

are recorded in the Court. I must therefore respectfully decline to go behind these judgments, or to incur any more expense than I have already had to bear in these matters.

Therefore I do not see any necessity to avail myself of your notice, which gives me the opportunity of being represented at the meeting on Thursday next.

C. H. Mills, Esq., M.H.R., Wellington.

I have, &c.,
LEONARD HARPER.

No. 18.

LETTER FROM MR. LATTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE.
SIR,— 154, Worcester Street, Christchurch, N.Z., 30th August, 1892.

I have the honour to acknowledge, and to thank you for, your telegram of the 25th instant advising me that a petition from G. W. Ell will be considered by your Committee on Thursday next. I have since obtained a copy of the petition, and find that it is mainly a reiteration of the report to the House on Ell's petition of last session, in which he made *ex parte* statements reflecting most unwarrantably on myself and others.

I unhesitatingly say that Mr. Ell's statements are not facts. The facts have been determined from time to time by their Honours Judges Johnston, Ward, and Denniston, and by Mr. Commissioner (now Mr. Justice) Conolly, and on each occasion their decision has been against Mr. Ell.

It is from no feeling of disrespect that I have decided not to attend on Thursday; but, my administration of Ell's estate having been considered by four gentlemen thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Act, and having in each case been exonerated, fully and entirely, from the charges brought by Mr. Ell, I trust that I shall not be blamed for not again submitting my evidence, especially as at Wellington I should not have reference to the records of the Christchurch Bankruptcy Court.

I have not referred to Mr. Graham's report, as that was made on Mr. Ell's uncorroborated evidence, and I had no notice that such an inquiry was to be held.

C. H. Mills, Esq., M.H.R.,
Chairman, Public Petitions Committee, Wellington.

I am, &c.,
E. C. LATTER.

No. 19.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS PUT IN BY MR. ELL, BUT NOT PRINTED.

1. Deed of agreement for arbitration, 24th April, 1883.
2. Deed of submission, 24th April, 1883.
3. Notes of John Holmes, Esq., 18th June, 1883.
4. Agreement to sign deed of agreement for arbitration (not signed as agreed), referred to in Mr. Holmes's notes. Signed by J. C. Martin, for Harper; J. Holmes for Ell, 18th June, 1883.
5. W. A. Moss's arbitration book.
6. Jas. McHaffie's notes.
7. Letters, from 4th February, 1882, to 22nd November, 1883, in reference to arbitration.
8. Registrar's notes.
9. Certificate of Registrar, No. 30.
10. Minute-books in bankruptcy, Nos. 263 and 555.
11. Mr. Commissioner Conolly's report. [H.-6, 1889.]
12. Mr. C. C. Graham's report.
13. Plaint in action 1397, Ell v. Harper and others, heard before Mr. Justice Ward in 1887.
14. Ell's letter to the Hon. Mr. Cadman, 20th June, 1892.
15. Declaration for C. C. Graham, Esq., explaining items. Sworn before J. R. Blair, 7th January, 1890.
16. Mr. McHaffie's notes, before Registrar, July and August, 1886.
17. Copy account-book, law trusts moneys.
18. Copy telegram Registrar to Court of Appeal, May, 1886.
19. Proof settled account Ell v. Harper, 19th December, 1887.
20. Letter T. R. Fleming to Department of Justice, dated 30th January, 1890, and correspondence attached.
21. Affidavit, Court of Appeal, May, 1886.
22. Correspondence: Registrar to Committee, December, 1887.
23. Account known as Exhibit H, dated 23rd August, 1880.
24. Orders of Court, A, B, C, D, in action 683.
25. Affidavit, Martin and Austin, 16th March, 1885.
Statement of claims, 23rd December, 1884.
26. Accounts that were placed before Mr. Kember when making certificate.
27. Judgment and figures in action No. 30.
28. Copy deed drawn by Jellicoe, 10th June, 1886.
29. Documents in action 683 received from Registrar.
30. Deed and documents in action No. 683: Deed No. 24976; caveat withdrawn, 6th July, 1877; memorandum lease, Hammer and Harper, containing numbers of sections; transmission No. 161; transfer 1506; account dated 21st May, 1885; deed No. 5155; deed No. 10177.
31. Mr. Justice Richmond's notes.
32. Letter to C. C. Graham, Esq., 24th February, 1890.