ST. CATHARINES, March 3rd, 1881.

SIR,—We have the honor herewith to hand you statement of our account for work performed, materials delivered, &c., &c., on account of our contract for section 27 of the Welland Canal enlargement.

We have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servants,

HUNTEŘ, MURRAY & CLEVELAND.

F. Braun, Esq., Secretary Railways and Canals, Ottawa.

St. Catharines, March 8th, 1881.

To F. BRAUN.

In further replying to your telegram of the second instant, we will accept the decision of Mr. Page if discretionary powers to settle with us are given him.

HUNTER, MURRAY & CLEVELAND.

OTTAWA, March 10th, 1881.

SIRS,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 8th instant, stating that you will submit to Mr. Page's decision in regard to your claim if he be invested with discretionary powers in dealing with it.

I am, Sirs, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

HUNTER, MURRAY & CLEVELAND, Contractors, St. Catharines.

OTTAWA, 10th March, 1881.

SIR,—I am directed to refer to you, for report, the enclosed telegram from Messrs. Hunter, Murray & Cleveland, wherein they state that, if you are given discretionary powers to deal with their claim, they will submit to your decision regarding it.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

John Page, Esq., Engineer-in-Chief Dominion Canals, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 11th March, 1881.

Your telegram of eighth instant received, stating that you will accept the decision of Mr. Page, if discretionary powers to settle with you are given him. I have therefore to inform you that as soon as the necessary documents have been prepared they will be torwarded for the signature of the respective members of your firm.

F. BRAUN.

HUNTER, MURRAY & CLEVELAND, St. Catharines, Ont.

OTTAWA, 12th March, 1881.

(Memorandum.)

The undersigned has the honor to represent that by an Order in Council dated the 27th October, 1880, and for the reasons therein stated, authority was given for permitting Messrs. Hunter, Murray & Cleveland to relinquish, upon terms to be thereafter arranged, the contract held by them for the works embraced in section 27 of the Welland Canal enlargement.

That the contractors have, by a telegram dated the 8th instant, expressed their willingness to accept the decision of Mr. Page, the Chief Engineer of Canals, with a

view to arriving at a settlement for the work done by them.