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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 118 ~~Press~~ Mis.

Dated 24-3- 1859.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Tanjore 5th March 1859.

To
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police
Madras.

Sir,

The period of my leave on
Medical Certificate drawing to a
close and feeling unable from the
vide enclosure A State+ of my health to return to my
duty, I beg leave to submit this my
application to be allowed the benefit
of a Retiring Pension, & to solicit that
you will be so good as to forward the
same to the Government with your
kind recommendation & support.

* vide Enclosure B. The accompanying Memo*
will furnish the Government with
some idea of the nature of my Services
and I feel persuaded that inde=
⊕ vide Enclosure C. =pendently of the testimony⊕ of my
other employers you will also be
pleased to give me the advantage
of your favorable review of my
Official Career. I would only beg
leave to mention that whilst the
duties which all my predecessors
performed in the Office of Clerk of

the Peace were purely of an indoor character, mine, almost from the time I was appointed to it, were not only what strictly appertained to that Office, but involved the addition of Police work at night; the protection of the peace of the County and the vigilant surveillance of the operations of the entire Police Force in the various directions in which they were detached — For this additional work I not only received no extra remuneration, but was obliged to keep a Horse expressly to enable me to perform the functions that devolved on me, & only *in* *1857* was I allowed the pay of an Inspector in addition to my own Salary as Clerk of the Peace. In alluding to this fact of unremunerated labour, I beg that you will be kindly pleased to give it such weight and significance as in your judgment may seem proper; & as to the nature of my services generally, all that I would desire myself to say is, that I have ever been actuated by one ruling motive viz. the interests

of the Government I serve, & whose bounty I have been a recipient of; & not unfrequently have I sacrificed my personal comfort and even risked my life in the discharge of duties as difficult as they were delicate, as arduous as they were, at times, dangerous — In fact from the peculiar character of the work that devolved on me, I feel that I may not unreasonably reckon double the length of *ordinary* service and I am not unmindful of the liberality of a Government that rewards with a Pension equivalent to Pay, distinguished instances of zeal and honesty on the part of its servants altho unattended with loss of comfort or risk of life.

At my present time of life, after a servitude of more than 34 Years, with energies enervated and my general health impaired, I feel that I cannot any longer continue in active employ; & under the peculiar and extraordinary circumstances of my case I beg that you will be so good as to recommend me for the grant of a retiring Pension on such superior rate as the Government I serve, and to whom alone I must look for an adequate pension in old age, may deem me deserving of, and for which considerate kindness I shall ever feel profoundly grateful.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Geo. Jno. Lafond

Supt. of Marine Police

A

This is to certify that Mr. G. J. Lafond Superintendent of Marine Police was under Medical treatment from 16 January to 15th February 1859 labouring with Dyspepsia - nervous debility, and absence of mind -
He is strictly of temperate habits.

Trichinopoly
2nd March 1859

H. Stitchmill
Asst. Apothy.
2d. L. C.

Confirmed

Trichinopoly
3rd March 1859

Wm. Peal
Asst. Surgeon 34th Regt. N. I.

B

Memo of Service

From August or Sept. 1824 to 20th Jany. 1826.	Employed in the Clothing Board Office.
From 21st Jany 1826 to 31st Jany 1827.	In the Pay Department under Major A. Stock, during the Rangoon war, & subsequently at Madras in bringing up the accounts of the Pay Department, after which the Department was abolished. During the war I was often employed in conveying Treasure, to the amount of 8 or 10 lacks of Rupees, down the River & shipping it on board the Men of War for the sake of better security — Major Stock's Certificate [illegible] at the time of Sir Thomas Munro's death at Puttecondah, together with other property.
(From Feby to June 1827.	Employed under Sir Thomas Munro)
From July 1827 to 26th Novr. 1832.	In the Malayalum Translator's Office as English writer —
From 27th Novr. 1832 to 27th Augt. 1838.	In the Madras Police Office Entered as Register of Passports — Promoted to Manager & afterwards appointed Clerk of the Peace — During the period of my connexion with the Police I was employed as a "Detective" & was sworn in as a special Constable for the execution of warrants &c. without any addition to my salary, & I have apprehended several notorious characters — In 1836 one Moottoosawmy/

a Gold Smith brought to light the attempt made by the Nabob of Kurnool to overthrow the British power. During this period I was often at my Desk from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. being entrusted with the copying of secret correspondence & at night was employed in watching the Houses of suspected parties and apprehending them. At that period the risk was considerable, as Emissaries were sent all about the country with secret writings exciting the Mahomedans, & my night work was so heavy that I scarcely slept 2 hours for many consecutive nights.

