safe was drilled open that you found it? A. I will—to the best of my opinion.

Q. Will you swear positively, on your oath, that it was not after the safe was drilled open that you found it? A. I will.

Q. Then what did you mean by saying "to the best of your opinion"? A. Well, I say it was in the house before the safe came there.

Q. You said a moment ago "to the best of your opinion"—what did you mean by that? A. My son was dead a long time before we got the safe open.

Q. How long? A. A good while. Mr. Gregory had it in his charge a good while and I couldn't get it.

Q. How long did Mr. Gregory have it in his charge? A. Well, maybe a year.

Q. Do you say that? A. I don't know. It may have been a year and may have been a month. I am not positive.

Q. Mr. Gregory had it in his charge and he had the papers of William? A. He took them I suppose from the office.

Q. Didn't you go to Mr. Gregory and charge him with knowing about these papers and giving them to the Gleaner? A. I did.

Q. How could you venture to charge Mr. Gregory with that if Mr. Gregory did not have access to those papers and did not know anything about them? A. He didn't know anything about them to my knowledge.

Q. If he didn't know anything about them, how did you go to him and charge him with having given information he got from those papers to the press? A. I was at Mr. Gregory's office paying over some money to him from the estate, and I said to Mr. Gregory: "What made you give the news to the Gleaner?" and he said: "The Gleaner and me are not on good terms." That is the conversation we had.

Q. Didn't you say to him: "Why did you tell the Gleaner about these papers"? A. Yes, I said that.

Q. Or "why did you give the news about these papers to the Gleaner"? A. Yes.

Q. Then, what occasion had you for suspecting Mr. Gregory of having done that? A. Well, I had no grounds for suspecting it.

Q. No grounds whatever? A. No.

Q. You say you charged him with giving the matter to the Gleaner, but that you had not the slightest reason for suspecting him of doing it? A. No, because I knew he didn't. I said merely, in joking way: "What did you give that to the Gleaner for?"

Q. Didn't you tell us yesterday that you couldn't get any satisfaction out of Mr. Gregory? A. No, I did not.

Q. Didn't you say last night that you got no satisfaction from Mr. Gregory? A. I don't know what I told you. I asked him in a jokish manner why he gave that to the Gleaner, and he said he had nothing to do with the Gleaner at all.

Q. You charged him with that in a joking manner? A. Yes, just to hear what he would say.

Q. The Gleaner referred at that time to this receipt, didn't it? A. Yes.

Q. And you suspected that Mr. Gregory must have given them information about that receipt? A. I didn't suspect Mr. Gregory at all.

Q. How did you suppose that any information had reached the Gleaner about the receipt when you spoke to Mr. Gregory? A. I knew where it came from.

Q. Didn't you say to Wilson that you had said to Gregory that your son William was dead, and you had had trouble enough, and you didn't want this thing put in the papers? A. No.

Q. Didn't you tell Wilson with your own lips that when this thing came out you had suspected Gregory, and went to him and charged him with it; and told him it was not right, that your son was dead, and you had had trouble enough, and you didn't want this thing dragged out? A. I don't doubt but what I did, and to others, too, because I did not want it.

Q. Do you swear that that paper (No. 4) is word for word a copy of the paper you got from Wilson? A. Yes.

Q. Was this "$200.00" there up in the corner on the original receipt? A. I don't kuow.

Q. Will you swear that the word "Fredericton" was on the original receipt? To the best of my knowledge it was.

Q. You won't swear to it? A. Not positively.

Q. Will you swear that the date was "1890" that was on that receipt? A. I will.

Q. You are now speaking from recollection, are you? A. Yes.

Q. Are you positive about it? A. Yes.

Q. Is that an exact copy of the original in every particular? A. An exact copy.

Q. Do you say there is not a word on it that was not on the original receipt? A. Not to my knowledge—yes, it is, word for word.

Q. Will you swear that William Wilson's name was signed by him to that original receipt you speak of? A. I certainly will.

