

Witness was allowed to send his replies in writing.

And then he withdrew.

W. Ford, Esquire, Accountant, Crown Lands Department, Examined.

Witness handed in to the Committee Contingent Accounts for Printing and Stationery of the Crown Lands Department, of Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbshire, S. B. Foote, A. Colé, and Thompson & Co.*, for the year 1861.

[By Mr. Starnes.]

Ques. 7. Up to what period do these accounts extend?—Ans. 31st December, 1861.

Ques. 8. Has there been any Stationery furnished to the Department by Mr. *S. B. Foote*, since the sum of \$11,567 38 has been paid, and by whose authority?—Ans. There has. But I cannot state by whose authority.

On motion of Mr. *Starnes*, it was

Ordered, That the account of such Stationery be procured, and produced to this Committee?

[By Mr. *McDougall*.]

Ques. 9. Under whose authority are purchases of Stationery, Printing, &c. made, and other contingent expenses incurred in your Department?—Ans. The Assistant Commissioner.

[By Mr. *Jackson*.]

Ques. 10. Is it the duty of any Officer of the Government to check or regulate the charges for Contingencies in your Department, and if so, whose?—Ans. I think it is the duty of Mr. *Ross*, the Clerk of Contingencies. His appointment dates back, I think, to the year 1857.

[By Mr. *Howland*.]

Ques. 11. Can you furnish the Committee with a copy of the account as furnished for the item of \$7,220 paid *Derbshire & Desbarats*?

Ordered,—That witness procure such statement of account, for the Committee.

On motion of Mr. *White*, it was

Ordered,—That *Andrew Russell*, Esquire, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, be summoned to appear before the Committee to-morrow.

On motion of the *Chairman*, it was

Ordered,—That witness supply the Committee with copies of the different forms, printed by Mr. *Foote*, of which the number exceeded 1,000—so far as they can be furnished, and also with samples of the following goods, furnished by Mr. *Foote* :—

<i>Plain Foolscap</i> , charged	\$12 per ream.
<i>Note Paper</i> "	4 "
<i>Envelopes</i> "	10 p 1000.