

Col. R. Tapp.

Present

Dear Sir!

According to Your request  
I send You the Payoso accounts,  
and hope that You may find them  
correct, at least I assure You that  
Mr. Fletcher and myself have done  
our utmost to adjust matters  
and things so as to do You and  
Messrs. Grenlaw equal justice,  
and hope sincerely that You  
may be able to come to a friend-  
ly settlement. The several items  
in the various Contracts are,  
(and will consequently seem to  
You,) very high in the estimates,  
but we have had to be governed  
by the "first Original Contract,"  
and we have done what we  
conscientiously believe right.



In such a complicated job, as this has been, there might easily, some parts of the work have ~~been~~ been overlooked or omitted, particularly, as many parts of the work have been executed by Your own hands (or hands employed by Yourself and Mr. Corbell;) in case any such work should be omitted in the bill, I beg ~~to~~ respectfully to reserve the right of adding or adjusting such Items, either the way turn in Your favour or that of Messrs. Greenlaw.

I think You will find the bills arranged as You desired them to be.

There is only one thing more I beg to remark: - You find, in the Dining Room Bill, an item for Trussed Beams. as a mat,

Her of course it has been impos-  
sible for me to examine work that I can not see. The charge for those Trusses is either most extraordinary high; or the Trusses are most extraordinarily constructed, and surely so expensive for their purpose, even if they support all the upper floors and Partitions. There is besides, no Item in the "First original Contract" upon which to base an extra high price for such Trusses, whatever they may be, I left the amount for the above named Trusses in lead pencil mark, as I really could not "buy the pig in the bag" - I am, Dear Sir!

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Yours, very respectfully  
(In haste) P. H. Hammarstedt