Q. Did you see him sign it? A. No.

Q. Will you swear it was his hand-writing? A. I will not. I do not know his hand-writing enough.

Q. Will you swear that in the original receipt it was "W. Wilson" or "William Wilson?" A. I won't. To the best of my knowledge it was William Wilson.

Q. If you swore to anything you would swear to that? A. Yes.

Q. In whose hand-writing is the word signed in the original receipt? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. Was not the word "signed" in the original receipt in your son William's hand-writing? A. No, it was not.

Q. Will you swear it was not? A. I am not positive.

Q. Might it not have been in William's hand-writing? A. I doubt it very much. I cannot swear that it was or wasn't.

Q. Will you swear that the word "appointment" was in the original receipt? A. Yes.

Q. Was it not the word "endorsement"? A. No.

Q. You say you compared this copy with the original? A. Yes.

Q. How did you compare it? A. My son read one to me and I looked at the other.

Q. Which one did he read to you? A. The one he copied.

Q. You have sworn that William compared it? A. Yes.

Q. How did he compare it? A. Well, he read it and I looked at the other one.

Q. Which one did he read? A. He read this one. I looked at the other. He had them both there in front of him.

Q. How did Miss Mary compare them? A. She was there and looked on.

Q. Did she have them in her hands? A. Certainly.

Q. How did she compare them? A. She stood by and listened and looked at them.

(Paper) Q. When was it you wrote that paper? A. After the money was given.

Q. How long after? A. I couldn't say positively—it is a request to get it back.

Q. When was it written? A. I couldn't give you any idea. It was written between the time the money was given and the note was given. I am not positive of the time.

Q. Can you swear that that paper which you produce here was written by you and sent out of your hand after the 12th of March, 1891? A. It was written between the time of getting the receipt and getting the note from Wilson.

Q. And that is all you can say? A. That is all.

Q. You say it was written after you got the receipt for the money from Wilson and the time that Wilson gave you the note endorsed by Anderson. A. Yes.

Q. But you would be sorry to swear that it was written or sent after the 12th of March, 1891? A. I told you before it was between those times.

Q. And that is the best you can say? A. Yes, from the terms of the letter it would seem that it must have been a good while after. All I can say is that it was before I got the note.

Mr. Powell—Q. Would this statement be correct—that it was over a year after you were promised the position? A. Yes.

Mr. Blair—Q. Will you swear from what is stated in this that it was over a year after you got the receipt? A. I will not. To the best of my opinion it was.

Q. Will you swear it was over six months after? A. No, I will not.

(Paper received in evidence and marked No. 10).

Q. Now, perhaps you will be able to tell me what kind of paper this original receipt was written on? A. I cannot.

Q. Will you swear the original receipt did not have on the top of it Mr. Wilson's name printed? A. To the best of my knowledge it had not.

Q. Will you swear it had not? I will not.

Q. Will you swear that it did not have in the corner that he was County Secretary and barrister-at-law? A. I will not.

Q. Now, on the morning when you say your son William first started out with the $200 in his pocket, did he have any paper drawn up with him that you know of? A. With regard to what?

Q. Well, any receipt for the money. Did he have any paper drawn up? A. Not that I am aware of; I didn't see any

Q. Will you swear he didn't have it? A. I never saw one to my knowledge.

Q. Will you swear he did not? A. No, I won't, nor that he did.

Q. Will you swear that you did not see and know that he had a paper drawn up that he was to get me to sign? A. I did not.

Q. How often was Mr. Stockton at your place? A. Twice.

Q. That would be during the present session? A. Yes.

Q. Who was with him? A. Mr. Crocket, the publisher of the Gleaner.

Q. How many days elapsed between the first time he called and the second time? A. Maybe two or three days.

Q. How long did he stop the first time? A. Only a short time.

Q. Who was with him the next time he came? A. Mr. Phinney.

Q. How long did he stop the second time? A. He stopped maybe an hour and maybe an hour and a half.

Q. What was he doing? A. Comparing papers or writing down evidence, I suppose—asking me questions.

Q. What did he say he came there for? A. He wanted to lay it before parliament I understood.

Q. For what purpose, did he tell you? A. He didn't tell me any purpose.

Q. What inducement did he offer you? A. None.

Q. Why did you give it? A. Because he requested it.

Q. Is he an old acquaintance or friend of yours? A. I have been acquainted with Mr. Phinney since he came to Fredericton.

