

- (19.) It is assumed John Thomson Smith and William Jones have signed before one witness, so the attestation would run :—

“ Signed by the above-named John Thomson Smith and  
William Jones in the presence of—  
“ FRANK FISHER,  
“ Grocer,  
“ Manners Street, Wellington.”

If William Jones were blind, or unable to read, then the attestation would be—

“ Signed by the above-named William Jones, by setting his mark hereto, after the above bond was read over and explained to him, he being blind [*or unable to read, as the case may be*], in the presence of ”—

[*Witness to sign as before.*]

- (20.) There may be several witnesses to a signature, in which case each witness signs as shown in the example ; but, of course, *one* form of attestation is sufficient.
- (21.) Except in the case of a company, *one* witness may attest all the signatures ; but, if different persons sign in the presence of different witnesses, there must be a separate attestation for each person so signing.
- (22.) The attestator must in every case be a person not interested in the contract. This, however, does not include a Chief Postmaster or other Postal officer, who may, where necessary, witness signatures to a bond.
- (23.) When a limited-liability company executes, the attestation may be :—

“ The common seal of the above-named [*Name of company in full*] was hereto affixed in the presence of us—

“ A.B., } Directors.  
“ C.D., }  
“ E.F., Secretary.”

- (24.) There may in some cases be variations in the form or requirements of the execution by a company ; but these can usually be ascertained from its secretary, who is necessarily conversant with the practice in this respect.

#### (II.) *Tender.*

- (25.) *To be corrected before Execution of Bond.*—As the tender forms part of the contract, special care should be taken to insure all the needful particulars being filled in correctly. If the tender as originally sent in by the contractor be found to be in any way defective, a new form should be filled up and signed by him before execution of the bond. In such cases care is to be taken to see that the date shown in the bond is not prior to that shown on the tender form. Similarly, the date of the letter of acceptance must be subsequent to the date on the tender form and prior to the date of execution of the bond.
- (26.) When the advertisement calling for tenders appears in a supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette*, the date and number of such supplement to be shown in the tender are the actual date and number of the supplement, not the date and number of the main *Gazette* of which it is a supplement.
- (27.) *Newspaper in which published.*—When the tenders have not been called for in the *New Zealand Gazette*, the part “*New Zealand Gazette*” should be struck out, and the name of the paper in which they were advertised substituted. The correction is to be initialled by both con-