Private and Confidential

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th June 1848

Sir

I have the honor most respectfully to Welcome your Excellency's arrival here at the seat of Government.

It is my imperative duty to direct your Excellency's attention to recent events that have occurred the particulars of which may His Excellency Governor Rennie

Trusting your Excellency will pardon the liberty I have thus taken in so early directing your attention to business affairs as I have only necessity to plead for me in so doing:—

I have the honorable
Your Excellency's
Most obedient
humble Servant
Jas. Edmonds.
Clerk.

may be gathered from the Correspondence between Governor Moody and myself contained in the 3rd Vol. of Miscellaneous letters to the Governor Pp. 370. 381. 382. 384. 385. 387. 389. 403. 406. and I feel strongly impelled to put myself under your protection and to request your Excellency will give your attention to the matters narrated — previous to the departure of Governor Moody as I conceive they are of much importance. Every Stratagem has been resorted to for the purpose of removing me from the situation assigned me by Earl Grey on the 27th February 1857 but without success.

I have adopted this method to Communicate with your Excellency that you may have an opportunity of making an impartial enquiry in the way most agreeable to your Excellency's wishes but there are many circumstances that I should wish to mention to your Excellency in a private interview. It might for me to mention that I have observed a complete system of hypocrisy and it will not be judicious for your Excellency too readily to take any one into your Confidence until you shall have been fully satisfied regarding the subject of this communication

I am &c

Government House
Stanley 17th. May 1851
3 o'clock P. M.

Sir

I take the liberty of re-
questing your Excellency to favor
me with a reply to this letter.—

2. In consequence of your
Excellency's verbal order com-
municated to me here this mor-
ning directing me to superintend
the stowage of five or six hundred
packages of Gunpowder in the
Powder Magazine; and to report
to your Excellency the correct num-

ber

His Excellency
Governor Rennie

ber; and also informing me that
Mr Longden will deliver to me
the key of the same, on Monday
morning next at 10 o'clock; I should
be much obliged to your Excellency,
by being informed whether your
Excellency has received any instruc-
tions from the Secretary of State,
concerning this duty, or any other
Store duties; since I was relieved from
the "charge and management of the
"Stores", on the 17th Feby 1848 by
His Excellency Governor Moody.

3. It is because I am aware,
that it has been suggested within
a late period, to your Excellency

That

that the performance of such duties might be advantageously attended to, by one or two Gentlemen who are named; that I am naturally anxious to know whether, your Excellency contemplates making any permanent change of the particular duties appertaining to the Office that I have the honor to hold; namely assisting the Acting Colonial Secretary &c, in the preparation of the various accounts and returns &c, required by the Colonial Department, and which duties only, have been required of me from that time to the present.—

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
most obedient Servant
Jas. Edmonds
Second Clerk.

Government House
Stanley 19th. May 1851
Monday 9 o'clock A.M.

Sir

I have the honor to answer your Excellency's letter dated 17th. Instant, which I received at my residence, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

2. From the calmness of your Excellency's manner when I parted with you here in your Library, at 4 o'clock on Saturday, your Excellency handing to me the two copies of the Colonial Regulations to read over, and directing me to ask Mr. Montagu his opinion on the subject of my differ-

ence

His Excellency
Governor Rennie

&c. &c. &c.

once with your Excellency, I did not
expect that your Excellency would have
thought it necessary to write to me as
I regret you have done.

3. With respect to your Excellency's
verbal order to me at noon on Saturday,
that I should attend at the Powder
Magazine, and have deposited therein
a large quantity of Gunpowder; I beg
to say that I am now prepared to obey
that order; but I respectfully submit
that I am entitled to a reply to my
letter of the 17th instant, which was delivered
to your Excellency between 3 and 4 o'clock
of the same day; at your leisure.

