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Attached to Despatch dated 2 February, 1857 from
General Superintendent Hodgson to Court of Directors

MR. HODGSON TO BISHOP TYRRELL

A.A. Company's Office,
152 George Street,
Sydney.

December 30th, 1856

My Lord,

I yesterday forwarded to the Manager of the B^k of Australasia at Newcastle cheque for £500, to be placed to the credit of your Lordship's account at that Bank.

Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to render every assistance in carrying out the successful completion of the contracts for the School House, Parsonage, and Church, on the Estate of the A.A. Company at Newcastle, and on behalf of the Subscribers, I beg to express my gratitude to you for the kind interest taken by you in the good work.

Your Lordship will excuse me for again bringing this Contract before you as a matter of business. I gather from the Conference, which we had at Newcastle, that Captⁿ Brownrigg, a few days previous to my arrival at Booral, on October 14th consented to the immediate erection of the following buildings at the undermentioned price

- School House	£1070
Parsonage	£ 930
Church	£1750
	£3750

the Church to be completed for a further sum of £1040.

I call your Lordship's attention to the Second Resolution passed at a meeting of the Subscribers on April 29th, 1856, and to remarks no. 1, 2 & 3, which will be found in the letter of the Court of Directors addressed to their General Superintendent & dated May 15th, 1856.

I invite your Lordship's attention to my position in regard to these Resolutions, & not allow me to be placed in the unenviable position of running counter to the expressed wishes and instructions of my employers.

I would therefore respectfully propose that a bond for due performance of contract be immediately signed by the Contractor to the amount of £1000 with a necessary surety.

That a duly qualified Architect, Mr. Mortimer Lewis, if you please, be appointed to supervise the work from time to time and more especially pertaining to any further sums of money being advanced to Contractor. That you will be good

money being advanced to Contractor. That you will be good

enough to take upon yourself the responsibility of defraying any sums for the above contract in excess of £3,561.

To these propositions I understand your Lordship to consent on the occasion of our recent interview at Newcastle, and I will instruct the Solicitors of the A.A. Company here to draw out such bonds as soon as I hear from you that there is no objection to their being duly executed.

Captⁿ Brownrigg mentioned to you a sum of £1000 as a probable amount of subscription at Newcastle towards the erection of the above buildings; I wish to impress upon you the altered state of affairs upon the Estate of the Company owing to the reductions, and alterations necessarily made since my arrival. It will be a pleasure as well as a duty for me to do all in my power to collect subscriptions, but I doubt very much whether we shall be able to collect a fourth part of the sum which Captⁿ Brownrigg expected.

It is just probable that the enclosed correspondence may not have reached you. I invite your Lordship's perusal of it with a request that it may be returned to me.

I am, my Lord,
most faithfully yours
Arthur Hodgson

To The Right Rev^d
The Lord Bishop of
Newcastle