The London Saw Mills, and Short Length
Timber Company, Limited.

OFFICES.— 70. Cornhill E.C.

November 1st 1875

Sir

I beg to inform you that Messrs Beswick & Co the Auditors have called a meeting of the Shareholders and Cash Creditors to be held at their Offices Stationers Hall Buildings Ludgate Hill at 8 o'clock this Evening at which meeting they invite your attendance

I am Yours &c
For the Company
W. Grace

Col O'Mahon

24. rue Blanche
Enghien (S: et O:)
November 1. 1875

My dear Father

To the best of my recollection & knowledge, I have never heard of a Lewis Browne (or any other Browne), in connection with any business matters of mine: I have no receipt for any sum of money from any Browne; in fact, I am quite in the dark as to what Hilliard alludes to –

eyes, "le Mur de la Vie Privée" (I fear this latter phrase of Prime is somewhat "frenchy"). However, if she is sometimes severe in her judgments of others, she certainly does not any wise spare herself, as she does dot her i's & cross her t's. The book (500 pages) has it appears created a tremendous sensation in America, & is well sold in Paris –

Yr. ever: Emma

health, believe me
to be Yours very sincerely
G. M. Fernandez –

Cliff Terrace
Nov. 3. /75 –

Nov 3, 1875

Dear Col. O'Gorman

As Xmas is fast approaching, & the weather very cold, I have sent you fifty Tails, a pair of Slippers, & two pair of Muffetees (my own work) I have been waiting weeks, I may say, Months for you to give the word of "Command", & I am

quite tired of looking at them, therefore, if you value them, wear them, if not, burn them, but don't give them away — George has been to see me twice lately, he came to see Charles professionally. I hope this last sad business has opened his eyes, that he will never again be made a tool of by designing men & will surely listen to the advice of wiser heads than his own! — I grieve for him, & his wife, & family. — she, is deserving of the highest encomiums she has throughout proved herself, a talented, spirited woman, & a pure good Christian! —

hoping you are in the enjoyment of good

Stationers' Hall Buildings,

34 & 36, LUDGATE HILL,

London, Nov 4th 1875.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Meeting of Directors & Managing Committee of The London Saw Mills & Short Length Timber Company appointed to be held to morrow Friday at the above address, & of wh^c Mr. Burnett was to inform you to day, is postponed until Monday; formal notice of which you will receive.

I remain

Yours truly

John Francis.

For the Managing Committee.

To Colonel O'Mahon.

Victoria Oil & Candle Works,
Stratford,
London E. 6th Nov. 1875

PALMER & COMPY.

Dear Sir,

We have an account outstanding against Mr Beasley and your company for Oil supplied as per statement enclosed. We have made repeated applications both to Mr Beasley and the Co for payment but to the present time have been unable to obtain a cheque for same, this being the first transaction we are very much surprised that our account has not been settled before and had it not been for your name and Mr Crowe appearing on the prospectus we certainly should not have given the Co any credit. I may mention that on making another demand to the Co yesterday we were referred to Messrs Beswick & Co for any further information we might require & on applying to that firm to day we were informed that a meeting of Directors would be held on Monday next, we shall therefore feel obliged if you will bring the matter before the Board on that day & our representative Mr Thompson will call at Messrs Beswick & Co office at 5 pm to know what decision the Board may have arrived at.—

We hope you will see the necessity of handing us a cheque for our a/c as we have no wish to take such steps as the nature of the transaction deserves

Yours faithfully
Palmer & Co
W.J.T.S

Colonel O'Mahon
Shotfield House
Hyde Park

24. rue Blanche
Enghien les Bains.
(S: & O:)
Novemb: 15. 75.

My dear Father

It was last Spring that a friend of Mrs: O'Connor's lent her Mrs: C—'s book: She, kind as usual, lent it to me for four days. It is edited in New York, but can be bought in Paris for five Dollars, so that, as "Times is hard" I did not buy it.
—"Maria Monk's Daughter"
An Autobiography
by Mrs: Lizzie St. John Eckel
is the title she gives her

book. As I read it very attentively I remember all the principal incidents, & if you like, I will note them down, & then send you an epitome of them

Believe me

Yr. affectionate Son

J. Johnston

27th Nov 75

Gillwell Park,
Sewardstone,
Essex. N.E.

My dear Colonel

I have not yet received the statement from our Chichester friends tho it is now so long a time since you mentioned that it would be forwarded. I begin to think it may have been lost in transmission. It is now very needful for me to know how the negotiation really stands because

wood & Co now turn out 23.000 machines per annum Osborne 12.000 Inc Cormack 12.000 & many other firms 10.000. 8000 & 5.000 each (this is in America alone) A mere pepper-corn Royalty of say 5/- per machine on anything like such numbers as that would give a handsome income & yet would be too ridiculously small to be worth evading by the makers or to be felt by the buyers. Could you not plan a visit for your friends either the latter half of next week or any day in the week after? Nothing but a heavy snow would stop a demonstration. Always yours

Wm G. Gibbs

I have made so many improvements in the machinery that there is ample ground for new English Patents for obtaining foreign ones also - but as these latter have to be taken out at an early stage in the proceedings I am delaying (at some hazard) the English Specifications whilst awaiting the decision as to the formation of a Company -

For myself as an individual our own country alone would be so much as I could possibly deal with but for a Company the foreign patents will be of large value as giving the power to sell or grant sub-licences & branch companies abroad - As an instance of such value in the parallel case of reaping machines recent statistics show that

the few rivals who cropped up at the outset have all tailed off & let their patents lapse - Still I am fully aware of the advantage of having men of influence & knowledge to discover & defeat any covert opposition & indeed that is one of my chief reasons for desiring to form a company because it is a very rare thing indeed for any opposition to be attempted against a powerful & wealthy association of this kind -

I enclose a letter received yesterday from Natal thinking it might

Gillwell Park,
Sewardstone,
Essex. N.E.

