

made in your office respecting the advances made to Messrs Nelson and Ponton. I beg to inform you that between the date of the report on the accounts and the date of the letter of the 15th September written therefrom, the information required had, after the despatch of several telegrams, to your office been obtained. It is easier to explain this than to account for the incorrect report by you of the advances made.

Differences of this kind in matters of account should never arise and there appears no sufficient reason for your reporting on the 22^d August that the advances were:-

Ponton \$1,000⁰⁰

Nelson 3,000⁰⁰

and ~~on~~ on the 10th November that

that they were:-

Ponton