Q. But I mean Mr. Stockton? A. No, I never saw the man before.

Q. That was the first call? A. Yes.

Q. And you gave him this statement just because he asked for it? A. Yes, he wanted to lay it before parliament.

Q. What was he going to do did he say when he got it before parliament? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. He did not tell you what reason he had for wanting to lay it before parliament? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. He did not use any argument to you as to why you should do it? A. No.

Q. You were perfectly ready to do it, were you? A. Yes, when he asked me.

Q. You had not sent for him? A. No.

Q. Had you sent for Phinney to get this statement prepared? A. No.

Q. You had not sent for anybody? A. No.

Q. You were sought out yourself? A. Yes.

Q. Did you have any intimation that these people were coming to call on you in that capacity? A. I think I did.

Q. Who from? A. Mr. Crocket. He was in the day before.

Q. Who else was in talking about this thing? What other people connected with the business? A. Nobody but this gentlemen (Stockton) and Phinney and McCready came afterwards.

Q. Between those times was not Mr. Pitts there at all? A. Yes.

Q. How often was he in? A. Once or twice, not more I think. He might have been there three times. He passes down my street frequently and comes in to see me.

Q. He was in you say two or three times while these papers were being gotten up? A. Well, I cannot say that; he might have been in some time after they were gotten up.

Q. Then he was in before, during the time, and after? A. Yes, it is likely he was.

Q. Then altogether how often has he been in in connection with this matter during the session? A. Well, three or four times, that is since it came out in the papers.

Q. And how often before that—how often before the session opened? A. About two or three times. He was in this morning.

Q. How early? A. Well about 8 or 9 o'clock I suppose, or last night I don't know which. He was in about five minutes.

Q. What did he say about the case? A. He spoke of how it went on last night, nothing more. He didn't say much about it, only that it was laughable, and how that Blair wanted me to get him out of a hole.

Mr. Pitts—Q. Did I put you on your guard with regard to anything you were to say? A. No.

Q. Didn't I just laugh at the attorney general for saying that I was in the hole? A. Yes.

Q. And that I just wanted you to tell the truth of the matter? A. Yes.

Mr. Blair—Q. You have not, I think, given us the names of all the friends who were so deeply interested in this matter. You have only got one of the members for York calling upon you. You must not slur any of them? A. Pitts is the only member for York that came to see me about it.

Q. Mr. Pinder did not come to see you, nor Mr. Allen, nor Mr. Howe? A. Mr. Pinder spoke to me here yesterday in the house, but not at my place.

Q. Well, now, you had a call from Wilson after this matter was mentioned in the house? A. Yes.

Q. In any conversation that Wilson had with you did he beg of you for God's sake to destroy the papers that you had? A. No, he never did.

Q. Didn't he ask you simply, if you had any papers such as represented, that you would show them to him? A. Yes, he did.

Q. He made no dishonorable proposition to you, did he? A. No, I cannot say that he ever approached me in any improper way.

Q. Did he come to you with tears in his eyes and beg you to do anything? A. He never did, and when Wilson came and spoke of it I told him it was a falsehood.

Q. Didn't you say to Wilson that you had not authorized any of these charges or statements made against him? A. With regard to that flaming piece in the Gleaner—for God's sake burn the paper with tears in his eyes—I said it was a falsehood and I wanted him to contradict it. He said it was a very absurd thing, and I said I never heard anything about it, and I authorized him to contradict it.

Q. Didn't you say to Wilson that you did not authorize the bringing up of this thing at all in any way in the house? A. I told him that at the first start I did not want it to be brought up.