4th Dec 75

My dear Colonel.

Many thanks to you for again taking such prompt measures to bring about a decision as to the Company & for the reasonable hope which you convey that some definite action will now be taken in a

few days. Do you think you
or your friends will venture
down into the wilds when
the snow gives place to
a dry frost? Altho' a bleak
time of year for such an ex-
-pedition I cannot help thinking
you wd all be interested &
amused to see green hay
made out of pasted grass
a week or two before Christmas.
I suppose in the history of a-
-griculture there will be the first
time such a thing has been
done or even thought of.
Can you tell me what form the
antagonism you name has
taken? No man or body of men
has ever yet attacked me
openly altho' I have courted
opposition in every way
by the ~~the~~ most open publicity

Tuesday Dec 7. 1875.

My dear Chichester — The accompanying notes seem worthy of your notice. — Return them with your opinion & suggestions

Ever yours

Thos Elyot

They reached me last night.

(3) Dec. 4, 1875

Gillwell Park,
Sewardstone,
Essex. N.E.

interest you — perhaps you will kindly return it in a week or two as I may need to refer to it again. I have ~~told Mr~~ Mr Aitkin that he was greatly benefit the Colony if we undertake to form a branch Company there — I suppose your friends will agree with me that it will be well to act on his advice

& take patents for halal-
- Apropos of French patent
I have still (unused) a note
of introduction from the Duke of
Sutherland to Lord Lyons - through
whom we might perhaps
obtain introduction (in turn)
to some high class men
in France who wd take
up the affair with spirit

Hoping to hear from you
again in a few days &
with very kind regards
Always Yours.
Wm G Gibb

To Col. the O. Gorman-Mahon

140 Kensington Park
Rhode Island Dec. 9th 1875

Dear Sir

I was much surprised when one of the Clerks called upon me & said he said he had wrote you a letter, I told him where respect. has he to write me he upon that none of the Directors had never received any of the cash from the Lincoln Iron Works I should not have interfered

an, of my friends, if I did not think it would be disinvolable and both Captain Sherman & Corning think so too, and therefore, if it was for me again it would succeed. I have seen Mr Beesley to day he is still in Jail, and will be up at the Tumbeth of the Court on Monday next, he ought to be represented. Let us meet as friends, and talk over the matter, united we can beat them if we are not so they will beat us.

Remain Dear Sir
yours very truly
Hezr Turner

J. S. M. Beesley now owes me forty five pounds.

Col O. Mahon D. L. J. P.

9 December 1895
18 Hide Place
Vincent Sqre
Pimlico

Sir
As you being the Chairman of The London Saw Mills Company Limited Can you inform me where I am am to apply for money due for Seven Meeths and three days Work done at your premieses the Albert Embankment and if I am not paid on or before Saturday 14 Oclock Next 11 Decr I shall immediately

attend Guildhall Police
Court and issue a
Summons against
the Directors.
What they call engages
as a permanent man
to find your own tools
at 30/ per week and
then to be kept out
of your wages

I am Sir
Yours Heartily
Wm. Harwood

To
Col. O. Malloy D.L. C.P.
Chairman

Sunday

Dundrum
11 Decbr 1876

My dear Chief

Yours to me headed
2 Eccleston St S.W. was
recd in due time, & that very
day I wrote to you saying
that I got part of the Albert
rents some time since, &
that I would have sent it off if
you had let me know your
address - further I enclosed

a Nat. Bank Bill for
the sum £13. Tho' surprised
at yr not having acknowledge
its recpt, I did not write to ask
you ~~to~~ send me an acknowledg
partly surmising that you
might be busy, or suddenly
called off to Paris or elsewhere,
& partly ~~that~~ from the fact
that the respect which I natural
have as your Nephew, as well
for other considerations, suggested

the idea that it wd be more
decorous for me to leave you
to write on an occasion when
you had time & leisure. In
the mean time, the other
day I got a letter from
the Manager Nat. Bank
Dublin informing me
that he had (yesterday
just come in asking for yr address
& is writing to you now) a
letter from the Dead Letter
Office London saying that
the letter & Bill is there.
I wrote to Dublin & Manager

promised to write for it, & shall
go into Town tomorrow — get it —
& send it to you. I addressed to
2 Ellestone Road yr — Got to day
to Matilda 27, hence the mistake.
George tells me that by the
Map (Drumbiggil) you are
allotted 15 perches more than yr
due. I cannot ask for land
from yr tenants until I know
how much land they have to pay for,
& the Aunt. The subtraction of 15 (13)
perches wd reduce the Aunt proportionately.
Better have it so accurately defined
at once that the shadow of a dispute
must for the future shall be
impossible. All Well. Yr. Best
love & write with tomorrow
Yr. Affte Nephew C. G. Malcolm

Dundrum 12th Dec 1875
Sandistina

My dear O'G M.

I wrote you last week about Drumbiggil. addressed my letter to care of Mitchell Henry Esq M.P. Stranaden House, & not having received a reply I presume you have not received it.

