

DEAR SIR,—

Clyde Street, Island Bay, 23rd June, 1910

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of the 21st instant; and, in reply, have to comply with your request, and I herewith tender my resignation as Inspecting Valuer in the Valuation Department.

I have, &c.,

JOHN P. DUGDALE.

The Hon. D. Buddo, Minister in Charge of the Valuation Department, Wellington.

DEAR SIR JOSEPH,—

Wellington, 24th June, 1910.

I see by the newspapers that a demand is likely to be made for the publication of the report of the Board appointed to inquire into the charges made against Mr. P. Heyes. As you are aware, I acted as Chairman of the Board, and I think it right to let you know that the report was framed upon the assumption that it would not be published. It discloses the names and private affairs of taxpayers whose conduct (except in one case which has been made public through the Court) was not called in question, and who were not asked to attend the inquiry to give evidence. If we had thought that the report was to be published, we should have been seriously embarrassed in compiling it, as it was necessary to give full details in order that the facts upon which our findings were based might be fully before the Government. I am sure I express the opinion of all the members of the Board when I say that the report, so far as it refers to the affairs of persons other than officers of the Department, should not be published.

I have, &c.,

F. WALDEGRAVE.

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