

**TENDER CONTRACT &c.  
FOR  
S<sup>t</sup> MATTHEW'S CHURCH.**

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**MAY 1858.**

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Articles of Agreement had agreed, and fully concluded, upon the fifteenth day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifth eight. By and between Simon Peters, George Blaikloch and Henry Peters, all of Halifax, in the County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia, Contractors, of the one part, and the trustees of Saint Matthew's Church of Halifax, in the County and Province aforesaid of the other part, as follows:

First – The said Simon Peters, George Blaikloch and Henry Peters, for themselves and each for himself, their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators, do, and each of them doth, hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said trustees of Saint Matthew's Church and their Successors in office, that they, or either of them the said Simon Peters, George Blaikloch and Henry Peters, their and each of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall and will, for an in consideration of the sum of Eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty four pounds of lawful money of Nova Scotia, build, completely cover in and thoroughly finish upon the Ground and Lot of Land legally held by the said Trustees for the Congregation of Saint Matthew's, situate in the City of Halifax

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lately purchased from the Bishop of Nova Scotia in Pleasant Street, a good substantial Brick Church covered with two coats of best Portland Cement, such as is designed, planned, indicated and set forth, in the Specification hereunto annexed, and which is to be taken as part of this agreement, and in the Drawings, Plans and Elevations which are intended to accompany and explain the same, which said Drawings, Plans and Elevations have been made, drawn and prepared by William Thomas and Sons of Canada, Architects, and have been signed by the said Simon Peters, George Blaikloch and Henry Peters, and sealed with the corporate seal of said Saint Matthew's Church, and also shall and will do, perform and execute or cause and procure to be done, performed and executed all and singular the works mentioned in the said Specification hereunto annexed, and according to the said Drawings, Plans and Elevations, signed by the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock, and Henry Peters and sealed with the corporate seal of Saint Matthew's Church, the same to be erected, built, covered in, and completely finished within the respective times hereinafter mentioned, in a good, workmanlike, substantial and skilful manner, and to the good liking and satisfaction of the said William Thomas and Sons, to be

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testified in writing or certificate under the hands of the said William Thomas and Sons or either of them, and shall and will find and provide good, proper and sufficient materials of all kinds, whatsoever of the best quality for erecting and completely finishing the said Church according to the Specifications, Drawings, Plans and Elevations, and to the entire

satisfaction of the said William Thomas and Sons, the Architects, and shall and will complete and finish the said Church to the satisfactions of the said Architects.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties, that the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, are to furnish, procure and provide water for slacking the lime, and all stone, timber, lime, sand, iron, boards, lumber and all other materials and every thing requisite to perform the Works in a substantial and workmanlike manner, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Specification, Drawings, Plans and Elevations, to the satisfaction of the said Architects, and it is also hereby agreed that the materials for the said Church as soon as they are delivered at or near to the building, or on the Ground or lot of Land aforesaid, shall be deemed and considered to be the property of the said Trustees or their Successors in office.

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And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties that from the commencement of the said Church to the finishing thereof, the whole works and every part thereof and all the materials and whatsoever appertains to the said Works and materials, are to be under the care and at the risk of the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock, and Henry Peters, and they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters to hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church, to protect and preserve the said works and materials and that if any injury shall happen to or be done to the same by any accident whatsoever, by the workmen employed, or by the weather or by fire, or by any other means, that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, shall and will repair, restore and make good the same at their expense and each of their own proper cost, expend and charge so that at the conclusion of the said works, and the completion of the said Church, every part of the building shall and will be complete and perfect, and that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, shall not nor will call upon or hold liable the said Trustees or their Successors in Office, or the said William Thomas and Sons, the said Architects or either of them for

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any articles or materials lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties that they, the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, shall find and provide complete and secure scaffolding ladders, tools, implements and every other article matter and thing necessary for the proper performance, protection and completion of the said Church, and that the said works shall and may be at all times completely inspected by the said Architects or by their Clerk of Works.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties, that the said Specification and Drawings or Plans are to be and shall be taken together to explain each other and that should any of the works or any parts thereof or materials or any thing whatsoever be omitted in either the said Specifications, Drawings or Plans, or both which may be necessary for the proper and perfect completion of any part or parts of the different works, that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, or either of them shall and will at their or his own proper cost, charge and expense, do perform and

execute the same as if it had been more particularly described, notwithstanding it was not mentioned and that they or he shall and will supply

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and furnish whatsoever may be requisite and wanting to complete the whole church in a good substantial and workmanlike manner according to the true intent and meaning of the said Specification, Drawings or Plans, and for the correct performance of the said several works that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters shall and will strictly adhere in all cases to such Specifications, Drawings or Plans, and to such directions as may from time to time be given by the said William Thomas and Sons or either of them or their Clerk of Works.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties, that any of them the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters shall attend to or they shall supply and keep a responsible and proper person, a foreman of the work with whom the said William Thomas and Sons the Architects or their clerk may at all times communicate and that they the said Architects or either of them or their clerk of works shall and may order the discharge of and have the power to dismiss from the works any man or men who may be considered by them or him incompetent for his or their work, or to have conducted himself or themselves improperly.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between

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the said parties that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters shall not nor will without having first previously obtained in writing the consent of the said Architects or either of them or their clerk of works, underlet any part or parts of the said Contract, but that they the said Contractors will provide the materials and execute the said work in such way and in such time as shall be directed and approved by the said Architects or either of them in accordance with the said Specifications, Drawings or Plans.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties that they the said Trustees or their Successors in office shall be at liberty to make additions or deductions in the said works, but that such alterations shall not in any manner invalidate or make void this agreement, but that the amount of such alterations shall be added to or deducted from the sum contracted for, as the circumstances may exist, at the same rate and price as the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters are receiving and to be paid for the whole work. And it is hereby agreed that the amount to be paid or subtracted shall be determined by the said Architects

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at the same rate or price, whose decision shall be final and conclusive, and binding on the respective parties to this agreement, but that no deviations shall be allowed or made from the Specifications, Drawings or Plans without permission from the Architects. And it is also agreed that the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters shall not claim or be allowed for or be paid for any extra work done or said to be done unless they produce to the said Trustees or their Successors in office an order in writing from them the said Trustees, or from the said Architects sanctioning such alterations.

