

Memorandum made by S. C. Jackson.

Statement made by Mr J. G. L. Stephenson in connection with the Survey for the Mexican Western Railway.

At his Office in London.

That he was already Engineer to a line of railway in Mexico. That he had been in Mexico and knew the Country well this he subsequently denied.

That he knew "Diaz" i.e. President Diaz, intimately.

That he made £7,000 a year by his profession.

That he was anxious about a picture worth £10,000, by either Rubens or — which belonged to him, and that he was going to ask the Council of the R. Geographical Society to take care of it for him.

He undertook in the presence of witnesses

to obtain similar terms respecting the advance of £2,000 from any parties from whom a suitable Concession might be procured, as were arranged for Col. Owen's Concession.

He stated on the Steamer Britannic that after his accident near Richmond he was brought to the hospital and entered as intoxicated by the Surgeon; that during his treatment he accused this Surgeon of ill-treating one of the patients, and on leaving the hospital he collected subscriptions and procured his election as a Governor or patron for the purpose of injuring the before mentioned doctor and was successful in doing so.

That he was boy-cotted and turned out of Dunwich because he acted in opposition to the principal landowner there.

That he was on bad terms with his own family.

At New York, Mr Stephenson bribed the Custom House official to pass his baggage duty free and subsequently boasted of his skill in such practices, stating that he had been successful in bribery at Vienna.

At Nogales, he made a false statement to a Custom House officer and succeeded in passing some dutiable articles, subsequently boasting of this.

At Nogales, he procured the conviction of a laboring man for obtaining money under false pretences and made a very doubtful statement under oath.

At Topolobampo, he omitted the examination of the bar, except for a single line of soundings made from a boat, without a pilot, while

Coming in.

At Fuerte he set up Camp in a backyard and as much as possible prevented any of the party except himself and the Contractor from seeing any of the business people of the town.

From Feb. 13 To March 6th he was absent with Mr Krauss, and stated that he had been acquiring mines and options about Fuerte, but he subsequently denied the latter statement.

He stated that he had made arrangements for securing the lands of Pacific City site for himself.

He, Mr Krauss and Mr Moon were again separated from the rest of the party from the 7th March to the 16th and from the 26th to April.

He omitted the proper examination of the Septentrion Arroyo and the Center of the Mountain Claim.

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I hereby corroborate and assent to be true, the following statements made by Mr Jackson, in the interests of Norman Ironson.

1st That Mr Stephenson obtained from Mr Doyle, a sum of £2,000, in order to pay the expenses of an expedition to Mexico.

Mr Stephenson undertook that if the ~~rail~~ railway was made Mr Doyle was to receive £9,000, giving Norman Ironson's name as a guarantee of good faith.

2nd That it is highly probable that Mr Stephenson has not devoted all the money for the expenses of the expedition, judging by the unnecessarily rigid economy practiced by Mr Stephenson all through, and by the fact that he has declared to Mr Doyle, at Batopilas, that he and Mr Krauss were buying mines and on no account was Mr Doyle to let me know.

3rd That Mr Stephenson said to Mr Doyle, at

Aqua Caliente, taking caution to have no witnesses, that Mr Krauss and himself had to cede none of the profits of the line to Mr Doyle. That Mr Doyle had contracted out and was legally entitled to none of the money agreed upon, but that in equity he was entitled to \$2,000, for which Mr Stephenson proposed to give him a share of a gold mine which he stated that Mr Krauss and himself had bought on the Coast, a statement which Mr Krauss next day totally denied, and when Mr Stephenson was again referred to he said that he had no mines on the Coast.

4- Mr Doyle was told by Mr Stephenson, at Fuerte, that he regarded the lands around Topolobampo, as his perquisite and that he intended buying them up.

Signed. Kinsley D. Doyle.

Signed in presence of
 R. M. Conant
 S. C. Jackson

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I hereby declare that the statement,
made by Mr Jackson, to the effect
that I heard Mr Stephenson say to Mr
Moon on the departure of Mr Doyle from
Agua Caliente that the expedition had
plenty of provisions and had no need of
money, is true.

R. M. Couvet. D.D.S.

Signed in the presence of
Kinsley D. Doyle, M.A.
Stuart C. Jackson

Chehugua
Bocoyud, April 8th 1897