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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial - Consultation, 21st September 1858.

Extract of a letter from Surgeon J Richmond, Secretary to the Lying-in-Hospital, to Captain Stafford, Acting Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, dated 30th October 1846.

"By desire of the Committee of Management of the Lying-in-Hospital, I have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the very praise-worthy conduct of Mr. Lafond, two of his private servants, and four peons of your establishment during the late storm in their successful efforts in removing the patients then in Hospital to the Scotch Kirk."

"At the time this was effected the water was three feet deep in the wards, and the depth of it around the institution was such as to render the service they kindly performed one of no little danger"

Extract from the Fort Saint George Gazette, 26th April 1853, pages 396 and 399.

"I beg to name Mr. G. J. Lafond, the Clerk to the Justices, he never fails to be foremost upon every occasion in which the Police are called upon for extra or arduous work, and his cheerful, zealous, enterprising conduct is always conspicuous."

"His Honor in Council has noticed with great pleasure the flattering testimony borne by the Chief Magistrate to the zealous and enterprising conduct of Mr. G J Lafond, the Clerk to the Justices."

This testimonial was voluntarily granted.

"On my appointment to the Magistracy, ten years ago, I found Mr. George Lafond employed in the Police Office. Since that time, he has filled several situations, and is now Clerk of the Peace, I have always observed in him a readiness to render himself useful in any capacity required of him by the public service, and have great pleasure in giving my testimony, to the temper, willingness, activity and attention he has invariably displayed in the performance of his duty."

Madras, Police Office, }
27th March 1850 }

(Signed) FRED. CLERK,
Police Magistrate.

Extract of letters from Mr. E. F. Elliot, to Mr. Lafond, dated 10th November 1854.

Thanks for your note. I cannot give any order about the Jemadar's Guard to what you allude. Yesterday evening I settled with the Town Major to have a piquet at the Tannah of the 6th Division Jemadar and another at the Tannah of the Darogah, I suppose it will be done. If the detachment is at Chindadrepett, keep it there till I see you at 10 o'clock.

11th November 1854.—"The Detachment at Porseevaulkum will be relieved to-morrow morning by a party of the same strength, or rather replaced by another. There will be also a Jemadar's party at Choolay and another at the Tannah of the Jemadar at Pariamettoo."

"Let me hear from you to-morrow morning whether the shops are all open."

Extract of letter from Mr. E. F. ELLIOT, to Mr. T. G. CLARKE, dated 11th November 1854.

I have just returned from Pursewalkum and Choolay. At the former place there has been a little plundering but nothing to signify, by the good management of Lafond. The bazaars are again open and the merchants selling under the special care of Sentries from the Native Corps. At Choolay things are looking unpleasant, but I have got a Jemadar's party close to the Darogah's Tannah and I trust the bazarmen re-open their shops.

Send me a report of what is doing in Town, I shall be down before 5.

Extract of letter from Mr. ELLIOT, to Mr. LAFOND, dated 12th November 1854.

"Let me know whether there are Sepoys at the Tannahs of the Jemadars of the 6th Division and that of the Darogah in Choolay, and that in Porseevaulkum, and how many men at each, also mention whether the Bazaars are open, and at what rate they are selling; send for me if there is any thing particular."

Officer

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

Madras, General Police Office, 28th April 1856.

Mr. George Lafond entered the Police Office in 1832. In 1840, he became Manager and was appointed Clerk of the Peace in 1843. In which several offices he fulfilled his duty in a satisfactory manner, but it was not as a Clerk only that he obtained the good opinion of his superiors. He has invariably been of the greatest assistance to the Police Department, his active habits enabled him to accomplish good service in going rounds at night, visiting Tan-nahs and gaining information: upon *all* occasions when there was work for the Police Force, he was foremost and distinguished himself by his energy and courage. At shipwrecks he was conspicuous. At fires or at grain disturbances, he was always useful and on some occasions he rendered good service in bringing notorious offenders to justice. In justice to him, I give this testimonial in hopes that it may hereafter serve to secure him a pension for his meritorious conduct, and I do hereby recommend him to the kind consideration of my successor.

(Signed) E. F. ELLIOT.

This testimonial was voluntarily granted.

Royapet Police Court, 1st September 1858.

I have known Mr. Lafond since the middle of the year 1846 and my opinion of him as a most active and intrepid Police officer stands very high.