Since then I understand that the Priests of Innis are anxious to get rid of Innis & Nicks' part of this place & wile strunk out handsomely. I fear that neither of you can make out a good title. and if they require of you or Nicks to make a good title that no bargain will be come to made. So if they write at all upon the subject & that you are inclined to sell (as I know Nicks is) try & get the greater portion of the purchase money in hand & then give them all the title you can make out which is as good a title in point of fact, though not in point of technical law. as could be made out. I understand that Nicks has been offered £1,200 for his part (this of course private) & you ought to get in proportion. I perceive by the Map Mr. G. has shown me that the place

surveyed for you amounts
to 2. 0. 13. perches. this
of course is a mistake as I
could only have given you 2. acres
& the surveyor must have
been shewn wrong bounds
however this makes little
matter, as you can only
give ~~any~~ title for 2 acres,
anything over that belongs
to Nicholas. & I presume
neither of you wish to
do anything unfair nor
could either of you do so if so inclined
Write to me to Longford
Castle Ballinasloe as I go
home tomorrow. I write
this in great haste so
pray excuse it

Yours very truly
J. L. Kenny

Colonel Of Mahon

Gibbs
c1875?]

It having come to our knowledge that an apparatus has been discovered by you for the artificial drying of hay & grass We allow ourselves to request you to furnish us with further information as to its mode of working construction, cost &c We should also be

pleased to learn whether
the Machine has been
already used in Germany
& whether you would
be prepared to grant
us the exclusive Sale
of it in Upper Silesia
To such forward such
a Sale however it would
be requisite that at least
one Model should be
shown to the neighbouring
proprietors — Awaiting
your reply we beg to
sign ourselves with much
consideration

The Agricultural
Banking Company

Kylemore

14th Dec 1875

Dear Colonel

I was much obliged to you for telling Bray to send me the Alcheli Bottle from Strathdeen House - It arrived safely & Graham & I intend to make good use of it -

I am glad to see that poor Redmond the member for Wexford has got out of his trouble about a company which

Caused him to appear for
so many weeks in the morning
Herald -
It is fine but cold here -

Sincerely yours.

Mitchell Harvey.

Jas. Truscott & Son, London

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message. 4262

If the accuracy of this Telegram is doubted, it will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission; and, if found to be incorrect, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. When the cost of a reply to a Telegram has been prepaid, and the number of words in the reply is in excess of the number so paid for, the Sender of the reply must pay for such excess. Telegrams may be redirected from town to town at an extra charge of one-half the ordinary inland tariff, fractions of threepence being reckoned as twopence; but in such cases they must not have been opened.

N.B.—This Form should accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Dated Stamp of Delivering Office.

Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....

Handed in at the Scarboro Office at 3-30 M., Received here 4 39 M.

From
Fernandes
Scarboro

To
Col Brahon
Lombard
Deposit Bank
43 Lombard St Ldn

Certainly yes I am
to have no responsibility
hereafter I have nothing to
pay

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Received on the 18 day of 1878 at 10 A.M.

Charge to pay £.....s.....

Received at

Office of

No. Words

To

M.

Delivering Office.

£ 100-0-0 due London, 17th December 1875

One month after date pay to my order

the sum of One hundred pounds

for value received.

Colonel I. P. Grahon

Edward Lee

524-A2

Strathedan House S.W.

Wed. 22nd 1875

Sir I know that you will not wish to use my address for any other purpose than a private one - when as I have told you - that my house is not an ordinary lodging house - I told you - that I bought the remainder of the Hon.ble Miss Harding's lease which was

seven years - That lease
contained a clause that
the house should not
be let - which I didnot
know until after I had
paid for the lease -
For the past three mon
I have been negotiating an
extension or renewal of
the lease for the purp
of getting rid of the
objectionable clause
if possible; if not
the lease is renewed

n extended would be
worth selling - Should
I lose the extention &
renewal of my lease
a thought the matter
of Saturday last it will
be a lose to me of
th about £800 as my house
now stands - That is a
lose which I am sure
you donot wish me
to sustain as I am not
able to bear it - Tomorrow
I shall be glad for you
to try anything to relieve

Dec. 22, 1875

present I am in great trouble about it as I hope you will see it affects me greatly

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

Henry Bray

To

Colonel O'Mahon

Strasheden House

I-W

me from the difficulty
and embarrassing position
in which you placed me
by giving my address on
Saturday last at the
Guild hall - You may
get Rooms in Ebury
Street where there is no
Clause in the lease
objectional to letting
In mine it is serious
I hope that you will
pardon me troubling you
I shall be glad to see you
in the morning to see what
can be done - as at

1875

Salty

= 12 Decr. 75

Before Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk.

Wm. Geo. Lewis =

address is Col O'Malan Strathson House, Hyde Park:

Banking a/c opened with a sum of £15.

Never had a shilling of money except what they got from those depositors

No shares taken up beyond £100

of all these gentn. had entire knowledge =

10 March 75 appd. directors

authority was given by the Directors to advertise for three clerks & or servants; for a business that did not require it:

The fact that the money was paid appears upon the books =

Only £627 out of the £1000 has been paid into the Bankers:

=

Richd. Creighton, Regr. of Jt. Stock Co.

produces Arts. of Assn.; reg. 2 July 1874:

Art:

There is a return of shareholders made up to

14 Novr. 74, 17 shares up to that date +

Since that date, no or list of members:

Frans. Beck's evidence read =

Wm. Thos. Miles, do =

Joseph Nowers do

I did not receive about £20 one week as I said; it sh. have been about £11. average about £10.

deposit for my £100 produced + [Jo Beesley - indorsed by him alone: no mention Mr.]

