

J. BLIGHT.
CONTRACTOR, ETC.

Mount Alexander Granite Quarries.

OFFICE: CAMPBELL STREET

Castlemaine, 189

To Mr

The following are the prices at which I am prepared to supply granite for the Bendigo R.C. Cathedral:-

FOUNDATIONS.

Large rubble or rough ashlar, with punched beds and joints, in courses of from one foot to eighteen inches in height-in one or two stones to make the height; headers full width of wall, and from one foot up to three or four feet in the head---

In rough, from 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d. per cubic foot.

Dressed, 8d. to 10d. extra " " "

SUPERSTRUCTURE.

Rubble with good punched beds and joints, rock faced, quoins and angled drafts included in buttresses; all faces to be measured. Width of beds, 14", 10", & 4½", to work in with brick.

1s. 1d. to 1s. 2½d. per foot super.

(P.T.O.)

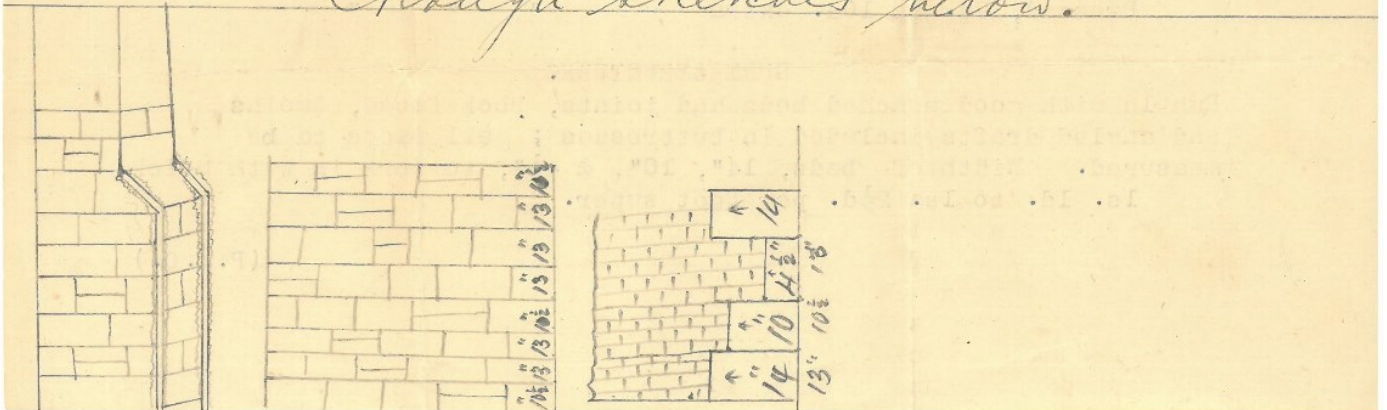
COLUMNS.

25ft. long by 2ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in.-if in one stone,
3s. 6d. per cubic foot ; in two stones, 2s. 6d. per cubic foot.
12ft. by 2ft. by 2ft., 2s. 6d. per cubic foot.

The foregoing quotations are for delivery in trucks at
Harcourt Station. For delivery on ground the extra cost would
be about 6d. per cubic foot extra.

Yours truly
J. Blight Per J.P.

Rough sketches below.



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Castlemaine, January 17th, 1896

To Mr. Rev. Dr. Reville,
Bishop of Sandhurst.

Rev. Sir,

Some time since I called upon you in reference to the use of Harcourt granite in the proposed cathedral at Bendigo. Please accept my thanks for the favourable consideration that you have given to the representations I then made, as I take it that it is through your kindness that Harcourt granite has been mentioned to the architects in connection with the building. I have supplied the architects with prices for granite, and have fixed them so low as to pretty well place it beyond the competition of any other stone in the colony, notwithstanding that my granite is such a very superior building material.

My object in writing to you now is to make a proposal to supply the stone direct without the ordinary custom of calling for tenders for the supply of the stone. I would be prepared to supply the granite at the prices with which I furnished the architects as a basis for their calculations, with 2½ to 5 per cent. added as profit. This would be the most economical way for you to secure the stone for the erection of a really handsome structure as it would dispense with the middleman and his profits, which would have to be reckoned with if you called for tenders. To give you some idea as to what an important consideration this

*Please find enclosed prices as submitted to
architects - J.B.*

would be, I may mention that sometimes my customers make 35 or 40 per cent profit out of the stone with which I supply them. By my supplying the stone direct these profits would be saved to you. If however you should decide to call for tenders in the ordinary way, I would suggest that you should safeguard yourself by specifying best granite from my quarry at Harcourt. Merely to specify "Harcourt Granite" would be somewhat risky, There is a great deal of very inferior granite in the neighbourhood of Harcourt as well as the very best granite to be had, so that if you do not safeguard yourself as I have suggested and any unscrupulous contractor should get the work of supplying the granite, he may furnish such an inferior article as would spoil your building, or, at all events, cause a great deal of trouble.

I would be prepared to enter into any reasonable bond for the due fulfilment of the undertaking should you think favourably of it. Also should you require any references I am prepared to supply them to you both in this colony and in New South Wales. I have been engaged in the granite trade nearly 40 years in this colony, as well as some years in the old country. I am well known to most members of the trade in this colony, and have supplied a great quantity of granite for various works in most of the colonies - notably the Smokey Cape lighthouse and the Cockatoo Island Graving Dock (N.S.W.) the new United States Equitable Life Assurance Society's Offices, Collins Street, Melbourne and for most of the other principal buildings in that city. My granite may also be seen at Bendigo in the columns at the Town Hall and the pilasters &c at the public buildings. I also supply Messrs Finn and Beebe with all the grey granite they use in their monumental yards.

*I remain yours respectfully
J. Knight Esq.*