I do not speak of Mr. Lafond from my own knowledge alone, but, I have frequently heard Mr. Edward Elliot mention him as a most excellent "detective" and he has told me that in former years when engaged in services of difficulty and danger, he has received valuable assistance at his hands. For myself I believe him to be zealous and unsparing in exertion in the service of Government, and I shall be rejoiced to see him by their kindness and consideration enabled to retire upon such pension as will permit him to provide for his family and live respectably for the rest of his days.

(Signed) H. COLBECK, Lieut. Col.,
Senior Magistrate.

(True Copies.

GEO. JNO. LAFOND.

Madras, 3rd September 1858.

C.

From GEORGE STUART, Inspector 3rd Division; to Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, &c., &c., &c., dated 6th July 1858.

SIR,

With due submission, I beg respectfully to bring to your kind notice that on the night of Thursday last, the first Instant, when the riot took place at the Mission house, I was called by the Reverend Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Roberts, I then and there without the least negligence or delay on my part accompanied the gentlemen with all possible haste to the Mission house, the only remark I made 'ere going was, that, as there being a mob and riot taking place, it would be better to gather as many peons as I can for the purpose of quelling the disturbance, than coming myself singly. Mr. Roberts then replied, no, no, we will not wait, you better come. Upon this I ran with them, I did not as much put on my uniform, &c., but hastened to the spot with a pair of slippers, undressed as I was at the time, these particulars can be certified by Messrs. Daniel and Judge, and the peons attached to the Royapet Police Court and also the household servants of Colonel Colbeck who saw the coming and instant going of the gentlemen with me.

I beg to add that since Mr. Lafond left me and the Jemadar at the Club House Tannah on the evening in question with instructions, I then and there sent for Constable Sheik Hoosain and strengthened the Club House Tannah with five extra peons, my instructions to them were to remain at the Tannah and to be on the look-out, should any disturbance take place in the Mission house they should repair to the spot immediately and send word to me at the same time.

After Mr. Lafond left us, I and the Jemadar were seated at the Club House Tannah for more than half an hour, every thing was quiet then.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

I further beg to add that while I was running to the Club House Tannah, the extra peons whom I left with instructions were running before me to the Mission house, I also ran after them and on our arrival we did our duty as Police Officers.

In conclusion, allow me to state that being aware that life and property were at stake, I could not have safely ventured any delay on my part as the Inspector of the Division and to have brought my mind to such gross neglect and to endanger myself.

I dare take upon myself to say that I was not aware of the Reverend Mr. Jenkins' case, as I was with the parents and the Reverend gentlemen to and fro for three or four days. I therefore beg your honor will be pleased to take my case into your kind and serious consideration and give me a trial.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

D.

Extract from a reported case, heard before Colonel Colbeck, at the Royapettah Police Court, on Saturday the 3rd July 1858, in which the Reverend Mr. Jenkins was prosecutor, and certain parties therein named, defendants.

Mr. Inspector Stuart being called, was questioned by the Court respecting a letter he had received from Mr. Lafond, alluded to in the evidence of the prosecutor. He said he had it not with him at the moment, but that it was at his quarters, on being ordered to go and bring it, he returned saying that it was not to be found. He was then directed to make an affidavit to the effect that he had lost or mislaid the letter, and to state from recollection what the contents of it were. He did so and on *oath* made the following statement, that the words of Mr. Lafond were

"MY DEAR SIR,"

"Send to the Jemadar's Tannah for four peons to strengthen the Club House Tannah, and should there be any disturbance, apprehend the parties. Mr. Jenkins, I think is wrong in detaining the boy with him. That's all."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) GEO. JNO. LAFOND.

E.

Extract from a letter of the Advocate General, addressed to the Editor of the Madras Spectator, dated 6th July 1858.

"I would suggest that it would be better that the boy should not be baptized until the father had time for applying to the Supreme Court, as he seemed disposed to do. I had told the father that if he wished to have the case brought before the Supreme Court, I would ask some other Barrister to make the necessary motion for him without any expense to him, as I had rather not appear myself in the case at present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) GEO. JNO. LAFOND.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1273; dated 16th September 1858.

The Government see no reason for altering their decision in Mr. Lafond's case. They do not, however, as they have already intimated—Extract Minutes Consultation 26th August, para. 13—object to his re-employment in a less responsible office on an opportunity occurring.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Faithful and efficient service and officer

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Madras Police Commissioner's
Office, 3rd September, 1858.