And it is also hereby further agreed by and between the said parties that should any dispute or question arise in erecting or completing the said intended Church respecting the condition of the works, the quality of materials and work, the quality of each work to be executed according to the items of the Specification and the nature of the Drawings or Plans, or respecting the quality and amount of any work to be deducted, in addition to, or omitted from such as are provided by the said Specification and Drawings or Plans, such dispute shall be referred to the said Architects whose decision shall be final, without appeal and binding on the said parties to

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this agreement.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said parties that should they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters not perform or be performing any of the several operations or parts of the work contracted for in a workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of the said Trustees or their Successors in office or the said Architects, or that should they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters delay or not proceed at speed with the said work or building so as to be likely to complete the contract within the times specified, or that should they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters refuse or neglect to alter or amend any work or any materials, which in the opinion of the said Architects are not agreeable to the Specification and Drawings or Plans, within seven days after notice in writing to that effect signed by the said Architects and served on the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, or either of them, or left at the residence or place of business of either, that then they the said Trustees shall be at liberty and they are hereby empowered to suspend the future execution of the said work on the said building by the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock

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and Henry Peters who shall not have any power or authority to interfere further in the said works but that all right and controul [sic] over the said works and materials shall from thenceforth determine and cease, and it is agreed that then and in such case it shall be lawful and in the power of the said Trustees or their Successors in office, to employ any workman they may deem proper to proceed with, complete and finish the said Building, and that the said Trustees or their Successors in office, shall and may deduct the expenses which will be incurred in so proceeding with, completing and finishing the said Building from the monies due to the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, and it is also agreed that in case the money then in the hands of the said Trustees or their Successors in Office due to the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters shall not be sufficient to pay for the completing and finishing the said Building, that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters and their heirs, executors or administrators shall and will pay and make good the same, and that the same may be recovered at law as liquidated damages.

And it is hereby further agreed by and between

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the said parties that the said work is to be commenced immediately after the execution of this agreement, and that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, for themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Trustees and their Successors in Office, that they will have the Roof put upon the said Building or Church, and will have the same completely slated on or before the thirtieth day of December in this present Year, and further that they will have the whole works of said Church, completed and the said Building or Church, ready to be delivered over to the said Trustees or their Successors in Office, on or before the thirty first day of August which will be in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty nine, and that should they neglect or fail so to do, that they the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, their executors or administrators will pay and forfeit to the said Trustees or their Successors in office, the sum of Five pounds of lawful money or Nova Scotia for each and every day the said building or Church shall remain incomplete, unfinished, and not delivered after the last named day, which sum may be deducted from any balance which may be due to the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock

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and Henry Peters.

And in case it should happen that at any time the said Architects may be absent and that it becomes necessary in their absence for any extra or additional work to be done or executed by the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, or work which is not provided for or mentioned or intended in the said Specifications, Drawings or Plans, and each work shall be deemed necessary by the said Architects or Trustees, then in order that the progress of the works may not be retarded or delayed, it is hereby agreed by and between the said parties that upon the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters giving to the said Architects or Trustees notice in writing of the extra work which is so necessary and requisite to be performed, and which has been so decided on by the said Architects or Trustees, that the said Architects or Trustees shall and will within three days after receiving such notice give an order or certificate to the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, to proceed with and complete the said extra work, and that in case of the said order or certificate not being given or delivered, that then the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, shall and may without such order or certificate, proceed to complete the necessary extra work for which they are to be paid as hereinbefore provided.

And the said Trustees for themselves and their Successors in office, do hereby covenant, promise

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and agree to and with the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, that they the said Trustees and their Successors in office, shall and will in all things hold to and abide by every matter and thing contained in this agreement to be performed by them and that they the said Trustees or their Successors in Office, (besides, paying for extra work,) shall and will well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, their executors, administrators, or assigns as the works on said Church advance and the materials are placed on the ground or at or put

upon the Building, in relation to the value during the progress of the same, from time to time as the said works proceed, such sums or sum of money as in the whole will amount to seven thousand and ninety one pounds, and sixteen shillings, or four fifth parts of the whole sum of eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty four pounds, upon the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters, producing to the said Trustees or their Successors in office, the certificates of the said Architects or their Clerk of works, as to the value of the work done, and materials supplied, before any such payment is to be made. And further that they the said Trustees or their Successors in office shall

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and will well and truly pay to the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters or their executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of one thousand, seven hundred and seventy two pounds, and four shillings being the balance or residue of the said Contract money of eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty four pounds, or whatever other balance may then remain due, in three months after the said works are fully completed (to be certified so, by the said Architects,) and the said Church delivered up to the said Trustees or their Successors in Office.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters and delivered and executed by the said Trustees on behalf of the Corporation of Saint Matthew's Church by the said Trustees, affixing the Corporate seal hereto in the presence of Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters.