On occasions of Shipwrecks, I have often taken a line to stranded vessels, & never left the Beach till every life that could be saved was rescued from destruction.

At Fires I have always exerted myself to the utmost & by the aid of the Police have done good service on such occasions & have effected great preservation of property as well as of human life.

In the riot of 1854 in [illegible], with 12 Police men I kept at bay a mob of several hundreds & managed to effect the apprehension of the Ringleader & had him brought before Major Wilson who punished him severely.

I might, if I wished adduce other instances in which I have rendered service to the Public & the State, but the belief that my labours are pretty well known to the Govt. prevents my giving a lengthy statement.

Geo. Jno. Lafond

C

Copies of Testimonials

Madras, 20th January 1826.

"The bearer hereof, G. Lafond, has served in the Clothing Board Office as a Writer for upwards of two Years & is now discharged at his own request having obtained a situation to go to Rangoon."

(Signed) R. Hunter,
Secy. Clothing Board.

Madras 1st September, 1843.

"This is to certify that I have known George John Lafond since the year 1827 when in the employ of Sir Thomas 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 Thomas Munro, at the moment of his death, & induced me to employ him in the Malayalum Translator's Office as English writer in which situation he gave me every satisfaction."

(Signed) A. Maclean

*Sir Thomas died in my arms. G.L.

Extract of a letter from Surgeon I. Richmond, Secretary to the Lying-in Hospital, to Captn. Stafford, Actg. Chief Magistrate & Supdt. of Police, dated 30th Octr. 1846.

"By desire of the Committee of Management of the Lying-in Hospital, I have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the very praiseworthy conduct of Mr. Lafond, two of his private Servants, & some Peons of your Establishment, during the late Storm, in their successful efforts in removing the patients of the Hospital to the Scotch Kirk.

At the time this was effected, the water was 3 feet deep in the roads, & 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 St George Gazette, 26: April 1855, pages 396 & 399.

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

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

On my appointment to the Magistracy, ten years ago, I found Mr G. Lafond employed in the Police Office. Since that time, he has filled several situations, & 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, & have great pleasure in giving my testimony to the temper, willingness, activity, & attention he has invariably displayed in the performance of his duty.

Madras Police Office }
27: March 1856 }
(Signed) Fred: Clerk
Police Magistrate

Extract of a letter from Mr E. F. Elliot, to Mr Lafond, dated 10th Novr 1854

Thanks for your note, I cannot give any order about the Jemadar's guard to which you allude. Yesterday evening I settled with the Town Major to have a Picquet at the Tannah of the 6th Division Jemadar, & another at the Tannah of the Dacoyah, I suppose it will be done; if the detachment is at Chintadrepettah keep it there till I see you at 10. o'clock

11th Novr 1854.

The detachment at Pursewaukum will be relieved to-morrow morning by the party of the same strength, or rather replaced by another. There will be also a Jemadar's party at Choolay, & another at the Tannah of the Jemadar at Paesamettoo".

Let me hear from you tomorrow morning whether the shops are all opened."

Extract of a letter from Mr E. F. Elliot, to Mr J. G. Clarke, dated 11th Novr 1854.

"I have just returned from Pursewaukum & Choolay, at the former place there has been a little plundering but nothing to signify; *by the good management of Mr Lafond* the bazaars are again open, & 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 Dacoyah's Tannah & I trust the Bazaarmen will re-open their shops."

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

Extract of a letter from Mr Elliot, to Mr Lafond, dated 12th Novr 1854

"Let me know whether there are Sepoys at the Tannahs of the Jemadars of the 6th Division & that of the Dacoyah in Choolay, & that in Pursewaukum, & how many men at each. Also mention whether the bazaars are open; & at what rate they are selling, send for me if there is any thing particular".

Madras General Police Office, 28th April 1858.

Mr G. J. Lafond entered the Police Office in 1832, in 1840 he became 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 Tannahs, & giving 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 fires or at grain disturbances he was always useful, & 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, & I do hereby recommend him to the kind consideration of my successor.