4. It affords me some satisfaction
to be able to state, that I referred your
Excellency to the printed Commissariat
Regulations

regulations", and to the paragraph, which I thought justified me in requesting a written order from your Excellency, for the deviation from my ordinary duties; in consequence of having had a copy of the same regulations put into my hands, (in at least as kind a manner as your Excellency did on Saturday) by Governor Moody, the day before I was relieved from the charge of the Seals, on the 16th. February 1848; when His Excellency directed me to make myself acquainted with the regulations it contained, and which guided him, whilst administering the Government of this Colony: and it was to that copy that I referred, in my letter to Governor Moody, bearing date 15th June 1848; on a different subject.

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5. I trust your Excellency does not really think that I entertain, such a mistaken opinion of my position under your Excellency, as you have alluded to; for though the substance of the remark is true, and was made by me, your Excellency must remember it was said jocosely, and when I thought you were in an equally good humour. But undoubtedly I consider that I occupy a very distinguished post, and I must own I feel not a little proud of the same, that of being Clerk to two Governors and Commanders in chief of the Falkland Islands; and with respect to your Excellency, it is my sincere wish that I may long continue so. I can assure your Excellency that I have been much complimented by my friends in Eng: land, for occupying so dignified a position, and it would be with great reluctance, if I should be compelled to acquaint them with any change of the duties of an

Officer,

Office, that I have filled for nearly 4
years, with I hope agreeable credit

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Excellency's
Most obedient Servant
Jas. Edmonds
Secnd Clerk

Police Office - Stanley

11th February 1853

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 8th Instant requesting a written statement of the particulars of Mr. James Edmonds' proceedings to which I had the honor verbally to draw your attention the other morning, and requesting to know whether I can assign any reason for the unusual proceedings of that Gentleman.

I have the

His Excellency

Governor Kennie

&c. &c. &c.

I have the honor in reply to
enclose copies of 3 Memorandums.

1 — Containing the substance of what
occurred in the Police Court.

2 — Of what took place in my
own house

3 — Of what took place in the
Police Office in the presence of the
Officer of the Court.

The other occasion to which
Mr Edmonds (D) refers was the 16th July 1851.
Mr. Edmonds had received the usual
summons to attend as a Juror before
the Magistrates Court, he attended,
but objected to serve, and handed
in a letter, (which I regret I cannot
find) which was read by the Clerk
of the

of the Court, it detailed his reasons
he refused to the English Law and
I believe to a section of the Act 10th Geo 4th
some Act of Parliament together
with a variety of other grounds in
a style so eccentric, that it caused
much laughter in Court, he added,
verbally, that he had been up all
night, and had written a similar
explanatory letter to your Excellency.
There were four Magistrates on the
bench at the time, and observing that
he was much excited, I took the
opinion of each Magistrate, and com-
-municated to him our unanimous
decision, that under the Colonial
Ordinance (which I read to him) it
was his duty to serve as a Juror.

When the

When the occurrences re-
ferred to in Memorandum No 1
took place the Court was crowded,
and notwithstanding what I did
to conceal the idea, I believe many
must have thought your Excel-
lency had sent to me sitting in
that Court a command not to
pass any Judgement, until I had
waited upon you and received your
commands at Government House,
and then heard Mr. Edmonds
Reasons "

In reply to the last para-
graph of your Excellency's letter
I deeply regret to repeat that I
believe

believe Mr. Edmonds is out
of his mind, and thus I accou
for the unusual proceedings
of this Gentleman.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant,

Memorandums

N°1

1853

Saturday 5 Feby.

After the Jury were sworn Mr. Edmonds came into the Court, the Judge told that he had been obliged to fine him for non attendance, but he would be glad to hear there was a sufficient reason, Mr. Edmonds replied "I refer you, Sir, for my reasons to the Governor, he has a letter where they are all stated" the Judge replied, "I certainly shall not refer to the Governor on the subject, and I am certain His Excellency has not sent me telling here such a message, and further that he would have ducked you to attend.

