

Q. Putting on the pious?—That was the only thing that he would do, and it ended at that. I did not see him any more after that.

Q. Did you send anybody to see him?—I did.

Q. Whom did you send?—I sent Charlton. I do not know the exact date. It was between that and the time the Committee met.

Q. Whon did you see this letter which I show you, Ex. 11, witnessed by James Cotton?—I do not know the exact date when I saw it. I could not tell you the date; I saw it in Mr. Cotton's possession in the hotel—that is, the letter to Mr. Hartney—at O'Meara's Hotel. Mr. Charlton was staying there. I do not know that Boyle was staying there. Charlton, Cotton, and myself were present. Cotton produced that letter.

Q. Were you astonished at seeing a letter of that kind, directed to Hartney, in Mr. Cotton's possession?—No; I was not astonished at all.

Q. Why?—I expected he would get it.

Q. Why?—Well, Mr. Boyle had told Mr. Charlton—

*McCarthy, Q.C.*—Never mind what he told Mr. Charlton.

*Witness.*—The matter was left in Mr. Cotton's hands. I understood—

*McCarthy, Q.C.*—Never mind what you understood.

Q. At all events, you found that letter in the possession of Cotton?—Yes.

Q. Did you afterwards get that letter?—I did.

Q. When?—On that day.

Q. What did you do with it?—I sent it up to Mr. Hartney.

Q. Had you anything to do with the preparation of that letter? Did you dictate it?—No, I did not. I did not dictate any letter to be signed before that. I did not write anything to be signed by Boyle.

Q. Did you write anything which was to be signed by Boyle?—I did. I saw something written which was to be signed by Boyle.

Q. Where?—In O'Meara's. Mr. Charlton read it.

Q. Who was present?—I think Mr. Cotton was present.

Q. Had you given any authority to anybody to act for you in connection with Boyle?—I had.

Q. To whom?—Mr. Charlton. I gave him that authority after that Sunday, at Mr. Cotton's suggestion.

Q. You had authorized Mr. Charlton, at Mr. Cotton's suggestion, to act for you in dealing with Boyle?—Yes.

Q. Was Mr. Starrs at O'Meara's that day?—I did not see him there.

Q. Did I understand you to say that Boyle was staying at Starrs'?—No, sir.

Q. Do you know what his connection with Starrs was?—I do not know what connection they had. I know nothing about Mr. Starrs at all.

Q. Did you ever hear anything from Boyle about Starrs?—No, sir.

Q. When this letter was given to you, what passed between you and this man on the occasion of getting this letter?

*McCarthy, Q.C.*—I object to what passed between Mr. Cotton and Mr. Charlton and this witness.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—I propose to prove the payment of notes and money to Cotton on the occasion of this letter being handed out.

*McCarthy, Q.C.*—I submit this evidence cannot be given until there is some foundation laid. They must connect Boyle. This evidence cannot be admitted until there is some connection shown between Boyle and Cotton, and it is not right that Boyle should be prejudiced by anything Cotton did.

*Osler, J.*—I think that, at this stage, you are not in a position to prove this before you have laid the foundation.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—Then I ask your Lordship to note that I purpose to ask this witness now whether he paid any money for the delivery up of the letter to him?

*Osler, J.*—At this stage I rule that that is not a proper question until you connect Cotton with Boyle.