

Q. Have you recently paid John Hewson any more money?—That is the only money I ever paid him.

Q. You have not paid him anything?—No.

Q. You and Mr. Cotton have been talking this matter over in the room yesterday and to-day?—Of course, we often talked it over.

Q. I think I came on you in the back rooms down stairs when you were talking it over? I have a bad memory. We might be talking about something else.

Q. Did not you know that Boyle and Cotton went down to Charlton's to meet Mr. Charlton?—I do not know; I was not there.

Q. Where were you?—I do not remember. I am positive I was not there. It would be very hard to remember where a person was.

Q. You cannot tell me where you were that night?—No; I cannot. I do not remember what time Boyle came in that night.

Q. If you held this money as trustee what right had you to use it in connection with your contracts?—Because Mr. Cotton was in company with me; Mr. Cotton gave me full authority to use that money.

Q. The only sum you have expended for Cotton's benefit was entered in that book?—I think that is about all.

Q. You are actionable for all the rest; there is a good time coming for Boyle yet?—Witness: There is a good time coming for Cotton yet.

Re-examined :

Q. What did you mean by getting a marked cheque from the Bank when you are tendering for a contract?—When there is a tender called for the Government there is to be an accepted cheque of a certain amount in proportion to the amount of work, and unless that cheque accompanies that tender, of course it would be no use, and for that reason—I being a business man, sometimes my business takes all the spare capital I have, and sometimes more—I come to give those deposits; I deposit certain notes in a bank and they give us a marked cheque and we make use of it in that way.

Q. You do not claim to own any part of this money?—I stated that I have not a dollar any more than the man of the moon.

Q. You have kept track of this money you paid to Mr. Cotton?—Yes.

Q. Would you have lent that much money to Mr. Cotton without security?—I do not think I would; he has got it from me on account of my having this security in my hand; I swear that I never recollect that that "lent" was put there, and it has no reference.

Q. Do you know whether that word was in your handwriting?—I am not sure about that; I would not swear.

Q. Did Mr. Hewson get that money as representing Mr. Boyle?—No; he got that on the order of Mr. Cotton to give Mr. Hewson \$15; it is charged in Mr. Cotton's cash account, but merely Mr. Hewson's name put down so that I would remember that item in going over it; I cannot remember the date I sent this draft for \$200.

Q. Has that money been paid to you by your subscriptions?—I do not know whether it ever is to be returned; I don't know how we stand; I have not had a settlement; I could not say whether this \$200 was an advance or not; he asked the loan of it.

Q. Until your account is adjusted you cannot say whether it is a loan or not?—No; I do not know whether he owes it to me or not.

Q. That sum you include in the account you spoke of this morning?—Yes; Mr. Cotton has my receipts for this note and the \$500.

Q. You put the money in your general bank account?—Yes; and when I get hard up I have permission from Mr. Cotton to use it; I am responsible to Mr. Cotton for it.

Re-cross-examined.

I lent Mr. Boyle the cheque which he deposited in the Government.