

Stanley 1st January 1850.

Sir,

In consequence of the very unmerited censure applied to me by your excellency yesterday, in presence of the whole of my Detachment of Artillery, when you dignifiedly accused me with misleading the men; and also upon my denying the charge, and calling upon you to retract the same, turning on your heel. Kindly adding you would wait awhile for it. I have to request that you will direct me to be furnished with a copy of the Minutes of Conference, as taken down at the time, in writing, by Mr. Longden, your excellency's Chief Clerk, & Acting Colonial Secretary.

I feel it necessary in justice to myself here to state, that ever since I came to the Colony, now closely approaching by three months, I have shown your Excellency all deference, and unwearily addressed you with becoming respect, and I call upon you to cite a single instance to the contrary. I am sorry however to observe that often & long before the recent occurrence, I have been treated by you, when speaking on business details, the reverse of courteous.

Yours Excellency
Governor. Rennie
Stanley

I am therefore unwillingly com-
pelled to acquaint you that it is my
intention to prefer a complaint against
you to the Right Honorable the Secretary
at War.

I have &c
(signed) J. Reid
Captain & Staff Officer
among Pensioners, F.R.S. &c

Sanley January 1st 1850

Sir
I have the honour to inform
your excellency that in conformity with
your worthy instructions contained in a
letter dated 29th Ultimo I accompanied
Captain Reid and Prisoners to the first
mural land and pointed out what was
open to their selection.

2. I beg to inform your excellency
that after explaining the nature of your
instructions the prisoners unanimously
declined to select their ten acres as
being that it was too far from the settlement
to be of any use to them.

I have &c.
(Signed) H. J. Sanley
Surveyor General

His Excellency
The Governor
V. Jc.

Stanley, 3rd January 1850

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter dated the 21st. It was only delivered to me on the evening of the 1st Inst. and about six hours after mine of that date had been despatched to you.

I. With reference to the remark in the second paragraph of that Letter, stating it is now about five months since the plan for the erection of the Barracks was finally settled and the works commenced, but not until I had given the whole case my serious consideration in concert with Mr Stanley and yourself, I must admit that you did make me acquainted with the resolution you from time to time took regarding the placing of the house; but your necessity must remember the dissatisfaction which I verbally at the time and often afterwards expressed at the determination ultimately taken by you with regard to the position of the house, and I had the best authority for my objection to the plan, in consequence of an observation made by your Excellency yourself not on the very first day that

W. S. Stanley
Governor, Penang
Stanley

Yours
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led by you to view the contemplated
site of the Barrack, and when I happen-
ed to go a little way up the hill for the
purpose of more minutely examining
the ground your Excellency called out to
me saying "Oh Captain Reid, you must
not think of going there for, if you do
you will be blown into the air." Now
on this very identical spot your Excellency
has determined eight hundred of the Penabro-
ers houses shall be built.

3. I am not aware that I drew so
very alarming a picture of this locale
in my Letter of the 30th Ult. as your
Excellency in the 4th paragraph of yours
of the 3rd would make it appear, for
it seems to have been apparent to you,
even then, from your own observation
to have been in your estimation far from
an enviable situation.

4. With regard to the fifth paragraph
of your Excellency's Letter wherein it is
stated, - it is difficult for me to account
for the extraordinary discrepancy between
the votes of your men and your repre-
sentations of their wishes &c. &c. for a very easy
solution may soon be furnished your
Excellency, by my simply stating the
fact, that when your first put it to the

men

men (and thus permit me to observe
 was before Mr Langden was called by
 you to come into the outer office (and
 take notes), whether or no they were de-
 sired of having their houses covered
 down the hill. They in a body affirm-
 ed it, by one and all (stepping to the
 front). but when your excellency after-
 wards told them that in that case they
 would be deprived of the 8th of an
 acre, promised them, they very natu-
 rally preferred the piece of land, bad
 as it is, both in point of soil and
 situation, - to having none at all.

