

met him on the beach, we went to the Victoria Hotel. We three went in. Major Pitt then said he wished us to bestir ourselves for Read; to vote for Read; that if we did, the money would be paid to us. He said, "You two are men of influence, chiefs able to induce people to vote for Read; but some money will be paid to you; given to you two." We said, "It is well." Pitt said if the number of persons should reach fifty, I will give £25; if the number did not reach this, some of the money was to be returned to Pitt. We said, "It is well." We agreed to it, and returned to our place on the 5th. On the 6th, at 7 a.m., we came back to town. When we saw Pitt, we went into the Victoria Hotel. The money, £25, was then handed over to Hori Ngatai. Pitt repeated what he had said previously, that if the number of persons reached fifty, the £25 was to be kept. It was given to us for the purpose of inducing persons to vote for Read. Pitt said we were to induce them, and to pay them with money.—Cross-examined: When Pitt said that Hori Ngatai was present, he said so on the 5th and on the 6th. On both occasions Hori was present. Pitt gave the money and spoke too. I was present when Hori returned the £9. I saw it. It was in the Victoria Hotel. Te Harawera and Akuhata were present, and also Timeti. Hori Ngatai gave the money to Pitt. Something was said, "This money returned because not fifty persons." Ngatai said so. Pitt said some of the £9 would be returned; that £4 would be returned. I heard this with my own ears. The £4 were received. I did see the £4 given back to Hori on the occasion when the £9 was returned. Pitt said to me the people were to vote, but we two were not to vote.—Re-examined: Pitt told his reasons we were not to vote, lest it should be seen we were paid with money.

Akuhata Tupaea, sworn and examined: I recollect the day of election at Tauranga. The day after I saw Pitt at the Victoria Hotel. Hori was also there. I saw Hori returning some of the money, £9. Hori said, "This money must be left with you." That is all I heard or know of.—Cross-examined: Myself, Hori, Harawera, and Pitt were present; these were all. Timete was not there, nor did I see Enoka there. He was on the beach. Pitt took the £9. I did not see him give back any. We came away together.

Te Harawera Kotai, sworn and examined: I recollect the election at Tauranga. The day after the election I saw Hori, Pitt, and Akuhata, at the Victoria Hotel. I saw Hori give Pitt £9. I heard nothing said between them.—Cross-examined: I saw the £9 returned. We were all in the same room. Enoka was not there, nor Timete. Pitt kept the £9; he did not give back any. I and the others (Hori and Akuhata) came away together. Enoka and Timete were not there.

A true copy.

THOMAS B. GILLIES.

RESPONDENT'S List of Cases of Bribery and Corruption.

In the matter of the Petition of GEORGE BENTHAM MORRIS against GEORGE EDWARD READ.

THE following are the corrupt acts which respondent means to prove:—

1. That George Bentham Morris, during the election, kept a refreshment-room open for the use of the electors, and there supplied refreshments to said electors.
2. That George Bentham Morris paid the expenses of certain electors, whose names are unknown to respondent, going to and returning from the polling booths, and also paid to each of them a sum equal to a day's wages.
3. That George Bentham Morris promised to one Dunahoo, an elector at Gisborne, to pay to him £1 for his own vote, and £1 for each other vote that he the said Dunahoo could procure for him.

Dated 2nd August, 1876.

H. S. FITZHERBERT,
Agent for G. E. Read.

AMENDMENT to above List by RESPONDENT.

THE place where Mr. Morris kept the refreshment-room referred to in the notice (clause No. 1), was Tauranga, where Mr. Morris's agents supplied refreshments to the electors.

Dated 2nd day of August, 1876.

H. S. FITZHERBERT,
Agent for G. E. Read.

AFFIDAVITS of Messrs. DUFAUR and CRAWFORD.

WE, FREDERICK DUFAUR, of Gisborne, in the Province of Auckland, and Colony of New Zealand, newspaper proprietor, and WILLIAM FITZGERALD CRAWFORD, of the same place, jointly and severally make oath and say:—

1. That we were members of the Committee nominated, constituted, and appointed by electors of the Poverty Bay District, at a meeting duly convened at Gisborne for such purpose (*inter alia*), and to secure the return of George Edward Read as member of the House of Representatives for the East Coast District.

2. That such Committee, acting entirely independently of any wish which Captain Read might have expressed in the matter, and much against his will, engaged Major Cholwell Dean Pitt to act as agent for the Committee in the Tauranga District, with written instructions to do and pursue every "legal and justifiable" and proper means to secure Captain Read's return.

F. DUFAUR.
W. M. F. CRAWFORD.

Severally sworn by the said Frederick Dufaur and William FitzGerald Crawford, at Gisborne aforesaid, this fourth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, before me—

W. K. NESBITT, R.M.,
A Justice of the Peace for the Colony
of New Zealand.