

*Mr. C. E. Nelson.*

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1035. You are aware that this document before the Committee is the original bank voucher?—No doubt about it, that is my writing.
1036. And the certainty almost is that you were there when the money was paid in?—I think so. I have seen the bank slip; it is my writing.
1037. Look at the signature?—Oh, yes! that is Adam Clark's.
1038. Then at that time £300 was lodged to the credit of the account in the bank when you and he paid the money in?—Yes.
1039. The next operation was the payment of £200 to Adam Clark?—Yes.
1040. Look at that signature on the cheque. Whose handwriting is that?—That is Arama Karaka's, there is no doubt about it. Yes, I remember paying that money.
1041. You tell us you got Mr. Brissenden's cheque for £200?—Yes, I remember that.
1042. Which amount you took to the bank?—I drew £200.
1043. You took the cheque to the bank and drew £200?—Yes, I got the money from the bank. One thing I remember: Just as I was about counting out the money, on a little table in the bank, Adam Clark was standing talking to a gentleman, and I said "Who is that?" It was a son of Mr. Hargreaves, who used to live in Kaipara. He is in the bank yet, and he must have seen me pay the money.
1044. His father lived at Adam Clark's place?—Yes. He is dead now.
1045. Adam Clark would be likely to know the family?—Yes.
1046. Having given Adam Clark £200, you obtained from him and myself this cheque for £200?—When I got that cheque I do not know. I believe Brissenden gave it to me.
1047. But Brissenden had given £200 to Adam Clark, and this cheque was given to you for the purpose of making that account good?—Yes. I am mistaking the cheque. It was Brissenden's cheque to make his money good.
1048. Was I present?—No. Mr. Brissenden gave me the cheque, and I went to pay the money into the bank.
1049. Did I ever have a copper of that money?—No, certainly not. I cannot remember where Adam Clark went to after I paid him the money.
1050. In 1869, when the Pakiri Block was put through, do you remember whether Mr. Gittos was present at the Court?—Certainly I do. Mr. Gittos was present. He preached there on the Sunday. You were there a fortnight, as we had a good many cases to put through.
1051. Now, if Mr. Gittos swears that he never heard of the survey or investigation, or the result of the investigation, of the Pakiri Block until 1874, and Adam Clark swears he told him about the survey, about going down to the Court, and about the result of the Court when he went back, do you think Mr. Gittos's statement is true?—I do not think Mr. Gittos would swear that.
1052. If he has sworn that?—I cannot believe he has sworn that.
1053. If Mr. Gittos has said so, and Adam Clark contradicts him?—I have already told you that Mr. Gittos was present.
1054. *Mr. Bowen.*] But just answer the question. Oh! it is untrue.
1055. *Mr. Sheehan.*] Mr. Gittos is a resident missionary in the Kaipara District?—Yes.
1056. Is not Adam Clark his right-hand man, living just across the river?—Yes, he lives close to him.
1057. He does Adam Clark's business?—Yes. Mr. Gittos was a Licensed Interpreter. I do not know whether he is now.
1058. Is he not their confidential friend?—Yes, in all business matters.
1059. Do you think it possible he could have remained in ignorance for five years?—Well, I have told you just now that he was present at the Court.
1060. Do you think it possible that he could not have known?—No, I do not think it possible.
1061. Was any person present when you paid the money to Adam Clark?—When I paid him the £200?
1062. Yes?—I paid it to him in the bank.
1063. Did Mr. Hargreaves see?—He must have seen me. The table was only six or eight feet from the counter.
1064. Where did you find him for the purpose of paying the money?—I found him in Mr. Oliver's shop. I had been all over the town looking for him. I had been to Oliver's shop previously, and did not find him. It was close on 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
1065. Did you tell him what you wanted him for in Oliver's shop?—I told him openly.
1066. Was Oliver present?—Yes. He was getting some things from Oliver. I remember Oliver saying, "I wish I was a Maori."
1067. Was Te Hemara present?—No, I think not. I think Te Keene Tangaroa was there, and three or four other Natives. I cannot say who. I remember seeing Te Keene. I cannot say whether Te Hemara was there or not. I do not think he was.
1068. Then, if Adam Clark has sworn that he never heard of the Pakiri sale until he came to Auckland and saw Mr. Brissenden, yourself, and myself in the hotel, that is not true?—It is simply false.
1069. If he has sworn that he did not receive £200 from you in the bank, is that true?—That is false.
1070. If he has sworn that he never signed these cheques and papers, is that statement true?—That is false.
1071. I should like to ask you whether, from the inception of the purchase of this block down to the finish of it, I ever, to your knowledge, received a single penny?—Not, to my knowledge, one shilling.
1072. You know the people that owned the block very well?—Very well.
1073. For two or three years after the land went through the Court you were working practically with me in regard to Native lands in Kaipara?—Yes.