

ment, and Dr. Scott could not let me have it. I have been to the Library, and they have not got it there. I know that Commissioner Ditchburn has that book; and I would ask to have access to it.

Mr. STEVENS: I thought Mr. O'Meara told me he could get production of the book.

Mr. KELLY: He is not its custodian.

The CHAIRMAN: He ought to know, as your counsel, that he should not quote from something which he cannot produce.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: Is the book in this room?

Dr. SCOTT: I have no copy of this book, but this one for myself. I have no objection to allowing them to look at this book. I thought Mr. O'Meara was referring to something original from the Imperial Government.

Mr. PAULL: That is why we could not get it, it is not available in the Library.

Mr. KELLY: The point is that the quotation was made from a book which was in the Library, but somebody has taken that book from the Library since, and it cannot now be procured there.

Mr. DITCHBURN: I do not want that book to be put in and impounded. It is my personal copy and I do not know where to get another copy of it.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Read the section into the record, and then you will have it.

The CHAIRMAN: We want you to read what you are referring to now, Mr. O'Meara, into the record, because the book from which you are taking it belongs to the Indian Department, and they have only one copy of it, and they cannot let it go.

Mr. O'MEARA: I have already given the particulars, have I not?

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: No.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: It is a despatch from Lord Lytton?

Mr. O'MEARA: (Reading):

This is an Extract from a despatch from the Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton, Bart., to Governor Douglas, dated 31st July, 1858.

3. I have to enjoin upon you to consider the best and most humane means of dealing with the Native Indians. The feelings of this country would be strongly opposed to the adoption of any arbitrary or oppressive measures towards them. At this distance, and with the imperfect means of knowledge which I possess, I am reluctant to offer, as yet, any suggestion as to the prevention of affrays between the Indians and the immigrants. This question is of so local a character that it must be solved by your knowledge and experience, and I commit it to you, in the full persuasion that you will pay every regard to the interests of the Natives which an enlightened humanity can suggest. Let me not omit to observe, that it should be an invariable condition, in all bargains or treaties with the natives for the cession of lands possessed by them, that subsistence should be supplied to them in some other shape, and above all, that it is the earnest desire of Her Majesty's Government that your early attention should be given to the best means of diffusing the blessings of the Christian Religion and of civilization among the natives.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: Is that the whole of the despatch?

Mr. O'MEARA: That is the whole of what is described here as an extract from a despatch. It is paragraph No. 3, an extract from a despatch set out in this book, and it so appears in the record as I have given it.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: That is all that is contained in that book, of that despatch?

Mr. O'MEARA: Yes, that is all that is contained in this book, from that despatch.

[Mr. O'Meara.]