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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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To

His Excellency Sir C. Trevelyan K B
Governor of Fort Saint George

Your Excellency

With all deference I beg to bring to your Excellency's notice circumstances connected with my unfortunate situation and respectfully to request that some consideration may be extended to an old and tried servant of Government and indeed who has labored in no ordinary manner for the long period of 34 years and who in his advanced age is left to rely on an allowance insufficient to command the means of decent subsistence.

Twenty six years of the above service have been spent in the Police Department and during this time besides the duties appertaining to my proper office as Clerk of the Peace I was called upon to perform (for the most part gratuitously) services of a character involving no small sacrifice of comfort or amount of personal risk to myself services which were indeed entrusted to me in days when the Law received only a reluctant respect and when the state of affairs rendered the times both difficult and dangerous. Under such circumstances I have been frequently engaged in the

the apprehension of notorious offenders in the
saving of human life and preservation of
public order and the recovery of much property
both public and private. In Riots and street
disturbances in Fire and Flood in Tempest
and shipwreck in Times of peace and times
of general disquietude I have ever been
conspicuous and my conduct has on such
occasions received special commendation.
It is a profound satisfaction to me to be able
to add that my labors have invariably
been attended with success a fact that
can be borne testimony to not only by
those placed in authority over me but
by the whole community of Madras, and
I may in truth declare without the charge
of egotism being laid to me that in
whatever I have undertaken or accomplished
the great guiding principles have been a solemn
sense of duty and a conscientious desire to
obey the mandate "Do unto others as you
would have others do unto you". Had I con-
fined my attention strictly to the duties
of my appointment as Clerk of the Peace
I should perhaps not now have been in
position to draw so strong a line of
distinction between myself and the great
body of clerks in the employ of Government.
Whilst like them I have devoted a certain
portion

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portion of each day to toil at the desk I have
labored with higher and more important
purposes in view and by sacrifice of my
private leisure. I have done much to secure
the safety of life & property & to further the ends of
Criminal Justice. In consideration of
these circumstances I beg that my case
may be considered as a special one and
that in being admitted to the benefits
of the Pension Rules I might meet with
a higher degree of indulgence than is us-
ually extended to old servants retiring
under ordinary circumstances. Instances
are not wanting in which old and faithful
servants of Government have for special
reasons been considered worthy of reward
to the full extent of their monthly stipends.
I would beg that some similar mark of
distinction may be bestowed upon me.
I would beg to draw your Excellency's particular
attention as mentioned above I have since my
entrance into the Police Department always
performed the Duties of a Detective as well
as Executive officer devoting my leisure hours
and a great portion of the night to that
work. In consideration of this description
of service an allowance of 100 Rupees per
mensem was made to me in addition
to my salary in 1857 or at the time the Police
force

Force was put on its present footing and calculating at this rate the previous twenty four years services their value 33,696 Rupees has been in fact a saving to Government. It may not be out of place were I to mention that in the Pension now awarded to me this special remuneration has not been taken into account in computing the average because the Commissioner of Police was of opinion that I had exclusively rendered important services in the Detective Branch I had actually subscribed to the Fund in common with others of the Department I should more properly participate in its benefits recommended me for the additional pension of 50 Rupees from that fund but the Government have not been pleased to pass any orders on this recommendation. I beg therefore to certify that my claim on the bounty of Government may be reconsidered with reference to the circumstances mentioned above and that I may be allowed a pension more commensurate with my services and deserts.

* This Extract of letter from the Commr. of Police dated 12th March 1859 to Governr. in Council. Para 6. 6-7-8.