XXd. by Velasey Living:

Don't know about £700 being been paid in wages

about:

Henry Farnham, 134 old St., St. Luke's; a butcher +

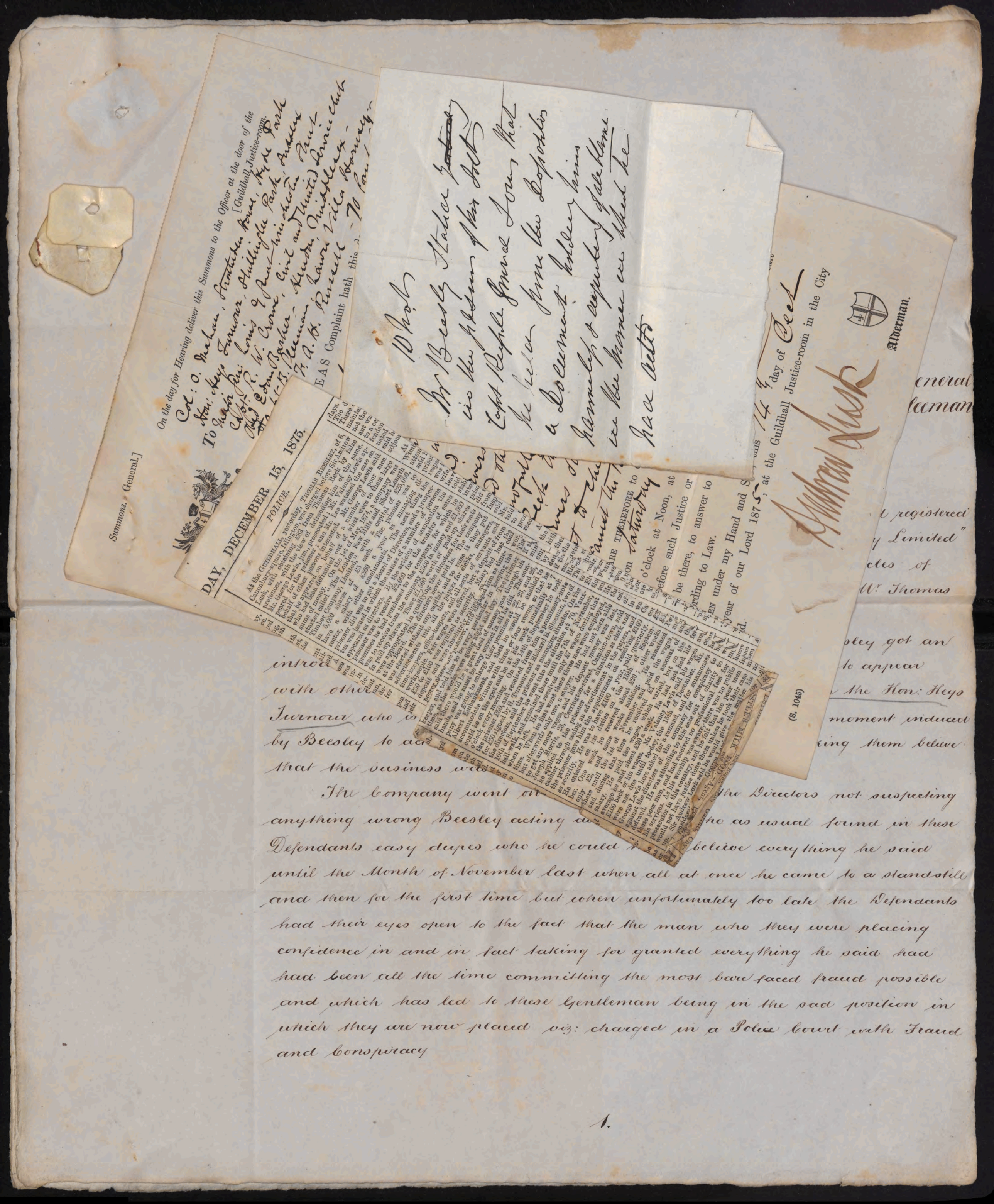
25 Augt.

Deposit

I S. I suppose you only require this for my security: he S. yes, you will have a rt of money passing to yr. hands: I suppose. Sir: he S. we are going to open several shops about the city, come again in about a week: +

Receipt 25 Sept. 75 P. the or £50 by

Tho' only £50 given, he gave same day promissory note for £100 signed by Hermann, Improver & Russell



Summons. General.]

On the day for Hearing deliver this Summons to the Officer at the door of the [Guildhall Justice-room.

TO
Col: O. Mahon, Strathiden House, Hyde Park
Hon: Heys Turnour, Hillingdon Park, Sussex
Major Genl: Lewis 9 Great Winchester Street
Capt. R. W. Crowe, Civil and United Service Club
Rev. Edm Barker, Kenton, Middlesex
R. B. Sleeman, Laurie Villa Hornsey
F. A. H. Russell - 70 [illegible]

EAS Complaint hath this d

ARE THEREFORE to
Saturday
o'clock at Noon, at
before such Justice or
be there, to answer to
rding to Law.
EN under my Hand and S
this 14th day of Decr
year of our Lord 1875, at the Guildhall Justice-room in the City
d.

Andrew Lusk
Alderman.

(S. 1045)

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10 [illegible]
Mr Beesly stated ~~yesterday~~
in the presence of Mr Lett
Capt Reynolds & Mr Lomas that
he held from the Depositors
a Document holding him
harmless & exempting false Names
in the Names in which he
has acted

DAY, DECEMBER 15, 1875.

POLICE.