5. We now come to the sixth Paragraph
 of your excellency's letter with respect to
 which I have only to repeat what
 I before stated to you in my letter of
 the 1st Instant, that ever since I came
 to the Colony I have always conducted
 myself towards you with deference and
 proper respect. To the statement made
 in the said 6th Paragraph of your excel-
 lency's letter "that this morning after re-
 ceiving your interesting note, in the forenoon
 I went to the garden &c" I beg to observe that
 I only once to the best of my recollection
 addressed a remark to you there, and
 that was in consequence of an observation
 you made to some of the men while
 walking

walking round the garden" that you
 "had the option of giving them some
 little stock." I replied that the men
 were entitled to a Cow and saw as appear-
 ed by their printed instructions issued
 to them by the Authority of the Home
 Government upon which you re-
 marked "I have my instructions from
 higher authority than you have yours
 Captain Bird."

6. And it was not until after
 we had left the garden, and I had
 again drawn up the men in front of
 the Government Offices that you ac-
 cused me of "misleading them" as ap-
 pears by the Minutes of Conference
 furnished to me, at my request, by
 your excellency's order, - and which
 Minute I do not think will bear out
 your excellency's statement "that I ap-
 peared in an excited manner listening
 to any explanation" for I do declare I
 never heard you offer any, but on the
 contrary when I requested you to re-
 tract the term, you turned away say-
 ing you will wait awhile for it."

I shall now conclude this Letter
 by stating that I still feel myself
 (called upon) to lay the whole case be-
 fore the Right Honorable the Secre-

tary

Very at War, as I informed your
 Excellency I would do, in my Letter
 of the 1st Instant, pursuant to the re-
 ceipt of yours of the 31st Ult.

I am V.
 signed J. Field
 Capt. V. Staff Officer
 Comdg. Prisoners

Sanley 10th January 1850

Sir,

I have been informed by Mr. Pauley the Surveyor General that he has been instructed by your Excellency that there is now to be no change in the back centre part of the Barrack at present in course of erection for the Prisoners.

I. At this centre portion of the Barrack, as your Excellency is aware, was, by the Authority of Her Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, assigned to me as a temporary residence, previous to my leaving England, - who likewise signified to Captain. Moodie to cause the builder to make it as comfortable for that purpose as circumstances and the time would admit - and, as this change, which your Excellency has now ordered shall not be effected, was intended by Captain. Moodie & W. Manning the builder to form a kitchen to the said portion of the building, - the materials for which have been sent out, and are now here. I am at a loss to conceive a reason for your Excellency entertaining the idea.

Respectfully
The Governor

J. V. Sanley

of

of depriving me of so very necessary an adjunct to comfort, as a place, wherein the food of myself and family may be cooked, - the more especially as you yourself have over and over again declared that you had no wish to interfere in the interior fitting up of the said (or) part of the building. That your excellency has nevertheless so interfered there, can be no doubt, as the plan of the same, made out by your excellency yourself, about six weeks ago, will prove, wherein the position of this detached kitchen is clearly defined in your own hand writing, vizt. adjoining the back corner of the barrack.

3. It is only the appearance of the Leads which seem unsightly or objectionable to your excellency, and which I have heard assigned as a reason for the recent instructions given, in that case I have only to beg your excellency's instructions to the Surveyor, whom may be given, to cause the kitchen to be put up in any other shape you please.

I am
signed

J. Reid
Capt & Staff Officer
Comdg. Prisoners

Stanley 10th Jan'y 1850.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose
a rough plan and note as received from
Captain Reid.

I have &c.
(signed) Arthur. Bailey
Surveyor General

His Excellency
The Governor

Copy

Stanley 11th Jan'y 1850

My dear Sir,

In answer to a verbal message conveyed from you to me within the last ten minutes by desire of H. C. the Governor, that he wished to see the pencil plan he made me, of the interior of the centre part of the Barrack, with the kitchen detailed, I beg to send it you enclosed, on the express understanding that it is to be returned to me in the same condition in which it now is. —

I remain &c.

