

128. *By Dr. King.*] You have always treated me very well indeed.

129. *By Dr. MacGregor.*] I have never seen Dr. King treat any one with want of consideration.

130. *By Dr. King.*] I have always been treated with great kindness in lots of ways.

JOHN CLARKSON, sworn, examined.

131. *By Dr. MacGregor.*] I am charge attendant in No. 3. The vegetables on odd occasions were under-cooked. The beef was always well cooked—that is, the fresh roast beef. The corned beef was sometimes underdone. We get corned beef three times a week. Once only can I speak of it definitely, and then it was returned to the kitchen. I do not remember any complaints about its being undercooked the day the complaint was made. At breakfast that morning no complaints were made. There was some growling about the fish at dinner. It was proper, and well cooked, for I ate it. Arundel grumbled. He said he never did like that fish. At No. 2 table there was no butter. They had eaten their butter. Usually at tea we had cold meat. Thursdays we generally got a hot stew. On this night there was none. It very rarely happened that we only had bread and butter. There was usually cold meat. Impey fetched in the paper for signature. I said I would sign if the majority did. I heard Impey read it. Its object, I understood, was to show that he was not the sole originator of the disturbance.

132. Had you any ground for supposing that Dr. King thought Impey was the sole originator?—I was not at the second meeting. I depended on hearsay. I did not understand there was anything in it about retracting any words the doctor had used. It was intended to present this paper. I did not hear anything about withdrawing it. I heard Impey's report of what had happened at the first meeting. I did not hear the doctor use the term "liar." I heard him say that rushing Blacklaws for the fish was "a savage act." I did not hear him call them "conspirators."

EDWARD HENRY DOWNES, sworn, examined.

133. *By Dr. MacGregor.*] I am charge-attendant in No. 1 ward. I am aware that a paper was sent in to Dr. King complaining about the meat and potatoes not being properly cooked. I paid little attention to what was in the paper, so I cannot say much about what was in it. I heard afterwards there was something in it about the doctor making an apology.

134. What for?—I could not say. I think it was for something they said the doctor had said at a meeting.

135. What was it?—It was about not believing what the attendants had said. This was at the first meeting in the reading-room, which the doctor called. I did not want to take any interest in it. I did not sign the paper at first. It was got up at tea-time one day, and I signed next day. I did not wish to sign it, and I told them so (for reasons best known to myself). I changed my mind because of a statement on the back, meaning that, though I had previously made statements complaining, that now I refused to sign. I heard them—Campbell, Impey, and others—say it would be unmanly not to sign, and then I signed. I do not think this was a proper way to make a complaint to the doctor. After I took charge I was led to believe that it was my duty, if there was anything wrong with the food, to go to Mr. Stewart and show it to him. I once complained to Mr. Stewart of some marmalade that was fermented. This happened three or six weeks before the present trouble. I thought the jam was fairly good. I would not have returned it myself. Annan was the man who handed it to me, and said it was the wish of the table that I should take it to Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart told me to take it to the kitchen.

136. *By Dr. King.*] Before this paper was got up, about some days before I heard some of them were going to complain, I was present, two days (about) before the meeting called by the doctor, when Blacklaws brought some fish, saying it was for his own table—No. 1. The others rushed him to get the fish for themselves. He, to save it, put it on the window-sill, and said if they rushed him he would throw it out of the window. It did go out of the window, plate and all. It was a large dish of fish. The patients were in the hall at the time. Four or five men were in the rush—Buckley, Aicheson, Perry, and Clarkson. Those are the only ones I remember. The tea was poured over my trousers—a cup I had just poured out. I was present at the meeting called by the attendants when Mr. Impey read what professed to be a report of what had previously taken place. I heard this report read. It was so long, and there were so many big words, that I cannot remember all of it. Among other things, it said that the doctor had called either the attendants or Impey "liars." I did not hear the doctor call any one "liars." I heard Buckley say Mr. Stewart was a liar, or it may have been the clerk. Buckley said, "Do you mean to call us a lot of liars, Dr. King?" There had been grumbling several times before the first meeting. All were pretty near the same. At tea-time one day, before any meeting, Arundel of his own accord went out from the table to the doctor and complained. The doctor came in at once. Arundel said to the doctor in my presence that there was no butter, and that he had not made a meal that day. He said something about the fish. Later on he said it was some coarse-looking fish that looked like whale or shark. I did not take any. It was proper. It looked quite good. I never saw it sent back uneaten.

138. *By Dr. King.*] How did I treat the complaints?—You said you would look into them.

139. Did I tell the attendants myself at the first meeting that special care was to be taken with the cooking of porridge, meat, and vegetables?—You did.

140. *By Dr. MacGregor.*] I have heard no complaints of the food since the matter was brought before the doctor. I have not seen anything to complain of since.

141. *By Dr. King.*] I have never seen you inconsiderate in your treatment of any of the attendants. You have always treated me like a gentleman.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, sworn, examined.

142. *By Dr. MacGregor.*] I signed this paper because I thought there was a grievance with the food. I did not hear the doctor use those words. I heard him say that what had been reported