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Practically had delegated his judgment to Mr. Willis	18
Had had no desire to "bolster up" Messrs. Taylor and Fisher	18
Would not have taken action if Mr. Willis had not suggested it	18
Had seen no wrong in sending telegram	18
Salary, £130 a year	18
Mr. Willis suggested Auditor-General's inquiry no use, and witness agreed	18
Would not have consented to telegram had he known it was to be made public	18
His consent to publication not asked	18
Production of cheque-blocks, cash-books, &c., at Auditor-General's inquiry necessary in his opinion to thoroughly investigate matter of voucher	18
Object in sending telegram not political, merely consented across telephone because Mr. Willis asked him	18
Mr. JOYNT addressed Board:—	
Represented now Messrs. Larcombe, West, and Lundon (not Mr. Willis)	18
Placed—	
His clients influenced by Mr. Willis; want of knowledge of regulations, &c.; making declarations often perfunctory; object not political; did not realise gravity of their action; Mr. Lundon's offence particularly slight; adverse finding disastrous to domestic life of his clients; their action result of "good-fellowship" for Mr. Willis; would ask for leniency and charitable view; his clients merely guilty of error—not treachery; led into this error by another person	18
Mr. STRINGER (in reply) said:—	
Line Mr. Joynt took rendered remarks from him unnecessary; validity of his arguments question for Commission; Department seriously concerned in compliance with Regulations; Reg. 44 embodied ordinary master-and-servant relationship; deprecated idea of this not applying in public service; referred to Mr. Morris's special warning <i>re</i> confidential nature of work	18
JOSEPH WILLIS, recalled (sworn):—	
Mr. Willis's objection to reinstatement of charge merely question of loss of further time and money; virtually contained in another charge	18
Board reinstated charge, as Mr. Willis not prejudiced by its withdrawal and subsequent reinstatement	19
Charge read, Mr. Willis denied it again, and adhered to his previous statement that he had not informed Mr. Fisher <i>re</i> voucher till after Mr. Fisher's election	19
The Board said onus of proof rested with Department	19
Telegram to Mr. Fisher, to give evidence	19
Mr. Joynt asked Board to note Mr. Willis's evidence, page 13, in reference to his clients	19
J. WILLIS said:—	
Adhered to statements on page 11 of report	19
Thought his first communication of information to Mr. Fisher shortly after session opened	19
Had had many conversations with Mr. Fisher	19
Believed one in which information was imparted dealt with politics generally, &c.	19
Mr. Fisher asked for further information	19
Gave instance of inaccuracy of Mr. Fisher's memory	19
Knew Mr. Fisher's sympathies were with Mr. Taylor in Seddon-Taylor action	19
Would swear he had had no idea of assisting Mr. Taylor in this case by imparting information then	19
Mr. Fisher often called at office to see witness	19
Witness reprimanded for this	19
Mr. Fisher had given him amount of voucher, and witness quoted number	19
Witness said: "This is probably voucher you refer to," &c.	19
Looked up memo.-book in response to request for information from Mr. Fisher, about six weeks subsequent to telling Mr. Fisher of a payment to Captain Seddon	19
He thought voucher quoted too late for Seddon voucher; had merely given its number, as it corresponded with amount and date supplied by Mr. Fisher	19
Did not search book to "corroborate" his own recollection	20
First Mr. Fisher asked for information <i>re</i> any payments, then <i>re</i> a particular payment	20
Witness had objected to Mr. Fisher apologising	20
Witness sent number to Mr. Fisher, not thinking it might be right one, but because it corresponded with details Mr. Fisher gave	20
Witness had spoken to Mr. Fisher on morning of his return—just outside Post-office	20
Conversation <i>re</i> apology in afternoon in Mr. Fisher's office	20
Reason for Mr. Larcombe showing him voucher: Mr. Larcombe (fellow-clerk) and Mr. Willis (Volunteer)	20
Mr. JOYNT requested Board to indicate nature of their report	20
Board stated this would be breach of confidence	20
Telegram from Mr. Fisher; leaving for South	20
J. WILLIS (<i>continuing</i>):—	
He sent number and amount of Anderson voucher to Mr. Fisher	20
Would swear he did not send any other number	20
Knew Captain Seddon had denied existence of voucher, on oath	20
Witness's reply: he had seen voucher	20
Swore it was a genuine voucher	20
Had never told any one he had informed Mr. Fisher <i>re</i> voucher before Mr. Fisher was M.H.R.	20
P. 19 of evidence: charged "£76 4s. 9d." to "£76"	20
Subpœna on Mr. Fisher: claimed "privilege.."	20
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