attend. Labouring men and
Mr. Dean, a Magistrate, have
attended, and it was your duty
to attend. If you can prove here
any reasons upon oath to justify
your non-attendance, I'll remit
the fine. Mr. Edmonds replied
"His Excellency has just consented
to my attending." The Judge said
"Why did you not ask His Ex-
cellency before? On a previous
occasion I explained to you that
the law was imperative, and that
you deprived the parties of your
valuable services by not attend-
-ing at the time, that it was not
just to compel others to attend,
if a Gentleman from the Governm't
Office

Office was permitted to treat the
process of the Court with neglect
and disrespect. The Judge then
said, "I certainly shall not remit
the fine, but order the Officer of
the Court to issue the necessary
process for its recovery if it was
not paid. Mr. Edmonds replied
"Shall I pay it at once? The Judge
replied "Suit your convenience!
but permit me to advise you
when you are Summoned again
to attend punctually, or else send
some person who can make on
Oath a sufficient reason for your
non-attendance, Mr. Edmonds
bowed and said, "I certainly shall,

will take care to do so."

No 2

Sunday
7 July

At ½ past 2. P.M. Mr. Edmonds came to my house, and was shown into the sitting room. Mr. Edmonds said at once, "Sir I thought the fine of £5. was remitted" I said "Mr Edmonds, it is not usual for me to see people on public business at my own house, but as you are here, I may inform you that it certainly was not remitted, indeed you declined to prove the circumstances that justified a remission" Mr. Edmonds then said "I then request you will order Mr. Kingsford to give me a receipt for the money?

I replied

Suplied, "I shall give no special
order in the case, Mr. Kingsford
will act as he considers to be his
duty." Mr. Edmonds said "You
remitted Captain Reid's fine, I
understood mine also," I said
you've had no reason for any
such supposition, I regret I cannot
do so. Mr. Edmonds replied in an
offensive manner and in a loud
tone "I will report you Sir, I
will report you Sir," I said,
"your conduct is highly improper
and I beg you will walk out of
the house" he turned round and
said "I never will be convicted in it
Sir I am going out."

N° 3

Monday
7 Febry

About 3 P.M. Mr. Edmonds
came into the Police Office, and said
"I have come to pay the fine, but
I shall fight Mr. Montagu" (making
signs that the fight should be with
pen, ink and paper) counting the
money and holding it in his hand,
he said to me, "Will you give me
a receipt for this" I paused for a
moment, and replied, "Yes, I see
no objection" Mr. Edmonds then said
"Now I'm paying this money, if
I'm wrong, I shall never see it again,
if I'm right, I shall get it back
again", I told the Governor sus-
-pend me this moment, I would
go to England by the first man
o-war that comes in, I still think

I'm not bound to attend as a Juror, but a person who is told he is wrong, and will not believe it, deserves to have his Knuckles well wrapped, and then he will believe it."

Government

Stanley 12th February

4 past 2 o'cl

Sir

I have rece

a letter from your Excel

-cy dated this day with

enclosures on the subject

the fine of Twelve Pounds

the Clerk of the Police Co

for not answering to my

name as a Juror on Saturd

the 5th instant a receipt

His Excellency

Governor Rennie

&c &c &c

for

which I received from
Clark on the 7th follow:
at 3 oclock P.M. at the same
place.

2. Having read your
Excellency's letter and the
documents attached I feel
satisfied that I can represent
the circumstances therein
contained in a more truthful
form, and for this purpose
I request your Excellency
will permit me to be sup-

plied

-plied with about one
of foolscap paper and a
and some large sized
I have a quantity of
I brought out with me
England in May 1845.

3. - I beg to add that
entertain the belief on
-ing my statements you
Excellency will not th
the matter of your letter
so much importance as to
-quire the advice of your Ex
-cutive Council. - I would
further

ther observe that if your
ellency would remit the
e to me as your Excellency
ly has the power of doing
would enable me to dis-
harge a debt which I owe
Captain Smyley for bring-
ing my horse "Martin" from
Rio Negro here, and I should
exceedingly glad if your
Excellency would accord with
my request.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Ser
Jas Edmonds.
Second Clerk to Governm

Copy of a letter addressed by Wm James Edmunds Esq. H.C. 2nd Secretary the original whereof was sent to the Colonial Office as an Enclosure in Despatch No 14 of the 22nd February 1853.