To
Colonel J. H. Henderson
Commissioner of Police
To
J. Duroy Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to the Extract
from Minutes of Consultation, under date
26th August 1858 N^o 1182, Int^l Dep^t,
I have the honor to report that in
accordance with the Orders of Government,
the Officers named in margin, have

Dates of Police Order
27th August 1858.
M^r G. J. Lafond, D^y Commis^r of Police
" George Stuart - Inspector
Remondos - Daffadar

been struck off the strength
of the Police Force from
the date mentioned.

2. It is with much
regret that I have been obliged to part
altogether from M^r Lafond, he is a
person of good character & of steady active
habits - for a long course of years he
proved a willing, zealous and intelligent
Police Officer, - as a Detective certainly
invaluable, and in that capacity his
services will be much missed.

3. As he will most likely apply
either for continued service under
Government, or for a pension for
past services, I trust His Lordship
in Council will take into his most
favorable consideration the long &
faithful and efficient service this
officer

Officer has rendered to the State
extending over a period of 32 years,
27 of which has been passed in the
Police.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant

J. M. Mearns
Commissioner of Police

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being charged with the
for Suppl. as a supply
to be used and existing
that it can be paid out
of the fund of the
Commissioner.
The Commission
- can be applied to
to apply for the principal
to be paid -
The Commission
- may have applied to
for the principal

Remarks by the Honorable W. Eliot
Esq^r - on Letter from Mr. G. J. Lafond, dated
3^d September 1858.

Mr. Lafond may either be re-
employed in another situation, or V.
should have no objection to allow him to
be pensioned. - Signed W. E.

Remarks by the Honorable
W. A. Mackay Esq^r - do do

No objections were made in
the Government order to the re-employment
of Mr. Lafond, on the contrary such
was provided for. Mr. Lafond can
only be pensioned according to the
rules in force - his request for a
superior pension under the circumstances
existing, savours strongly of impertinence.
Signed W. A. M.

Adm. Secy to Genl. 2-13-58
1-2-1858
Am. 1-1-58

Adm. Secy to Genl. 21-1-58
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To
 J. Pyers Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Government
 Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the
 accompanying Appeal and request the
 favor of your submitting the same to
 the Right Honorable the Governor in
 Council at your earliest opportunity.

Madras

I have &c

3rd September 1858

Signed G. J. Lafond
 Late Off. Commr. of Police

To
 The Right Honorable
 George, Lord Harris
 Governor in Council
 Fort St. George.

My Lord,

Feeling most deeply aggrieved,
 as well, as greatly surprised, at the decision
 of Government, as conveyed in Extract
 Minutes of Consultation, dated the 26th ulto,
 dismissing me from the Office of Deputy
 Commissioner of Police, I beg most res-
 pectfully to submit your Lordship in
 Council to do me the justice to reconsider
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the grounds on which it has been pronounced; for whatever the data by which they have been formed, happily for me, I am able to say that they have no foundation in fact, as I hope presently to fully satisfy your Lordship in Council.

2. The whole of the offence charged against me appears to be based upon two grounds, viz: the opinion, as it is termed, which I had expressed to Inspector Stuart in the letter of instructions I wrote to him on the day of the unfortunate riot at the Royapett Wesleyan Mission House; and secondly, on the conduct which, it is said, I pursued on visiting the spot where its occurrence was apprehended.

3. In addressing myself to these two points, I feel the utmost confidence that in neither of them will your Lordship in Council find any thing, for which my conduct merited a censure, much more a dismissal from my Post.

4. With respect to my "opinion on the proceedings of the missionaries," I beg most earnestly to assure your Lordship in Council that I uttered none prejudicial or hostile to them, nor

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was I imbued with even a particle of that which is attributed to the Commissioner of Police. I certainly made an observation in my note to Inspt. Stuart to the effect that, as the lad, about to be baptized, was under age, it would be better for the Rev. Mr. Juthins to make him over to his father. I was led to say this from a report I heard at the Royapett Police Court that the father had appealed to the Advocate General, and had procured a promise of a postponement from that gentleman to resume the minor through the intervention of the Supreme Court. If Mr. Smyth did not consider the act of the missionaries to be illegal, it was not likely he would have advised the institution of legal proceedings for the recovery of the boy; and such an opinion held by so high an authority, very naturally, as I am sure your Lordship will yourself allow, induced me to suppose that the Rev. Mr. Juthins was not quite right in the course he had taken. This however is not, I would humbly submit, the point on which the question hinges, nor am I able to discover anywhere that any private impression of mine regarding Mr. Juthins' conduct in the matter, at all influenced my subordinates

Vide appendix F.

