

EXHIBIT L.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1898.

In reply to your inquiry, I have much pleasure in stating that on the Saturday morning when I was called in to witness the signature of a person named Roberts to certain deeds I distinctly remember you asking Roberts if he had told Mr. Young to withdraw his case in accordance with your instructions, when Roberts replied and assured you he had done so and that Mr. Young was quite agreeable. Mr. Roberts's actions were impressed on my mind from the fact that he called so very many times that morning, and the anxiety he showed to complete the transaction and get back to his work.

Yours, &c.,

Mr. G. Lambert, National Chambers, Grey Street, City.

PERCY CORDING.

EXHIBIT M.

THIS deed, made the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, between WALTER ROBERTS, of the City of Wellington, labourer, and OLIVE ROBERTS, his daughter (hereinafter jointly and severally referred to as and included in the term "the assignors"), of the one part, and GEORGE LAMBERT, of the City of Wellington, carrying on business under the style or firm of "The Mercantile Association" (hereinafter referred to as "the association"), of the other part. Whereas the assignors have commenced an action in the Supreme Court of New Zealand at Wellington to recover the sum of six hundred pounds damages against WILLIAM CROTHERS FITZGERALD, of the City of Wellington, chemist, which action is numbered 6306 in the records of the said Supreme Court: And whereas the assignors have agreed with the association to assign the right of action (if any) which they or either of them have against the said William Crothers Fitzgerald in respect of the causes and matters mentioned in the statement of claim filed in the said action for the sum of sixty pounds: Now, this deed witnesseth that, in pursuance of the said agreement, and in consideration of the said sum of sixty pounds by the association paid to the assignors (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged), they, the assignors, do and each of them doth hereby assign, transfer, and set over unto the association and its assigns all and singular the right of action, and all claims and demands whatsoever of them, the assignors, or either of them, against the said William Crothers Fitzgerald by reason of the causes and matters mentioned in the said statement of claim; and the assignors do and each of them doth hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint the association and its assigns the true and lawful attorney of them and each of them for the purpose of entering a discontinuance or otherwise dealing with the said action, and to compromise any claim as aforesaid; and all and whatsoever the said association or its assigns shall do or cause to be done in the premisses the assignors and each of them do hereby agree to ratify and confirm; and the assignors and each of them do and doth hereby covenant for themselves and each of them, their and each of their executors, administrators, and assigns, with the association and its assigns that they will at all times hereafter, at the request and cost of the association, execute and do all such acts, deeds, matters, and things which may be reasonably required for the purpose of more effectually assigning the premisses hereinbefore expressed to be hereby assigned. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed these presents the day and year first before written.

WALTER ROBERTS.

(L.S.)

OLIVE ROBERTS (by her next friend, Walter Roberts).

(L.S.)

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said Walter Roberts, and
by the said Olive Roberts, by her next friend, the said
Walter Roberts, in the presence of—

PERCY CORDING,
Clerk, Wellington.