

Summary of DRO document D503/72/2

Contract for the excavation and removal of earth and stone boulders etc. to bare the top of the limestone at the Hilts and Warner quarries at Crich.

This contract (lease) was let by the Butterley Company (the Company) on 30th October 1899 to Arthur Francis Bott and Lewis Jones, contractors trading together as Bott and Lewis Jones (the Contractor).

The key clauses in the contract are summarised below.

- The Contractor shall be responsible for removing earth, soil, stone boulders etc from the surface level to bare the top of the limestone at the designated sites in the Hilts and Warner quarries;
- All the excavated material shall be removed to the designated spoil areas in both quarries;
- The Contractor may have the use of rails and chairs which the Company can spare for their use;
- The Contractor shall receive one shilling and three pence per cubic yard removed and a minimum quantity of one hundred thousand cubic yards of material shall be removed in one year subject to no strikes taking place;
- For any additional work the Company shall pay the actual cost of the labour with additional allowances of five pounds and ten pounds per centum for plant/management and profit respectively;
- The Contractor will also receive three pence per ton in addition to the one shilling and three pence per cubic yard for all limestone boulders excavated and deposited separately at the designated location;
- The Company shall be supplied with the required time and pay sheets for day work;
- During and on completion of the contract the Contractor shall keep and leave the quarries in a satisfactory condition and any rails and implements used by the Contractor shall be stacked in the designated location;
- The Company shall make monthly payments to the Contractor and ten pounds per centum shall be retained by the Company until one month after completion of the contract.