Wm Cudjoe Esqr

Stanley 15th February 1853.

Sir

I beg to thank your Excellency for so readily granting the request I made to you in my letter of the 12th instant for a supply of Stationery to enable me to answer your Excellency's question in paragraph 6 of your letter of the same

His Excellency
Governor Rennie
&c &c &c

immediate" why I should not be immediately suspended from the situation I hold" and to which I was appointed by the Secretary of State six years ago. —

2. Conscientiously believing as I do that your Excellency and Mr. Montagu are not justified in insisting on my serving as a Juror & the neglect of my appointed Government duties and from which I think I ought to be exempt — denying that I have intentionally disobeyed the law — but on the contrary have done all I could to obey it, only making a lawful

objection at the proper time for doing so as is customary in England, though accidentally delayed on the last occasion and therefore prevented from answering to my name, — I trust your Excellency will dismiss from your mind all intention of exercising such a power as you have hinted at with respect to myself. —

3. Upon reading over again your Excellency's letter and the statements following it I think much of the substance of them may be answered by my appending copies of such documents and

and letters as I have by
me with relation thereto
and I therefore refer your
Excellency to them. —

(Copy)

A

Copy

5th February 1853.

Sir

Having been summoned to attend the Courthouse to-day as a Juror I think it right to apprize your Excellency that if I should be ordered by the Court to serve as such I do not know when I shall be able to re-turn to my duties here in recording the Stone Returns Building materials &c for the quarter Ending 31st Dec. last and other duties be-sides

His Excellency

Governor Kennie.

&c &c

As I purpose asking to be excused I thought if your Excellency would permit me to say that you are agreeable to my doing so it would have great weight with the Magistrates and be the means of having my request granted

I have &c

(Signed)

Jas. Edmonds
Second clerk to Govt.

(Copy)

B.

(Copy)

Wm James Edmonds

You are hereby summoned to appear as a Juror at the Police Court to be holden at the Courthouse on the 3rd day of February next, and there to attend from day to day until you shall be discharged from the said Court. —

(Signed) Charles King Ford
Clerk of the Court.

N.B. The penalty for disobedience hereto is any sum not exceeding Ten Pounds. —

C.

Cby from Almanac pu-
-blished in London for
year 1852.

Persons Exempt from Juries.

Peers, judges, clergy, priests,
preachers, barristers, doctors
of law, advocates of the civil
law, attorneys, officers of Courts,
coroners, physicians, surgeons,
apothecaries, officers of the
army and navy, pilots,
household servants of the
Queen, officers of customs
and excise, sheriff's officers,
high constables and parish
clerks, persons exempt by vir-
-tue of prescription, charter,
grant, or writ. —

(Cby)

D.

21

(Copy)

Stanley 16 July 1851.

Mr. James Edmonds presents his compliments to the Hon^ble A. Montagu and has the honour to claim exemption from appearing as a Juror in the Magistrate's Court this day in a case set down for trial therein for the following reasons which he hopes may be sufficient to excuse him. Mr. Edmonds had the honour of being appointed Clerk to His Excellency Governor Hunt by the Secretary of State for the Colonies the Right Honorable Earl Grey on the 27th February 1847, and among the duties of his office are those elapsed

under articles 488 and 489
of the "Code of regulations and
"instructions for conducting
"the duties of the Commissariat
"department" page 159. to
which is to be added the
copying despatches from H.E.
the Governor to the Secretary
of State and recording the
same, and also recording
those from the Secretary of
State to the Governor &c, this
employment occupying his
whole time. — Mr. Edmonds
begs also to observe that when
on a former occasion he was
summoned as a Juror in
Michaelmas term 1847 about

3 months after his arrival
here by direction of Mr Moore
the Stipendiary Magistrate,
Mr. Edmonds was instructed
by the Governor to inform Mr.
Moore that he Mr. Edmonds
ought not to have been sum-
-moned, which being commu-
-nicated to Mr. Moore by
Mr Edmonds, Mr. Moore at once
directed the Clerk to the Ma-
-gistrates to remove Mr. Ed-
-monds name from the list
of persons liable to serve as
Jurors and from that pe-
-riod until now, Mr. Ed-
-monds has not been re-
-quired to attend in that
capacity. Should Mr. Montagu
however consider that Mr.

