

APPENDIX N.

SIR,—

Wellington, 2nd September, 1908.

I have the honour to inform you that the Lands Committee have decided to ask you, if you so desire, to submit the names of the witnesses and the nature of the evidence you intend calling, for their approval.

Will you kindly let me have this as early as possible, so that the Committee's approval can be obtained in order to allow the witnesses to be called for Friday morning.

I have, &c.,

T. Y. DUNCAN,

Hon. T. W. Hislop, Mayor of Wellington, Wellington.

Chairman, Lands Committee.

APPENDIX O.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 9th September, 1908.

I had the honour to receive your letter in which you asked me to name any witnesses whom I wished to call. Unfortunately, death has removed the witness who could have given most material evidence in support of my view of the case. I saw Mr. H. D. Crawford on the evening of Tuesday, the 25th August, when I asked him if he remembered the circumstances of my first calling on Mr. Kensington. He stated that he did, and that the matter of our calling on him was discussed, and that I told him that I had no personal acquaintance with Mr. Kensington; that it was determined that I should call first; that I did so, and that I then asked him (Mr. Crawford) to call with me afterwards, and that I told him that I had found Mr. Kensington anxious to meet our views, and that I thought that if he (Mr. Crawford) would come and give the history of the matter in hand, that our application would be favourably received. Mr. Crawford further remembered that we went together, and that he, being rather short-winded, was almost "knocked out" through going up the stairs, that there was a little delay in getting into the office, and that he was impatient, and when admitted he settled down on a chair. When the papers were brought in he explained what his late father had done in the matter. I mentioned this conversation next day to Mr. Macdonald, two friends, and members of my own family. Mr. Crawford stated that he thought he would be out in two or three days, and that, if I wanted him to do so, he would give evidence. He seemed bright at our interview, and I was greatly astonished to learn on the morning but one following our conversation of his death.

I beg to send herewith a memo.

Yours truly,

T. W. HISLOP.

Thomas Duncan, Esq., M.P., Chairman Waste Lands Committee, Wellington.

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