

586. Were you canvassing?—I do not know what is the meaning of that word. It has a lot of meanings.
587. Well, in any of the meanings?
588. *Mr. Whitaker.*] Did you ask people for their votes for any candidate?—Yes.
589. *Mr. Stout.*] For whom?—For Captain Read.
590. How long were you canvassing?—About half an hour before the close of the poll.
591. Did you have a conversation with Kelly?—I had. I asked him if he had voted against Irish immigration. He said “No.”
592. Where did this conversation between you and Morris about the £1 take place?—Right against the Court House door.
593. Were there many people about?—Yes; sure to be at election time.
594. Any one near you?—Only one; a person whose name I did not know.
595. Did he hear your conversation?—No.
596. No one was close enough to hear you?—No; I think not.
597. Had Captain Read a committee-room at Gisborne?—I was not aware of it.
598. You did not see any committee-room?—No.
599. Did you see any placards about; were there any on Kelly’s committee-room?—I did not see them.
600. Did you see Kelly’s committee-room?—No.
601. Where was Kelly when you saw him?—Right outside the Court House.
602. In the street?—Yes.
603. Did you see Mr. Wilson on the polling day?—Yes.
604. Did you see Mr. Cooper?—Yes.
605. On how many occasions?—Once.
606. Had you any conversation with him?—No.
607. Did you have any conversation with any of Captain Read’s committee?—I cannot say I did.
608. Did you ever tell Captain Read you were going to vote for him?—I told him I was going to vote against him, because he was one of my enemies.
609. You told him that?—Two or three times that day.
610. Did he ask you whom you were going to vote for?—No; Baker came up to me and asked me—Read was standing by—and I said, loud enough for him to hear, that I was not going to vote for him.
611. Did you speak to Captain Read about the matter at all?—I said I would not vote for him.
612. Did you tell Captain Morris you would vote for him?—I did not. He asked me how I was going to vote, and I told him I did not know whom I was going to vote for until the time came.
613. Did you tell Mr. Kelly you would vote for him?—No; I told him he was an outsider, and would get no votes at all.
614. Did you tell anybody how you were going to vote?—No.
615. Who wished you to lay an information?—When I went to the Court, I was disgusted to find who had laid an information.
616. Did any one ask you to lay an information?—No.
617. You saw the Magistrate?—Yes.
618. And told him you wished to lay an information?—Yes, I did.
619. Did any person appear for you when the case came on in Court?—No.
620. You appeared for yourself?—Yes.
621. And you had a conversation with Captain Read about the election?—Not until the following day after the poll. There were a whole lot of people came and asked him if he was not going to give them anything for having voted for him. He said he would see them damned before he gave them sixpence.
622. That was after the polling took place?—Yes; the next day.
623. Morris offered you the pound for your vote before the poll had closed?—Yes.
624. It was only on one occasion he offered it?—Yes.
625. Had you been drinking that day?—Only with Captain Morris.
626. How much did you have to drink?—Well, I leave that to Captain Morris to tell you.
627. Were you sober?—Before the poll.
628. And after the poll?—Oh, I “went in” then. I was “half-tight” for the rest of the day, when the poll was over.
629. You kept sober until after the polling?—Yes; kept the “upper storey” clear.
630. *Mr. Whitaker.*] You said you had some drink; who paid for it, yourself or Captain Morris?—I cannot swear.
631. Who gave it to you?—The barman.
632. Who ordered it?—I cannot say whether I did or whether Captain Morris did.
633. How many glasses did you have?—At that time?
634. Yes?—One.
635. Was Captain Morris there?—Most decidedly he was.
636. Did he have any?—Most decidedly he did.
637. Had you ever drunk with him before?—No.
638. Not until election time?—No.
639. Was this before you had voted?—Yes.
640. Did anything then take place about paying you for your vote?—Not until afterwards.
641. What was the name of the public-house at which you were?—Farjeon’s Hotel.
642. Were there any other people drinking with you?—At election time there are plenty of people drinking.
643. But with you?—No.
644. Did you see Captain Morris at the hotel at any other time?—I saw him there after the polling.