

Q. And your conclusion was predicated on what your brother said, with reference to what he had heard between your wife and Gordon?

A. Upon the letter I received, and what he had heard.

Q. With reference to this particular case of Gordon---the particular charge as to impropriety between Gordon and your wife---you acted upon, and had no other evidence than the statement of your brother as to what he had heard?

A. I had the statement of my brother and of Anderson.

Q. Then what was the action you took after receiving this communication from your brother? What was the next step?

A. Well, this was the next step; I got home about six o'clock in the evening, I think that it was between six and seven; and I sent for her brother, and I asked him to go for his father.

Q. They lived in the neighborhood, I believe?

A. They lived quite close; both of them came down, and of course, at first I began to read the letters to them, that is, the letters I discovered.

Q. The letters which we have before us?

A. Yes; I read them to them, and I found as I was going on, that I was so much exhausted that I could not proceed, and I asked my brother to read them. He had read these letters before; and after he read them, he also read a statement which he had written out, as to what had occurred the night before---Tuesday night.

Q. Your brother read a statement?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that statement produced in Court subsequently---the statement he wrote out on that occasion?

A. Yes.

Q. And did Mr. Anderson write out a statement at that time?

A. Yes.

Q. And you read this statement?

A. No; Anderson's statement was not written at the time?

Q. But it was written subsequently?

A. Yes.

Q. What followed the reading of this statement, and the reading of these letters?

A. I asked Mr. Byrne to take her away; also to go and see my wife. I told him that I did not think she would deny it. I had not the least idea that she would deny it, and I asked him to take her away from the house.

Q. You assumed that she would confess it?

A. I assumed, of course, that she would confess it. I never doubted that.

Q. What did Mr. Byrne do or say?

A. He went away, and I really do not know what more occurred.

Q. What period elapsed from the time of your interview with Mr. Byrne as representing your wife and your asking him to take her home?

A. I think I said with regard to Mr. Byrne that is all that took place that night. I may have seen Mr. Byrne later, or her brother; it is possible that I did.

Q. Did he agree to take her; did he assent to your proposition, or did he refuse?

A. He said he would see her, and that is all that occurred.

Q. Did he communicate with you after he had seen her?

A. After he had seen her, next day, he came into my private office and he said she denied the charges.

Q. Anything else?

A. I think he urged me to go and see her and forgive her.

Q. Did you go and see her and forgive her?

A. I did not; I think he told me on the first or second occasion that Mrs. Ham, his other daughter, had written a letter to her reproving her on her course of conduct. He said "Mrs. Ham is a decent woman." I said "Certainly, if there is one living, she is one."

Q. Was she charged with any criminal offence in that letter, or did you take any pains to enquire what it referred to?