Madras
28th June 1859

I beg leave to remain

Your Excellency's

Your Most Obedient & Humble Servant

George Lafond

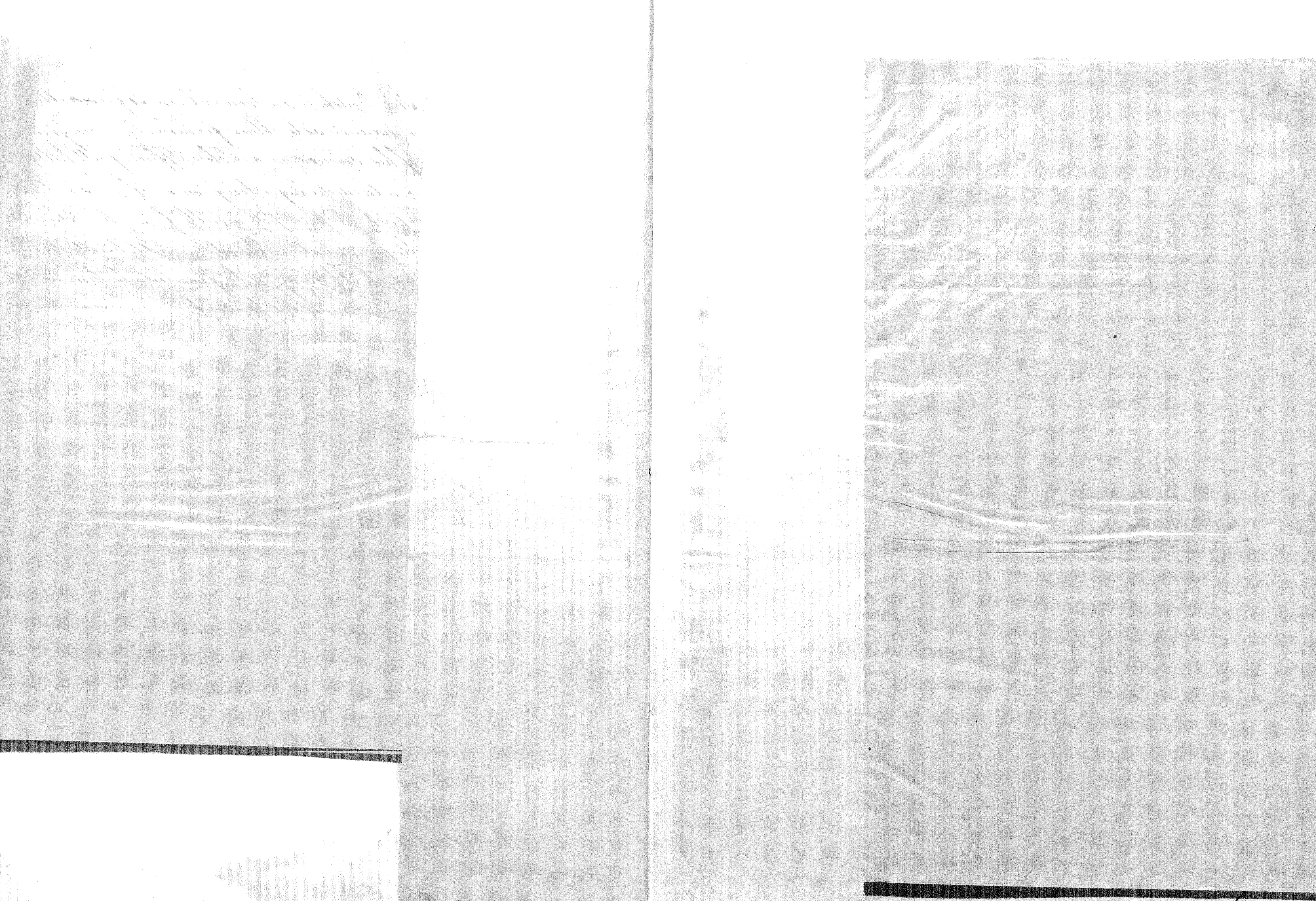
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Extract from a letter from the Commissioner of Police to the Chief Secretary to Government dated 12th March 1859 No. 33

Para 6. This 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. E. J. Elliott 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. Before Mr. Elliott 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

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 Minor Police Staffage 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 provision of Section XVIII of Act XLIII of 1856.

8 The application by M^r Lafond for pension as an Uncovenanted servant in the Police Department will not I apprehend meet with any success, 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 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 -
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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 a long course of years a Pension of 50 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.



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 and is now discharged at his own request having obtained a situation to go to Rangoon.

(Signed) R. HUNTER,

Secretary 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, and induced me to employ him in the Malyalum Translator's Office as English Writer in which situation he gave me every satisfaction.

(Signed) A. MACLEAN.

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 Oct. 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 and four Peons of your establishment, during the late storm, in their successful efforts in removing the patients there in Hospital to the Scotch Kirk.

At the time this was effected, the water was 3 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 St. 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 following testimony borne by the Chief Magistrate to the zealous and enterprising conduct of Mr. G. J. Lafond, the Clerk to the Justices.

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

This Testimonial was voluntarily granted. 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, 1856.

(Signed) FRED. CLERK.

Police Magistrate.

Extract of letters from Mr. E. F. Elliot, to Mr. Lafond, dated 10th Nov. 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 Chintadrepettah keep it there till I see you at 10 o'clock.
11th November, 1854.

"The detachment at Pursewakum 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, and another at the Tannah of the Jemadar at Pariamettoo."

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

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

I have just returned from Pursewakum and 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, 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 Bazaarsmen 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 November, 1854.

