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To an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 6th December, 1854: For Copies of all the Complaints which have been made against Mr. Maguire, Inspector and Superintendent of Police of Quebec.

By Command,

GEO. ET. CARTIER,  
Provincial Secretary.

Secretary's Office,  
Quebec, 6th March, 1855.

1 SAINT LEWIS STREET.

Quebec, 25th September, 1852.

SIR,—I am under the disagreeable necessity of complaining to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, of the repeated and almost daily absence, during the hours of public business, of Mr. Maguire, the lately appointed Inspector and Superintendent of Police, from his duty at the Police Office.

Some time since, he went off for several weeks, to the United States, to the great inconvenience of the public service, except in so far as the legality of his decisions is concerned.

This might be looked over if not repeated too often, but as it has lately become a matter of frequent occurrence, it becomes a duty I owe to persons who think proper to entrust their interests to me, that I should bring it under your notice.

This very morning, a Captain of a vessel, named the "Breadalbane," together with his crew, were kept waiting with myself, at the Police Office, from a quarter to eleven to a quarter to twelve, noon, owing to the absence of a Magistrate to attend to the case, although Mr. Maguire is paid at the rate of three hundred pounds a year.

Mr. Maguire is also in the habit, in addition to other absences during the day, to leave the office at twelve and not return till two P. M., for the purpose, it is stated, of taking his dinner. This might do very well in winter, but subjects the Advocates and the public to great inconvenience and loss of time during the summer months.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,)

C. SECRETAN, Junr.

Barrister at Law.

The Honorable A. N. Morin, Esquire,  
Secretary of the Province.

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