

deducted. I would not say that I deducted it, because I held a subordinate position at the time. *Mr. C. E. Nelson.*
 £800 was accounted for out of the £1,600. The deductions were all from the first £800. There was
 £100 deducted from Hori te More. That was on account of an equal amount which he had received *Aug. 16, 1880.*
 from Jones.

953. And the £100 deducted for Jones, what became of it?—I do not know. That makes up
 £200 deducted for Jones at that time. I had nothing to do with the disposal of that money. I was
 simply there as interpreter and witness. The £200 was kept by Brissenden.

954. Brissenden was present?—Certainly Mr. Brissenden was present. He was the principal.
 I believe the £200 was given to Mr. Sheehan.

955. Am I to understand you to say that Adam Clark told you that £150 out of the £200 was for
 survey?—He said that the £150 was for survey: for money advanced by him to the surveyor.

956. But did he say nothing about the other £50 of the £200?—He said nothing whatever about
 it—that is to say, he did not say anything to me that I remember. Of course, he might have said
 something to others.

TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1880.

CHARLES EDWIN NELSON re-examined.

957. *The Chairman.*] You say that on the 12th May the amount of £100 was paid to give to Mr.
 Jones?—I do not say it was paid to Jones. It was deducted for Jones.

958. You say it was deducted for Jones. I want to know to whom you paid that?—It was
 deducted by request of Mr. Sheehan at the time. Mr. Brissenden deducted £100 from the £800—that
 is, the £800 out of £1,600. The £100 was first deducted to pay Mr. Jones.

959. Was that given to anybody in your presence?—It was deducted by Mr. Brissenden. I do
 not remember whether it was paid to Mr. Jones or not; but it was deducted for Jones—that I
 remember distinctly.

960. So far as your memory serves you, you say it was deducted and not passed over to anybody?
 —I do not remember—it is some six years ago; but I know Mr. Sheehan was Mr. Jones's agent. It
 was likely paid to Mr. Sheehan. However, I cannot say of my own knowledge. £100 was taken out
 of Hori te More's money.

961. We do not want to go to the second £800?—No, it was from the first £800. £800 was to
 be placed in the bank. £800 was lying on the table. Brissenden said, "Out of this £800 we will
 deduct £100 for Jones." That left £700. The £700 was then divided—£350 to Adam Clark, and
 £350 to Hori te More. Out of the £350 given to Adam Clark, £50 was deducted which I had paid
 on the Saturday previously at my house, leaving Adam Clark £300. Out of the £350 to Hori te
 More, £100 was deducted to repay the £100 which he had received from Jones; leaving him £250:
 and out of this £250, £70 was deducted which I had paid him—£20 at Helensville, and £50 at my
 house—leaving Hori te More £180.

962. There is something a little incomprehensible to me still. You deducted £100 for Jones in the
 first place out of the £800?—Yes—out of the whole sum of £800 which was paid.

963. Exactly. I understand you in regard to that. Well, then, that was £100 to Jones apparently
 from both parties?—Exactly so. That amount was taken out, leaving, as it were, the price of the land,
 £1,500. That £100 was taken out of the whole sum.

964. You took £100 first of all out of the £800 to pass over to Jones in some form or other.
 That was like a joint payment to Jones from the two parties?—Quite so.

965. How was it that you deducted another £100 specifically from Hori te More?—Because he
 had received £100 from Mr. Jones. But I believe Adam Clark had not received. That is what I think;
 it is simply an impression of mine. I first heard in Auckland that Mr. Jones had taken a timber-lease.
 I was merely there as interpreter.

966. I suppose this was explained to the Natives at the time by you?—Yes, by me.

967. And you would remember a portion of it. Was anything given as a reason at the time for
 the £100 being taken out of the joint account, and then another specific £100 from Hori?—I do not
 remember. They were quite willing to allow it, because Jones had paid £300 and spent a lot of
 money on interpreters, and he wanted more money than he had actually paid.

968. Why should Adam Clark be expected to pay this money?—Because he had been a party to
 the lease. There were three Natives who gave the lease. Jones wanted to throw it up, and the
 Government wished to buy. Jones said, "If you will give me £400 I will throw up the lease," and
 then Brissenden wished to get as much money out of it as he could to pay Jones.

969. Apparently, without reference to the justice of the case, as Adam Clark had got nothing he
 had no right to pay anything?—I believe Adam Clark had received £100, which was lying intact in
 Sheehan's office.

970. But there was no conversation about it at the time?—They simply said, "You have to repay
 Jones—Jones wants £350—and we will take it out of the sum total."

971. Now I go back to another point that I want to ask you about. You seemed yesterday quite
 clear about what took place when the £200 cheque passed?—When I drew the £200, quite clear.

972. I want to ask you a question about that. Was there anything said at the time of passing
 this amount about any portion of the money being applied to the keep or education of Wi Apo's
 child?—Education—no, I do not remember.

973. Or keep?—I think he said something about his wanting money for the boy; but regarding
 his own money that he had paid to the surveyor, that I remember distinctly, because I said, "Adam
 Clark, this is a great deal of money to pay you out of the trust money;" and he said, "It is my own
 money out of the survey. That is £150."

974. But you said that you gave the whole of the £200 to Adam Clark?—Mr. Brissenden gave
 me a cheque to draw that money for the Native—£200.

975. And did you see afterwards what Adam Clark did with the proceeds?—No; I simply paid
 the cheque.