Q. Didn't you tell him when he called upon you since this thing came out that it had been done without your authority? A. I don't think I did.. I was opposed to bringing it up altogether, because my son was dead, and I had nothing to gain and nothing to lose.

Q. That is what you told Wilson? A. Yes.

Q. Didn't you tell him that you authorized him to say so that there was no bargain between you and him at all in connection with this office? A. I cannot say that.

Q. Will you swear you didn't tell him that? A. Yes, because I would tell him a lie if I did. He wanted me to write a letter.

Mr. Pitts—Q. And you would not write it? A. No.

Mr. Blair—Q. I am not referring to anything that took place after the statement was signed by you but as to what was said by you to Wilson before this, because you refer in your declaration, you see, to Wilson's statement. Now I want to know from you whether you did not say to Wilson, and authorize Wilson to say, that there never was any bargain between you and him such as had been stated in the papers? A. With regard to money.

Q. Yes? A. I couldn't.

Q. With regard to the office? A. I couldn't state that to him.

Q. Will you state that you didn't say that? A. I don't think I did, for I gave him money for that purpose, and I couldn't say that he did not get the money.

Q. Didn't you say that you authorized him to state as from you that there was no bargain between you and him whatever for the sale of any office? A. No.

Q. You swear positively you did not? A. Yes, because if I did I would have contradicted what I did.

Q. Tell me when the bargain took place between you and Wilson for the sale of the office? A. We did not have any bargain. I did not have any bargain with Mr. Wilson. My son was the applicant.

Q. Didn't you tell Wilson that you authorized him to say that you never had any bargain? A. That I never paid him any money?

Q. That there never was as between you and Wilson one syllable exchanged with regard to a bargain for the office? A. When?

Q. Away back at the time when the office was promised? A. I might have had a conversation with him and asked him to get it.

Q. Certainly, you were constantly asking for an office for your son, but will you swear that as between you and Wilson there ever was one syllable to the effect that if you would pay for it or pay so much, that he would get you the office? A. No, he didn't make any bargain with me about it.

Q. You never had a syllable with him? A. Not on the money matter.

Q. Now, when this declaration was produced to you did you read it?

Mr. Powell—Q. You mean there was no agreement between you personally? A. No. I furnished the money.

Mr. Blair—Q. Did you not say to Wilson, "Every and any transaction I ever had with you was perfectly square and honorable?" A. Certainly. I never could find fault with him in any transaction, public or private.

Q. Was there ever any transaction between you and Wilson of any kind at any time that was not fair and honorable? A. No, only I took it one way and he took the other. I took it that he did not do as much for my son as maybe he could to get the office—that he didn't work better or do more.

Q. Were you not constantly at Wilson to get the office? A. Certainly.

Q. And if he couldn't get one to get another? You wanted something? A. Yes, I wanted something.

Q. You wanted the registrarship of probates for him? A. Well, I did not apply for that I don't think. He came home and told me he was offered that and wouldn't take it.

Q. Didn't you at one time ask Wilson to turn out Mr. Yerxa and give Billy Mr. Yerxa's place? A. Yes. If they were selling offices I would have given $1,000 for it.

Q. Did you say that? A. Yes, because it was a good position.

Q. Who was present when the statutory declaration was signed? A. Mr. Phinney and Mr. McCready.

Q. Did you at that time read that paper over yourself? A. No.

Q. Who read it to you? A. Mr. Phinney.

Q. It was all prepared just as it is now when he came in? A. I don't know whether it was as it is now or not.

Q. (Show declaration). That is your signature, is it not? A. Yes.

Q. Did you sign more than one? A. No.

Q. Was it typewritten in that way when he gave it to you? A. Yes

Q. And you signed it without making any changes whatever? A. No, only they made these marks on the sides.

Mr. Powell—Q. Was it before this that Stockton was up there taking your statement? A. Yes.

Mr. Blair—Q. Did you give to Stockton the same statement of these facts that you have given here? A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Did you give to Stockton when you made your statement to him the same statement of facts that you have given here today? A. No, I don't know as I did, because you turn them around somehow.

