

self or assistants the monthly estimates of measurements were made, and I certified only to the approximate correctness of the measurements.

Hon. Joseph
Cawdon.

4th June, 1862.

178. Who gave the Contractors their instructions to proceed with extra work ordered? and state particularly who gave the instructions to do the work in the sewers and air ducts?—The instructions were given in some cases by the Architects direct to the Contractors, (of which I complained to the Department), and in other cases, were given through me.

179. Do Architects generally sign estimates, and by so doing assume the responsibility?—In the practice of the profession, it is invariably done, and almost exclusively without any signature of the Clerk of the Works.

180. Did the Architects so sign and assume the responsibility of the estimates of those Buildings?—Yes, they did.

181. Did any Officer of the Department of Public Works examine the works while you were employed? If so, were objections taken by such Officer to the prices or nature of the work? and what were these objections?—Yes, Mr. Page, the chief Engineer, examined the works, while I was employed, I never heard that Mr. Page has ever made any objections to the nature of the work. I believe in some cases in consultation with the Architects, he recognized some modifications in the prices affecting them, either by increasing or cutting them down. In all instances within my knowledge, he took care that the original responsibilities remained the same.

182. Can you recollect if Mr. Page objected to the manner in which the works were being carried out, the quality of the work or mode of measurement? and did he confer with you, and did you jointly agree to the rates to be allowed?—I never heard that Mr. Page ever objected to the manner in which the works were being carried out. I have heard him express his approbation of the quality of the work done up to the time he was examining it. I am not aware that he made any objection to the mode of measurement. In some few instances he conferred with me and we jointly agreed to the rates which might be allowed.

183. Did you see the estimates made out in February, 1861? and did the Architects and yourself sign such estimates?—The estimates made out in February, 1861, were made out under the cognizance of Mr. Page, in consultation with the Architects; and I only signed those estimates *pro-forma*, considering that they were under the supervision of a Superior Officer of the Department.

184. Were the prices therein named fair remunerative prices? and have you any reason for altering your opinion?—The prices made, as far as I know of them, would be fair remunerative prices for work already done; I have no reason to alter my opinion with regard to any that was specially within my notice.

185. Were these prices understood to apply to similar classes of work remaining to be done, as well as to your system of measurement?