"Let me know whether there are Sepoys at the Tannahs of the Jemadar's of the 6th Division and that of the Darogah's in Choolay, and that in Pursewakum, 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."

MADRAS GENERAL POLICE OFFICE, 28th April, 1858.

Mr. G. J. 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 Tannahs, and giving 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.

ROYAPETT 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 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.

24th Nov. 1859.

In a letter from the Commissioner of Police of 29th Nov. 1859.

superior. His case is altogether exceptional & a favorable one. It can form no precedent. But the consideration he is entitled to have his long and faithful service under the conditions of the Police Fund. It is not his deservings but a mockery of his long service.

Memo

Mr. Laford, late Superintendent of Marine Police was pensioned last month on $\frac{1}{2}$ his average salary for the preceding 5 years. He now asks that he may be admitted as a Pensioner on the Police Superannuation Fund established under Section 17, 18 & 19 of Act XIII of 1856, or that his present pension may, as a special case, be raised.

With regard to the first request he represents that though his salary as Inspector (100 Rs. per mensem) did not commence till 1854, he has for 26 years held that post without remuneration, and that as a saving to the State has thereby been effected amounting to Rupees 33,696! he has some claim to consideration.

Under para 7 of the Act quoted, the grant of a pensionary provision is confined to the Class not entitled to the benefit of the uncovenanted Service pension rules. The wording of the rule appears to indicate the intention that no person shall receive pension from

from both sources.

An Inspector of Police it seems from the Report of the Civil Auditor, is not entitled to Pension under the Uncovenanted Service Rules. The Pension of that Office must come from the Police Superannuation Fund created by Act XIII - 1856.

Mr. Lafond's case stands thus:

Up to the 1st February 1857 He was Clerk of the Peace.

From 1st February 1857 to 22nd June 1858 he was Clerk of the Peace and Inspector of Police - that is, he was Inspector of Police for 17 months.

From 23rd June 1858 to 26th August of that year, he was Deputy Commissioner of Police.

From 27th August to 24th September 1858 he was out of employ.

From 24th September 1858 to 1st April 1859 he was Superintendent of Marine Police.

All his allowances in the above capacities have been taken into account in making up the 5 years average on which his pension has been calculated, except his salary as Inspector of Police - i.e. for 17 months 1700 Rupees.

His

His application for an increased pension for duties of Inspector performed by him before he was actually appointed Inspector of Police in 1857, seems to me wholly inadmissible. Prior to that date he, as Clerk of the Peace under the Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, did such duties as were assigned him, and we cannot now enquire what they were. The Office of Inspector of Police was only created on the 1st February 1857.

Mr. Lafond's position from the 1st February 1857 to 22nd June 1858 as Clerk of the Peace and Inspector of Police thus belonging as it were to two Departments, was an anomalous one, and not likely to occur again.

Still, as Mr. Lafond has subscribed to the Police Fund, he ought not to be a loser by it.

There seem to me to be two courses to pursue.

One to allow him to reckon his allowances as Inspector Rupees 1700 towards pension, which would raise that which he now enjoys from Rupees 104-12-0 to Rupees 117-0-0.

The excess, Rupees 14-11 should be charged
to the Police Superannuation Fund.

The other to refund his subscriptions
to that Fund Rupees 79.

Orders are requested on
these alternatives.

The latter seems a much
better course as it might
prove an inconvenient precedent
to admit a warrant to provision
on two funds - or rather on the police
treasury & the Police Superannuation
Fund at the same time. If he gets
back his subscriptions he will have
nothing to complain of.

As the case is not likely to
recur, I agree that Mr Lafonds
contribution to the Police Pension
Fund may be returned to him.

Wm. Hodgson

20 July 59-

Mr Lafonds applies for an addl pension of 50Rs a month besides
the "room" of the Govt. under the special award of his case.
There is no rule in restoring his salary to only 79 Rs. or
about 1/2 the monthly pension.

There are cases in Mr Lafonds case of. entitled him to
consideration. He is an old servant who has done his work faithfully &
well (as per his testimonials particularly that of Mr & F. Elliott) at a time when
the adequate provision had been made for the remuneration of the Police
& he has an opportunity of bettering his condition in the high office he holds.
19 July 59. Let him have more than there that of his immediate

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Madras Police Commissioner's
Office, 29th June, 1859.

