

407. You say it was entered, and you were informed it was entered, and subsequently it was struck out; but is that any indication of ill-feeling?—I wished to have the system of tyranism, if I may so call it, exposed.

408. Have you any reason for believing there was animosity against you except the fact that this was struck out?—That is all.

409. Except you took a course to get this struck out?—That is all.

410. Can you say there was any cause for animosity?—Well, I was in charge of the station, and now I am not. That is the cause.

411. *Mr. Poynton.*] In this subsequent correspondence was there any bias on the part of the Inspector against you, or is it merely because Constable Cairns took charge you supposed there was? Have you got any evidence, or any admission by the Inspector that he did pay you out?—As I say, I was in charge of the station. Then they sent another man to assist me, and then they did me out of the station.

412. How long were you there before he came there?—One year and eleven months.

413. *The Chairman.*] I am taking this note: it was subsequently struck out in consequence of a course which you took, but which you do not wish to disclose?—Just so.

413A. *Mr. Tunbridge.*] Is the constable in charge of Manners Street now senior or junior to you?—He is junior in the two services.

414. But is he senior or junior to you in the police?—He is senior in the police by about a couple of months. There is another point I would like to draw attention to in regard to promotions. On the 2nd August, 1895, I was called on to disarm a man named Gustave Alexander, who had taken a rifle and ammunition into Mrs. Dempsie's boarding-house. When I reached there the man had locked himself in a room and would not open the door. As there was reason to believe he meant to commit some foul deed I burst the door open, and while I was doing so he blew his own brains out. I submit that I endangered my life more than certain men who have been promoted recently.

415. You say you endangered your life; but you do not know that was so?—The boarding-house keeper said he should be disarmed, and that she would not have a man in her house with arms; and I had to act.

416. You consider that an act of bravery, for which you should have been rewarded?—Yes considering what others have been rewarded for.

417. Is there any record of this on your merit-sheet?—No, sir; not as far as I know.

418. Have you any means of knowing what is on your sheet?—No, sir; none whatever. I was never told there was anything on for it.

419. It is not entered on your merit-sheet?—No; it is not entered.

420. *Mr. Taylor.*] Did you arrest this woman Harper yourself?—Yes.

421. And yet Inspector Pender suggests you were too familiar with her?—Well, he suggested so, although I had to do my duty to remain in charge of her in Court.

422. You say a charge was made, and a conviction recorded on your defaulter's sheet, and you were given no chance of making a reply to the charge?—Not a word did I hear of it.

423. Until you were informed it was actually a conviction?—Yes; a conviction.

424. Well now, what steps did you take to get that conviction removed from your defaulter's sheet?—I took a course which I do not like to mention.

425. What did you find it necessary to do to get that conviction removed from your defaulter's sheet?—Of course, I made certain charges, and if those who made them against me like to produce them they can do so. I do not choose to go any further.

426. *Mr. Poynton.*] Having heard Mr. Tunbridge's assertion that he made this appointment to Manners Street solely on his own motion, do you still think you have a grievance?—Well,—

427. *The Chairman.*] What is it you are afraid of speaking of?—Well, I will tell it now. I made an appeal to a member to have the case heard. I applied to Mr. Thomas Duncan, M.H.R. for Oamaru, to have the case heard. I have a copy of the letter here.

428. *Colonel Hume.*] What is the date?—18th June, 1896.

429. *Mr. Taylor.*] What was the result of the application?—That the convictions were withdrawn.

430. Did Mr. Duncan reply to that letter?—No. Inspector Pender read a letter to me from Colonel Hume to say that the convictions were erased from my defaulter's sheet.

431. Did he call you into the office to read that letter?—Yes.

432. Have you got a copy of it?—No, sir; he read it to me.

433. Did you do anything besides writing to Mr. Duncan? Did you see any of the Ministers about this matter?—No.

434. All you did was to write to Mr. Duncan?—Yes.

435. And the result was the conviction was erased from your defaulter's sheet?—Yes.

435A. Without any further inquiry?—Just so. Not a word of inquiry—not a word.

436. Do you think that there is any dissatisfaction existing in the Force as far as promotions are concerned?—Well, I have stated my own case. I do not wish to speak about others.

437. Have you heard the men complaining?—I have not heard.

438. Do you think the best men get their dues?—Certainly, I think they have, in order to get justice.

439. Do you think there is sufficient training given to the men as to their duties and their legal powers before they are put on street work?—I went straight to work without any training at all.

440. What do you know about examination or instruction classes that are held? Are they held regularly in the barracks here?—They have been held. I never attended myself, because I was away.