The words "eight and sixty four" on the first page and the words "seven and ninety one", "eight" and

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sixty four on the thirteenth page, and the words seventy two, sixteen eight, and sixty four on the last page of this agreement being inserted over erasures before the execution hereof, and the words "and such work shall be deemed necessary by the said Architects or Trustees," "or Trustees" "and which has been so decided on by the said Architects or Trustees" "or Trustees" being interlined also before execution hereof on the twelfth page.

*William F. Thomas*  
*Alex<sup>ndr</sup> W [?] Scott*

We the above named Simon Peters, George Blaiklock and Henry Peters having subscribed a donation to Saint Matthew's Church do hereby bind and oblige ourselves or our executors to pay to the Trustees of said Saint Matthew's Church or their successors in office, the sum of Two hundred and forty three pounds currency, the amount of said donation.

*Simon Peters*  
*George Blaiklock*  
*Henry Peters*

Witnesses  
*William F. Thomas*

Specifications of the Works and Particulars of the Materials to be used in the erection and completion of Saint Matthew's Church, Halifax NS according to Designs and Drawings prepared by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. William Thomas & Sons Architects Toronto Canada West which specification is referred to and to be taken as part of the foregoing and annexed agreement

Excavator

Make an Excavation of the pro: per size and depth for Basement Story and Foundation Walls, to the depth shewn on sections, and wide enough to allow of proper working room, well ramming the Earth to the Walls as the Works proceed.

Excavate for all areas, drains and other Works, as may be required, and level the earth round the building, and cast or remove from the Ground all superfluous Earth or Rubbish

Rubble and Cut Stone Work

*Basement walls*

The whole of the Basement and Foundation Walls where tinted grey on drawings to be built in the most workmanlike manner of the best rubble stone such as usually used for the purpose using large flat stone, well bonded, and each stone bedded and well flushed up with mortar

*Mortar*

The mortar to be made of the best fresh burnt lime, and sharp clean sand, in the proportion of one to three, thoroughly incorporated together

*Footings*

The Walls and Buttresses where shewn to have one course of footings on large flat stones laid dry, and to the 5" thick and 4 ½" projection from face of upper Work

*Tower walls*

Tower walls to have No 2 courses of footings similar. Tower foundation walls to be built of large stones and of the depth shown on "Longitudinal Section" No small stones to be used except for filling up interstices.

Walls throughout to be built lineable to interior and + to reveals to windows

*Plates and cuttings*

Contractors to bed all Plates, bond timber to it and do all necessary cuttings and fittings. Basement walls shewing 14" above ground level to be in large stones neatly top jointed at completion

*Flues*

Build in all flues as described, well parging the same, and provide and fix No 3 iron rims, and No 3 cast iron doors fixed secure for cleaning out flues

*Footings*

Cedar posts under Gallery columns [sic] to have each a large stone foundation stone under them as shewn

*Paving*

Hot air furnaces to have '6.0" square stone paving 3 in thick laid solid

*Inverts*

Openings in Ground floor of Tower to have inverts turned under them, through whole thickness of walls in ditto, turned true and perfect, using no more mortar in the radiant Joints than is absolutely necessary

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*Drips*

The Drips to the Windows to be in stone moulded to have 6" average bed x 5" wide, with simple carved bosses at the springing.

*Front steps*

Front entrance steps to be stone steps 17 + 7", weathered with moulded hosing

*Basement sills*

Basement Window sills to be stone 12" + 6" weathered and throated 5" longer than the respective openings

*Window sills*

Ground floor Window sills to be 10" + 10"5" longer than the respective opening splayed and throated.

Tower window sills do 12" + 10" similar

*Front coping*

The front gables to be coped with stones. Stones in long lengths weathered and moulded, cramped with iron cramps when required.

Buttresses setoffs to be in simple stones 4" upper and 8" lower bed to side buttresses lower ^ \_\_\_\_\_ Canopy to Tower buttress setoffs in No 3 stones, with fillett and hollow canopy moulding in front edge

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*Canopies, parapets, strings*

Octagon canopies to pinnacles in 3 stones, moulded cornice, and Finial carved as described. Upper canopies and plinth to Tower pinnacles to be in 4 stones. Capping of Tower battlemented parapet to be moulded and weathered on single stones. Moulded strings to Tower and Canopy over front door to be 7 1/2" x 5" long stones, area walls coped with weathered and throated coping with iron cramps in do ^ canopies of angle

buttresses in 4 stones canopies of pinnacles in 5 stones with carved finials and iron dowels in *do* [ditto]

*Buttress plinths*

Upper plinth to angle buttresses and tower to be weathered and throated 6+6  
The whole of this work to be in Wallace free stone free from all imperfections set with fine joint in white mortar secured with iron cramps or dowels where may be required and cleaned off at complete or plain face fine tooled mouldings sub bed

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The chimney caps to be of stone as before specified, of good picked work, and as shewn on the Drawings.

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*Brickwork*

The whole of the Bricks used in the Building to be of the best in quality of common red brick, good hard sound and well burnt, and joints left rough. The whole of the exterior brick work to be covered with two coats of the best Portland cement, English made, put on in the usual manner, mixed with fine washed sand, the Brickwork being previously wetted, and finished with fine surface, the whole painted with two coats of "John's Patent Stucco Paint" and lined out and divided into blocks 18" x 9" and finished the colour of the stone work of the building.