At the GUILDHALL, yesterday, THOMAS BEESLEY, of 6, Canonbury-square, Islington, was charged before Sir Andrew Lusk, with obtaining £83 from Thomas Beck by false pretences, with the view of defrauding him of the same. Mr. George Lewis, jun., prosecuted; Mr. Valency Lewis appeared for the prisoner; and Mr. Lee watched the case on behalf of other persons interested. Mr. George Lewis said that he appeared on behalf of a number of poor men who had been defrauded out of what were to them large sums of money. On the 1st of May, 1874, a company was started called "The London Saw Mills and Short Length Timber Company, Limited," with a capital of £25,000, in 5,000 shares of £5 each. The prisoner was to have a salary of £300 a year as managing director, with other emoluments. The next thing the prisoner did was to get a Board of Directors, and a prospectus was issued in which the names of a number of persons appeared as directors. By the articles of association the prisoner was to receive £2,000 for the transfer of some premises he had purchased to the company, for which he was to receive from the company £500 in money and £1,500 in paid-up shares. Those £1,500 worth of paid-up shares were appropriated in qualifying the directors for their seats at the Board. The directors never paid 1s. The company was started without any capital, and to raise it they put advertisements into all the papers for clerks, managers, time-keepers, office-keepers, and all sorts of servants and workpeople. Fair wages were offered, but a deposit of from £50 to £100 was required as security. Many had lost the deposit and were absolutely ruined. [illegible] poorer classes [illegible] prisoner, who engaged him as time-keeper, and told him to be very particular in keeping the time, as the works were going night and day. The prisoner said there would be a great deal of money pass through his hands, and he must be very correct in all he did. The company was going to enlarge their premises at 22, 23, and 26, Albert Embankment, and then he would be enabled to accommodate witness with three or four rooms, so that he could be on the spot and be at his work punctually at 7 o'clock every morning. On the 14th of September he took the prisoner £50, and received from him a promissory-note for £50 signed by H. Turnour and Richard B. Sleeman, two of the directors, and the prisoner as managing director. On the 16th of September he went into the situation at 70, Vauxhall-walk, and remained there until the 7th of November, when he left. He had received only £7 wages during that time. When he first went there three men were employed, but afterwards only one, a sawyer. He had not been able to get any more wages, and his deposit money was lost. Joseph Morris, 28, Carrington-street, Camden-town, said he applied to the prisoner for a situation as clerk and cashier through seeing an advertisement in the papers, and the prisoner gave him the appointment on receiving £100 as security. He was to have £100 a year, paid quarterly. He entered on his duties on the 15th of September. One week he received about £20; other weeks only £2, and some weeks nothing. He remained there until the 1st of November and paid the wages, and during that time he received £1 on account of salary. He paid the wages, which varied. He had not had his average he paid about £20 a week. He had not had his £100 back or his wages. Mr. Valency Lewis said his wages were not due until to-day, the 15th of December. Mr. George Lewis here asked for a remand, and for summonses against the directors of the company for conspiracy to defraud. He was attending to this case out of charity to those poor men, and had received no professional fees for his services. As his worship was aware, there was no public prosecutor in this country, and he felt that the poor men would not have justice done them unless he took their case up. Sir Andrew Lusk said he would give the matter his consideration

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Guildhall Justice Room

The Queen

— v —

Colonel Mahon and others

Brief for Defendants Colonel O'Mahon, Major-General Louis and Captain Richard Sleeman

Observations

In the Month of May 1874 a Company was formed and registered called the "London Saw Mills and Short Length Timber Company Limited" the objects of which are stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association herewith left – The Company was projected by a Mr. Thomas Beesley who at the time called himself a Saw Mills Proprietor

Soon after the formation of the Company this fellow Beesley got an introduction to the Defendants for whom Counsel is instructed to appear with others named in the Summons hereto annexed through the Hon: Heys Turnour who is also a Defendant and they were in an evil moment induced by Beesley to act as Directors of the Company he Beesley making them believe that the business was a very profitable one

The Company went on from that time the Directors not suspecting anything wrong Beesley acting as Manager who as usual found in these Defendants easy dupes who he could make believe everything he said until the Month of November last when all at once he came to a standstill and then for the first time but when unfortunately too late the Defendants had their eyes open to the fact that the man who they were placing confidence in and in fact taking for granted everything he said had had been all the time committing the most bare faced fraud possible and which has led to these Gentleman being in the sad position in which they are now placed viz: charged in a Police Court with Fraud and Conspiracy

Beesley who now turns out to be one of the greatest rascals under the Sun has been in the habit of advertising in different papers for "Clerks and other Assistants" wanted for a manufacturing business where good salaries would be paid winding up such advertisement by saying that the parties to be employed would be required to give a deposit of money as a guarantee for their honesty — The Company's name was not mentioned and the applicants were to apply to different places either Advertising Agents or Deacon's Coffee House or some such places and when the crash came it turns out that he had actually received deposits from about twenty different people who he engaged for one purpose or another connected with the Company all of which the Directors were as ignorant of as the child unborn notwithstanding which they have now to stand their trial for being co-conspirators with him

As may easily be supposed when the crash came these people who were all poor finding that their savings were gone became clamorous and Mr Beesley was taken upon a Warrant and brought before Alderman Lusk and at the request of Mr George Lewis who prosecuted Summonses were issued against the Directors — The Times Newspaper report of what took place on this occasion is herewith left

It may be easily imagined what a state this report put these Directors in who are all Gentlemen of the highest possible standing but certainly anything but men of business and they were advised though perfectly innocent of the matter and particularly of having done anything criminal that they were from having placed too much confidence in Beesley liable in civil proceedings for the money so obtained and being so they without hesitation determined that the amount should be refunded which has been done and it is arranged that the proceedings shall be abandoned

As however the proceedings can only be withdrawn with the consent of the Alderman Counsel is instructed for these three Defendants to state these facts to prevent it going forth to the public that they were in any way parties to the fraud but that in fact they were the parties defrauded inasmuch as they have now to put their hands in their pockets to make good the frauds committed by the man they so trusted

By the Newspaper report it will be seen that Mr Lewis states "The Directors never paid 1/-" This is not correct for they paid for their shares in the usual way and this one of the statements they particularly want contradicted

never had more than £1 or £30 worth of wood at a time =

he ordd. it not. I called & saw Beesley; & the is disagd.; asked for wages

Beesley sd. yr. wages are not due; they are to be pd. one in 3 months: I then sd. mine were weekly: He sd. let me look at the agreet.: I told ansd. I had spent all my money & asked if they wd. find me some; I told if I went outside they wd. see what they can do for me: went out for ½ an hour: I then went back; all but two had gone, I went & found Lewis; he sd. he had no money: I sd. if you don't pay me I will pay, & struck him drawing blood: He sent for two policemen: ~~I also~~ policemen came up but he sd. he wd. not give me in charge as he did not want his name brought up:

£1 & 2/6 is all I got of my £96 or £97.

