

14. That the said accountant, Mr. Kember, examined into the accounts furnished by both parties in the second action, and certified that in that action there was due to Ell a further sum of £1,530.

15. That the total amount in the two actions, therefore, with costs, and interest 10 per cent., as stated by Ell to have been ordered by the Supreme Court, would amount to a sum of between £6,000 and £7,000.

16. That upon the proofs of debt before alluded to Ell has been kept in the Bankruptcy Court for five years.

17. That the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy in Christchurch, Mr. Latter, obtained his release from Ell's estate by an order made some time since, and has since resigned from the position of Assignee in Bankruptcy.

18. The Committee are therefore of opinion that Ell has suffered grievous wrong by the abuse of the powers of the Courts of Law and Bankruptcy, and beg to recommend that he be appointed trustee in his own estate, or that some other impartial person be so appointed—First, for the payment out of his estate of all his just debts; Second, to hold the residue of his own estate, if any, for his own benefit.

19th August, 1891.

H. S. FISH, Jun., Chairman.

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