

477. Will you swear on your oath that I mentioned a word about that woman making an appointment with you?—Yes, certainly I do.

478. On your oath, you swear that?—Yes.

479. In the presence of whom was it said?—A great number of people in the Court.

480. When I made use of those words that you were making an appointment with her?—Yes.

481. Was the word “appointment” mentioned?—Yes.

482. On your oath it was?—Yes.

483. Do you think there was anything wrong in me, as Inspector, telling you to keep quiet in the Court, and not speak to this woman?—Certainly not, if that was all that passed.

484. Did you think for a moment I would suspect you of making an appointment with the woman?—I do not know whether you would suspect me, but you made use of the word.

485. You spoke about tyranny; does it refer to this case alone?—Of course it is one.

486. What is the other. Let us have all the tyranny you know of since I came here?—This only refers to myself.

487. What is the tyranny?—Making charges against me, without giving me any chance of refuting them.

488. Do you know any man who would come here and say he was tyrannized over in Wellington?—I only speak for myself in Wellington. These are the charges made against me. I think they are very serious charges, and I got no chance of refuting them.

489. Has not the whole of this thing sprung up in your mind because you did not get charge of Manners Street Station?—No, it has not. This has been going backward and forward between you and the Commissioner and myself for seven months.

490. Between me and the Commissioner?—Yes.

491. What did I do?—This correspondence went back and forwards between you and the Commissioner.

492. *The Chairman.*] Are you going to call witnesses to prove the use of those words by the Inspector?—Not now, sir.

493. You have no desire to make any other charges?—No.

494. You have no other charges to make?—No.

495. *Colonel Hume.*] Did you ever do any acting police-duty when you were in the Permanent Artillery?—Yes.

496. A good deal?—I do not know how many weeks I was here after the strike.

497. But some time?—Yes.

498. And how do you come to tell the Commissioners you were put on the street without any experience at all?—Of course, I was taught by the sergeant.

499. But had you not been doing a lot of temporary police duty in the Permanent Artillery?—I was down here a few weeks doing street duty.

500. Then, you went on the streets with a considerable knowledge of police duty—you had some weeks' experience?—Yes.

501. And why did you tell the Commissioners you went on here without any experience at all?—In the first instance I did.

502. But you were speaking of after you went into the Police Force?—Even then I was never instructed. I had to do the best I could as an artilleryman.

503. And what are you paid for?—To do my duty, I suppose.

504. You admitted in your explanation you spoke to this woman in the Court?—Yes.

504A. She asked you a question and you answered her?—I never answered her.

505. She spoke a second time; did you answer then?—No.

506. You did not answer her at all?—No, I did not.

507. You went to this outside gentleman for the purpose of getting this system of tyranny, as you call it, stopped?—Yes.

508. The system of tyranny was your being accused of having spoken to a woman in the Court when she asked you a question, and you did not answer her, and you were charged with answering her?—There were all sorts of charges made against me in that report.

509. Is that a system of tyranny—that this woman was seen speaking to you but you did not answer her, and she was seen speaking to you again and you did not answer her again—is that a system of tyranny?—No.

510. The difference between you and the Inspector is: you say he said, “Do not make an appointment,” and he says the word “appointment” was never mentioned; and the system of tyranny altogether hinges on the word “appointment”?—No.

511. What is this system, then?—The system of tyranny is making serious charges against a constable, and giving him no chance whatever of refuting them until after he is convicted for them.

512. Did not you get a chance of refuting them?—No.

513. Is your explanation in the correspondence?—My explanation is, I wanted the case heard.

514. Did you say you were guilty or not guilty?—I said I was not guilty.

515. You put down your explanation?—I applied for a hearing, and I was not heard at all.

516. The system of tyranny is your applying for a hearing and not getting it?—Yes.

517. That is the only system of tyranny you know of?—That is one.

518. Let us have the other ones?—I have nothing else ready at present.

519. That is the whole system of tyranny—you were called upon to make an explanation, and you made it, and I decided on it without further inquiry into the case?—I was not called upon for an explanation. You decided without giving me an opportunity of refuting the charge or calling any witnesses in support of my case.