Guildhall Justice Room

18 December 1875
at 12 o'clock

The Queen

— v —

Colonel Mahon
and others

Brief for Defendants
Colⁿ O'Mahon — Major
General Lewis — and Capt.ⁿ
Richard Sleaman

Mr. Shortt
3 Guineas
Counsel 1 "
4 Guineas

A Brooks
for J. Shortt.
17/12/75.

To Thursday
12 o'c.

23 Dec.
Further fee 3 Guineas
A Brooks.

R. W. Stacpoole for
J. Shortt
Pinners Hall
Old Broad Street
23/12/75

1875

Salty
=
12 Decr. 175

Before Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk.

Wm. Geo. Lewis =

address is Col O'Mahon Strathson House, Hyde Park:

Banking a/c opened with a sum of £15.
Never had a shilling of money except what they got from these depositors
No shares taken up beyond £100
of all these Gentn. had entire knowledge =

10 March/75 appd. directors

authority was given by the Directors to advertise for these clerks & or servants; for a business that did not require it:

The fact that the money was paid appears upon the books =

Only £627 out of the £1000 has been paid into the Bankers:

=

Richd. Creighton, Regr. of Jt. Stock Co.
produces Arts. of Assn.; reg. 2 July 1874:
Art:
There is a return of shareholders made up to
14 Novr. /74, 17 shares up to that date +
Since that date, no or list of members:

Frans. Beck's evidence read =
Wm. Thos. Miles, do =
Joseph Moses, do
I did not raise about £20 one week as I said; it sh.d have been about £11. average about £10.
cheque for my £100 produced + [To Beasley — indorsed by him alone: no mention Mr.]

XXd. by Valentine Lewis:
Don't know about £700 being been paid in wages
about:

Henry Farnham, 134 old St., St. Luke's; a butcher +
25 Aug.t
deposit
I S.d I suppose you only require this for my security.: He s.d yes, you will have a lot of money passing thro' your hands: I replied. Sir: he s.d we are going to open several shops about the city, come again in about a week: +

Receipt 2 Sep.t /75 P.d the or £50 in
Tho' only £50 given, he gave same day promissory note for £100
signed by Sleaman, Proprietor & himself

10 Nov

Mr Beasley States ~~yesterday~~
in the presence of his Solr
Capt Reefile Jmrd Jones that
he had received from the Respondts
a Document holding him
harmless & exonerating from blame
in the manner in which he
had acted

POLICE.