*Bond*

The whole of the Brick Work to be built in English bond, or one course of headers and three of stretchers. Work well bonded throughout bedded and flushed up with the best Mortar.

*Mortar*

Mortar to be made of the best sharp clean sand and fresh burnt lime, in the proportions of one part lime to two parts sand, well mixed and thoroughly incorporated together. No more mortar to be used in the beds of the work than is absolutely necessary and all walls to be well grouted with liquid mortar every third course. The sand to be perfectly free

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from salt.

*Wood Bricks etc*

Build in all Wood bricks, bond timbers, lintels, framing and do all necessary cuttings on a fittings.

*Flues*

Flues to be built and parged with cow dung and lime mortar (as shown on plan) with champhered plinth, and shaft, and blockings above roof, as described.

*Walls*

The whole of the wall and buttresses to be built of the various thicknesses and heights described, and figured and tinted like in the drawings, and as described.

*Rear parapet*

The parapet wall on rear Gable to be built 1-brick thick with heading courses as shewn. The interior arches over windows and doors hiked throughout to be built [sic] true, and perfect, from proper centreings and with thin joints.

*Pulpit arch*

Arch in wall at back of subpiti 18" + 4 1/2" turned true and perfect

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*Arches*

The splayed jams and arched heads to front door, and tower windows to be worked in brick. Arches to be turned true and perfect from proper centreings.

Openings in inner walls of tower to have the Arches turned over them thro' whole thicknesses of walls, in three half brick rims each. No more mortar to be used in the beds of the Work than is absolutely necessary, flues in Stone

*Flues*

Walls to be lined with brick. Parapet walls of tower and shafts of pinnacles to be in Brickwork.

*Iron tie rod*

Provide and fix a No. 1 2"x 1/2" wrought iron tie rod bedded in Tower Wall continued through openings and pinned and turned up and down at angles, continued all round walls of Tower, at centre of tower windows.

*Ventilators*

Build in Back Gable No 4 cast iron ventilation Bricks 14" x 9" where shall be directed and provide same.

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*Arches*

The arches to flank windows to be 14" from edge of reveal X the thickness of wall. Turn 2 rim segment arch one flat part of head of side doorways. The segments to Basement Windows and door to be 14" X thickness of wall. Front arches to be wide enough to allow one rim outside drop X the thickness of wall.

*Cleaning*

The whole cleaned down at completion and stains washed off with spirits of salt and water, and the whole left perfect.

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Carpenters and Joiners

*Timber*

The whole of the timbers used throughout the building to Carpenters' work to be of the best description of spruce timber (except where may be hereafter specified as Oak) All free from large or unsound knots, shakes or other imperfections and for Joiners Work of Pine lumber to be well and properly seasoned.

### *Principals*

The Roof to have No 3 whole and one imitation principals framed and and [sic] braced as described on sections of spruce timber curved ties made up of No. 3 – 3” thicknesses X 13 spiked together to break joint – joints cut to the proper radiating line – ties resting on Oak corbels into Walls, Corbels 13 X 10 Collar ties 14” X 9 principal rafters 14 X 12 X 10 king post of Oak 9 + 7 in shaft Braces of spruce 9 X 4 Hammer beams housed to receive curved tie 15” + 9”. The whole properly framed and braced and put together with wrought iron 1” bolts, nuts and plates complete. King bolt and bolts through circular tie, and principal rafters, and at fret hips, and 2 + ½” straps ¾ bolts, nuts and plates at head of King etc

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### *Imitation principal*

No 1 imitation principal, the portion shewing below plaster ceiling only at end walls, curved tie and hammer beam to 2” thick same depth as others.

### *Lining*

Provide and fix 1 ½” beaded Pine lining to sides of principal Rafters below plastered ceiling.

### *Roof Timbers*

Rafters to Roof spruce 6” X 2 ½” and 16” from centre to centre in single lengths and to reach over No 2 purlines alternately, rafters spiked to purlines. Purlines 9” X 6” long lengths, resting on 4” X 3” bond 5-0” long at walls and spiked to principal Rafters of principals.

### *Wall plate*

Spruce wall plate 12” X 6” in long lengths, halved and pinned at intersections, and to 4 X 3 bond continued 8’.0” into Gable Walls plate continued across flue by 2 ½” X ½” wrought iron bar, and spiked plate under principal rafters 6.0” long, 12” + 6”, ridge to roof 9 + 2.

### *Roof covering*

Roof to be covered with 1” rough boarding and to have a 3” grooved ridge roll.

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### *Joists*

Ceiling joists 16” from centre to centre and resting on collar ties of principals 10 + 2 ½ ceiling joists in Staircase Lobby 8 X 2 ½ will be allowed of juniper. Basement joists of cedar 6 X 4 and 20” inches apart laid level on cedar Keepers 6’.0” apart 4”X 4”. Ground floor joists 12” + 3” and 16 inches from centre to centre, resting and housed into Girders.

### *Girders*

Girders in long lengths resting on Oak 5” + 3” templates at walls and solid square posts [Posts to be sound red Pine or Cedar] 10” X 10” with champhered edges 1” plinths and 3” oak champhered pads 4.0 long under Girders with Oak pins into *do*.

The Girders to be properly scarfed with Oak keys

#### *Trimmers*

Trimmer joists 5" thick and same depth as other Joists. Joists to be properly trimmed for staircases, flues, etc.

#### *Tower joists*

Joists in Tower 13" + 3" resting (in Bell story) on 13" + 5" trimmers and 14" + 8" Oak Corbels let into walls of Tower. Tower Joists to be

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trimmed for Bell hatchway.

