

The Enquiry Conducted by T. Hollis Walker, K.C.

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Q—And you thought what he had done was dishonorable?
A—No, I did not.
Q—What did you think of your own conduct?
A—I was not Prime Minister.
Q—Does it make any difference from the standpoint of public morality?
A—No. But his was the greater dishonour.
Q—Did you regard your conduct as dishonorable?
A—I do not consider that the course I took was dishonorable in the public interest.
Q—To obtain money from the Bessie people in the nature of graft—because that is what you had been engaged in—do you consider that an honorable course?
A—I do not deny it.
Q—Did it occur to you that you as an accessory to this conduct was liable to prosecution? Had Mr. Higgins said anything to you on the subject?
A—I decline to tell you what Mr. Higgins said to me.
Q—Had you asked him about it?
A—I decline to tell you anything with regard to what my solicitor told me.
Q—Was anything said at that conference as to any civil or criminal proceedings being taken or proposed to be taken against you?
A—Not to my knowledge.
Q—You realize I suppose that by telling the Attorney General what you have testified you did tell him that you would make yourself a witness for the Crown in the event of proceedings being taken against Sir Richard Squires?
A—I was prepared for anything that came and I responded.
Q—At that time you say you had reached the stage when you were prepared for anything?
A—Yes, in my own defence.
Q—Was that state of mind brought about in whole or in part because you had been deprived of full control of the liner department?
A—It was created because I was acting entirely in self-defence.
Q—And for the purpose of lodging information against Sir Richard Squires, as protection, to yourself against an arrest at the instance of Sir Richard Squires, is not that so?
A—No, I had sent information to Sir Richard Squires by Dr. Campbell whom I told that Sir Richard had obtained money from me and I wanted to discuss the matter with him before going any further. What I had in mind was to discuss the matter with him with a view to coming to a satisfactory arrangement.
Q—Was it at that time as it was to prevent publicity?
A—I do not know. It was up to him.
Q—Did you have it in mind that by discussing with Sir Richard some arrangement might be made to prevent publicity?
A—It may be in mind or it may not, but I regarded it was more in his interest to discuss it than it was in mine.
Q—What did you tell Dr. Campbell?
A—I told him that Sir Richard Squires had obtained money from my department.
Q—Did you ask him to communicate that to Sir Richard?
A—Yes.
Q—Do you know whether he did communicate it?
A—He told me he would.
Q—Did he ever tell you he had?
A—He told me as he was leaving

body's request. It was my own.
Q—Are you prepared to say that at that time you had fully informed the Attorney General of those associated with him in the conduct of this investigation that you were prepared to testify with respect to the \$100,000 and \$300,000 matters?
A—There was no response whatever. Before Sir Richard Squires resigned he sent a message to me.
MR. LEWIS—Are you answering any question I have asked for? I have not called for any answer to anything. Just wait until you are asked a question. Did you have any assurance from anyone up to the time of that conference you had with the Attorney General and his associates that you would not yourself suffer as a result of disclosures you might make?
A—No, person made any such arrangement with me in any shape or form. Do you mean from the Government?
Q—Or from anybody representing the Government. Was there a suggestion at that conference that you would be guaranteed immunity from prosecution in the event of your making any disclosures?
A—There was no guarantee of any kind offered me; and what happened at the discussion I had with my Solicitor I am not going to tell it.
Q—Do you decline to tell us what your Solicitor discussed with the Attorney General and repeated to you?
A—Yes.
COMMISSIONER—He declines to give you the contents of any conversation that took place between himself and his Solicitor.
MR. LEWIS—I do not ask for it.
WITNESS—But he did sir.
Q—Did the Attorney General or any of his associates at that conference ask you if you would be prepared to testify on the witness stand to the statements you had made them?
A—No.
Q—Did you ask for any assurance of immunity in the event of your so testifying?
A—No.
Q—Was there any suggestion whatever of immunity made by anyone in your presence at any time?
A—Outside of my discussion with my Solicitor I never heard this matter under review mentioned in my presence.
Q—Did you prepare at the request of the Attorney General or any of his associates a written statement of what you would be prepared to testify on the stand when called upon?
A—No.
Q—At any time?
A—No, nobody requested me to say or do anything on the stand in connection with this matter.
Q—Did you prepare any statement and submit it to any officer of the Government as to what your testimony would be if called upon at an investigation of prosecution?
A—No.
Q—Do you know if what you told your Solicitor was transmitted to the chief officer of the Crown and to the other Counsel who are assisting him here?
A—I made a memo. of my own and it may be communicated to them and it may not.
Q—Have you any knowledge?
A—I should say it was; but I have no details of such evidence whatever. I have a memo. of dates, etc.
Q—I am not asking for contents. Did you retain any copy of any statement you made?
A—I did, for my own use.
Q—I suppose that statement was prepared at the request of the Attorney General or his associates, was it?
A—It was not prepared at any

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