

My outlay has been very heavy this month in preparing for winter operations, my invoices in the aggregate reaching \$11,000. You can see for yourself what a large force I have upon the works, and all these must be fed and clothed in advance of anything I can receive. You know also that I have a large force in the quarries, getting granite, at an enormous cost. Now you surely can give me some help from now till the end of November at any rate, when we will be done building masonry. I have started the "Black Ash" masonry by way of a box culvert, and it will be done in a few days. It was necessary to get the fill made at that place in order to enable us to get our heavy stone up to Big Red Pine. The box culvert 4'6" x 5'00" will be officially classed as second-class masonry, but I have had to take first-class granite intended for piers of Red Pine, and this culvert ought fairly to be returned as first class, and I ask you to do this for me. Also please do not fail to notice, that nothing has been before allowed on this stone, and I should now get the whole without deduction. The original structure here was put down at upwards of 500 yards. On any other contract, now that this culvert is done, I would be allowed the whole estimated masonry at this place. Will you not do as much for my contract to aid its continued vigorous prosecution? You might, I think, give me some help in earth-work this month. The balance of Red-Pine fill I ought certainly to get now, especially as the outlay this season is of necessity so great, to enable the work to proceed.

Mr. Fleming, in going over the work a couple of weeks ago, promised to do all he could to assist me, saying at the same time, that from the nature of the work, ordinary estimates as made on other contracts, did not do justice to me.

I may assure you that Mr. Light has repeatedly told me that he would gladly second anything proposed or done by you to help me along, and I trust you will not stand in the way of the assistance I so much need to enable the work to proceed.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,
(Signed),

J. C. GOUGH.

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Div. Engineer, Sec. 16.

I confess I was desirous to assist him all I could, on account of Mr. Walsh's express desire to me.

By Mr. Mitchell:—

1714. In the November estimate did you give Mr. Garden specific directions to return this item?—I did not give specific instructions to return any particular item.

1715. Did you give instructions to Mr. Garden to return any more work in one month than was done in that month?—I think I might have said to Mr. Garden to deal liberally with the contractors.

Mr. Garden—

By Mr. Mitchell:—

1716. Would you have made those surplus returns if it had not been for Mr. Fitzgerald?—I would not.

1717. Did you ever make any returns out of the ordinary, except by instructions from Mr. Fitzgerald?—No; I don't think I did.

1718. I ask you now, in the face of the excess that is stated here of 5,109, and the 5,000 in October, making 10,000, and the excess of Mr. Fitzgerald's returns over what you now approximately estimate for February, what would the total excess of returns made under Mr. Fitzgerald's orders be?—Assuming the February estimate to be 3,000 yards, the excess would be 11,609.

1719. How much dress stone?—Forty yards.

1720. How much excess in masonry?—100 yards.

1721. How much masonry not returned?—Seventy-one yards dry masonry.

1722. Did Mr. Fitzgerald want you to change your books and returns, 15,000 yards, for previous months?—He asked me to enter on my books 15,000 yards that he, Mr.