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MEMORANDUMDrilling - J. Shackcloth

During the time that Mr. Ferguson was boring at his farm Mr. Shackcloth was invariably present and approved the moves from site to site.

To say that the fault lies with the driller is incorrect for boring was stopped by the driller because of the unstable nature of the surface and sub-surface strata. So unstable was the ground that during drilling operations the surface immediately around the bore collapsed to leave a comparatively wide hole. Continued boring could have endangered the boring plant.

Under similar circumstances driller Harper in the same district has endeavoured to save such holes by carting soil to replace the collapsed material but it has invariably been found to be a saving with shallow holes to move to a fresh site. As Mr. Shackcloth, at the termination of the boring campaign, expressed satisfaction with the results I can see no reason for consideration of his proposal that an allowance of £143.13.2 should be made.



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