Subordinates in the performance
of their duty, or tended to prevent
the suppression of the Riot. and I
would further draw your Lordship's
particular attention to the fact that
both in my note to Inspector Stuart
and in person, my clear and positive
instructions to him were that he
should be vigilant and watchful
in preventing any Breach of the peace;
and a departure from those in-
structions on the part of my Sub-
ordinates is not surely to be allow-
ed to operate to my disadvantage
or detriment. That my orders
to the Inspector were unmistak-
ably clear and definite, and that
they were all the occasion required,
will be evident to your Lordship
by the Inspector's own letter
to the Commissioner of
Police under date the 6th
July, and by his statement
on oath before the Magis-
trate at the Royapett
Police Court (both herewith annexed.)

C & D

Riots

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Not occasioned by any
conversations have often happened to fire
in Madras, and of a more formidable nature
than the one now in question. In getting
there, I was guided, neither by the opinion
nor even by the orders of my superiors,
but invariably by my own judgment,
without any reference whatever as
to whether the conduct of the
officers who were concerned, was
right or wrong, but only so to dispose
of the Police force, & effectually to
prevent a Breach of the Peace on
such occasions. At Royapett, I did
so without feeling the slightest
or difficulty how to employ preventive
measures to prevent a riot,
and holding a new appointment
at the time, by no means made
any difficulty to me in the discharge
of my long accustomed duty.

Subsequently to the Royapett
affair, the Baptism of a convert
took place at Royapettam, where
a Riot having been apprehended,
I had disposed of the Police, in
such manner, and gave such
instructions to Inspector Muller
precisely similar to those I had issued to
Inspector.

about the vicinity of the Mission House. The European and Malabar population of the Madras will know by experience my plans to act at all times of the danger might where any breach of the peace is apprehended, and as to themselves Semaries of every denomination they are well aware that no instance had I ever formed my own individual opinion as to their clerical acts & to charge me there in the entering or circulating opinions or acting upon them in the said Seminary question to the prejudice of the Wesleyan Missionaries at (Voyage), was charging me with what I was never guilty of.

I feel now with regard to my conduct near the Mission House immediately before the riot took place, charges are laid against me in the 12th and 13th paras of Extract Minutes of Consultation which they respectfully, but most unequivocally, to deny. Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the

the 1st July, Inspector Stuart addressed a letter to me enclosing one from the Reverend Mr Jenkins to Colonel Colbeck, in which letter the Reverend Gentleman expressed his apprehension of a riot occurring. In replying to the Inspector, I sent him instructions to re-inforce the Club House Company, and otherwise to keep a good look out to prevent any breach of the peace, and followed up the letter in person to see that my instructions were properly carried out. When I reached the Gate of the Mission House I was told by the Semadar who was standing there that Inspector Stuart was then inside with the Missionaries in the Company of the parents of the Boy, but what took him there, and in such Company, neither they could tell, nor conjecture. However cautioned the small number of people who were then on the road side, against intruding into the compound, making them

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promised the deliverance of their son by legal measures, and I could not suppose they would be so insane as to effect it by illegal means, when they had only a short time to wait for the aid of the highest tribunal in the Country to accomplish their object. My duty was simple, and I performed it as fully and completely as could have been expected of me. This will be borne out by Inspector Stuart's letter and statement on oath already prepared to shew, therefore, to deny in toto having been guilty of drawing off the Police on finding that the determination of the Commissioners was to keep back the boy, as stated in the 13th para of the Extraordinary of Consultation of the Government. If all my precautionary measures to prevent the riot, were not carried out by my subordinates, it is hard that I should be made to suffer the consequence of their neglect. Moreover the

them understood that they will be taken up by the Pons if they attempted the trespass. I spoke in Tamil that the Pons also may know the nature of my warning. Seeing them quietly leaving the place, I rode off to some distance, and on my return found they had all dispersed, and Inspector Stuart himself waiting outside the Gate with nothing to complain, nor to apprehend. I then left the place, not however without first waiting some considerable time to see if there would be any more gathering. I could not possibly even dream that such a thing as a Riot would happen immediately I turned my back upon a locality that I had left so calm and quiet. I really had no ground whatever to fear any thing of the kind. There were the missionaries who seemed to have made an appointment for a quiet meeting with the parents, and there were the parents who were provided

the failure of those measures, was not at all to be attributed to my holding a Superior Office at the time, but to my not performing the duties of a subordinate post, whilst there were subordinate Agents to whom those duties properly appertained, but who neglected to discharge them vigilantly and effectively.

