

By the Court.] Our firm, King and Whewell, carried on business as commission agents. We used also to lend money. I had no interest of any kind in the discount or profit obtained by any other money-lender or any of these vouchers.

With regard to life insurance, I have not in any case been influenced in giving appointments by the circumstance of the applicant insuring his life or not. I selected persons of local knowledge where practicable.

With regard to Angove, I should have said that they used frequently to send Mrs. King presents of fruit and other things.

I wish to add that I consider the remuneration given for collecting census and agricultural statistics wholly inadequate. An enumerator only gets £75 for nearly twelve month's work for a large district.

EXHIBIT A.

RETURN to an ORDER of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, dated the 7th July, 1892.

Ordered.—"That a return be laid before this House—(1.) Showing the cost of collecting the census and agricultural statistics in the Counties of Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, and adjacent islands, with Great Barrier and Little Barrier, during the year 1886; and the cost of collecting the census and agricultural statistics in the Counties of Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, and adjacent islands, with Great Barrier and Little Barrier, for the year 1891, showing the names of the principal enumerators on each occasion. (2.) Showing the cost of collecting the agricultural statistics in the Counties of Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, Coromandel, Thames, and Piako, during the years 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885; and for the Counties of Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, Coromandel, Thames, Ohinemuri, and Piako, for the years 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890; and for the Counties of Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, and Manukau, during the year 1892, showing the names of the principal enumerators on each occasion."—(Hon. Mr. MITCHELSON.)

(1.)

(a.) Cost of collecting Census and Agricultural Statistics in Counties Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, adjacent islands, and Barriers, during year 1886:—

	£	s.	d.
Enumerator ...	72	5	10
Sub-enumerators ...	1,745	3	6
Miscellaneous ...	169	14	6
Total ...	£1,987	3	10

Enumerator, John King.

(b.) Cost of collecting Census and Agricultural Statistics in Counties Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, adjacent islands, and Barriers, during year 1891:—

	£	s.	d.
Enumerator ...	74	1	6
Sub-enumerators ...	1,100	10	0
Miscellaneous ...	154	18	2
Total ...	£1,329	9	8

Enumerator, Thomas Seaman.

(2.)

Cost of collecting Agricultural Statistics in Counties Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, Coromandel, Thames, Piako.

	£	s.	d.	
1882 ...	316	12	6	Superintendent-Collector, Thomas Seaman.
1883 ...	277	12	6	" "
1884 ...	242	16	6	" "
1885 ...	238	7	6	" "

Cost of collecting Agricultural Statistics in Counties Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, Coromandel, Thames, Ohinemuri, Piako.

	£	s.	d.	
1887 ...	543	7	0	Superintendent-Collector, John King.
1888 ...	305	3	0	" Thomas Seaman.
1889 ...	317	19	6	" "
1890 ...	307	7	6	" "

Cost of collecting Agricultural Statistics in Counties Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau.

	£	s.	d.	
1892 ...	311	15	0	Superintendent-Collector, John King.

* Including £20 Superintendent-Collector's fee, not yet claimed.

EXHIBIT B.

CIRCULAR NOTE: SEAMAN to SUB-ENUMERATORS.

DEAR SIR,—

Victoria Arcade, Auckland, 20th July, 1892.

A return *re* Census &c., has been laid on the table of the House of Representatives, to explain which I am asked to furnish some information. To assist me in doing this, will you please inform me what district you collected for in 1886, and the amount you received for the service, and also state the district and amount in 1891.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS SEAMAN.

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