Q. Did you give him dates which you say now you cannot remember and don't knew anything about?

Mr. Stockton—This is certainly impeaching, or attempting to impeach my character as a man, and therefore I ask the right to appear on my own behalf and to cross examine Mr. Quinn on this branch of the subject. The inference is that I made a statement for Mr. Quinn to swear to that was not correct.

Mr. Tweedie—There is no evidence that the declaration was prepared by you at all.

Mr. Blair—Because I am interrogating this witness and he is fearing the effect of the answer will be rather prejudicial is no reason why he should appear here. He is not on his trial.

Q. I want to find out from you, Mr. Quinn, whether in your statement of this transaction to Stockton you stated as you have here that you could not tell about the dates positively; that you could not swear positively as to when these things occurred? Were you any more positive as to the dates then than you are now? A. No.

Q. Were you not present on one occasion when Mr. Wilson was at your place since this thing came up and heard your daughter state that she was the one that made the copy of the receipt? A. I heard her say that she made one herself, but not that one for that is in my son's handwriting; and Mr. Wilson wanted to see it.

Q. Did she show it to him? A. No, she said she couldn't find it.

Q. Now, I want you to tell me what you did with the copy of the letter you first wrote me, to which mine of October 14 was a reply? A. I cannot.

Q. Why? A. Because I lost it.

Q. When did you first ascertain that you had lost it? Last winter.

Q. How did you come to lose it? A. I cannot tell you. I mislaid it in some way.

Q. Why, you kept the papers all together didn't you? A. Not all the time. Sometimes I would have one on the shelf and others in the desk.

Q. Did you keep these papers scattered about? A. Sometimes if I was drafting one, and some person came in I would lay it on the shelf.

Q. I am speaking of the letter to which I replied. I ask you where is the copy of that letter? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. Did you ever have a copy of that letter? A. Certainly I had.

Q. When did you lose it? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. Where was it when you saw it last? A. It was on the desk.

Q. On top of the desk? A. Yes.

Q. Lying there by itself? A. Well, with other papers.

Q. How many years after the letter was written was it that this copy of the letter was seen by you on the desk? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. Was it two or three years? A. I cannot say.

Q. You can tell within a year cannot you? A. No.

Q. Did you hand it over to John Black with these other papers? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Will you say you did not? A. No, I won't.

Q. Was it not among the papers after it came back from John Black's office? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Will you swear it was not? A. I won't.

Q. You won't swear when you had it last? A. No.

Q. When Black first called upon you about these papers didn't you tell him you hadn't any? A. I couldn't have.

Q. Didn't you tell wilson that you told Black that you had no copies of letters at all that had been written by you to me? A. I might have told him that I told Black so.

Q. You want us to understand that the copy of that first letter is lost and you cannot tell us now where it is? A. I cannot tell you where it is.

Q. And you say that letter was lying about, as well as these other letters and papers? A. Yes.

Q. Did you occasionally have these papers lying about—some in one place and some in another? A. Well, I would be drawing one up and if some person came in I would lay it aside, and then perhaps pick it up and put it in the drawer.

Q. Were they scattered about after they were put in the drawer? A. No They were not tied up together.

Q. Were they in one place in the one drawer? A. I couldn't tell you that. Some were kept in a drawer where there was paper to sell—notepaper, &c., and some in the desk.

Q. Then they were open and exposed? A. Yes.

Q. You kept none any more carefully than you did others? A. No, I had no safe.

Q. They were all treated alike—sometimes they might be in one place and sometimes in another? A. Well, where they were put I suppose they would stay there till we wanted them. We had no call to move them.

Q. When did you first have call to look for this copy of the first letter you wrote to me? A. I didn't have need to hunt for it at all that I know of.

Q. When did you discover that you had lost it? Did you discover that you had lost it before you were called upon to make this paper? A. O, I must have.