8. In fine, my Lord, I have been a faithful servant of Government for the last 33 years, *See Appendix A* during 25 of which period I was the Chief and most active Agent of the Office, and as such had performed the most arduous, the most responsible, and at times duties of the utmost importance to the state, involving difficulty and great danger in their execution; and it is, inexpressibly painful to me therefore to think that after all, I should be degraded and disgraced and punished when I had committed no real fault or error,

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error; and, even if I had committed one, that my first offence should be so heavily visited, while, in far, worse cases judgment had been blended with mercy, and often full pardon accorded to the guilty; and, that, especially, because of the Delinquency of my subordinate I should be pronounced unfit for the new but well earned post conferred on me by the Government. If I was unequal to any new duties which the new office had imposed upon me, I should certainly acknowledge my incompetency; but on the occasion in question I had only to bring, and did bring my mature experience into practice; and there was neither deficiency nor neglect on my part, I humbly pray your Lordship in Council to review your decision on my case with reference to the circumstances above set forth.

9 Having thus far troubled your Lordship in Council in vindication of
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of my public character, in the humble
and confident hope of its being now fully
absolved from all blame at the hands
of your Lordship, I now beg leave to
crave from your Lordship's Govern-
ment the indulgence, or rather the
pardon of a Pension from the date of
my dismissal for my past services
equal in amount to the salary of
the post I filled before the Deputy
Commissionership was bestowed
upon me. This last situation was
an inducement for me to continue in
the public service for the sake of
the greater relaxation it would
have afforded, compared with the
incessant toil and enervating nature
of the duties I was so long perform-
ing in my former Office; but as I
have had the misfortune of being
once reduced and to suffer under
the ban of proscription from all
superior Offices from the date of
my dismissal, and cannot therefore
feel.

* Rs. 200.

Vide Appendix B.

feel nor gain confidence, &c. &c. where,
I would prefer closing the period
of my days in peace and quietude and
in the enjoyment of the boon now
solicited. For the peculiar nature of
the hard work, often without
intermission, which I had to perform
in connection with Police duties, I feel
that I may reasonably reckon
double the length of ordinary service,
and the Testimonials annexed of those
competent to judge of my labour, may,
I would fain hope, support me in my
present claim. Suffice it to say that
the duties which all my Predecessors
performed in the Office of Clerk of the
Peace were purely of an indoor
nature, whereas mine, almost ever
since I first filled the post, were not
only the whole of what appertained
to it in the Police Office, but also the
immense addition of being on the
constant move day and night in pro-
tecting the peace of the Country and
vigilantly

o vigilantly watching the operations
 of the Police force in the
 various directions in which they
 were detached

10 Under these extraordinary
 circumstances, I humbly pray your
 Lordship, in Council will, as a special
 case, be pleased to bestow on me the
 pension I here solicit, for which act
 of justice and consideration I shall
 ever feel profoundly grateful.

Madras
 3rd Sept 1838.

They to remain
 My Lord,
 With the utmost
 deference.
 Your Lordship's most
 obedient and humble
 servant
 /Signed/ Geo. Ino. Laford
 late Dy Commissioner
 of Police -

G. Komareck

Memo

Memo: of Services under Government.

From the month of
 August or September
 1824 to 20th January 1826.

From the 21st January
 1826 to 31st January
 1827.

Employed in the Clothing
 Board Office under Cap-
 tain R. Martin

in the Pay Department
 under Major A. Scott
 during the Seringapatam war
 and subsequently at Ma-
 dras in bringing up the
 accounts of the Pay
 Department, after which
 the Department was abol-
 ished.

From the month of July
 1827 to 26th November
 1832.

Macagallum Trans-
 lation Office as English
 writer under Mr. Alexander
 Maclean.

From 27th November 1832,
 to 27th August 1838.

in the Madras
 Police Office.

