

165. Were you present when Benjamin looked at this? [An old memorandum-book produced.]—No.

166. Did you see him open it?—No.

167. He might have opened it?—I did not see him.

168. If you had had your will you would have brought it away?—I would have examined the contents.

169. What rooms did you go into?—The same as on the previous occasions; we went all through the house.

170. Did you go to the same drawer?—Yes.

171. Was it locked or unlocked?—It was locked, I believe.

172. Who opened it?—Mrs. Chemis did.

173. Just think?—I would not be certain. I know that Benjamin invited her into the room.

174. Was not the drawer unlocked?—I would not be certain; it may have been unlocked.

175. Which of you examined the drawer?—Benjamin did; but I was present. Constable Healy was on his right side. The other constable looked over him. Benjamin handed all the papers to Constable Healy, who put them in his satchel, and took them away.

176. Did he bring any newspaper out of the drawer?—No.

177. Any dynamite fuse?—No.

178. Any caps?—No.

179. Then he left some things in the drawer?—Yes, a cocoa-tin containing money, dynamite fuse, and caps.

180. Did you ask for the powder-flask that day?—No; I do not remember.

181. Did you ask for the gun-caps?—No.

182. For the wads or the wadcutter?—I did not ask specially for anything; we searched for them, but not specially for them.

183. Did you get any other papers that day?—No; that was the only paper.

184. The one taken by Constable Healy in your presence?—Yes.

185. Could you describe any of the papers brought away that day, by date or any other reference to them?—No.

186. Nor as to size?—No.

187. Did you mark any of it?—No; I did not take possession of it at all; it was pushed all together in Constable Healy's satchel.

188. *The Chairman.*] Did you not see the body at the Morgue when it was stripped?—No, I was not at the inquest at all.

189. Did Chemis show any signs of disturbance at all when you first went there?—No; he was very cool.

190. From your experience as a detective, did you think he was troubled in any way?—He did not show it if he was; he was very cool.

191. *Mr. Kelly.*] Can you explain why, in your capacity of detective, it never seemed to strike you to go and search for anything about Hawkings's house?—We were out there looking for what evidence we could find.

192. None of the police attempted to search the house of Hawkings to see if anything could be found to lead you to suspect any one in Hawkings's house?—Certainly, I did not suspect any one.

193. But why not search the house of the murdered man?—I made no search.

194. *Mr. Jellicoe.*] Did you search Bowles?—No.

195. Or Norman?—No.

195a. *Mr. Moore.*] You would not like to search any one without having some suspicion against them?—No.

196. *Mr. Kelly.*] I understand it is usual in cases where a man is found murdered outside of his own house—it is the usual practice for the detectives, whether any person is suspected or not, to make a search of the premises of the murdered man?—I do not know that it is usual; it all depends on the circumstances of the case.

197. *The Chairman.*] You stated in your evidence before the Supreme Court, "I cannot say I saw Thomson put the paper in the envelope." This morning you say you saw him "put the paper in the envelope." Can you explain the discrepancy?—To the best of my belief he was in the kitchen when I saw him with a pencil in his hand. I cannot go back to every little detail; it is three years back, and I have given evidence in hundreds of cases since.

198. Do you not think that the evidence you gave three years ago would be most likely to be correct? You said there you did not see him put the papers in an envelope; or, rather, you could not say that you saw him put the papers in an envelope?—Yes; it would be more likely to be correct; but it was there (in the kitchen) I saw him separate the papers and private documents from the newspaper.

199. But in your evidence in the Supreme Court you say, "I cannot say that I saw Thomson" put the papers in an envelope?—My recollection is now that I did see him separate the papers and put them in an envelope which he took out of his pocket.

200. There is so much hinges on this that I want it cleared up. I want the Committee to understand whether you did see him or not. Whether the earlier evidence you gave was or not the more correct?—To the best of my recollection I saw him put them in the envelope.

201. *Mr. Earnshaw.*] Whereabout was that large piece of paper found—that large piece to which the other smaller pieces belonged?—I cannot identify any of the papers at all.

202. But there was a large piece of paper got out of Chemis's house; what part did it come from?—I cannot tell.

203. *Mr. Allen.*] You had some impression that the man had been shot?—Yes, I had; these pieces of blackened paper, from their appearance, seemed as if they had been shot out of a gun.