

W2-f. 1. ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD - Contracts:

Sections, wood, tracks,  
castings

The title of this volume is inadequate and inexact: the contracts in it for sections are contracts, not for the original railroad, but for the New Allegheny Portage Railroad, built c. 1851 - 1855 "to avoid the inclined planes"; the contracts for wood are contracts for supplying locomotive engines on the Old Portage Railroad (items 9-44); the contracts and specifications for sections (items 45-117) are for the New Allegheny Portage Railroad to avoid the inclined planes; and the contracts for hauling (items 118-119) apply to the New Portage Railroad.

Items 120-122 are significant for presenting contracts between the state-owned public works and the new company-owned Pennsylvania Railroad being built across Allegheny Mountain during 1851-54.

120. Arranges for the sale of state-owned passenger cars to the Pennsylvania Railroad and determines an agreement on the cost of railway fares.
121. Arranges for the passing of Allegheny Portage Railroad trains over the newly-being-built Pennsylvania Railroad over Allegheny Mountain.
122. The Pennsylvania Railroad agrees to buy from the canal commissioners certain "emigrant passenger cars."
- 124-130. Present sectional contracts for the New Allegheny Portage Railroad.