

then required by the receiving teller to sign this slip as a record of the money retained by the bank? —I waited for him to call out to me to go and sign, but he did not. Mr. Nelson took up the paper, and brought it to me.

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Aug. 3, 1880.

406. Now, after you paid the money into the bank what did you next do in regard to this business? —I did not return to the bank.

407. Did you go to any other place in Auckland to do any business?—No. The next day I returned to my home.

408. You did no business about this matter at all between the time of your lodging the money in the bank and your going away next day?—No, I did not; because I knew then that my power over the money was gone, because you had got the slip from the bank.

409. Do you know that on this deposit receipt it is expressly stated that cheques on this account would be signed by Adam Clark and John Sheehan?—That is right if this is the bank paper; but it is a white piece that I know as being the bank slip.

410. Do you not remember returning from the bank and coming with Brissenden and Nelson to my office in the Provincial Government Buildings?—About our first visit I have already stated in my evidence.

411. Now, do you not remember, after paying the money, coming up to me with Mr. Brissenden and Mr. Nelson to my room in the Superintendent's Office, I being then Provincial Secretary?—No; I did not after the money was paid into the bank. I returned next morning.

412. Just recollect again whether that is not the case?—All I know of, after the money was taken to the bank I returned home next morning.

413. Perhaps if I were to describe the building to you: Do you not remember coming to see me on the second floor of a large brick building with a large verandah and large posts?—I did not stay any time in Auckland. I have already said that next morning I went home.

414. Did you see me again after you paid the money?—No; I returned.

415. You did not see me at all after the money was paid in?—That was the last time I saw you. You came down south after that, and I did not see you until the present time.

416. When you went home, did you see Mr. Gittos?—Yes; we lived at the one place.

417. Did you tell him then what had taken place in Auckland?—Yes, I told him. I told him also of the money that was taken to the bank.

418. Was that a long time after you went back, or just after?—Immediately after I returned.

419. Do you remember in what month and year this was?—I am not able to say the year and the month.

420. Then you told Mr. Gittos about the sale of the Pakiri Block?—Yes, I told Mr. Gittos.

421. And about the payment of the moneys?—Yes, I told him.

422. About the lodging of the money in the bank?—Yes.

423. So that shortly after your return Mr. Gittos knew all about it?—Yes.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1880.

ARAMA KARAKA re-examined.

Arama Karaka.
Aug. 4, 1880.

424. *Mr. Sheehan.*] I am going to speak to you now about the payment of the moneys. I think you told us that the moneys were paid in the hotel in Official Bay?—Yes.

425. Do you remember at what time of the day—morning, afternoon, or evening?—It was after dinner-time.

426. Was it not dark?—No.

427. Were there any lights in the room?—There were no lights—it was quite clear.

428. What time of the day would you say it was, from your recollection?—To my thought it was after dinner-time.

429. What do you mean by after dinner-time; because the time differs with most people?—I look upon dinner-time as being 1 or 2 o'clock.

430. Are you quite certain about that?—Yes.

431. Did you bank the moneys on that day or next day?—When I got out of the room on that occasion, Mr. Nelson and I went straight to the bank.

432. Was it not after half-past 5 o'clock in the evening when the moneys were paid to you?—No.

33. Did you not say that you had to go up to the Supreme Court first to find Mr. Brissenden before the moneys could be paid?—I did not say that we should go to the Supreme Court.

434. You did not go?—I did not go to the Supreme Court, because it was not my idea of taking the money for the land.

435. Then, if myself and two or three other witnesses, including Te More and Mr. Nelson, state that they came up to me at the rising of the Provincial Council at half-past 5 o'clock in the evening, would you be certain that it was in the afternoon?—Hori te More and Te Hemara would not say that.

436. Suppose they do say so?—They would say the same thing as I have said now.

437. Was the money paid that day or next morning into the bank?—What I know is that we lodged the money in the bank that day. When we got outside, Mr. Nelson and myself went straight to the bank.

438. You say "taku mohio:" are you quite certain?—Yes.

439. You told us yesterday you went away the day after you paid the money into the bank, and did not see me after the money was paid in and I took the slip from you?—Yes, I said so. The day after I paid the money into the bank I went home.

440. Did you not go with Mr. Brissenden, Mr. Nelson, and myself to the Provincial Buildings after paying the money into the bank?—No.

441. You swear that?—I did not return.