

1804. Had the paymaster any means of knowing how many men were employed in your section?—I think that information was usually received from the Assistant-Engineer and the rodmen, and out of courtesy to them I never questioned their correctness.

1805. Had you no means of knowing how many men were employed in your section?—I have generally. Mr. Garden and the rodmen always resided in those days on the section, and had a cook, besides the two axemen mentioned by Mr. Garden.

1806. Do you know whether one of those men returned as an axeman was a cook?—Yes, and he remained in the shanty. I may observe that when I took charge of the section, I discharged four axemen.

By Mr. Metcalfe:—

(To Mr. Garden).

1807. Did you not know that one of those called an axeman was a cook?—The cook was my axeman and did the axeman's work, except when the accumulation of work necessitated my getting a second one.

Mr. Fitzgerald—

By Mr. Mills:—

1808. For how many axemen did you draw pay?—I never drew pay but for one man. The paymaster sometimes left the pay of one man with me.

By Mr. Mitchell:—

(To Mr. Garden).

1809. Did you ever draw pay for more than one?—Only with the exception when extra work was required, as already explained.

1810. You have heard Mr. Fitzgerald speak of discharging four men when he came on the section. Explain why it was?—There had been work for them before, but at this time we were taken off the survey work and put on to the construction, and the men were no longer required.

Mr. Fitzgerald—

By Mr. Mills:—

1811. Did you ever receive a bribe of \$400 from Mr. Gough to make certain returns?—Never, sir.

1812. Did you ever, on another occasion, receive a bribe of \$500 to make certain returns of quantities?—I never received any money from Mr. Gough, although frequently offered.

1813. Did you ever receive a cheque for \$500 from Mr. Gough, for the purpose of making improper returns of quantities?—I have.

1814. Did you receive it by mail or otherwise?—By mail.

1815. Were there any letters, papers or telegrams?—There were. I received the following telegram:—

“ January 28th, 1874.

“ By telegraph from Chatham.

“ Garden not likely to be in time. Better chance by making approximate estimate.

“ Make it five thousand sure, and hold ready for mailing till to-morrow night, when you

“ will get letter from me. Light suggested to me ask you to make approximate.

“(Signed,) J. C. GOUGH.

“ To J. W. Fitzgerald.”

By Mr. Mitchell:—

1816. Did you ever present the cheque, or did it ever pass out of your hands to any one else?—I never presented it for payment, nor did it ever pass out of my hands.

1817. Did you accept furniture from Mr. Gough as a present?—I never accepted the furniture from Mr. Gough as a present, nor did I intend to accept it.

1818. Did you ever offer payment?—I have often asked him for his bill with a view to payment, and wrote also to him.

1819. Is there any one cognizant of this transaction with Mr. Gough?—Yes; Mr. John O'Brian for one.

1820. Did you alter or vary the returns of quantities in consequence of this cheque?—No. I think they were rather reduced, as the measurement sheets will show.