At the GUILDHALL, yesterday, THOMAS BEESLEY, of 6, Canonbury-square, Islington, was charged before Sir Andrew Lusk, with obtaining £83 from Thomas Beck by false pretences, with the view of defrauding him of the same. Mr. George Lewis, jun., prosecuted; Mr. Valency Lewis appeared for the prisoner; and Mr. Lee watched the case on behalf of other persons interested. Mr. George Lewis said that he appeared on behalf of a number of poor men who had been defrauded out of what were to them large sums of money. On the 1st of May, 1874, a company was started called "The London Saw Mills and Short Length Timber Company, Limited," with a capital of £25,000, in 5,000 shares of £5 each. The prisoner was to have a salary of £300 a year as managing director, with other emoluments. The next thing the prisoner did was to get a Board of Directors, and a prospectus was issued in which the names of a number of persons appeared as directors. By the articles of association the prisoner was to receive £2,000 for the transfer of some premises he had purchased to the company, for which he was to receive from the company £500 in money and £1,500 in paid-up shares. Those £1,500 worth of paid-up shares were appropriated in qualifying the directors for their seats at the Board. The directors never paid 1s. The company was started without any capital, and to raise it they put advertisements into all the papers for clerks, managers, time-keepers, office-keepers, and all sorts of servants and workpeople. Fair wages were offered, but a deposit of from £50 to £100 was required as security. Many had lost the deposit and were absolutely ruined. They were all of the poorer classes, who had saved a few pounds and were anxious to get into honest employment; some were retired soldiers who had saved a little money, and were anxious to invest their savings and obtain profitable employment. The complainant Beck saw an advertisement in the *Daily Telegraph* for a man and his wife to take charge of a business place and the office attached to it at a salary of £80 a year, and, applying for the situation, he was told that he must deposit £100 as security for his honesty. He had only £83, but the prisoner agreed to take that on condition that the remaining £17 was paid within three months, the complainant receiving a quarter's salary at the same time. On the completion of the agreement he was sent down to the Commercial-road, where there was no business going on and no work to do. In the same way the company engaged timekeepers, clerks, and [illegible] from £50 to £100 deposit as security for their honesty, the prisoner giving them promissory notes on behalf of the company as counter security. When the *employés* went to their posts they found no work to be done and nothing to require them to give security at all. Not only was the prisoner responsible for those frauds, but also the people who had lent their names to them, and who ought to be brought into a criminal court and made to answer for their misdeeds. Sir Andrew Lusk asked if and the Court would see that [illegible] evidence. Francis Beck said he lived at 3, New-[illegible] square, Hampstead, and was a discharged soldier from the Coldstream Guards. He and his wife had saved about £83, when his attention was called to an advertisement in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 25th of August last for "a man and his wife to take charge of and sell stock and attend to manager's apartments, at a salary of £80 per annum, with rent, coals, and gas free. £100 cash deposit indispensable. Address N. H., care of Davies and Co., advertising agents, Finch-lane, Cornhill." In consequence of that advertisement he went to 70, Cornhill, and saw the prisoner. On the office door he saw the name of the company, "The London Saw Mills and Short Length Timber Company (Limited)." The prisoner told him that his duty would be to take charge of the timber in the yard, and that his wife would have to look after the private apartments. The premises were at No. 22 on the Albert Embankment. The prisoner said that the company wanted £100 from witness as a deposit security for his honesty. He told the prisoner that he did not understand selling timber, and he replied that he would become acquainted with it in two or three days. He did not come to an agreement that day, but when he saw him again he showed him a prospectus, in which it appeared that Colonel O. Mahon was the chairman, and that Mr. R. W. Crowe, Civil and United Service Club; Major-General Louis Charles, St. James's; Mr. Obed Edom Barker, of Hendon; the Hon. H. Turnour, Shillinglee Park, Sussex; and Mr. Richard B. Sleeman, of Lawn-villa, Hornsey, were directors. On the 30th of August he took to the prisoner £83 in part payment of the £100, and received from him the document produced. It was an agreement to engage him and his wife at a salary of £80 a year, and a receipt for the £83 on account of the £100 deposit, the difference of £17 to be handed over to the prisoner when the complainant received his first quarter's salary. He and his wife were then directed to go to 22, Albert Embankment, and they went on the 4th of September, and remained there until they were turned out by order of Mr. Beesley about a fortnight ago. He had never sold anything for the company that would require security for his honesty. He had not received a penny for them, and had done nothing but look after the house. Mr. Beesley and his son came to live in the house, and he had to find them with food, for which they owed him about £2. He had received £1 from Mr. Beesley on account of food, but no wages. He did not take care of stock, as there were only a few pieces of timber in the yard, and there were other men to mind them. He had lost all his savings. William Thomas Miles, 24, St. Leonard's-street, Buckingham Palace-road, said he was a discharged corporal from the 80th Regiment of Foot. He saw an advertisement in the *Daily Chronicle* for a time-keeper, and he answered it. The hours were from 7 to 7, and the wages were to be 30s. per week. He saw the prisoner, who engaged him as time-keeper, and told him to be very particular in keeping the time, as the works were going night and day. The prisoner said there would be a great deal of money pass through his hands, and he must be very correct in all he did. The company was going to enlarge their premises at 22, 23, and 26, Albert Embankment, and then he would be enabled to accommodate witness with three or four rooms, so that he could be on the spot and be at his work punctually at 7 o'clock every morning. On the 14th of September he took the prisoner £50, and received from him a promissory-note for £50 signed by H. Turnour and Richard B. Sleeman, two of the directors, and the prisoner as managing director. On the 16th of September he went into the situation at 70, Vauxhall-walk, and remained there until the 7th of November, when he left. He had received only £7 wages during that time. When he first went there three men were employed, but afterwards only one, a sawyer. He had not been able to get any more wages, and his deposit money was lost. Joseph Morris, 28, Carrington-street, Camden-town, said he applied to the prisoner for a situation as clerk and cashier through seeing an advertisement in the papers, and the prisoner gave him the appointment on receiving £100 as security. He was to have £100 a year, paid quarterly. He entered on his duties on the 15th of September. One week he received about £20; other weeks only £2, and some weeks nothing. He remained there until the 1st of November and paid the wages, and during that time he received £1 on account of salary. He paid the wages, which varied, but on the average he paid about £20 a week. He had not had his £100 back or his wages. Mr. Valency Lewis said his wages were not due until to-day, the 15th of December. Mr. George Lewis here asked for a remand, and for summonses against the directors of the company for conspiracy to defraud. He was attending to this case out of charity to those poor men, and had received no professional fees for his services. As his worship was aware, there was no public prosecutor in this country, and he felt that the poor men would not have justice done them unless he took their case up. Sir Andrew Lusk said he would give the matter his

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Summons. General.]

On the day for Hearing deliver this Summons to the Officer at the door of the [*Guildhall Justice-room.*

To Col: O. Mahan, Strathden House, Hyde Park
Hon: Keys Turnour, Shillinglee Park, Sussex
Major Gen: Lewis of Great Winchester Street
Capt. R. W. Crowe, Civil and United Service Club
Capt. Edm. Barker, Hendon, Middlesex
Capt. B. Sleeman, Lawn Villa Hornsey
and W. F. A. H. Russell - 70 Cornhill

London } to wit. }

WHEREAS Complaint hath this day been made by

Francis Beck and others

before the undersigned, one of the Aldermen of the City of London, being one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said City of London and Liberties thereof, sitting at the Guildhall Justice-room in the said City, for that you ~~on~~ the months ~~day~~ of August and September last in the said City did unlawfully combine conspire confederate and agree together with one Thomas Beesley by divers false pretences and subtle devices to acquire and obtain to yourselves and to persons thereof unlawfully did obtain of and from one Francis Beck the sum of £83 and of divers other persons divers other sums of their moneys with intent to cheat and defraud

against the Peace &c. - ~~contrary to the Statute, &c.~~:

THESE ARE THEREFORE to command you, in Her Majesty's Name, to be and appear on Saturday the 18th day of Dec 187 5, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, at the Guildhall Justice-room in the City of London, before such Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City as may then be there, to answer to the said Complaint, and to be further dealt with according to Law.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, this 14th day of Dec in the year of our Lord 187 5, at the Guildhall Justice-room in the City aforesaid.

