

1881.
NEW ZEALAND.

ESTATE OF LATE JAMES SCHOLFIELD DOUGLAS

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO FURNISHING ACCOUNTS BY TRUSTEE).

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The UNDER-SECRETARY for JUSTICE to the REGISTRAR, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

SIR,— Department of Justice, Wellington, 16th August, 1881.
I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Dick, to request you to cause Mr. Edward Francis Ward (late Registrar of the Supreme Court at Dunedin) to furnish immediately a true account of his administration of the estate of the late James Scholfield Douglas, of which he was appointed Trustee by order of Mr. Justice Chapman in September, 1873.

You will be good enough to report to this office within a reasonable time whether or not Mr. Ward has tendered a satisfactory account, and, if he has, to supply a copy thereof.

I have, &c.,

R. G. FOUNTAIN,
Under-Secretary

The Registrar, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for JUSTICE to the REGISTRAR, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 30th August, 1881.

Re my letter of 16th instant, No. 12-20, re Stephens and Stephens. Have you any reply as yet from Mr. Ward.

R. G. FOUNTAIN.

The Registrar, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for JUSTICE to the REGISTRAR, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th September, 1881.

WHAT steps are you taking to get Mr. Ward to file a statement re estate of J. S. Douglas?

The Registrar, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

R. G. FOUNTAIN.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for JUSTICE to the REGISTRAR, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 13th September, 1881.

Re Douglas estate. You had better report to the Court without delay that Mr. Ward has failed to file an account. You can, if necessary, employ the Crown Solicitor.

R. G. FOUNTAIN.

The Registrar, Supreme Court, Dunedin.

The REGISTRAR, Supreme Court, Dunedin, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for JUSTICE.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 15th September, 1881.

Re Douglas, deceased. Have consulted Crown Solicitor. He advises that I cannot compel account, as I am neither legatee, next of kin, nor a creditor of testator, and, in point of fact, I have nothing to do with the matter. He refers me to "Williams on Executors," page 2657

COLIN MCK. GORDON,
Registrar.

The Under-Secretary for Justice, Wellington.