/Signed/ Geo. Ino. Laford

Copies

Copies of Testimonials.

Madras 20th Sept 1826.

The Boarder hereof G. Lafond
has served in the Clothing Board Office
as a writer for upwards of two years and
is now discharged, at his own request hav-
ing obtained a Situation to go to Bangalore.

Signed / Dr. Hunter
Secy: Clothing Board

Madras 1st Sept 1843.

This is to certify that I have
known George John Lafond since the
year 1827 when in the employ of the Hon-
ourable Mr. Munro. His attention towards Sir
Thomas in his last moments gained for
him the approbation of all the gentlemen
(of whom I was one) who were with Sir Tho-
mas Munro, at the moment of his death,
and induced me to employ him in the Hon-
ourable Translations Office as English
writer in which situation he gave me every
satisfaction.

Signed / A. Maclean.

Sir Thomas
died in my
arms.
Geo. Jno. Lafond

Extract

Extract of a letter from Surgeon of
Richmond's Hospital to the Acting Sur-
geon of the Hospital to Captain Stafford, Acting
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Madras Police Office
27th March 1850

(Signed) Fred. Clark
Police Magistrate

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11th November 1851.

"The detachment at Sursevalthum will be relieved tomorrow morning by a party of the same strength or rather replaced by another. There will be also a Bandits party at Choolay and another at the Annual of the Bandits at Pindaburgh."

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Send me a report of what is doing in Town. I shall be down before 5.

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Madras General Police Office.
28 April 1855.

Mr George Laford entered the Police Office in 1832. In 1840 he became manager

Manager & was appointed Clerk of the Peace in 1843. In which several Offices he fulfilled his duty in a satisfactory manner, but it was not as a Clerk only that he obtained the good opinion of his superiors. He has invariably been of the greatest assistance to the Police Department - his active habits enabled him to accomplish good service in going rounds at night, visiting Thannals & gaining information upon all occasions when there was work for the Police Force, he was foremost & distinguished himself by his energy & courage. At Shipwrecks he was conspicuous. At Fairs or at grain disturbances he was always useful & on some occasions he rendered good service in bringing notorious offenders to justice. He justice to him. I give this testimonial in hopes that it may hereafter serve to secure him a Pension for his meritorious conduct. & I do hereby recommend him to the kind consideration of my Successor.

Witnessed: C. F. Elliot.

This testimonial was voluntarily granted.

Rajahmundry Police Court
1 September 1858.

I have known Mr Laford since the

the middle of the year 1846 and my opinion
of him as a most active & intrepid Police Offi-
-cer stands very high.

I do not speak of Mr. Lafont from my
own knowledge alone, but I have frequently heard
Mr. Ed. Collett mention him as a most excellent
"detective", and he has told me that in former
years when engaged in services of diffi-
-culty and danger he has received valua-
-ble assistance at his hands. For my-
-self I believe him to be zealous and
unflinching in exertions in the service of
Government, and I shall be rejoiced
to see him by their kindness and consid-
-eration enabled to live upon such
pension as will permit him to
provide for his family and live res-
-pectably for the rest of his days.

Madras } Signed / H. Collett Esq. Colt.
3rd Sept. 1858.

Senior Magistrate

/ True (Copies)

/ Signed / Geo: Geo: Lafont

W. H. Marshall

To

Geo: Geo: Lafont

Handwritten notes and a large 'C' in the top left corner of the second page.

Colonel H. S. Boulton

(Commissioner of Police
Madras)

Sir,

With due submission I beg to
respectfully to bring to your notice
that on the night of Thursday last
the first instant when the riot
took place at the Mission House,
I was called by the Vice Mr. Stephenson
and Mr. P. L. A. then and there
without the least negligence or delay
on my part accompanied the Gentle-
men with all possible haste to the
Mission House, the only remark I
made ere going, was, that as there
being a mob and riot taking place,
it would be better to gather as many
Gentlemen as I can for the purpose of
quelling the disturbance. Then com-
ing myself singly. Mr. P. L. A. then
replied

myself -

I dare take upon myself to say
that I was not aware of the Reverend
Mr. Jenkin's case, as I was with the
parson and the Reverend. Iu then
to and fro for three or four days. I
therefore beg you would be pleased
to take my case into your kind and
serious consideration and give me
a trial.

