

Special Board

11 January 1864

Present:

Mr Law in the Chair
Mr Lulham Mr McNamara
[Mr] Martelli [Mr] Armani
Mr Laver

4474 *Tucker's defalcation.- system explained*

The Secretary explained by reference to the Books, Tickets, and Returns, the system pursued by Thomas Tucker in order to rob the company at the Highbury Collecting Office.

4475 *Mr Capon in attendance*

His duties

Arrangement re conveyance of Cash to Bank

Mr Capon the Chief Clerk at the Highbury Office attended; he stated in answer to the Chairman's enquiry, that he had served the Company from the time of its establishment and that he was 5 years previously with Mr. Wilson in the same capacity as that in which he served the Company - he explained the manner in which he presumed Tucker had acted to obtain money from the Cash drawer in the Office - he showed that he had been thrown off his guard by the Cash balancing daily with the returns with which he checked them - he having no suspicion of Tucker's system of forging Day Bills - he described in detail the duties which he had to discharge daily. Ordered that in future the Cash at each Collecting Office be kept at all times under lock and key in the custody of the Chief Clerk only - that arrangements be made for some responsible officer to convey the Cash from the Office at Highbury to the Bank, and from the Collecting Box opposite the Angel Islington to Highbury instead of the Chief Clerk being required to leave the Office for that purpose, and that it be referred to Mr McNamara and the Secretary to carry the arrangement into effect.

4476 *Mr F W White appointed Clerk*

* Mr Griffiths appointed successor to Tucker*

Mr F W White, a candidate for appointment, formerly for 15 years a Clerk in the house of Cope, Hammerton and Co. Coventry, was introduced to the Board and it was Resolved that he be appointed, subject to a month's trial, Chief Clerk of the Audit Office proposed to be established (vide Minute No. 4444 of Board on 1st inst.) at a salary after the rate of £ 100 per annum. That Mr Griffiths now assisting at Highbury be appointed successor to Tucker subject to a month's trial on probation, and also subject to his giving guarantee bond for £ 300.

[Signed] F. John Law