Andrew Lusk

Alderman.

(S. 1045)

Kilsen Bks.
Portsmouth
Dec. c1875]

Dear Colonel

I will look up your bag & send it to Strathden House; I had forgotten that I had borrowed it. I hope to be in Ireland shortly. I had a letter from Margaret giving a

good account of all
there. With all the
Compliments of the
Season

Believe me
Ever gratefully
John Dennis Henry

heat. How is Mrs Mahon
will you give our love to her
& all good wishes for the
new year - I trust we may
manage to get home before
the heat comes & that we may
find all our friends just as
nice, & unaltered from what we
left them - Jock desires to join
in love & all good wishes - if
you will send us a letter please
send it to Post Office Bombay.
Remember me very kindly to
the Fernandez's & tell them I
was sorry not to see them but
I was unable to say goodbye
to any friends. Yours very
sincerely Maine Adams Acton

The Byculla Hotel
Bombay
Dec 18th 75

My dear Colonel
We have only just
landed, & after nearly three
weeks of real de mer I
feel considerably knocked
about & light headed, so I
can only write a few lines
to wish you a happy new
year & all good wishes from
us both. Not that this
letter will come in time for
anything more than to
show you we have not forgotten
you at the festive time.
We were wishing so much
we have actual[illegible]

an Evening with us before we left, but during that last week, Mr. Powell arrived from Dublin, & Jock was working tremendously hard whilst he sat with him, even up till twelve o'clock the night before we started & we were up at five in the rain, & the darkness – & oh didn't it rain that morning, & didn't we have a fine toss over to Calais! The sea has been rough ever since, wherever we have encountered it, but I am happy to say Jock kept up his dignity & braved the elements in the most un sea sick manner, so his dignity had to do for the two of us – I simply collapsed, but I have no doubt a few days of blessed terra firma will restore me. I was awoke

this morning by the ship coming to a standstill, it was such an unusual thing that I could not understand it, & had to get up at once. The ship was in possession of Pilots with red turbans on – nothing much else, & as the wind was thought necessary to wait, one mass in particular went Powell's mind without telling – he was so desperately ill too – I should like to have thumped him for making such a noise. There are wonderful pictures of ships in this place but at present I have seen little of it, the heat is tremendous, but the houses & the coast, & wonderfully adapted for photographing

Marbro Dec 26/75
6 Pavilion Sqr

My dear Colonel

I rec'd your telegram of the 19th & wired you back immediately as requested - respecting the transfer of the 100 shares in the Lombard Deposit Bank - I have not heard from you since - but I have heard of you thro the Daily Telegraph & Standard ; What on earth

is it all about
from what I read
it appears rather
"a foggy affair" –
I enclose you the
slips from the afore-
-mentioned papers –
I shall be glad to
hear from you &
wishing you a merry
Xmas & happy new
year in which

all here join me
Believe me
Yr as ever
G L Wyl

List of Creditors

Names	Addresses	Amount of debt		
1. Berkeley C. W. L	Solicitor, 165 Marylebone Road N.W.	15	4	6
2. Cox Mr.	Livery Stables Berkeley Street London	14	14	6
3 Davies Mr.	Chimney Sweep Moscow Road	35	0	0
4 Fowler J.	2½ Waterloo Street, Brighton	100	0	0
5 Gaskin Isaac	Brunswick Mews Great Cumberland Place	245	0	0
6 Yeates Mr.	2 Bryanston Mews West Marylebone	25	0	0
7. Pegg Arthur	38 Little Cadogan Place Belgravia S.W.	41	18	4
8. Parsons Mr.	Bryanston Place Marylebone	4	5	0
	£	514	2	1

No. 76815. Petition filed 31 Decr 1875.
Registered 8 Feby 76.

Arthur Gaskin reported to have been arrested by Bernard Beader on charge of robbery ???.

86 Regent Street
Dec. 27th 1875

My dear Colonel

You may remember that nearly a fortnight ago you undertook that you would send me a written acceptance of my resignation of my seat in the Board of Direction of the Lombard dated back to the time of my sending in my letter, & also that you would return me the transfer of the shares I was supposed to be entitled

to in order that I might have them cancelled. Excuse me for now reminding you of your promise in which Captn Crowe joined. I am quite aware that amidst the bewildering troubles we have gone through lately it may easily have escaped your memory, but the time has arrived when I wish this matter to be completed and you will oblige me much by attending to it at once.

I have also recieved an application from Mr. Bunnell begging that the Board of

Directors will give him a
promissory note for the amount
due to him. I wish you would
find out from Clowe whether
any such arrangement was
made as I knew nothing of
the matter, & if his claim
is just the £850 we paid
into Court must have been
sufficient to return everyone
their deposit in full, & it
ought to have been mentioned
in Court, which course would
have saved its going forth to
the world that we had only
made a compromise. I think
we had better have a meeting

as soon as possible if you will call one & I see no reason why it should not be held in our old Offices in Cornhill. An answer to the above address marked Private will find me quickest

Yours truly
Chas. Lewis.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this by return.

Mem

Arthur Gaskin
2 Bryanston Mews
west Bryanston sq —
Veterinary Surgeon Decr 31. 75

at Cottman Arms Marylebone
Jany 19 — at 11.
C. W. L. Berkley Sol
165 Marylebone Road

In Sporting Gazette
Jany 5. 76.

arrested on Saturday last at
Plumpton & Leadors office by
Bailor & Officer of Sheriff of
the Bailor