Edmunds appearance is abso-
-lutely necessary, notwith-
-standing these observations,
on hearing from Mr. Hor-
-tagn to that effect, Mr
Edmunds will ably to
M.E. the Governor for per-
-mission to absent himself
from his office, and attend
accordingly. —

E. 23

Copy

Stanley 16th July 1858.

Sir

I have the honour to
inquire of your Excellency
if it is your wish that
I should neglect the duties
of my office this day to
attend as a Juror in the
Magistrate's Court in a
"case set down for trial
"therein, and there to at-
"-tend from day to day
"until I shall be discharged
"from the said Court" &c

&c/

His Excellency

Governor Rennie

&c &c

as I have been summoned
in the above form.

I appeared & me proper to
state to your Excellency that
when I was summoned in
a similar manner shortly
after my arrival in the Colony
by direction of Mr Moore the
Stipendiary magistrate I
made the same enquiry of
Governor Hordy that I now
do of your Excellency and
I was at once desired by the
Governor to state to Mr
Moore that I ought not
to have been summoned,
and that I objected to the
service. This I did when
Mr. Moore ordered the

Clerk & the Magistrates (Mr Edmund Tibbett Culey) to remove my name from the list of persons liable & serve as Jurors and I have never since been called upon until now. —

I shall acquaint Mr Montagu in a letter of this days date that I shall ask for your Excellency's permission to absent myself from my office to-day if Mr Montagu should still consider my presence indispensably ne-cessary, and on informing me thereof. —

I have &c &c

(Signed) Jas Edmunds

Second Clerk & Secretary.

F.

(Copy)

To James Edmonds

You are hereby summoned to appear as a Juror at the Magistrate's Court to be holden at the Courthouse on the 16th day of July next (1857) and there to attend from day to day until you shall be discharged from the said Court.

(Signed)
Charles Huggins
Clerk of the Court

N.B. The penalty for disobedience hereto is any sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.—

G.

Government house
Stanley 12 February 1853
½ past 2 oclock

Sir

I have received a letter from your Excellency dated this day with several Enclosures on the subject of the fine of 5£ which I paid to the Clerk of the Police Court for not answering to my name as a Juror on Saturday the 5th. instant, a receipt for which I received from the clerk on the 7th following at 3 oclock P.M. at the same place.

2. Having read your Excellency's

His Excellency
Governor Kennie.
&c &c &c

Excellency's letter and the en-
closures attached, I feel
satisfied that I can repre-
sent the circumstances
therein narrated in a
more truthful form, and
for this purpose I request
your Excellency will permit
me to be supplied with about
one quire of foolscap paper
and a few pens and
some large sized Envelopes
I have a quantity of ink
which I brought out with
me from England in May
1847. —

3. I beg to add that I
entertain the belief that on
perusing

perusing my statements,
Your Excellency will not think
the matter of your letter of so
much importance as to re-
quire the advice of your
Executive Council.- I would
further observe that if your
Excellency would remit the
fine to me as your Excellency
only has the power of doing
it would enable me to dis-
charge a debt which I owe to
Captain Smyley for bringing
my horse "Martin" from Rio
Nuevo here, and I should be
Exceedingly glad if your Excellency
would accord with my re-
-quest.— I have &c

(Signed) Jas Edmunds
Secretary to Government

No.