(Signed) E. F. Elliot.

Royapettah Police Court, 1st Sept. 1858.

I have known Mr Safford since the middle of the year 1846. & my opinion of him as a most active & interested Police Officer stands very high. I do not speak of Mr Safford from my own knowledge alone, but I have frequently heard Mr Edward Elliot mention him as a most excellent Detective, & he has told me, that in former years, when engaged in Services of difficulty & danger he has received valuable assistance at his hands. For myself I believe him to be zealous & unsparing in exertion in the service of Government, — & I shall be rejoiced to see him by the kindness and consideration enabled to retire upon such Pension as will permit him to provide for his family & live respectably for the rest of his days.

(Signed) H. Colbeck, Lt. Col.
Senior Magistrate

True Copies
Geo. F. D. Safford

1859 Dept.

No. 1.

Enclosure in a letter
from the Commissioner
of Police dated 12th
March 1859, No. 33.

from
Mr. G. J. Lafond
Supt. Marine Police

Dated 5th
Recd. } March, 1859.

Applied for a
Superannuation
Pension.

In Dt. 141/59.

No. 33.

Madras Police Commissioner's
Office, 12th March, 1859.

From
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police

To
T. Pycroft Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to forward the application of Mr. G. J. Lafond Superintendent of the Marine Police for permission to retire from the service of Government on the Pension to which his period of service, extending over 34 Years 2 Months and 10 Days in the Uncovenanted line, may entitle him to receive.

2 Mr. Lafond during the first Two Years, 10 Months and 11 Days of these 34 Years, 2 Months and 10 Days, seems to have obtained Miscellaneous employment, not of a permanent nature and it is not taken into account. In July 1827 he was engaged as a Writer in the Malialum Translator's Office, in which he remained until the 26th of November 1832. On the 27th the day following, he entered the General Police Office as a Clerk and in that Department he has served from that day up to the present time, excepting the short period he was out of office by order of Government under date 26th August last, Public Department No. 1182 amounting to 26 Days.

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3. He was dismissed from his appointment of Deputy Commissioner of Police under the Orders referred to above and on the 24th September last, under the operation of the same Order he was appointed to the inferior situation of Superintendent of the Marine Police.

4 His whole period of Service amounts to 31 Years 8 Months and 4 Days, and would have been continuous but for the break above alluded to amounting to 26 days.

5. His application with the Documents annexed by him, are herewith sent by me in original, and I do so in the hope and with my most earnest recommendation that you will solicit for the faithful and arduous services of this old and now worn out Officer, the best consideration that his peculiar case deserves.

6 His case is a special one because in addition to service rendered by him in his capacity as a Clerk in the Magistrates' Office, he was regularly employed for a long series of years by my predecessor Mr. C. J. Elliot as an Inspector of Police without any additional salary, and it is clear from the evidence I am able to procure on the subject, that the duty which was required of him, (and that principally by Night) was of an arduous, responsible and confidential nature, and it is evident also that he performed it to the entire satisfaction of the Head of the Department,

7. Before Mr. Elliot resigned his Office into my hands he told me how he had employed Mr. Lafond, advised me to continue to do so, and begged me to appoint him as one of the paid Inspectors on 100 Rupees per month, [the sanction for which was then expected] in addition to his Office as Clerk of the Peace, as soon as pay for Officers of that grade was sanctioned by the Government of India; and on the 1st of February 1857 I did so, and from that date to the present day, first as Inspector and afterwards as Superintendent of the Marine Police a Stoppage of Half an Anna per Rupee per month from his Pay as an Officer of the Force, as a contribution to the Police Superannuation Fund has been made in accordance with the Provisions of Section XVIII of Act XIII of 1856.

8 The application by Mr. Lafond for pension as an Uncovenanted servant in the Police Department will not I apprehend meet with any demur, and therefore I have no need to say any thing on that point, but as his name was not borne on the list of Police Officers until the 1st of February 1857, although he was a special Constable and employed constantly as such, I feel it my duty, earnestly to solicit you to bring his services before His Lordship in Council in so favorable a manner as to obtain for him by a recognition of his Services as a Police Officer, faithfully rendered during

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a long course of Years, a Pension of Fifty Rupees per Month from the Police Superannuation Fund in addition to the sum which I hope may be granted to him as an Uncovenanted Assistant.

