

obstructed ; how was it obstructed ? What I observed was a fall in from Duffys slope ; I observed no further obstructions. Will you give your reasons for declining to answer the following question asked you on your cross-examination ? "When you first visited the mine did you explore the whole of it ?" [Mr. Milner objects to the question as improper to be put.] From personal considerations connected with that visit. When to several questions put to you on the cross-examination, you answered "I decline to answer," do you mean to convey the idea that you have personal knowledge of the subjects asked, and chose to withhold the information ? [Mr. Milner objects to the question as being improper to be put.] I do not mean to convey that idea. Do you know of any coal being found in the granite ? In parts of the Richmond coal field the coal lies directly on granite. You have been asked if you know whether coal seams generally preserve a uniform thickness. Do you know of any coal beds which are thicker in some parts than in others, and which thin and run out ? Not from my own knowledge, but such beds are described. [Mr. Milner objects to the relevancy of the answer, except in so far as the witnesses knowledge is derived from personal observations.]

(Signed)

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