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CORONER FOR DELORAINÉ.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Westbury, 17th February, 1864.

SIR,

HAVING been called upon yesterday to hold an Inquest at Deloraine, which is not in the Municipality of Westbury, I of course, under the circumstances, attended; I wish, however, to bring the matter to your notice, in order that a Coroner may be appointed for the District, as the same thing must of necessity occur again, when the only medical man is the only Coroner.

I have, &c.,

JOHN PEYTON JONES.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

FORWARDED to the Honorable the Attorney-General.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

2nd March, 1864.

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Attorney-General's Office, 3rd March, 1864.

SIR,

WILL you be so good as to inform me whether you are willing to afford the Government the benefit of your services as a Coroner for the Territory?

I have, &c.,

R. B. MILLER.

WILLIAM ARCHER, *Esq.*, *Warden, Deloraine.*

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Deloraine, 7th March, 1864.

MY DEAR SIR,

I WOULD willingly accept the office of Coroner for the Territory, were it not that I live so far from the centre of communication from all parts of the Deloraine Municipality. I have no doubt that either Mr. Thomas K. Archer, of the Retreat, or Mr. James Dennis Horne, of Bowerbank, would consent to act as Coroner. They are both Justices for the Territory.

Yours very truly,

W. ARCHER.

*The Hon. R. BYRON MILLER.*

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Attorney-General's Office, 8th March, 1864.

SIR,

WILL you be so good as to inform me whether you are willing to afford the Government the benefit of your services as a Coroner for the Territory?

I have, &c.,

R. B. MILLER.

J. D. HORNE, *Esq.*, *J.P.*, *Bowerbank, Deloraine.*

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*Bowerbank, Deloraine, 14th March, 1864.*

SIR,

IN answer to your communication of the 8th of March, I beg to say that my private business prevents my accepting the office of Coroner for the Territory.

I have, &c.,

J. D. HORNE.

*The Hon. the Attorney-General.*

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*Attorney-General's Office, 13th May, 1864.*

MY DEAR SIR,

MR. Rooke's antagonism, not to the Government but to the administration of the Law, renders it impossible that he should be placed in any position of legal authority. I have therefore now to hope that you will consent to be nominated alone for the Coronership, so as to relieve Dr. Rock from the liability to act in cases where he has been the personal attendant of the deceased.

I have, &c.,

R. B. MILLER.

WILLIAM ARCHER, *Esquire, Warden, Deloraine.*

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*Cheshunt, Deloraine, 16th May, 1864.*

MY DEAR SIR,

PARDON me for thinking you are entirely wrong in letting any question of political opposition on the part of a man interfere with his appointment to an office utterly unconnected with politics. A better reason for not appointing him is, that he is not a Justice of the Peace for the Territory.

If you should consider this reason a valid one for not appointing Mr. Rooke, write and tell me so; and at the same time apply to Mr. Henry Douglas, who, I think, will agree to be appointed a Coroner with me, and he resides in a part of the District which would divide the duties pretty equally.

You ought to make every Territorial Magistrate a Coroner, and render it incumbent on each of them to take the cases occurring nearest to his residence.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. ARCHER.

*The Honorable R. BYRON MILLER.*

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*Attorney-General's Office, 19th May, 1864.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I FEAR I can scarcely have made myself understood on the subject of Mr. Rooke's non-appointment. When I cordially assented to name him to the Governor for appointment in conjunction with yourself, I was perfectly aware that he was politically opposed to the Ministry on every point, including the Carriage Act, but at that time he had not declared in a public Court of Justice that "he had been foolish enough" to obey the law; and it is that declaration which renders it impossible that the Governor should place him in a position to administer the law.

I should be very sorry indeed to nominate to the Governor for appointment to such an office as the Coronership, or to abstain from nomination, on political grounds.

I will cheerfully write to Mr. Douglas as you suggest.

I have, &c.,

R. B. MILLER.

W. ARCHER, *Esq., Warden, Deloraine.*