9 I therefore take the liberty to forward Two Registers, One in the prescribed form for a Pension in the Uncovenanted Service, and the other according to the Form used when application is made for Pension for an Officer of the Police Force.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Commissioner of Police

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Pub: 1859 No 141

From
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police
To
T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Dated 12th
Recd 15th } March, 1859
No 33
Enclosd Three

Forwards with his favorable recommendation an application from Mr G. J. Lafond for a Superannuation pension.

Q-E- No 118
from Aug 1830 to 21 [illegible]
being 2 - [illegible] day
Dy 24/3/59
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Referred to the Civil Auditor for the usual verification.

Fort Saint George, }
185 } D. F. Carmichael
Depy. Secy. to Government.

To
The Civil Auditor.

Recd 17/3/59 & Retd 22/Do.
LLL
Ag. C. A.

Mr Drummond
[illegible] 21/3

From
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police

To
J. L. Lushington Esqre
Civil Auditor

Sir,

Report as per [illegible]
[illegible]

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 141 dated 18th Instant, and in reply to inform you that I am unable to procure any information regarding where Mr Lafond was Employed between August 1830 and November 1832 -

LLL
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The only information I possess on the subject is given by Mr Lafond himself in his Memorandum marked **B** which is annexed to his application for Pension. I have written to Mr Lafond and requested him to inform me where he he was employed between those dates, and on receipt of his answer will communicate with you again on the subject.—

Under all the circumstances of his case I think it is advisable that your report thereon should be made at once, as it now stands before you.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Commissioner of Police

Office of the Comr. of Police
Madras 21st March 1859

Register of an application for a Superannuation Pension from the Establishment of the Madras Police Commissioner's Office preferred under the Rules passed by Government under date 15th May 1851.

Name of the person by whom pension is applied for with the name of his Father.	Number on the Establishment.	Identification of applicant's person	Size		Age of applicant at the time of application			Religion Caste or Tribe	Where residing			Present Employment	Total period of actual service.			Applicant's service continuous or not.	How long unemployed and under what circumstances	Date of application to Government.	Average salary or authorized allowance per mensem for the 5 years preceding the date of application.			Salary authorized official allowance per mensem at the time of application.			Abstract of the Grounds of application.	Remarks of the Head of Office	Proposed amount of pension per mensem and date from which to commence.			Treasury at which the party if pensioned wishes to draw his pension	Orders of Government
			Feet	Inches	Years	Months	Days		Province	Pergunnah	Village		Years	Months	Days				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.		
George John Lafond	1	Brown complexion, a dimple in the Chin and Gray hairs.	5	9	53	"	"	Protestant Catholic East Indian	Madras on sick leave at Tanjore	++	++	Superintendent of Marine Police.	31	8	4	Continuous from 27th November 1832 to 27th August 1858 and again from 24th September 1858	Unemployed for 26 days, under the Orders of Government dated 26th August 1858 Public Department No. 1182 and under the operation of the same order was appointed as Superintendent of Marine Police on the 24th Septr. following	1859 March 12th	209	9	"	250	"	"	Unfit for service from nervous debility and absence of mind.—	On account of serious affection of the mind was sent to Tanjore on sick Certificate in October last.	104 1st April 1859.	11	6	Madras Treasury.	

Madras Police
Commissioner's Office
12th March 1859.

Commissioner of Police

1859 Septr

No 2

Enclosure in a letter from the Commissioner of Police dated 12th March 1859, No 33.

Register of application for a Superannuation pension under the Civil pension Rules.

In No. 141/59.

Police Superannuation Fund.

Register of an application for a Superannuation Pension from the Establishment of the Madras Police Force preferred under the Rules passed by Government under the Provisions of Sections XVII, XVIII and XIX of Act XIII of 1856 of the new Police Code.

