

Hillbutts, Wimborne

26th January 22

Messrs Rawle Johnstone & Co
1 Bedford Row
London W.C.1

Dear Sirs,

Studland Ferry and Roadway.

I have received your telegram today regarding the above.

On Saturday last I had an interview with Mr. Aman, when he persisted in putting forward in various forms for him to retain some control over the road with tolls. I told him definitely that the Trustees would not entertain any scheme whereby he had any control over the road, and that according to my instructions, he was to make up the road to the requirements of the local council and hand it over to the Trustees when completed, and it was for them to decide whether it should be dedicated to the public. He said there seemed to be some misunderstanding upon the matter and suggested first that the Trustees should contribute 2/3rds towards the cost and later ½ of the cost and I replied to this that I did not for one minute think that the Trustees would make any such contributions.

Mr Aman informed me that he had not yet received the draft agreement from the Poole Harbour Commissioners setting out the tolls that he could charge for the ferry, and I replied that I considered until he was in possession of this he would not be in a position to say whether the scheme was worth proceeding with as he may under this agreement be able to charge such tolls as will compensate him for the out lay on the ferry and the road. As I pointed out to him for example, if he charged per person 3d for the ferry and 2d toll on the road, the undertaking would pay him quite as well if he could charge 4d for the ferry and the road free, as then he would have no expense with the upkeep of the road. He informed me that he would get in touch with the Poole Harbour Commissioners at once, and after he had the draft he would see you again, and that is my reason for not reporting to you on the result of the interview.

There was nothing else transpired at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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