

This is the exhibit marked "B" referred to in the annexed affidavit of Henry Otterson.

Sworn this 15th day of May, 1891, before me—

LEOD. G. REID,

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

B.

(See copy of Bill, No. 21A, p. 6.)

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES JOHN ALLEN HASELDEN.

I, CHARLES JOHN ALLEN HASELDEN, of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, Civil servant, do hereby make oath and say as follows :—

1. That I am employed in the Civil Service of New Zealand as Under-Secretary for Justice.

2. That I am informed, and do verily believe to be true, that Worley Bassett Edwards, of Wellington aforesaid, Esquire, was appointed a Commissioner under the 20th section of "The Native Land Court Acts Amendment Act, 1889," on the 2nd day of March, 1890.

3. That the said Worley Bassett Edwards was sworn in as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand by his Honour Sir James Prendergast, on the 14th day of March, 1890.

4. That a salary of £1,500 per annum was paid to the said Worley Bassett Edwards, commencing from the said 2nd day of March, 1890, up to and inclusive of the 31st day of August, 1890, at the rate of £125 per month, such monthly payment being charged to "Unauthorised."

5. That the salary voted by Parliament for the payment of the said Worley Bassett Edwards as Commissioner, up to the 31st day of March, 1891, was at the rate of £1,375 per annum.

6. That the payments for the months of September and October were at the rate of £1,500 per annum, and were erroneously charged to Vote 19, being the "Supreme Court" vote; whereas, of the said monthly payments of £125, £114 11s. 8d. only should have been charged to the said vote No. 19, and £10 8s. 4d. should have been charged to "Unauthorised."

7. That the said Worley Bassett Edwards has been paid, since the 1st day of November, 1890, out of the said vote the sum of £114 11s. 8d. per month, which is at the rate of £1,375 per annum, and he has also been paid the sum of £10 8s. 4d. per month from "Unauthorised."

8. That if any salary abstract drawn for payment of salary out of the aforesaid vote No. 19 to the said Worley Bassett Edwards for the month of September, 1890, or for any month thereafter, until and inclusive of the month of March, 1891, was drawn for payment of salary to the said Worley Bassett Edwards as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand only, such salary abstract was erroneously drawn, and should have been drawn for payment of salary for services as Commissioner only.

9. That, in accordance with directions given by the Minister of Justice, and approved of by the Colonial Treasurer, the aforesaid sum of £10 8s. 4d. per month was paid from the month of November, 1890, to the month of March, 1891, inclusive, to the said Worley Bassett Edwards for salary as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and such monthly payments of £10 8s. 4d. for services as a Judge of the Supreme Court were paid as aforesaid out of "Unauthorised," and have not yet been authorised by Parliament.

C. J. A. HASELDEN.

Sworn at the City of Wellington, this 16th day of May, 1891, before me—

D. G. A. COOPER,

A Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

AFFIDAVIT OF C. J. A. HASELDEN.

I, CHARLES JOHN ALLEN HASELDEN, of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, Civil servant, do hereby make oath and say as follows :—

1. That the Honourable Henry Barnes Gresson was appointed to be a permanent Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand on the 26th day of July, 1859.

2. That the defendant claimed salary from the 27th day of February, 1890, in a voucher signed by Frank E. Wilson, Judge's Secretary.