Macedon, Agency House, Surat
the 6 July 1858

Inspector 3^d Division

per True Copy

Agency, M. Boultonson

Commissioner of Police

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Extract from a reported case, heard
before Colonel Colbach at the Poyaspettah
Police Court, on Saturday the 3rd July
1858 in which the Rev. Mr. Jenkin was
Prosecutor and certain parties therein
named

named Defendants -

The Inspector, Mr. Chetty,
called, was questioned by the Court, as
producing a letter he had received from
the Defendant alluded to in the evidence of
the Prosecutor. He said he had it not
with him at the moment, but that
it was at his quarters, on being
ordered to go and bring it, he
returned saying that it was not
to be found. He was then directed
to make an affidavit to that
effect that he had lost or mis-
laid the letter, and to state from
recollection what the contents of
it were. He did so, and on oath
made the following statement,
that the words of Mr. Defendant were -
"My dear Sir"

And to the Jewadars Annah
for four Pons, to strengthen the Club
House Annah, and should there
be any disturbance, apprehend the
parties

parties. Mr. Jencks (which is wrong)
in detaining the boy with him. That's all."
Yours &c &c &c
Sigsy Geo. Fred. Vaford

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Extract from a letter of the ad-
vocate General addressed to the
Editor of the "Massachusetts Spectator"
dated 6th July 1835

"I would suggest, that
it would be better that the boy
should not be baptised until
the father had time for applying
to the Supreme Court as he seemed
disposed to do. I had told the father
that if he wished to have the case
brought before the Supreme Court
I would ask some other barrister
to make the necessary motion
for him without any response
to him, as I had rather not
appear

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appear myself in the case at present"
Yours &c &c &c
Sigsy Geo. Fred. Vaford.

Wm. Marshall

Geo. Fred. Vaford

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It is very easy to
uply or memorialize
by denegating every charge
& taking it for granted
that the denials are
true - & the grounds
for condemning false.

I believe - I may state
that the Govt & each
member individually
came to their decision
with the greatest

Andrew Ross Edwards

Copy

from

Mrs. G. A. Vassard

and her family

March 21

March 21st 1858

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Report. & are made
known to your Lordship
fond - as far as they
could - ~~with reference~~ ^{with reference} to
their own public
duties. & with regards
to the opinion they ~~are~~ ^{are}
not form of Mr Laford.
Capacity for performing
the duties - which he
has lately been ap-
pointed -

I regret moreover to
see - ~~that~~ the time
Mr Laford has
spent in the coldest
weather charges the
Court with falsehood
& on several occasions
uses language - which
I can see no cause
for his intentional
superstition -
I have no wish to

take any notice of them -
 & it is ^{not} probable these ^{ref.} employ-
 ments have been in employment
 in ignorance - & I am quite
 ready to act up to the views
 of my colleagues by employing
 Mr. Sanford. In any
 way - which appears best
 but we must be very clear
 that the ^{amount of} collections in
 Maine police will bear
 the addl cost now proposed
 by Col^d Baidroff. Am -

Judicial Department

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From Mr. G. J. Laford

Sale By Commissioners of Police

Dated 3^d September 1858

For Orders.

Mr. Deford may either be R-E or
= play w in another situation
or Mr. Deane is objection
to allow him to be present.
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No objections were made in the Court
order to the receipt of the order in the
company. The order was provided for

Mr. Lafont can only be reckoned
according to the rules in force - but
quest for a superior position
under the circumstances existing
favours thought of no pecuniary

bill

1873-74 at 1000 per cent
and more to be made in 1874.
The bill is to be made in
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J. Percott Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort George

Sir,

I have the honor to for-
ward the accompanying Appeal
and request the favor of your
submitting the same to the
Right Honorable the Governor in
Council at your earliest oppor-
tunity

