

“his answer to each question as he had written it, and not proceed until the witness and the Warden were satisfied that the answer was correctly taken down?—Ans. It was so agreed.

Ques. 748. Was this practice strictly followed throughout the investigation?—Ans. Certainly it was.

Ques. 749. Was each question, when put to the witness, if not objected to by a Commissioner, held to be put with the consent of the whole Board?—Ans. Unquestionably, no question was put to any witness, without the concurrence of all the Board.

Ques. 750. Did Mr. Smith or his clerk, keep a record of the whole evidences and did they compare their record with the answers read aloud by Mr. Brown, and make suggestions in amendment, from time to time?—Ans. I cannot recollect.

Ques. 751. Was there ever a suggestion made by any witness in amendment of his testimony, that was not made in the record by Mr. Brown, or one suggestion made by any Commissioner or Mr. Smith, that was not referred to the witness, and if sustained by him, at once carried out?—Ans. Never.

Ques. 752. Was there ever any unwillingness shown by Mr. Brown to correct the evidence of any witness, or any disposition shown by him, to give the testimony other than its true colouring?—Ans. Never.

Ques. 753. When the evidence of each witness was closed for the time, was his whole deposition re-read to him, amended to suit him, and a distinct assent to its correctness asked and obtained in every case?—Ans. Certainly.

Ques. 754. When the assent of the witness had been so asked and obtained to the correctness of his deposition, was not the assent of the Warden in every case also asked and obtained as to its correctness?—Ans. Certainly.

Ques. 755. When the assent of the witness and the Warden to the correctness of the testimony had been obtained, were not the following words invariably appended to the deposition:—“The foregoing evidence was read aloud; Mr. Warden Smith declared the evidence correctly taken down; witness did the same and signed it?—Ans. This was regularly done.

Ques. 756. Did the Secretary then read aloud these words, and was the deposition in every case, then signed by the witness?—Ans. Yes.

Ques. 757. Had you frequent occasion before the Commissioners closed their labours, to examine the official record, and did you ever discover the slightest variation between the testimony as recorded by Mr. Brown, and that actually given?—Ans. I had the evidence always before me, no such variation was ever made.

Ques. 758. Was there any discourtesy shewn to any witness by any of the Commissioners; was any witness brow-beaten or insulted?—Ans. Never. I hope as chairman, I would never have permitted any such conduct.

Ques. 759. Did any witness refuse to sign his deposition?—Ans. None.

Ques. 760. Was any question pertinent to his defence, sought to be put to any witness by Mr. Smith, but overruled by the Commissioners?—Ans. None, on the contrary, I consider that the Warden met with uncalled for license in respect of the latitude of examination allowed to him.

Ques. 761. Was any intimidation used towards any witness by any of the Commissioners; were any threats of dismissal or promises of any kind held out to any witness, or were the Commissioners, on the contrary, most careful to guard against doing any thing that might unduly influence the testimony of persons who might be witnesses before them?—Ans. The Commissioners were particularly careful upon all such points, to avoid any thing which could give rise to suspicions or complaints of undue influence over any witness brought before them.