the purposes aforesaid or any of them.

4. The said Edward Donovan shall have control over Henry Stafford, Robert Pentney, and Thomas Mattison, and also over all other engineers, workmen, mechanics, and labourers employed by the said William Thomas Henley in and about the execution of the said contract, and he shall on arriving in New Zealand, engage such engineers, mechanics, workmen and labourers as shall be required for the purpose of carrying out the said contract, at such wages and on such terms as shall seem to him expedient, and he shall be at liberty to dismiss any such engineers, mechanics, workmen, and labourers, but his powers of control and dismissal over the said Henry Stafford, Robert Pentney, and James Mattison, shall be limited by the Agreements bearing even date herewith, and entered into with them respectively by the said William Thomas Henley.

5. The said Edward Donovan shall use his best endeavours to obtain for the said William Thomas Henley orders and contracts in New Zealand, or elsewhere, in Australasia, for the manufacture and supply of electric telegraph cables, telegraphic instruments and stores, and galvanized or other iron wire and wire ropes.

6. The said William Thomas Henley shall provide the said Edward Donovan with a passage to and from New Zealand, with the ordinary rations for first class passengers, and shall provide such rations so long as the said Edward Donovan shall remain on board the “Weymouth” or on board any other vessel employed in picking up and repairing the said cable.

Proper arrangements will be made for supplying the said Edward Donovan with the funds necessary for the payment of the said Henry Stafford, Robert Pentney, and James Mattison, and all other engineers, workmen, mechanics, and labourers as aforesaid, and of all other necessary expenses.

The said Edward Donovan shall keep true and correct accounts of all receipts and expenditure by him on behalf of the said William Thomas Henley, and shall on demand produce the same to him, with all vouchers and accounts for the balance (if any) due to him thereon.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

W. T. HENLEY,
E. DONOVAN.

No. 11.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. JOHN MORRISON to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

Office of the New Zealand Government Agency,
3, Adelaide Place, King William Street,
London, E.C., 22nd March, 1866.

(No. 110.)
SIR,—

Mr. Henley having informed me that Mr. Donovan has been appointed by him to act as his Superintendent in laying the Cook's Straits Submarine Cable, I have the honor to inform you of that, and to furnish Mr. Donovan with this letter, which I have requested him to present at your office, on his arrival at Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JOHN MORRISON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Wellington, New Zealand.

No. 12.

Office of the New Zealand Government Agency,
3, Adelaide Place, King William Street,
London, E.C., 26th March, 1866.

(No. 133.)
SIR,—

I have the honor to advise that the Submarine Cable for Cook's Straits has been completed, and shipped on board the “Weymouth,” together with the machinery for paying out and picking up, &c., &c., and the staff of workmen.

Enclosed will be found a certificate from Mr. J. R. France, the Inspecting Engineer, to the effect that the whole is in conformity with the specification, and a letter from the same gentleman, reporting upon the character of the cable, and its electrical condition, which is of a highly satisfactory nature.

The test sheets (which are unusually large and heavy) with the “two sets of notes” referred to, and all other documents, shall be forwarded by the Southampton portion of the ensuing mail.

The cable was completed at the beginning of this month, but, owing to a defect in the tank, which was detected and remedied, prior to its shipment, there has been some unavoidable delay.

I have, &c.,
JOHN MORRISON.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Wellington, New Zealand.