Q. Will you swear you did? A. No, I won't.

Q. Will you swear that that was not the first that you knew of that paper being missing? A. I won't.

Q. Did Billy have this original receipt you speak of for any length of time in his possession? A. He must have had it some time.

Q. How many months would it be? A. I cannot tell you that.

Mr. Pitts—That implies that it was months.

Mr. Blair—Q. Well, was it months? A. It may have been.

Q. Do you know where he kept it or had it? B. I don't.

Q. You don't know when he took it away? A. When he made it.

Q. You say that after he brought the receipt back to you and showed it to you that he had it away for some little time—you couldn't say how long? A. The copy?

Q. No, the original receipt? A. O, he didn't have it away at all.

Q. When he first brought it to you it remained with you, did it? A. Yes.

Q. Are you sure about that? A. Yes.

Q. Well, does that agree with your previous recollection about it? A, I think so.

Q. Do you say now positively that you had that original receipt in your own possession from the time it was first given to you by William? A. That is my opinion.

Q. Are you positive about that? A. No, not positive.

Mr. Pitts—Q. Until what time? A. Until I gave it up to Wilson.

Mr. Blair—Q. You won't be positive about it? A. No.

Q. Have you not said that William had that original receipt in his possession and kept it in his possession for some time? A. No, I meant the copy. I did not speak of the original, I don't think.

Q. Well now, as respects the original receipt did he not have that in his possession? A. He might have had. I couldn't say that he had or hadn't. I had no place to keep it in.

Q. And he had a safe? A. Yes.

Q. Then, did he have these copies of letters too, or did he have just the original receipt? A. Of what letters?

Q. Of these letters you have got here? A. No, he did not have these copies.

Mr. Pitts—Q. Who had them? A. I had them.

Mr. Blair—Q. If he had the original receipt to take care of in his safe, at all events he did not have these copies of letters? A. No.

Q. Are you positive you always retained those? A. Yes.

Q. The original receipt would be the only paper that he could have had away—the others you kept yourself? A, Yes.

Q. The original receipt, he had the handling of it? A. Yes, he got it from Wilson.

Q. You did not have the custody of that receipt in the same way that you had the custody of these other papers? A. No, he might have brought it to me and given it to me then and there, and he might not.

Q. You could not tell exactly when you got the original receipt from William? A. I could not.

Q. So that you cannot on your oath venture to say how long before the receipt was given up by you to Wilson you had it in your possession? A. I could not say.

Q. Do you think you had it a month? A. I must have had it more than a month, because it was a good while before I got something in the place of it.

Q. You wouldn't swear you had it more than a month? A. No, I wouldn't swear that I had it a month, or six months.

Q. Didn't William, having this original receipt in his possession, give you this as a copy for you to keep? That was the understanding, wasn't it? A. Yes.

Q. He gave you this as a copy for you to keep while he kept the original in his safe? A. O, no, I had the original when he made that copy.

Q. But afterwards he had the original himself? A. No.

Q. Are you positive about that? A. No.

Q. Tell me whether you can swear that you had that original receipt when William handed it over to you one month before you gave it to Wilson? A. I had it when the copy was made from it. I couldn't tell you how many months.

Q. You would not say positively that it was over one month? A. No, and it might be six months.

Q. What is the outside limit of time you would place? A. I wouldn't place it at any time.

Q. You wouldn't like to say it was more than six months? A. No, I wouldn't like to swear either way.

Q. Wasn't this the way this thing occurred? Didn't William give you this and show you this as a copy of the receipt which he had? Didn't you have this in your possession before William finally gave up the original to you? A. No.

Q. Didn't you have this copy of the receipt in your possession before William finally gave up the original to you? A. William might have taken away the original the second time.

Q. Didn't he leave this copy of the receipt with you while he took away the original receipt the second time? A. He took that copy and kept it himself.

Q. You told us a while ago that you kept this copy always and never parted possession with it? A. No, he made it out and took it with him. He took it away and brought it back again and gave it to me.