#### *Flooring*

The Basement Ground and Gallery flooring and flooring throughout to be 1 ½" wrought grooved and tongued flooring, edge nailed and in narrow boards, properly smoothed off after being laid. Boards in aisles 5" wide and laid with mitred margins round hot air registers, and with rounded and filleted hosing round well holes of stairs Joists under side pewing to be turned out for step, by 2" X 2" strips nailed to joists. Platforms made up as shewn.

#### *Wood bricks etc*

Provide and fix wood bricks in walls where may be required to fix joiners Work, 1" angle heads or staffs to all angular projections and do all necessary cuttings and fittings for hot air or where may be required.

#### *Bond*

Provide and fix 4" X 3" bond under joists and to receive sheeting of ground floor, and strapping of basement, and No 2 tier of similar bond midway between sheeting and cornice of church walls. Bond to be in long lengths halved and pinned at angles and intersections continued wholly round, and

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not to be cut out of the openings until the roof is put on; the Bond to be laid to receive Gallery joists.

#### *Bracketting*

Provide and fix proper and sufficient bracketting securely fixed for plaster cornices and architraves

#### *Strapping*

Basement story to have the exterior walls strapped with 2" X 1" strapping 18" from centre to centre fixed level

Partition in Basement story to be framed and braced, studding and braces 4" X 3", 16" centre to centre, door posts and heads 4 X 4.

#### *Centreing*

Provide fix and remove when directed proper and sufficient centering for all Arches in brick work throughout or where may be required, made up of two ribs and ties 1 ½ strips

#### *Basement windows*

Basement windows to have 2" ovals Casement sashes, one in each hung with 3" cast bolts and screws, to rebated and chamfered frames, jaumbs, head and Mullions. Mullions 6" + 4" jaumbs and circular head 6" + 4 ½" – 2 ½ sunk and weathered Oak sills with Iron tongue to hung sash,

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1 ½" angle heads inside, and 2" died boxes with pierced bottom, where shewn on basement plan.

#### *Ground Floor Windows*

Ground floor windows to have jambs, head and Mullions chamfered and rebated for Lead lights with traceried heads rebated and chamfered, Windows made up of two thicknesses, with sunk and bedded sills, jaumbs 8 + 4, Mullions 8 + 6 ½ thicknesses put together, glued and screwed the whole as detailed drawings. Windows to front to have turned Columns with turned Caps and bases and with chamfered and beaded traceried heads and made up in two thicknesses as side windows. Windows in Tower to have 6 + 4 ½ chamfered jamb and heads with 1 ½" towers left in and fixed to do. All Windows throughout to have 1 ½" moulded Window Boards and bearers, and 1 ½" angle beads to jambs.

#### *Basement doors*

Basement entrance door to have 7" X 4" rebated and beaded frames 2 ¼" bead and flush door 1 ¼" oval sash as side lights, and 1 ½" framing under *do*. Other

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basement doors 2" four pannell square chamfered doors, hung with 3 ½" cast bolts and screws to 2" single rebated jaumbs and to have chamfered and beaded linings, 5" X 1 ½" with 2" bead round *do*.

#### *Front door*

Front entrance doors 1 ½" framed and fitted in with 1 ¼" matched and bead boarding, with flush beads and hollows on exterior and chamfered doors ledges on interior. Doors hung [Ornamental ironwork imported for the purpose] with strong No 1 hinges, and screws to 8 + 4 rebated, and return beaded door frame rebated, and bead transom and chamfered tracery over ditto for lead glazing. The ornamental exterior hinges to be fixed with bolts and chamfered heads etc complete – other exterior doors 2" framed and filled in with 1 ½" match bead boarding, as front door, hung with ¾ cast bolts and screws to 7 + 4 rebated and return beaded door frames.

#### *Interior doors*

Ground floor and Gallery doors 2.. Framed one pannell filled in with 1 ¼" boarding with bead and fillets forming ribs doors throughout, except where folding hung

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with 4" cast bolts and screws to 2" double rebated jambs and all doors to have 7" mounted interior doors. Architraves jambs of entrance through Tower framed and mounted –

Basement entrance doors hung with 4 ½ bolts and screws. Trap door in Bell story floor to be in 2.1" thicknesses under *do* framed and moulded hung with 14" Scotch T hinges and screws with 1" beaded lining and to have flush iron ring & fastenings. Gallery to have No. 16 framed and braced principals. Ties to do 12" + 3" Backs and Braces 10" + 8" with 1" King Bolt Nuts and plates, and 1 ½ bolt and plates through Bressummer, and 1" bolts to do. Nuts and plates complete, raising plates 13" + 3" + 4" cresting on principals floor joist 6 + 3. Gallery framing trimmed out at Windows and have ceiling joists 6" + 3" where required. Gallery Bressummers 16" X 10" with 4 X 2 studding to Gallery front. Gallery floor as before described with 1" risers to steps and 1 ½ Gallery treads with rounded nosings 3" + 2 ½". Oak rail and 1 + 1 turned ballusters across Window openings. Gallery fronts to have 1 ½" framed

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front Bolection moulded and traceried panels as shewn 1" lining at back, moulded capping and cornice 1 ½ beaded lining under bressummers 8" turned oak columns turned caps and bases, and octagon plinth, 8" x 8" beaded oak head over leap, and beaded and chamfered pine corbels, to sides of ditto with turned drops, the whole as described provide and fine 1 ¼" moulded skirting 18" high round Gallery walls, and proper Ground Roof principals. Roof principals shewing below ceiling line to be wrought and chamfered, the finish of chamfers moulded.

