

Mr. McCarthy

Police Quarters

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Police Station
Victoria 16th May 1870

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Sir, I have frequently intended to communicate to you upon the subject with which I am now going to trouble you, and I have always been prevented by the fear that you should imagine that I was pressing myself upon you in an unbecoming manner; but as I thought that I should take some opportunity of stating the following circumstances I trust that you shall not conceive that I presume upon your kindness and partiality in doing so, as I assure that nothing but them should have induced me to trouble you at any time.

When first I entered the police service I was appointed a Chain gang guard, which post I filled for about one month, after which I was promoted to the rank of Constable and performed my duties as such for nearly one year, when orders were issued that all Constables were not to perform any particular duty any longer than one month at a time. I went with the Chain gang when my turn came, and before it came my turn to come on, Mr. Pemberton had command of the police force, and left me with the Chain gang until

the Fenian excitement in February 1868.
When the gang was working in front of the
white horse public house, Mr McCaffery of
Fort Street passed me and spoke to me
about the gang, and asked me how the
prisoners worked at the same time Mr
plumberton came along, and asked me
who that man was that I was talking
to. I told him who the man was and he
told me that I must not talk to any
person. When I returned to the station
at 1 o'clock Mr plumberton called me into
his office, and among other questions
he asked me if I was an Irishman.
I told him I was; he then ordered that
I should be taken off the gang and on
some other duty. That afternoon I was
ordered by Mr Bowden to go on duty on
the police station door, in the evening
Mr plumberton saw me and ordered
that I should be taken off at once
and put on some other duty. That
night I was ordered to go on duty in
the town where I remained until last
Saturday, when I was again ordered
to go as chain gang guard, I being
the only fit person in the police force
for that duty. I have served in the Army
for some years, I have served in India
in 1857-8 and whenever I was wanted for
any duty I was never asked by any officer
if I was an Irishman. I always
found ^{them} as good and as trustworthy as
any others. I am now nearly six years
in the police, and I think that it is hardly

fair that I should go back there I
first went when I entered the service
because another man wished to leave
and go on some other duty.
I trust Sir that you will give my
letter your consideration and say whether
I have been fairly dealt with or not.
I am Sir with respect your
obedient servant
J. McCarthy
Constable

Remarks. The fact that in the foregoing statement we could
not have agreed by 1888, a Japanese was named Hideo Kado. From
a note on Hotel Okura we understand that V's residence at night &
made very frequent of Mr. Goshiki's residence, in talking to Shoyun
when on duty, at night, by answering him. The same evening
visited the post of course. He usually talking to the Japanese
who had been suspiciously admitted when he was on duty
at the post, & Japanese returned home. Rather nearly
he was permitted to the rank of acting sergeant,
but he resigned the office.
The change of guards in the main pay
was made at Mr. Tanaka's request,
the number of Japanese being
less greatly increased since the
last Colon War.

Appendix
S. K.

Appendix
17th May 1890

If you will send for Conrad &
I will see him, and endeavour
him, by mail, & persuade him
of the error of his ways.
Mr. Good

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