(Signed) J. R. Bird

P.S. I had pencilled over it the rough copy of a letter some time ago, but the plan is still very plain, especially the 1st or ground floor.

(Signed) J. R.

A. S. Bailey Esqre
Surveyor General
Stanley

McCurdy's house
Stanley 11th Jan'y 1850.

Sir

I take the liberty of enquiring
of your Excellency, whether I may be
furnished with a copy of the Secretary
General's (Mr. Curly) letter to your Ex-
cellency which he may have written,
supplying his defence and reply; in
obedience to your Excellency's letter ad-
dressed to him dated 24th July on the
subject of the charge that I found it
necessary to prefer against him on the
20th preceding.

I have &c.
(signed) Jas. Edmonds
Second Clerk

His Excellency
Governor Renne

Government House
 Stanley 17th January 1850
 Friday

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Mr Bailey's letter bearing date 2nd December 1849, on the subject referred to in my letter to your Excellency, of the 11th Instant, requesting the same, and which your Excellency then promised me I should have. I obtained it 5 o'clock yesterday; Mr Longdon returned to the office about, who has been absent all day, on duty I believe, and directed me to make a copy thereof, which he said I might take with me; and Messrs Marshall wrote me a letter dated 16th Instant stating that he had been desired by your Excellency to furnish me with the same.

2. As Your Excellency does not propose to dispatch anything by the English, Barque, Barlow, now in the Harbour, and bound to Panama, I am precluded from sending the Memorial that I have already acquainted your Excellency I feel it necessary to do, until the next opportunity offers for your Excellency to send Despatches and

Yrs Excellency
 The Governor

a mail for England.

3. My only object being to obtain some satisfaction for the unmerited conduct I complain of, and a guarantee of freedom from anything of the kind for the future from your Excellency; I beg to say, that if your Excellency will require of Mr. Bailey a written apology expressing his regret for the violent measures he used against me; and your Excellency will favour me with a written assurance that you will protect all the Officers serving under your Government from future insult and assault I should not be unwilling to accommodate the thing.

4. I most respectfully suggest these terms, solely with deference to your Excellency's wish to have the affair settled amicably; but as I had no intention of giving offence to Mr. Bailey, and never held one angry word with him before, I think that any different settlement, ought not to be considered satisfactory to me.

5. Should your Excellency not entertain my proposition I beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that with some observations on Mr. Bailey's reply I shall forward to your Excellency the Memorial adverted to.

I have &c
Signed, Jas. Edmonds
Second Clerk.

Government House
Wanley 18th January 1850

Sir I beg to request the Original or
a copy, of the letter which your Excellency did
me the honour to write to me dated this day
and which was brought up into my office
by Mr Longden open for me to read; and
then to go down into the library to see your
Excellency. Mr Longden took the letter from
me before ushering me into your Excellency's
presence, and I am desirous of being in posses-
sion of its contents.

I have &c
(Signed) Jas. Edmunds
Second Clerk

Has Excellency
The Governor

Government House
 Stanley 19th January 1850
 Sir,

In your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date, which I had the honour to receive, there are some observations which I wish to answer.

2. The remark I made of Mr. Longden's absence from the Office which your Excellency comments upon, was by the way, explained when I received a copy of Mr. Bailey's letter and how; but I might have added that until his arrival, I had been disengaged two hours, having nothing to go on with, and the same circumstance has frequently occurred before: in no other way are the duties of Mr. Longden in my path, and it is contrary to my inclination, to interfere with them.

3. I am sorry that your Excellency has interpreted my passive suggestion, to be a prescription to settle the complaint lodged by me against Mr. Bailey, of an objectionable nature, and also to find that your Excellency erroneously supposed that I have been in concert with other

His Excellency
 The Governor

passes

practices to exact the conditions thereof; for I assure your Excellency the idea is without foundation. I need not think it would be safe for Mr. Bailey to have the temerity to act towards others as he has ventured to do against me.

