

"Miss Stewart instructs us that the engagement was made on behalf of
"the Company by Mr. Herbert Thorpe, and that the agreed fee was Six guineas,
"which, however, has not been paid.

"Mr. Thorpe ignores the letters which he has received both from Miss
"Stewart and ourselves

"We shall be much obliged if you will bring the matter before the
"Court, as we think that Miss Stewart has a strong moral claim to be
"paid her fee: you will agree that the lady could hardly have
"anticipated that the Worshipful Company of Musicians, a company
"which exists to encourage musicians, could expect her to give her
"services free of charge.

"Yours faithfully

"Rubinstein, Nash & Co."

The Clerk advised that in his opinion the company was not legally
liable for the fees.

P. M. Sir Jan Malcolm, who was Master at the time of the
dinner referred to, produced correspondence with Mr. Thorpe and the
counterfoils of his then current cheque book shewing that Mr. Thorpe had
been paid a cheque to cover the fees of all the artistes engaged through
him. He offered, however, to pay Miss Stewart's fee if the amount
could not be recovered from Mr. Thorpe.

The Court while appreciating Sir Jan Malcolm's attitude, did not
think it would be right to allow him to assume this responsibility
personally. After discussion, it was agreed, nem. con. that the
Clerk should provide Miss Stewart's solicitors with such evidence as
the correspondence produced by P. M. Sir Jan Malcolm afforded.