

On the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey

*Noes*, 5.—Mr Graham, Mr Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr Myers, Mr Reed.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr Massey moved to insert a new subparagraph (*d*, 1), "Mr Wilson was not called as a witness by the Court, and his report was not submitted to the Committee."

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*Ayes*, 4.—Mr Allen, Mr Fraser, Mr Buchanan, Mr Massey.

*Noes*, 5.—Mr. Graham, Mr. Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed.

So it passed in the negative.

On the question being put on the retention of paragraph (*d*), the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :

*Ayes*, 5.—Mr. Graham, Mr. Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed.

*Noes*, 4.—Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraph (*d*) agreed to.

Paragraph (*e*). *Resolved*, on the motion of Mr Graham, to strike out the word "about," and insert the word "between" in lieu thereof, and to strike out the word "or," and insert the word "and" in lieu thereof

Paragraph (*e*) agreed to as amended.

Paragraph (*f*) read and agreed to.

Finding Moved by Mr. Allen, to insert after the word "that," in the first line, the words "the Hon T. K. Macdonald, being a member of the Legislative Council, was appointed assessor without remuneration"

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*Noes*, 5.—Mr Graham, Mr Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed.

So it passed in the negative.

Moved by Mr. Allen, to strike out, after the word "Wilson" in the first line, the words "duly rendered and performed the aforesaid services," with a view of inserting the words "made an inspection of the property, but the time so occupied was too short for him to make a complete investigation and valuation," in lieu thereof

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So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr Massey to insert between the words "payment" and "improved" the words "certified to by Dr Findlay, counsel for the Crown, and"

Moved by Mr Allen, to strike out the word "indirectly" after the words "object of"

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*Ayes*, 4.—Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey

*Noes*, 5.—Mr Graham, Mr Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed.

So it passed in the negative.

Moved by Mr Allen, to add the following words to the end of the finding: "that Mr Wilson, the then partner of the Hon. T. K. Macdonald, was paid the sum of £165."

On the question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey

*Noes*, 5.—Mr Graham, Mr Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed.

So it passed in the negative.

On the question being put, That the finding as amended be agreed to, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

*Ayes*, 5.—Mr Graham, Mr Hanan, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed.

*Noes*, 4.—Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Massey

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Finding as amended agreed to.

Report as amended agreed to.

Mr Myers then moved the motion of which he had given previous notice: "Referring to the third charge against Mr Symes, the Committee desires to express the opinion that it is a matter of regret that a confidential communication written by Mr Walter Symes to Mr McCluggage, which by universal custom is always treated as private, should have been ignored and made public by those into whose hands the letter passed."

Moved by Mr Massey, to strike out the word "confidential."