Your Excellency's advice to me respecting the appointment of a mutual friend to adjust the matter in question was some relief to me whilst perusing your Excellency's letter; but as I have not asked, and do not expect either of the assurances that your Excellency declines to give me, as to protecting persons in "insuing provoking and insulting language," so do I think, it would be well for your Excellency to withdraw your protection from those who act in like manner, and who retaliate illegally, particularly persons who are in the commission of the Peace. Assuredly I would not venture again into Mr. Bailey's close or dwelling, nor accompanied by Mr. Perry the Head Constable, or Supply the Night Police Officer, even to receive two of my friends Bulby which I have lately lost; supposing I had information that they had stayed therein.

Your Excellency has alluded to the shameful outrage committed on me previously

previously to your Excellency's arrival; and had expressed your disapproval, of my having preferred a Squire Magistrate to decide on cases of common assault, before persons having little knowledge of English law, and judging by their actions, more just for it. I consider Mr. Moore was very culpable in acting as he did towards me, and I took measures against him to remedy the injury. I had received, by complaint of his conduct by your Excellency's messenger, and to your Excellency yourself, but neither of you wished to reprimand him, yet both had the power to do more. I think, therefore, that as I have forgiven him for the act it was needless for your Excellency to revive it; especially as your Excellency gave me your solemn assurance that nothing of the kind should ever occur again, under your Government, which I accepted as a present satisfaction: but certainly Mr. Moore's conduct was very indefensible.

6. On the subject of my attendance at the Office, which your Excellency mentions at the conclusion of your letter, I beg to be allowed to state, that your Excellency but once, and that most courteously requested me to keep the same Office hours

hours as were kept in England. I took
 place in the month of September 1848,
 at the time Charles Kingsford was called
 in, at an extra wage, and as I signed
 your Excellency just before the Court House.
 I at once complied with your Excellency's
 wish, and from that period until the
 present, I believe, I have as assiduously
 performed my duties, as any other offi-
 cer here. I do not know whether, your
 Excellency has used the word "invariably"
 for occasionally, in stating that I come
 by the office at eleven o'clock. I may
 have done so on some days owing to
 the difficulty of ascertaining the exact
 hour, there being no good time piece
 in the town, but I may say that I have
invariably remained, until from 1/2
 past 4 to 5 o'clock from the time I
 arrived in the morning, and sometimes
 until 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, the
 whole time without paying any re-
 freshment, though I have had seen
 9 o'clock when I have reached the
 Office, and this has occurred very often.
 While your Excellency and Mr. Kingdon
 have been in the habit of regularly leav-
 ing the Office, in the middle of the day
 precisely for that object, and return-
 ing again after some time, viz. 1/2
 of 12. I have considered that the

absence

absence of any remark from your
excellency, that I might do likewise,
arose from inconsideration, or
that it was ungenerous and unkind.
It is to the former reason I attribute
the neglect, because on one occasion
when I felt myself partially exhaust-
ed, and mentioned my condition to
your excellency, you immediately
despatched to me some wine and
sandwiches, which recruited me
considerably; and I was enabled
with renewed energy, to complete
what was then required of me.

7. With reference to the "serious
injuries I have received," that
your excellency so complacently
alludes to, and which as I judge,
your excellency regards as anything
less than a sign of opinion, that
had I been so far indifferent, as to have
placed myself in Mr. Bailey's position,
under all the circumstances of the
case, in less than 27 days some satis-
faction should have been exacted
from me: indeed, I think I should
have been locked up for a portion
of them, including the nights; and it
would be in a place at a distance from
Mr. Bailey's Office. However as your

Yours
(excellency

Your Excellency has proposed a settlement, to
 show that there is no presumption in one
 as your excellency appears to imagine, I
 beg to select either of two mutual friends
 to bring the case to a close; and my opinion
 is either for your excellency or Lord Grey
 to take such proceedings for that purpose
 as justice demands in his Lordship.
 For your excellency may deem just.

I have V.
 (signed) Jas Edmonds
 Second Clerk