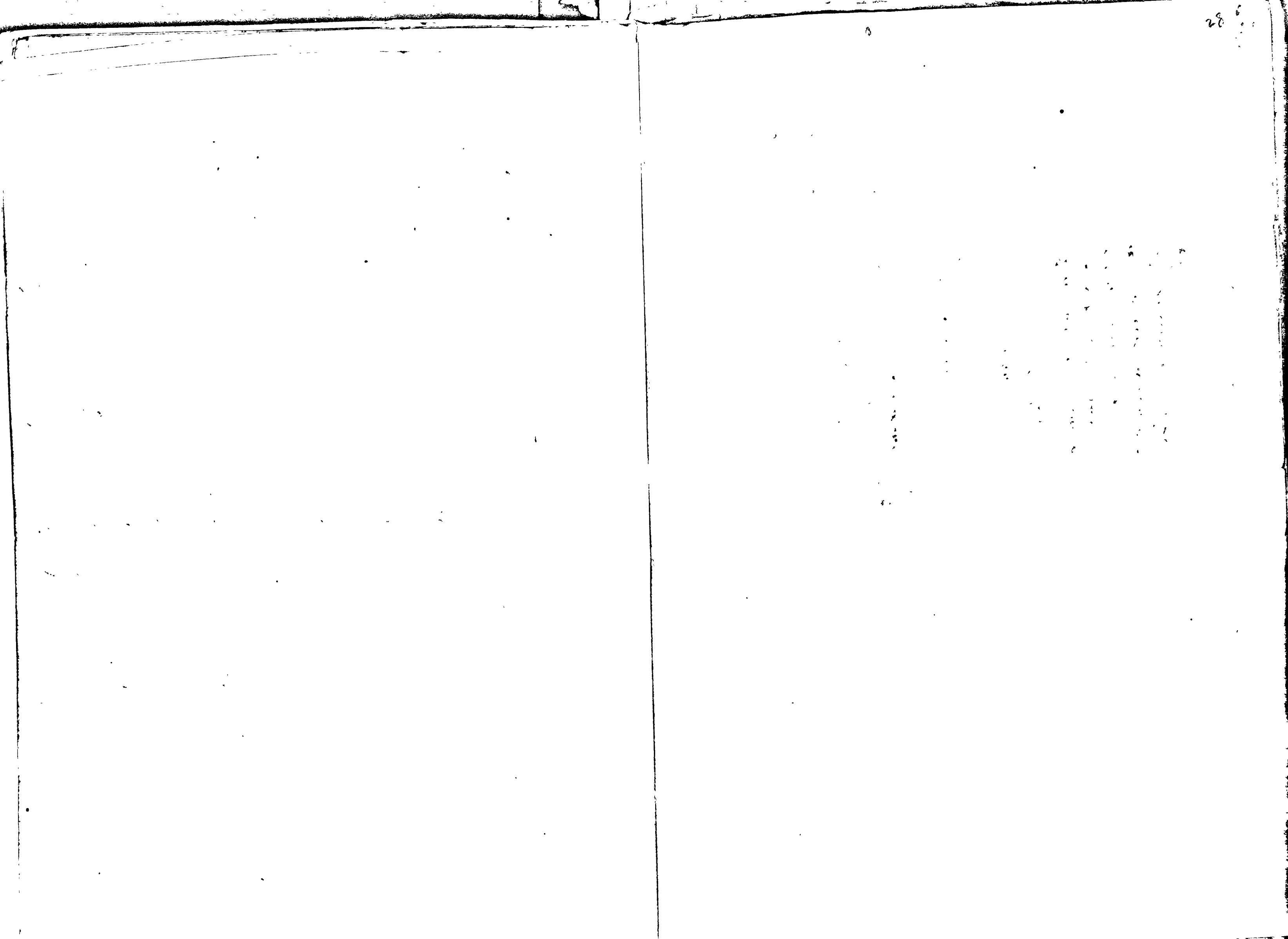
Yours
S. Sept. 1858 }

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. Servt.

G. L. L. L.

Actg. Secy. Commission
of Police.



Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
 Date 10th September/58

Read the following letters
 From the Commissioner of Police
 (Here enter 30 Sept/58 No 125)
 From Mr G. J. Lafond
 (Here enter 30 Sept/58 -)

JP

The Government see no reason for altering their decision in Mr Lafond's case. They do not object to his reemployment in a less responsible office than he held at the time of his dismissal but they are precluded from granting him a pension by the rules. on his application - writs occurring

JP

Copy to Mr G. J. Lafond }
 " Comd of Police } Sept. 21st

however - as they have already intimated -
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June 25th 1858 (Aug 13th 1858)
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From Mr G. J. Lafond,
 Commissioner of Police
 Madras.

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 27th Sept. 1858.

No 1583.
 1 Encl.

Enclosed are a statement to the Q. J. the Governor in Council begging a reconsideration of the grounds on which he has been dismissed from his Office -
 with a view to a pension.

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Portrait of David, a student

5/16 September/58