Name of the person by whom pension is applied for with the name of his Father	Number on the Establishment.	Identification of applicant's person.	Size		Age of applicant at the time of application.			Religion Caste or Tribe.	Where residing.			Present employment	Total period of actual service in the Police			Applicant's service continuous or not	How long unemployed and under what circumstances.	Date of application to Government.	Average salary or authorized allowance per mensem for the 5 years preceding the date of application			Salary authorized official allowance per mensem at the time of application			Abstract of the Grounds of application.	Remarks of the Head of Police.	Proposed amount of pension per mensem and date from which to commence.			Treasury at which the party if pensioned wishes to draw his pension.	Orders of Government.
			Feet	Inches	Years	Months	Days		Province	Talook	Village		Years.	Months.	Days.				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.		
George John Lafond	1	Brown complexion, a dimple in the Chin, and Grey hairs.	5	9	53	"	"	Protestant Catholic, East Indian	Madras, on sick Leave at Tanjore.	"	"	Superintendent of the Marine Police.	26	4	4	Continuous.	Employed as an Inspector from the date of Entertainment though not receiving pay as such until the 1st February 1857, when pay for Officers of that rank was first granted, under the Orders of Government, dated 23rd April 1857, Jud. Dept. No. 459.	1859 March 12th	100 Subject to the remarks in the Column "How long unemployed & under what circumstances".	"	"	100	"	"	Unfit for service from nervous debility and absence of mind.	On account of serious affection of mind, was sent to Tanjore, on sick Certificate, in October last.	50 1st April, 1859	"	"	Madras Presidency	

Madras, Police
Commissioners Office,
12th March, 1859.

Commissioner of Police.

1859 Septr.

No. 3.

Enclosure in a letter from the Commissioner of Police dated 12th March 1859.
No. 33.

Register of an application for a Superannuation Pension on the "Police Superannuation Fund".

In No. 141/59.

General Depart^t

No 151

Report of the Acting Civil Auditor

The Acting Civil Auditor, has the honor to report that the Authorised Official Allowance drawn by Mr. C. J. Lafond, Superintendent of the Marine Police, for the last five years of his service has been Rupees 209-7-" per mensem; and that his service under the Government embraces a period of 29 years 4 months and 6 days: Viz from 1st July 1827 to 31st July 1830 and from 27th November 1832 to 26th August 1858 and from 24th Sept^r 1858 to 31st March 1859.

From 1st August 1830 to 26th Nov^r 1832, it is stated that Mr. Lafond, was in the Malayalum Translator's Office, this period of his service is not traceable from the records of this Office, but the Commissioner of Police has written to Mr. Lafond, for information on this point. By Ex. M. C. dated 26th August 1858 Mr Lafond, was dismissed with permission to be employed in a less responsible situation which he has since obtained

Acting Civil Auditor

Fort Saint George,
Civil Auditor's Office,
22^d March 1859.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Civil Pension Department

Ex^d [illegible]
Copied by

Separate

Public Department

No. 118

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 24th March, 1859.

Read the following Papers:

From the Commissioner of Police.
Forwards with his recommendation, an application from Mr. G. J. Lafond, Superintendent of the Marine Police, for a Superannuation pension (Dated 12th March, 1859 No. 53)

From the Ag. Civil Auditor
Reports on the above application (Dated 22d March, 1859 No. 151)

Age.	Period of Service	Averge Salary for the last five years of Service	Abstract of the grounds of application
Ys. Ms. Ds.	Ys. Ms. Ds.	R. A. P.	Unfit for Service from nervous debility & absence of mind.
53	29-4-6	209-7-0	

Resolved that a Superannuation Pension of Rupees 69-13-0 per Mensem, being one-third of his average salary, be granted to Mr. G. J. Lafond for ~~and~~

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From
The Ag. Civil Auditor

Dated 22d
Recd 23d } March 1859.

Reports on the Service of Mr. J. G. Lafond Superintendent of the Marine Police Office

In Ex. No. 118
Dy. 24/3/59.

for the period of service that has been verified by the Audit Office - to be increased to one half if his further services should be proved then so as to raise the period to above 30 years.

and that a Certificate + be issued making the same payable from the 1st April, 1859 the date from which he will cease~~d~~ to be employed

+ No. 2250

JP

Secretary to Govt.

To

The Commissioner of Police D/. 26/3/59. With the Orl & Cop Certe
The Civil Auditor - D/. 26/3/59 With the Copy Certe.

Recd. 28th Entd & Retd 29/3/59
G.C.A.

See Pen. No. 190 of 6/8/59.
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Extract Minutes of
Consultation

Dated 24th March 1859.

Granting a Super-
annuation Pension of Rupees
(69 – 13 – 0) Sixty nine Annas Thirteen
to Mr G. L. Lafond
on the Establishment of the

No. of Certificate 2250/5
2750