

the learned acting chief justice. We presume that, in accordance with the precedent already made in the case of Mr. Justice Casault, Mr. Justice Tait will be knighted at an early date.

---

While the late Mr. Justice Aylwin was sitting in the criminal court, the proceedings were interrupted on one occasion by the music of a band on the Champ-de-Mars, where one or more battalions of regulars were at drill. The learned judge dispatched the crier, Mr. McLaughlin, to present his compliments to the commanding officer, and request a discontinuance of the music, — a request which after a few minutes was complied with. The late Chief Justice Johnson, during the reconstruction of the court house, frequently sent orders to suspend work which was interrupting the proceedings, and on one occasion ordered the crier to bring before the court a workman who persisted in hammering while judgments were being delivered. The expense of the reconstruction, it has been stated, was considerably increased by these forced suspensions of work, which at times were extremely inconvenient to the contractors. Similar incidents, it appears from the *London Law Journal*, have occurred in England and elsewhere. Sir James Hannen, when sitting as vacation judge, had to stop the builders engaged in repairing the Royal Courts. Chief Justice Higginbotham, of Victoria, in 1887 committed a builder who, after an order from the court to desist, persisted in carrying on a business involving a considerable amount of hammering in a yard adjacent to the Criminal Court in Melbourne (*In re Dakin*, 13 Victoria L. R. 522). His opinion in support of the decision is elaborate and exhaustive of the cases on contempt. His decision was sustained on appeal by the full court as a judgment which, after a careful examination of the authorities, came to the conclusion that the fact that the noise is caused in the exercise of a lawful trade is no answer where an order to desist during