City

Received of Mr Jas. Edmonds
the sum of Five Pounds be-
-ing the fine imposed on
him for non attendance as
a juryman at the Police
Court on the 5th February 1853

(Signed)
Charles H. Kingston
Clerk of the Court

£5.0.0

Courthouse Stanley
7th February 1853

4. I was much sur-
-prised to read the re-
-marks contained in the
extract from Mr. Montag-
-ue's letter to your Excellency
of 11th instant where it is
stated that a letter of mine
addressed to him of the
16th July 1851 which Mr.
Montague "regrets he can-
-not find" (but a copy
of which I have annexed)
"was read by the clerk of
"the Court, he referred to
"the English Law and I
"believe to a section the
"4th. or 4th of some Act of
"Parliament, together
"with a variety of other
grounds

grounds in a style so ec-
"-centric that it caused
"much laughter in the
"Court, he added (verbally)
"that he had been up all
"night and had written
"a similar Explanatory let-
"-ter to your Excellency"
I regret to say that nearly
the whole of what I have
quoted is untrue. The let-
-ter was not read by the
clerk while I was present,
there was no laughter that
I could hear, I did not say
that I had been up all night
and as to eccentricity I
thought no one was more remark-
-able in Court on the occasion
than Mr. Montagu himself in his

black

black gown and other articles of his costume, it being the first time that I had seen the dress worn in the Colony and truly I did not think he looked well in them, the only part of the extract which is correct is that I said "I had written an explanatory to your Excy. "that morning." I will now state my account of the proceedings on that day. I sat on a form among the crowd of persons assembled while Mr. Montagu, Mr. Whiting tow, Mr Dean, and Mr. Longden sat on the bench as Magistrates. The Clerk of the Court read out the list of Jurors summoned when James Edmonds was called, I answered "here" and then said to Mr. Montagu "I beg to claim Exemption Sir from serving on the Jury." Mr. Montagu said in a loud and authoritative

admonitative tone "Stand forward Sir and state your reasons". I walked forward to the barrier which separates the body of the Court from the clerks' table and then answered "I beg to claim Exemption Sir for the reasons stated in my letter handed to you half an hour ago." Mr Innitagn replied "I have received a letter from you a few minutes ago but it is unusual to receive letters on such an occasion" and again asked me to state my reasons. I did so. I said that I was Clerk to H.E. the Governor that I had never served as a Juror here before, and that the former Stipendiary Magistrate had removed my name from the list of Jurors upon my objecting to serve as such by the direction of Governor Hurdy

Mr

Mr. Montagu then referred to the
Ordinance and read that
part of it aloud which states
that no person is exempt
Except "all members of Council
and the clerk to the council."
on hearing this I bowed to Mr.
Montagu and returning to
the room sat down by the side
of Enrolled pensioner Patrick
French. Not being chosen as a
Juryman at the balloting
I immediately left the Court
and returned to my office
at Government house to
resume my duties.—

Mr. Montagu has also
incorrectly stated what took
place at his house lately Captain
Reid's quarters at the Pensioner's
Barracks which I observed
had been recently painted for
him

him. My recollection of the occurrence is this. I remained in my office here until nearly five o'clock on the day in question, and on my leaving to obtain some refreshment I went to the Police office but found no one there. I then called at Mr. Montagu's house, finding the outer door open I knocked when Mr. Montagu's daughter, Miss Laura, came to me. I asked her to say to her papa that I wished to speak to him. Miss Montagu went upstairs and presently asked me to walk up. I saw Mr. Montagu on the landing who said "what is it you want Mr. Edmonds?" I answered can I speak with you Sir? Mr. Montagu said Yes walk in here, and I followed

him

him into his sitting-room.
we sat down and I then said
"Mr. Kingsford has called upon
"me at Government House
"to-day to ask for the fine of
"3£ which was set on me on
"the 5th. instant, but I under-
"stood that you would remit
"observing at the same time
"that I must be in Court to
"answer to my name on
"the next occasion which I
"promised to do." - Mr. Mon-
-tagu replied "it is a mis-
"understanding the fine
"must be paid." I remarked
"why you remitted Captain
"Reid's fine in a similar case".
Mr. Montagu replied Captain
Reid came and made an
apology. I said that "I also
"attended the moment that

