

319. Or Mr. Henderson, or anybody else?—No; I asked Mr. Henderson once to lend me £40—to discount a bill for me for £40; but I never asked for remuneration.
320. Did he do it?—No; he did not.
321. You never asked to have the amount of remuneration fixed?—No.
322. Neither Mr. Henderson nor Mr. Ritchie even mentioned the amount?—I once said to Mr. Henderson in an interview I thought the thing was giving me a great deal of trouble, and I should require to be well paid for it. I remember saying that to Mr. Henderson.
323. But it was always understood you were to be paid?—Yes.
324. Although the amount was never mentioned between you?—Yes.
325. Now, Mr. Scott, did you know there was any stock running on this country?—No; I did not know whether there was or was not.
326. You had no idea that any stock belonging to the company were running upon the run at the time you purchased it?—No, I had not.
327. When did you find out that?—I never found it out at all.
328. When did you first hear of it?—I did not know anything about what has been done with the run at all till I saw it in those letters to-day—I mean, as to the stock, and all that sort of thing.
329. Now, you say that Mr. Henderson came over and dictated a telegram which has been read?—Yes.
330. You say Mr. Henderson dictated that letter?—Yes.
331. Are you sure of that?—I am pretty confident.
332. If Mr. Henderson says he did nothing of the kind, will you still swear to it?—Yes; I will.
333. Was it dictated to you, that telegram?—To Mr. Logie. I was about the room. The telegram is in Logie's writing. That is my signature; and I remember Mr. Henderson coming in and sitting down to dictate the telegram. I told Logie to take it down.
334. You have a letter there dated the same day—26th May, 1891—which you also say Mr. Henderson dictated?—Yes.
335. Did Mr. Henderson dictate both letter and telegram?—I think so. Yes.
336. Then, when was it you paid this money to Messrs. Perry and Perry?—The draft is there. *Sir R. Stout*: About the 6th July, 1891.
337. *Mr. Haggitt*.] On the 6th of July it was. How long was that before you paid the policeman?—Oh, it would be a week or so. I forget. Look at the policeman's receipt.
- Mr. Chapman*: The 2nd July the policeman was paid. The policeman was paid first.
338. *Mr. Haggitt*.] Very well; Messrs. Perry and Perry drew upon you for this £5 5s. very shortly after you paid the amount to the policeman—four days after?—Yes.
339. Did you take that draft to the National Mortgage Company when you got it?—I really cannot remember. I paid it, anyhow. I went over to see them about it, and they told me to pay the costs.
340. Who did you see?—I saw Mr. Henderson about the account, and intimated that I had been drawn upon.
341. Did you ask Mr. Henderson to pay it?—Oh, I cannot say the exact words. I showed it, and he told me to pay it.
342. Will you swear that you showed Mr. Henderson that bill until months after you had paid it?—I am certain that I intimated to him; I am quite positive I always took everything over.
343. Then, you are not speaking with reference to any recollection you have with regard to this particular document, but only because you always took everything over?—I am quite certain I did.
344. But you have no recollection of taking this over?—I cannot say I have.
345. Did you ever ask the company to pay that amount?—Yes.
346. When?—When I spoke to Mr. Ritchie I told him there was Perry and Perry's costs, some telegrams, and £15 3s. to the policeman.
347. And Mr. Ritchie said?—No. I said, "Perhaps it would be better to let the matter lay over; better not to let any money pass just now till afterwards;" and he said, "Oh, yes; all right"—assented to what I said.
348. No. Mr. Ritchie said first, "You had better go and get the money"?—Yes; he first offered me the money.
349. You are sure of that?—Yes, he did.
350. I put another alternative of that interview to you just now?—Yes.
351. What was the other version?—All that was said at that time. I met Mr. Ritchie at the inner door of his office upstairs, and that was all that was said. There were no statements or explanations at all.
352. You are speaking now of the interview you had with Mr. Ritchie about the payment of this money, after you had paid it: that took place at the door of Mr. Ritchie's room?—No; at the door at the top of the stairs in their office; there is a door there.
353. It was not in his own office at all?—No; at the door at the top of the stairs.
354. *His Honour*.] When you told him of Perry and Perry's costs and telegrams and the policeman, was that the occasion you saw Mr. Ritchie at the door?—Yes, at the door of the big office; not at the door of his room.
355. *Mr. Haggitt*.] That was the interview you had with Mr. Ritchie after you paid the fine?—Yes.
356. You are sure of that?—Yes.
357. And that interview took place at the top of the stairs leading into the company's office?—Yes. I told him I had paid that money. I did not go to see him on that business, but happened to meet him, and told him I had paid, and he said at once, "Oh, go and get the money."