From

Colonel P. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police

To

J. Pyroth Esq^r,

Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

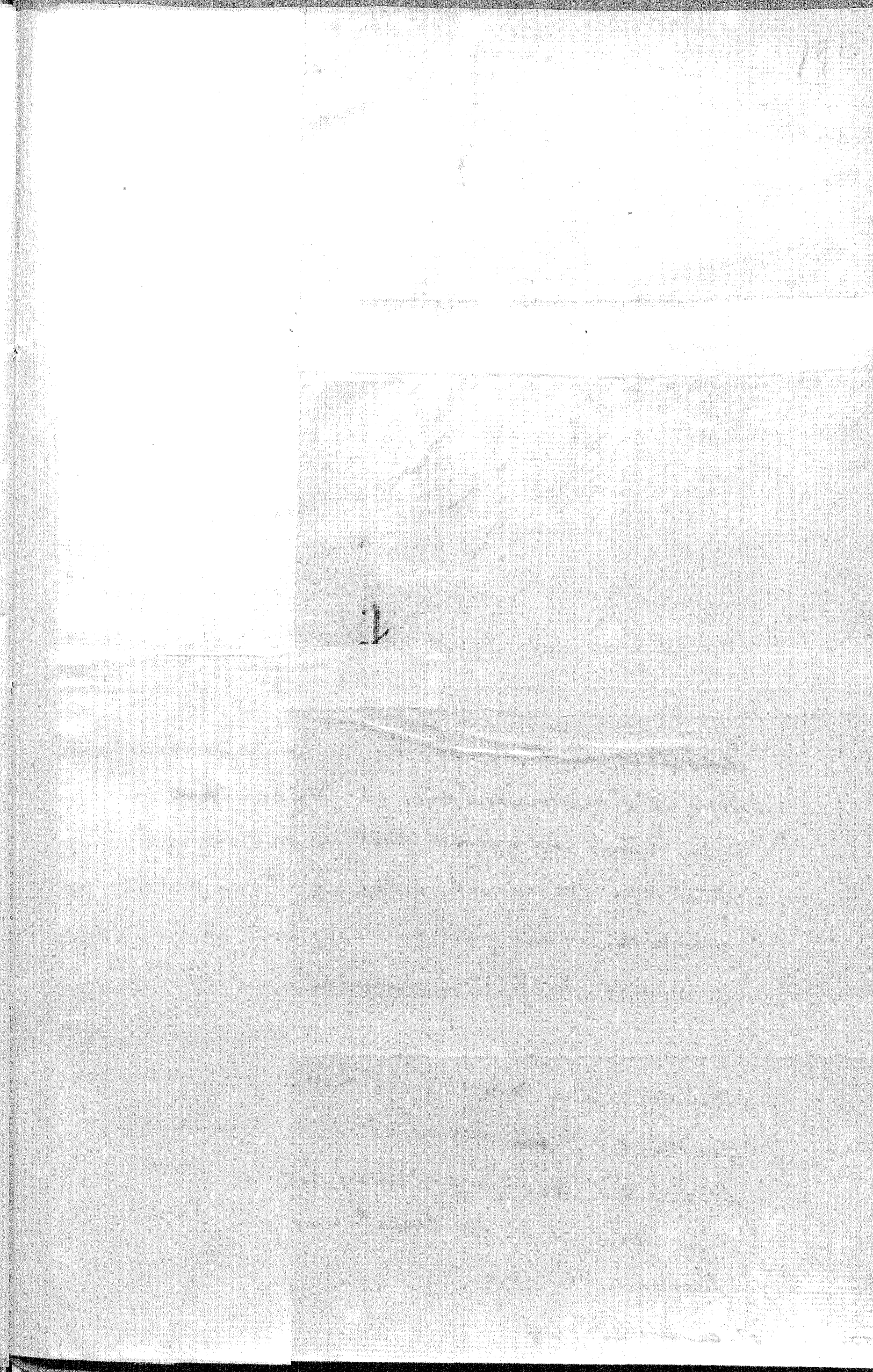
I have the honor to forward
for the favorable consideration
of His Excellency the Governor
in Council, a Petition from Mr.
J. P. Lafond, a Pensioner of the
Police Establishment, dated 28th
Instant, praying for an increased
rate of Pension, on the plea of
length of service in the Police as
a Detective Officer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant
Wm. Hodgson

Commissioner of Police



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Colonel A. C. McWhorter

Commissioner of Police

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Resolved that the Board be informed that the Commission of Police has in reply to his address that the first report that they cannot accede to his application for an increased rate of pension.

His claim to a pension from the Police Insurance Fund is inadmissible under Sec XVII - Art XIII. 1856 which restricts the ^{advised to pay} benefit of the Fund to those who are of a class not entitled to the benefit of the Union. Senior ~~Admission~~

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