I

had parted with the Gover-
-nor." Mr. Montagu spoke
quickly and said "go to
"the clerk the money must
"be paid" I will not hear
"another word" I answered
"can I claim a receipt from
"the clerk for the money" Mr.
Montagu desired me not to
ask him. I then said "I
"will report the circumstance
"Sir." Mr. Montagu instantly
replied in a very irritable
and rude manner repeat-
-ing the words that I have
underscored "how dare you
"say you will report the
"circumstance to me" walk
"out of my house Sir" whilst
I was walking before him I
answered "I will do so Sir"

Walk/

"walk out of my house Sir" he
"-peated Mr. Montagu, and
followed close behind me to
which I answered "I am walk-
"-ing out Sir and never wish
"to enter it again. The above is
the correct account. Soon
after this I went on to my
residence to get the 5£ to
take to the Police Court, and
feeling angry with Mr. Mon-
tagu for speaking to me
in the manner above stated
I remembered that I had
some music books of his which
he lent me some months ago
I think soon after the July
mail left the Colony. I there-
fore enclosed them in a paper
parcel and addressed it to
Mr. Montagu stating on the
outside that there were four

from me and with thanks
for the loan of them. I carried
the parcel to the Police Court
saw the clerk and asked him
was Mr. Montagu there who
said yes pointing to the Ma-
-gistrates private room. I then
asked him had he heard of
the quarrel that I had had
that day with Mr. Montagu
who said yes and he believed
it was about it that Mr.
Longden and Mr. Montagu
were then together. I handed
the parcel of music books to
the clerk and asked him to
take it to Mr. Montagu who
did so and on returning I
paid the 5£ to him when I asked
could I have a receipt Mr. Kings-
ford said yes and wrote it
immediately and gave it to me

I do not remember exactly
what I said to the clerk whilst
paying the money but certain-
-ly did not Expect to hear
again remarks made in a
friendly and confidential
manner and without evil
meaning. I beg here to re-
-mark that on the former oc-
-casion of my having been
summoned as a Juror,
during an occasional con-
-versation with Mr. Kings-
-ford when I observed that
I thought it was wrong
to call me and take me
out of my office to serve
as a Juryman Mr. Kingsford
said that "Mr. Montagu meant
to have objected to you."

I most respectfully

correct a statement in your Excy's
letter where you assert that I
said "I would report your Excy.
to the Secretary of State unless you
remitted the fine." I beg to call
to your Excy's mind what real-
-ly passed at the time you re-
fer to. I had been endeavour-
-ing to convince your Excy. and
Mr. Montagu that I ought not
to be called upon to serve as
a Juror as by virtue of my
office I ought to be exempt. I
handed to your Excy. and Mr.
Montagu an almanac for the
year 1852 and pointed out to
you the list of persons exempt
from serving as Jurors in
England, and referred your
Excy. and Mr. Montagu to the 1st.
paragraph in the Administration

of

of Justice Ordinance which de-
clares that "all laws in force
"in the realm of England for
"the year 1850 are to be applied
"to this Colony as far as the
"same can be applied. I also
remarked that "the colonists
"were more numerous now
"than formerly so that 20 jury
"-men could be obtained to
"serve instead of me." Your
Excy having said to me
"that you would not allow
"me to make objections to
"the laws of the colony and that
"Mr. Montagu ought to have
"fined me more than 5£"
I replied that "I meant to have
"asked your Excy to remit it"
when you answered "I cer-
"tainly shall not" upon which

I

"immediately said "then I would
"refer the matter to the Home
"Government and respectfully
"ask to have my case consi-
"-dered that I would endeavour
"to recover the money in the
"fairest manner I could as
"I thought I ought not to
"be fined, and I could not
"afford to lose 5£."

Persuaded that injustice
has been done me both as
to the fine and several re-
marks made to me by your
Excy. I have resolved on
forwarding a candid state-
-ment of my case through
your Excy. to the Right Honble
Sir John S. Pakington Secretary
of State for the Colonies by the
first opportunity. I have &c

(signed) Jas Edmonds.