Q. Are you going to swear that that was a copy of the receipt which you got when you did not retain it in your possession? A. I will swear it was his writing, yes. I will swear it was his writing and made in my presence.

Q. What is there to indicate that it was made in your presence? A. Because I saw him write it.

Q. If it has no mark how can you swear that that copy was made in your presence? A. Well, I swear to the best of my opinion that was the copy that was made in my store. I have no mark to guide me.

Q. Then couldn't William have made a dozen like that? A. Yes, a hundred of them.

Q. How can you swear then to the identity of that? A. Because that is the same as the original.

Mr. Pitts—Q. The contents are the same? A. Yes, that is what I mean.

Mr. Blair—Q. But as to the identity of that particular paper you cannot answer? A. No.

Q. You cannot say, then, that this paper which you have now shown us is the paper which William copied and made in your presence that night? A. I will not, because he took it away, and he might have brought another back, but it is sum and substance of the original.

By Mr. Pitts—Q. You were asked if you had taken a copy of the first letter you wrote to Mr. Blair—that drew out the answer he sent you—did you pay very much attention to that? A. No.

Q. You were not particularly interested in that at all? A. No, I couldn't tell you what was in it.

Q. The letter you got from Mr. Blair was the one you took particular care of? A. Yes, because that is the only one I got from him to my knowledge.

Q. You remember my coming around to see you? A. Yes.

Q. Had this question come up in the house before I spoke to you about it? Do you know whether the discussion in the house about the barter of public offices took place before or afterwards? A. My opinion is that you saw me after that took place.

Q. When I dropped in to see you was I there for any length of time? A. No.

Q. Did I show in my conversation any animosity towards the atterney general, or that I was following around with a dirk in his track at all? A. I heard you say nothing about it.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the conversation that took place? A. No.

Q. Didn't I say that I was doing this in the interests of the country? A. I don't really recollect what you did say.

Q. Did I show any animosity or plead for any of this information? A. You didn't ask me to do anything about it.

Q. I asked you if you had the originals of certain documents? A. Yes.

Q. And did you show them to me? A. No.

Q. But you told me you had the originals? A. Yes.

By Mr. Powell—Q. Relative to this letter you wrote to the attorney general, the copy of which you lost, you say you don't know how it was lost? A. No, I don't.

Q. But you got an answer to it did you? A. Yes.

Q. Is that the answer that was produced in evidence? A. Yes, that letter from the attorney general.

Q. Can you speak from memory of the date you got this answer from the attorney general? A. I cannot.

Q. Have you any distinct recollection of dates apart from the letters and written documents? A. No.

Q. You cannot recollect the exact days or days of the month except by reference to the documents to refresh your memory? A. No.

Q. After you got this letter from the attorney general, you replied to it I believe? A. Yes.

Q. That letter in reply is in evidence. What is your belief as to the date of that letter? Would it be the date that the letter bears? A. I think so. I don't know why it should not be.

Q. You say in the meantime your son, you understood, had had negotiations with Mr. Wilson and others about matters?

Mr. Blair—That is not in the evidence.

Mr. Powell—Q. After this letter had been sent by you to Mr. Blair had you conversations with your son about the matter? A. Yes, he brought me a letter.

Q. From whom? A. He said Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Blair—I think the letter must speak for itself. Mr. Quinn is dead.

Mr. Powell—Q. Is that the letter that you were to copy or asked to copy? A. Yes.

Q. Your son, you say, brought a letter for you to write and send to Mr. Blair? Did he give you any information as to where that letter came from?

Mr. Blair—I do not think he can state what his son told him.

Mr. Powell—I think it is admissable as a declaration accompanying the act.

Q. When William brought this letter to you for you to copy and send to Mr. Blair, did he make any statement explanatory of the act that he was doing?

Mr. Blair—I would object to this. A paper is produced here which he says his son gave him. Now that paper is not shown to be in the hand-writing of anybody who has any connection whatever with this matter.

Mr. Powell—Your objection does not apply to this question. It would come in when I ask him what that explanatory statement was.