### *Sheeting*

The Basement school room to have sheeting 3"6 high 1" matched and bedded sheeting in manora [?] board with 1 ½" bedded lapping. Ground floor walls to have similar sheeting the height of pewing lapped with oak lapping. Staircase and plinth 22" height rooms in basements to have 1" tows skirting the whole on bevelled. Ground 3 + 1.

### *Pewing*

The Ground floor pewing to have 1 ½ framed and moulded doors. Ends and divisions 1 ½ square backs and seats -; seats to have rounded hosings, and 1 ½" cut-out

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brackets 1 ½ raking book boards on cut-out brackets 1 ½". Hat rail and bearers under seats secured to floors. Doors hung with 2 ½ Brass ornamental pew hinges and screws and to have brass button each, the whole pewing throughout to have 2 ½ + 1 ½ beaded oak capping. Gallery pewing to be similar to Ground floor pewing and lapping as above described, except elbows and divisions to be square 1 ½" solid instead of framed and moulded.

### *Staircases*

Basement stairs to have 1 ½ treads to risers blocked and bracketted with proper carriages with rounded and filleted nosing housed to 2 wale and beaded well strings and to have 3" + 2 ½" rounded oak rail and turned 4 ½ oak newells.

### *Gallery stairs*

1 ½ treads and risers glued, blocked and bracketted with proper strong carriage treads with moulded nosings tongued fillett and hollow under do housed to 2" wall and moulded well strong with rounded oak capping to do stairs to have 4 + 3 moulded oak handrail 6 turned oak newells and 1" matched and bedded pine boarding

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under ditto instead of ballusters and 1 ½" beads in do forming ribs 4 + 3 studding under well strung on Ground floor for plastered spandriel.

### *Steps*

Outside steps to side entrances to have 2" treads and landings and 1 ½" riser treads with moulded and filleted mitred hosings, the whole on proper 6 + 4 bearers.

### *Eaves*

Eaves to have 1" soffet 1 ½ bedded faced and fillet under ... [?] eaves spouting moulded and hollowed Bed. Mould forming cornice the whole securely nailed.

Partition at sides of pulpit to have 3" x 3" studding. Platform to have 8" x 2 ½" bearers covered with flooring as above described 1 ½" treads and risers as other steps 6" turned and moulded oak newells and terminations 6 + 3 moulded Oak handrail and 1 3/8" turned and moulded oak ballustrades with caps and bases do framing on partition 2 framed and moulded with traceried heads, and well turned 2 ½" columns on angles of partition moulded and enriched moulded and embattled cornice and plinth – prepare and fine presentors seat and desk with pierced – tracing panels and moulded

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book boards to do Pulpit to have Quatrefoil 2" framed and bolection and moulded pannelling with 4" + 2" studding and 1" lining with 2 ½" butts, moulded cornice, and sapping to Pulpits and moulded book boards as shewn 1 ½" rounded seat and bracket in do Stairs to have 1 ½ treads rounded and 1 ¼ riser proper carriages 5 + 2 Handrail and 5" turned oak newell and 1" square bar ballusters.

The whole to be shewn and according to detail drawings to be provided 2" framed doors in partition and robing room framed to correspond with other framing hung with 3 butts and to have 6" mortice lock white porcelain furniture with 6" single faced architraves wide robing room. Robing room to have sheeting round walls similar to sheeting before described.

### *Locks*

Front door to have 10" strong dead lock and ornamental latch and 2 – 12" barrel spring bolts. Basement entrance to have 8" dead lock and iron thumb latch. Side entrance doors

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to have 10" iron rimmed sock brass furniture and 1 – 12" spring barrel bolt. Ground floor and Gallery Entrances to have strong 6" English mortice lock, white porcelain furniture, and 1 – 10" spring barrel bolt each. Basement doors to have 6 carpenters patent rim lock brass furniture.

### *Spire*

The spire to have centre post 12" + 12" at bottom reduced to 4" at top shipped and bolted into 12 + 16 bearers at bottom, and spiked at the top No 8 reduced. Angle pieces finished 10" + 8", girths and braids 8 + 5, studding 8 + 2 ½, braces from centre posts to girths 12 + 2 ½. the whole properly framed and braced with 2 ½" iron strap and bolt round plate. Plate 12" + 8" at feet of angle pieces = (Note. The centre mast of spire may be in 3 thicknesses, strongly spiked to break joint in long lengths. The whole to be strongly framed and braced as shewn on drawings. The bearers to receive mast to be thrown diagonally across Tower and strongly strutted from Oak corbels built in Walls). Roof between spire and parapet made up with 6 + 3 bearers, the whole and spire

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covered with 1" rough boarding and to have 3 ½ heads on the angle at completion. The spire to be covered with the best IC tin, charcoal brand, the tin properly put on, and locked, nailed and soldered, where requisite, the angle beads covered with tin properly dressed down, the whole to receive one coat of oil paint on underside of tin bent boarding, and outside 4 coats of the best white lead and oil paint, and finished light free stone colour. The whole of the flashings specified to be of 5 lb. milled lead. Provide moulded break [?] mould and copper gilt vane at apex.

### *Vane*

Vane to swing on gun metal axis, with cut out point etc as described, the whole secured to iron rod; Iron rod let into centre post and secured to ditto with carved wood. Finial at base of *do*. Provide and fix 6" V tin eaves gutter to eaves with false bottom soldered in *do* for proper fall and to turn 3" under shingles, secured with iron hooks and hold fasts.

