

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Wason.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Moorhouse,
Mr. Whitaker.

The motion was therefore carried.

Mr. Curtis moved, That costs be awarded to the petitioner.

On this motion the Committee divided,—

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Wason.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Moorhouse,
Mr. Whitaker.

The motion was therefore carried.

Mr. Curtis moved, That the Clerk of the Committee be instructed to ascertain the amount of costs incurred by the petitioner.

On this motion the Committee divided,—

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Wason.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Moorhouse,
Mr. Whitaker.

The motion was therefore carried.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1876.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m.

PRESENT :

Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,

Mr. Stout,
Mr. Wason.
Mr. Whitaker.

Mr. Moorhouse in the Chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The petitioner's costs, as furnished by Mr. Shaw, were laid before the Committee.

Mr. Read having stated to the Chairman that he wished to make an application to the Committee, it was

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Whitaker, That Mr. Read be permitted to state what is the application he desires to make.

Mr. Read then attended, and applied to the Committee to hear the evidence of Mr. Chadwick, of Tauranga, in reference to the treating at the East Coast election.

Mr. Read having withdrawn,

Mr. Wason moved the following resolution with reference to Captain Read's application :—The Committee do resolve that they cannot reopen the case by hearing Mr. Chadwick's evidence upon the question of treating.

Mr. Whitaker moved, as an amendment, That the question of costs being still under consideration, the question of treating, so far as it affects costs, be heard by the Committee.

And the amendment being put, the Committee divided,—

Ayes, 2.
Mr. Moorhouse,
Mr. Whitaker.

Noes, 5.
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Wason.

The amendment was therefore lost.

The Committee then divided on the original motion,—

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Stout,
Mr. Wason.

Noes, 2.
Mr. Moorhouse,
Mr. Whitaker.

The original motion was therefore carried.

The Chairman thereupon informed Mr. Read, who was in waiting, that the Committee declined to hear the evidence of Mr. Chadwick.

On motion of Mr. Stout,

Resolved, That the Chairman certify that the respondent, George Edward Read, do pay the petitioner, George Bentham Morris, the sum of £150, as the petitioner's costs. (For certificate, *vide* Appendix.)

The draft report of the Committee having been submitted was adopted, and the minutes of this day's proceedings confirmed.