

Ottawa, September 9, 1907.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 27/8, of 29th inst., transmitting copy of a report from Superintendent Sanders of the R. N. W. M. P. and the Assistant Commissioner of the same force, also of the copy Mr. Agent Morrison to yourself, all relating to the question of the propriety of the course advised by Constable Jarvis in dealing with the case of G. Desjardis, an Indian accused of attempting to steal a horse, and in reply to inform you as follows:

The Department notes, Mr. Sgt. Sanders' account of the case, but it is evident that the Superintendent had not been informed of the further particulars furnished by the Agent, upon which he arrived at his opinion that the case should be dropped.

The Department's request that you should take the matter up with the Police Commissioner was the result of a verbal note made at your office to the Agent's monthly report, in which it was suggested that a report might be obtained from the Agent with a view to a reference to the P. M. Commissioner.

It is evident, however, that upon receipt of the Department's instructions, where the Agent was written to for a written report, the Police Commissioner was communicated with at the same time without awaiting the desired report, a course which is regrettable.

Since the Superintendent was thus led to  
 Hon. David Laird,  
 Indian Commissioner,  
 Winnipeg, Man.

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