### *Down pipes*

Provide and fix No 4 stacks of 4" tin

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rain water pipes with proper heads and shoes complete secured with iron holdfasts.

### *Flashings*

The Gables to be flashed with 5 lb milled lead to turn up Wall 5 and cloak flashed with lead built into joint of Brick work and Tower walls flashed with lead painted with a cement of white lead and sand. Tower walls flashed and cloak flashed in a similar manner. Gutter behind parapet at base of spire to be laid with lead laid for proper fall turned up sides of spire and parapet 18" and Cloak flashed as described for Gables.

### *Gutter*

2 ½" water pipes continued through parapet to deliver on rood where passing thro' walls to be 5" diameter and of 5 lb lead.

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### Plastering

#### *Laths*

The whole of the laths used in this building to be rent or sawn from the best red pine lath wood, strong and free from sap and nailed with iron nails. Laths laid to break joint every 12" not to lap over at ends, and all timbers to be cross lathed.

*Mortar*

The mortar for this department to be made of the best fresh burnt lime and good sharp clean sand in the proportion of one part lime to two of sand; thoroughly incorporated together and mixed with a sufficient quantity of good dry cow hair.

*Basement*

The whole of the basement story to be two coat-work lathed, plastered and set. The walls of church and lobby and tower and soffit of stairs three coat-work browned, floated and finished trowelled stucco finished; Walls lined out as stones and colored – party color approved. The ceiling to be 3 coat work, lathed and plastered floated and set white.

*Cornices*

Cornices along side walls 2'-3" gut run in plaster and putty from cut iron moulds.

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**[Transcription note: The consecutive numbering of pages deviates here]**

*Halifax NS*

*May 12/58*

*Messrs. Peters, Blaiklock & Peters*

*Gentlemen*

*I am directed by the Chairman of the Building Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst and in reply to furnish you with a copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Building Committee held this morning.*

*“The Secretary read a communication from Messrs Peters, Blaiklock & Peters relative to some of the conditions, whereupon it was unanimously*

*“Resolved that the plans, specifications and conditions be adhered to, according to their true intent and meaning, the same having been made out by Architects in whom the Committee have ever confidence, without any specific instructions from the Committee, and believing them to be in the usual form, the Committee do not feel themselves justified in altering them.”*

*The Committee agree to the extension of time requested by Messrs Peters, Blaiklock & Peters.*

*I remain*

*Your obdt servant*

*Alex W Scott*

*Secretary*

*St Matt C*

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Architraves and jambs behind pulpit to be run true and perfect jaumbs including Columns 3.0 Girth Archivale 4'-6" gut columns to have modelled euricked caps [?] in one variety. The corbels at foot of roof principals to be run in plaster and putty. Cut all quirks and angle beads, *do* all necessary cuttings and clean off all dirt and plaster from joinery. Glass etc occasioned by the department so as to have all clear etc at completion. The ceiling of church to have No 4 Gothic traceried euricked [?] and moulded perforated centre flowers 3'-6" girt, to be moulded and cast from detailed drawings hereafter to be furnished. The colouring used for the walls to be a rich fawn color, and the joints of the stones drawn in red lines. The arches to door ways and windows to be lined and divided into stones and jointed

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#### *Painting and glazing*

The Basement sashes to be glazed with the best English crown glass, well bedded in the best oil putty. Other windows throughout to be glazed with Chances [?] plain Cathedral tinted Diamond Quarry Glass in lead. Lights properly cemented and soldered and secured with copper wire to wrought iron saddle bars, let into wooden frames. Each side window of church to have No 2 small cast iron casements and frames, let in *do*, hung on pivots with handle and buttons to ditto complete. The whole of the Joiners work usually painted, pews, roof timbers, etc, etc to be painted 3 coats good white lead and oil paint, finished with plain approved color; exterior wood work 4 coats and sanded, finished stone color, the whole first properly knotted, stopped and rubbed down. Pulpit to have 4 coats and grained oak exterior entrance doors 4 coats and grained oak: the graining to be twice varnished; The oak columns to be twice varnished; the whole of the best Copal varnish

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#### *Hot Air Apparatus*

Provide and fix in the most workmanlike manner No 2 McGregors Patent Hot Air furnace (No 2) iron smoke pipe continued from *do* to flue in walls and connected with No 2 Cast Iron Ornamental Registers in floor above set in soapstone frames. Complete furnaces enclosed with galvanized iron; Cold air continued from exterior to *do* in proper bold air duct made up of 1 1/2" pine continued under floor and under basement window to ground level covered with 1 1/2" lattice strips and to have sliding damper the whole complete and the Work warranted. The hot air flues from furnaces to register to be oval 14" x 6" of IC Tin strongly made with double lap joint and wilts proper tin register heads, the Registers to be of the best quality and screwed down. The Joists where the flue passes thro' floor to be lined with tin. The flue in no case to be nearer woodwork than 3 inches proper damper to be made in smoke flue; the whole to be fitted up by men accustomed to the work and to the entire satisfaction of all parties.

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#### *Slating*

The roof to be covered with the best Vermont blue Dutchess slates laid in hair mortar not less than 5/8" thick, the slates nailed with galvanized iron nails, two to each slate, and not to have less than 3" lap, upper over lowest slate, the ridge to have 4" solid roll, covered with 5 lb mulled lead 14" wide, properly dressed over roll and down on to slates.

