

*By Mr. Stephens:*

Q. He could have seen it last fall?—A. No, it was subsequent to the discussion I had with him.

The CHAIRMAN: That is in September, 1916.

Mr. CARVELL: The day after the Department answered the Auditor General.

The WITNESS: I had absolutely no other view than the view that all the facts were communicated by the Colonial Office to the Russian authorities as per the original authority in the cablegram of February 26. I fully counted upon the transaction having been properly done, and the first intimation that we had that there was anything of a suspicious nature was the letter of the Auditor General.

Mr. CARVELL: Is there any reason why the members on this side of the committee should not have an opportunity of examining the file?—

Hon. Mr. REID: I have never seen the file before. Mr. Johnston can go over this file, and anything he thinks is really of a strictly confidential nature, he can put aside until the Minister comes back, or some member of the Government. In the meantime I have no objection to a member of the committee on the other side looking at these documents.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not see any objection to that. There is nothing in the correspondence, so far as you know, Mr. Johnston, that any member of this committee should not look at?

WITNESS: No, nothing that I should not like to have them see.

Mr. CARVELL: We would like to have an opportunity before Friday morning of looking over it. Whom could we summon from the Vickers Company?

Mr. MORPHY: What is there to investigate?

Mr. CARVELL: If you think you are through with the investigation you are very much mistaken.

The CHAIRMAN: Any witness you want we will subpoena.

Mr. DEVLIN: They would have a copy of that contract between themselves and the Russian Government.

WITNESS: I suppose so.

Mr. DEVLIN: Who would have it?

WITNESS: The general manager.

*By Mr. Carvell:*

Q. Who is the general manager?—A. Mr. P. L. Miller

Mr. CARVELL: I will move, seconded by Mr. Devlin, that Mr. P. L. Miller be summoned to appear before the committee, to produce the original contract with the Russian Government and the notifications, and also that Mr. Duguid be summoned.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Motion agreed to.

Committee adjourned.