

Copy letter L. A. Beaman to J. P. Hobbs & Major Troche
Dear Sir

A statement has been recently made that I interfered with the judges at the Colton Agricultural Society Show held last April either by speaking to them during the adjudications or by indicating particular horses.

Therefore now write to ask you whether in any way interfered with you either directly or indirectly during the time I acted as Senior Steward in the sections for ^{Thoroughbred} Agricultural Horses during the show in question.

I must apologise in troubling you on this subject so long after the time when the occurrence is supposed to have taken place but I only heard of the accusations within the last 10 days.

As our next committee meeting will be held on this day week when the subject will have to be finally dealt with I shall feel greatly obliged if you will kindly let me have your answer before that date.

Yours faithfully

Lyned L. A. Beaman

Copy letter from Major Troche to L. A. Beaman

Belgrave Lodge South View

5. 2. 06

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 3rd inst relative to the statement which you inform me has been made that you interfered with the judges at the Colton Spring Show last year. I do not state that you did not interfere with me directly or indirectly during the judging of the Thoroughbred Stallion classes. I am unable to recall after this lapse of time whether you spoke to me or not but I feel confident that you did not indicate any particular horse as having done so such an unusual proceeding would have impressed itself on my memory. My attention was exclusively given to the class before me but I do not notice any thing irregular on the part of any of the Stewards.

Faithfully signed Wm. Troche.

On the motion of Mr J. Penrose Fitzgerald seconded by Mr Sumner the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

That in the opinion of this Committee Mr Wood was not justified in the remarks which he made at the meeting of the general committee on the 13th Jan'y reflecting on the conduct of the Stewards at the last Spring show and that in the opinion of this Committee it is highly improper for any member of the Society to make statements reflecting on the conduct of any official of the Society without giving names & supplying proof.

Reduction of athletic
ground's rent

On the motion of Mr L. A. Beaman seconded by Mr W. Roberts it was decided to grant the Colton Athletic Grounds Company a reduction of £20 off this year's rent.