*Simon Peters*  
*Geo Blaiklock*

*Henry Peters*

Witnesses

*Will<sup>m</sup> T. Thomas*

*Alex<sup>ndr</sup> W Scott*

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*Halifax Nova Scotia*

*April 23, 1858*

*To the Building Committee  
Of St. Mathews Church*

*Gentlemen*

*We hereby offer to erect the new St. Mathews Church proposed to be built near Government House in this City as follows – The Walls above ground to be built of hard Burned Brick of the size and Quality used by us at the Wellington Barracks and cover the same with Two Coats of White & Bros best Portland Cement – including all the Free Stone Sills – Mouldings and Ornaments mentioned in the Original Specifications also all Masonry, Plastering, Carpenters, Joiners, Plumbers, Painters, Glaziers and Slaters work as per revised specifications including Hot Air Furnaces for the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Four Pounds Currency.*

*For the same price we will face the Building with prepared Bricks lain in Cement in lieu of Common Brick covered with Cement.*

*Joisting, Framing of Roof Spire, etc and the Floor, Boarding of Roof & Spire to be of Spruce Beams of Basement and Posts to ditto of Juniper.*

*If Hot Air Furnaces are dispensed with, 116 £ to be deducted from above amount.*

*Peters, Blaiklock & Peters*

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*Halifax Nova Scotia*

*May 11, 1858*

*Wm. Murdock Esq*

*Chairman Building Committee*

*St. Mathews Church*

*Sir*

*Our Tender having been Accepted by Your Committee for the Erection of St. Mathews Church –*

*As owing to the lateness of the Season no further time should be lost in making arrangements for Timber, Stone and other Materials required.*

*It is necessary that the Contract should be signed forthwith, before doing so, it is desirable that a proper understanding should be come to with regard to conditioning and Terms of Payment.*

*We should not be called upon to perform Work which is not shown in the plans or Mentioned in the Specifications without being paid for the same –*

*We are willing that any Extra work we are called upon to perform should be paid for at the rate we are receiving for the whole work –*

*We do not wish to be bound not to underlet any part of the work –*

*Given by*

*Twenty per cent being an unusually large Amount to withhold and taking into consideration our abilities and facilities for Carrying out the Contract, Your Committee would be perfectly safe without any further Security than our own personal and the Twenty per cent above mentioned.*

*In case of any work not being carried out according to the plans and Specification and our refusing to rectify the same the Committee to have the power to cause the same to be made good and the expense to be deducted from the Amount due us after the termination of the Contract.*

*The Roof to be put on the Building and Slated on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1858 –*

*The whole of the works to be completed on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1859 under a penalty of £5 per day –*

*Cash to be paid to the amount of Four Fifths the value of Work done and Materials on the Ground during the progress of the Work according to the certificate of the Architects and the balance on the final completion of the Work.*

*We are, Sir,  
Your Obedient Servants  
Peters, Blaiklock & Peters*

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*Halifax NS 14<sup>th</sup> May 1858*

*To  
William Murdoch Esq<sup>re</sup>  
Chairman of Building Committee St Mathews Church.*

*Sir,*

*We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a resolution passed by your committee on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, wherein the decline modifying certain conditions attached to the specification.*

*After the satisfactory explanation given us by yourself and also by several of the committee, we withdraw the objections contained in our letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant – In order to bring our negotiations to a close we beg to solicit a reply to the following:*

*In the event of more foundations being required than shewn on Plan, do the Committee understand that the same is to be paid for?*

*Is it understood that we have not estimated for drainage? Will the twenty per cent held in hand by the Committee until the final completion of the contract be considered as sufficient security.*

*Peters, Blaiklock & Peters*

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*Halifax NS  
May 15/58*

*Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peters, Blaiklock & Peters*

*Gentlemen,*

*I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, withdrawing the objections contained in your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. In reply I am directed by the Committee to state that in the event of more foundations being required than shewn on the plans, the Committee understand that the same are to be paid for, at a price to be agreed upon, if left to be deducted. The Committee understand that the drainage has to be provided at their own expense. The Committee consider the remaining 20 per cent (in accordance with the conditions of the contract) to be sufficient security.*

*Yours truly,  
Alex<sup>ndr</sup> W Scott  
Secretary  
St. M. Church*

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*To William Murdoch Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chairman of Building Committee  
St Matthews Church*

*We will construct a sufficient temporary fence of rough boards, 7 feed high, secured to Rails and Posts, between the Grounds of St. Matthews Church and the Bishops Gardens, for the sum of £10.7.6 cy*

*Peters, Blaiklock & Peters*

Halifax, 11<sup>th</sup> May 1858

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Halifax NS  
May 15/58

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peters, Blaiklock & Peters

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Building Committee to inform you that your tender to erect a temporary fence between the grounds of the Church and the Bishop's premises for the sum of £10.7.6 currency has been accepted, and to request that you will proceed with the work forthwith.

Yours truly,  
Alex<sup>ndr</sup> W Scott  
Secretary  
St. M. C

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Halifax August 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

To the Chairman of the Building Committee St. Mathews Church

Sir

We will batten and lath the inner side of Exterior walls of St. Mathews Church to the satisfaction of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas & Sons, the Architects of the building, for the sum of Fifty Pounds

Yours \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_  
Peters, Blaiklock & Peters

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Halifax NS  
18 August 1858

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peters, Blaiklock & Peters

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Building Committee of St. Matthew's Church, to inform you that your tender to batten and lath the inner side of the exterior walls of the Church, to the satisfaction of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas & Sons (Architects of the Building) for the sum of Fifty pounds has been accepted.

Yours truly  
Alex<sup>ndr</sup> W Scott  
Secretary  
St. M. C

