

640. That would leave it £350?—No; £400.

641. You had received £450 in full—at least, you and I had. Of that amount £50 was paid. £25 had been paid before. Another £25 was credited to you. I ask you if that does not leave £350?—I do not know that the £25 was taken out of that money. All I know is that the £50 was given to me out of it, because the £25 was given to me on the previous evening; but the money which was paid to Hemara was paid at the time of paying the £450.

642. Was not that £75 from the £450?—I thought to myself that it was out of that that the money had been taken which was given to me the night before. There must have been some reason for giving it to me, and it might have been through the transaction I am speaking of which took place upon the following day. If I applied for it I would have known what it was for; but, as it was, it was given to me.

643. Was not the total amount to be paid £450?—Yes.

644. You had £50 yourself?—Yes.

645. £25 was given to you the night before by Mr. Nelson?—Yes.

646. £25 was paid to Te Hemara in your presence?—Yes.

647. Which he thought was part of his survey money?—Yes.

648. That would be the £100?—Yes.

649. Then, if you paid £50 besides on account of Jones's lease, that would be £150. I do not say you paid the money; but supposing you did?—I never saw the lease.

650. But if you paid, supposing you paid, £50 on account of that lease?—I never paid any money on account of it.

651. I want an answer to my question. Supposing you had paid £50, would not that bring the amount up to £150?—If I had paid it, it would be.

652. That would leave £300 out of the £450?—If it had been taken out of the £450 it would leave £300. But it was not so. The money was £400. I banked the £400, the lodgment slip of which is produced. I placed the money on the counter. I retired from the counter. The distance from where I stood from the counter would be about from where I am now sitting to the door. You were not there. Mr. Nelson and myself were the only persons present when the money was paid in. You came in afterwards. I have already stated that it was after the money was counted over, and the bank paper handed to me by Mr. Nelson, that you appeared. After it was paid you appeared.

653. Now, I will put one more question to you, because you have had twenty-four hours to think it over. Do you still say you have not signed that bank voucher?—I did not sign it.

654. Now, I will remind you that yesterday I asked you if you had not been in the store of Mr. Olliver, just alongside the bank?—That is the house I sleep at—Olliver's house, formerly a store.

655. Did you not, after banking these moneys, buy goods at Olliver's?—I did not buy goods.

656. You are quite certain about that?—Yes. Ordinary clothes would not fit me, and therefore I could not go and buy them.

657. Did you not pay Mr. Olliver a bill that you had owed him for clothes and other things?—No.

658. You did not pay him an account at that time?—No.

659. Did you not buy any clothing or other goods at Keesing's, in the same street?—I bought an overcoat there—a big coat.

660. Did you not buy anything else there?—Only that; that was all. It was a cloak.

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661. *Mr. Wakefield.*] Do you know that cheque by sight—the cheque for £20? Have you ever seen it before?—I know the cheque.

662. Is that the cheque which is stated in the petition to have been got by you from Arama Karaka, at Mr. Sheehan's instance?—That is the same cheque.

663. You went to Arama Karaka at Mr. Sheehan's request, and he signed the cheque before Mr. Sheehan signed it?—Yes.

664. You then took it to Mr. Sheehan for his signature?—I sent it to him.

665. You did not take it to him?—I did not take it to him personally. I sent it to him.

666. Am I to understand that you posted it to him?—Yes.

667. Well, after that, you did not hear from him at all?—No, not that I am aware of.

668. You did not hear from him for some time afterwards?—I did not hear from Mr. Sheehan at all till I met him in town, and then I told him.

669. How long afterwards?—I could not say. I am very sorry that I have not thought of dates.

670. Was it a month or a year?—More than a month.

671. More than a month and less than a year?—It would be during the year.

672. And during that time no communication passed between you and Mr. Sheehan at all?—Not that I am aware of.

673. I mean with reference to the cheque?—None with reference to the cheque.

674. You were not pressed much for money then—for the £20. I mean, it would not be a great object to you, or you would not have remained so long out of it?—It would have been an object to me. In fact—I am sorry to reveal my financial matters—I was in want of money, and had to sell my riding-horse to pay a debt.

675. But if you sent him a cheque expecting to get it back immediately with his signature to it, and if you did not hear from him for months, does it not seem strange—does it not appear to require some explanation—that you did not write to him again, asking him if he had got the cheque, or what he had done with it?—The only reason for that was that I thought I should have seen Mr. Sheehan before I went to town.

676. Did you go to town in February?—I think it would be in November when I went.

677. That was nearly a year after the cheque was signed—about eleven months?—It was some time before that.

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