Mr. Blair—If the statement is objectionable what is the use of asking this question? There is not a particle of evidence to show that the paper which was handed to him emanated from anybody.

Mr. Powell—Q. At the time your son gave you the paper which is identified as No. 6, for the purpose of copying it and sending it to Mr. Blair, did he make any statement to you explanatory of his act?

Mr. Blair—Do you think if he did it would be evidence?

Mr. Powell—I think so.

Mr. Blair—There is no authority shown whatever.

(Question disallowed).

Mr. Powell—Q. I call your attention to these letters that were written by your son to Mr. Wilson and by Mr. Wilson to him, numbered 7 and 8. I ask you if your recollection is that this correspondence between William and Wilson was soon after this letter was handed to you to copy? A. I got that letter to copy before the other letters.

Q. About how long would it be before? A. I couldn't say. It would not be any length of time. It couldn't have been long for the thing was moving and we wanted to get it settled.

Q. Drawing your attention to the time the money was actually paid over by you to your son William to be given to Mr. Wilson and he brought back a receipt, that receipt, you say, you believe to have been in whose hand-writing? A. Mr. Wilson's.

Did you afterwards deliver that receipt to Wilson? A. Yes.

Q. Where? A. In his office.

Q. Did you deliver it up to him as his receipt? A. Yes.

Q. Did Wilson at that time make any objection to you that it was not his receipt? A. No; he never spoke about it in that way.

Q. Did he disclaim having written it or sent it? A. No, nothing was spoken about it between us.

Q. It was simply handed over, and the note was given to you? A. Yes.

Q. After these letters had been written, and at a later period, Mr. Wilson asked you, you say, for a copy of this receipt? A. Yes.

Q. At the time he asked you for this copy, did he make any statement about the original? A. He said he had lost it.

Q. What time was this that he asked you for the copy? A. Only a short time ago—since this thing came up.

Q. Since the receipt was published in the press? A. Yes; he asked me if I would let him see it.

Q. It is since this receipt was published in the press that Wilson called on you and asked to see a copy of the receipt, and said he had lost the original? A. Yes.

Q. In that conversation, did Wilson make any claim that the copy published in the press was not a copy of the original? A. He thought it was not word for word as the paper had it. He said he did not think the original was the same as the copy. He said he did not think he ever gave a thing like that.

Q. Was there any more conversation about it at that time? A. That was about all there was, I think.

Q. What reply did you make to that when Wilson made that objection? A. I told him first I hadn't it.

Q. Did you tell him anything different afterwards? A. I told him afterwards I had it. He asked me to see it, and I told him I wouldn't let him see it.

Q. Did you say anything about whether it was a copy or not? A. I don't know. He said he did not think it was a true copy; he said he did not think the original was drawn in that way, and he wanted to see the copy.

Q. Did you say anything to him about how the original was drawn at that time? A. I don't know that I did. I might or might not.

Q. Did you tell him it was a copy or not at the time; did you assert that it was a true copy? A. Yes; I said it was.

Q. Have you any doubt about this being a copy of the original receipt? A. To the best of my knowledge, it is.

Q. Have you any doubt about the matter? A. No.

Q. You say from the contents of it, your best recollection is that it is? A. I think it is word for word with the other.

Q. Is there any one in your store assisting in the management of your business? A. None but my daughter.

Q. Has there been any one else since the time these negotiations commenced managing the business? A. Not since my wife and son died; I have had nobody but my daughter.

Q. Does she assist you in keeping control of your papers? A. Yes. She is a good fair scholar, and understands things better than I do.

Q. She would take more part in running the papers and books than you would do? A. Yes, deeds and mortgages, and all that kind of thing; she looks after them and keeps them.

Q. You say she was present at the time a copy was compared with the original receipt? A. Yes.

Q. Have you had much business transactions with Wilson? A. Yes.

Q. Have you seen his writing quite frequently? A. Yes.

Q. Had it often in your possession? A. Yes.