

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND EVIDENCE.

TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1872.

The Commission was opened and read.

Adjourned to the following day, at 11 o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1872.

The Commission sat at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Quick, solicitor for Mr. Martin, applied for an adjournment until Monday, the 8th instant, in order to enable Mr. Martin to be present.

Adjourned to Monday, 8th April, at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1872.

The Commission sat at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Brandon appeared for Mr. Martin, and *Mr. Attorney-General* for the Government.

Mr. Martin was in attendance, and examined on oath.

Adjourned to next day, at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1872.

The Commission sat at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Martin was in attendance, and further examined on oath.

Mr. Ben Smith in attendance, and examined on oath.

Adjourned to Thursday, 11th April, at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1872.

The Commission sat at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Quick appeared for Mr. Martin.

Mr. Attorney-General opened the case for the Government.

Mr. Clayton, Colonial Architect, in attendance, and examined on oath.

Adjourned to the following day, at 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1872.

The Commission sat at 4 p.m.

Messrs. Brandon and *Quick* appeared for Mr. Martin; *Mr. Attorney-General*, for the Government

Mr. Clayton, Colonial Architect, in attendance and further examined on oath.

Mr. Ben Smith, in attendance, and further examined on oath.

Adjourned to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1872.

The Commission sat at 5 p.m.

Mr. Brandon appeared for Mr. Martin; *Mr. Attorney-General*, for the Government.

Mr. C. B. Vine, Clerk of Works, in attendance and examined on oath.

Mr. W. P. James, second Clerk in the Resident Magistrate's Office, Wellington, in attendance and examined on oath.

Mr. Ben Smith in attendance, and further examined on oath.

Mr. Clayton in attendance, and further examined on oath.

Mr. Attorney-General summed up for the Government.

Mr. Brandon replied for Mr. Martin.

The Commission rose.

MONDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1872,

Mr. Brandon appeared for Mr. Martin.

Mr. Attorney-General appeared for Government.

Mr. MARTIN, examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Brandon.*] In April, 1869, did you not become security for Ben Smith, the contractor for building Government House?—I did; I was joint security with Osgood.

2. The liability under the bond was for £1,000?—It was so, I think. There was some mistake. In the original I think it is £500, put in by Mr. Felix Wakefield.

3. Did Smith enter upon the work?—Yes.