
RETURN

To an Address presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before the House copies of all Orders in Council, petitions, documents, correspondence, and telegrams in connection with the arrest of Ah Kee in Kootenay District.

By Command.

THEODORE DAVIE,

Attorney-General.

*Attorney-General's Office,
16th March, 1892.*

Thornton Fell to the Attorney-General.

VICTORIA, B. C., 30th July, 1891.

SIR,—I beg to bring to your notice officially certain illegal and unwarrantable proceedings taken by O. G. Dennis, Provincial Constable at Fort Steele, and John McKay, J. P., at Windermere.

On 18th December last, Ah Kee left camp at Kootenay for Victoria, and was shortly afterwards arrested by O. G. Dennis, who had no warrant, summons, writ, capias, or other document to justify his act, and the only reason given by him for the arrest was that Ah Kee was going away without paying his creditors. The said O. G. Dennis tied Ah Kee up with a rope, and searched him and took \$2.50 which he found upon him. Subsequently Ah Kee's friends paid to the said O. G. Dennis the sum of \$400, which he demanded before he would release Ah Kee. Upon payment of the money, Dennis gave Ah Kee a note and told him to take it to John McKay, J. P., at Windermere, which he did. Upon presenting the note to Mr. McKay, he remarked, "Oh, Dennis is a very bad man; you should sue him." He then wrote out and gave to Ah Kee a remarkable document purporting to be a recognizance to answer a nameless charge, brought by a nameless person.

I enclose you a copy of the above-mentioned document; also a copy of a letter given Ah Kee by the mail carrier, who witnessed the outrage. The original documents are in my possession and open to your inspection if you so desire it. I may add that Ah Kee has been sued by his Kootenay creditors, thus showing that the \$400 did not go to his creditors.

I ask that the above matter may be thoroughly investigated, and that the constable be made to account for the money obtained by him by illegally exercising his powers as constable in arresting Ah Kee, as aforesaid.

Yours truly,
(Signed) THORNTON FELL.

[ENCLOSURES.]

GOLDON, B. C., 1890.

I hereby certify that I was at Windermere on the 18th December, and witnessed the arrest of Ah Kee by O. G. Dennis, Provincial Constable for East Kootenay. He arrested him without a warrant, capias, or paper of any description, and then treated him roughly. When Ah Kee's friends arrived by the stage, they paid \$400 to him, O. G. Dennis, to allow Ah Kee to proceed with his journey. The constable, O. G. Dennis, sent a note to John McKay, J. P., to give bonds to Ah Kee for the money, \$400, which Dennis had taken from him. He gave him a sort of receipt for the money, which he now has in his possession.

(Signed) C. J. BROWNIGG,
Mail Contractor, East Kootenay.

CANADA,
 PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, }
 DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY. }

Take notice that you, Ah Kee, of Old Camp, are bound in the sum of one hundred dollars, and your sureties, Ah Chow, Chong Bong, and Ah Pohey, in the sum of one hundred dollars each that you, Ah Kee, appear before me, John McKay, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of East Kootenay, on the first day of June, A. D., 1891, at Fort Steele Court House, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, or before such other Justice or Justices of the Peace of the same district as may then be there to answer further to the charge made against you by _____, and to be further dealt with according to law, and unless you, Ah Kee, personally appear accordingly, the recognizance entered into by yourself and sureties will be forthwith levied on you and them.

Dated this 20th day of December, A. D., 1890.

(Signed) JOHN MCKAY, J. P.

Deputy Attorney-General to Thornton Fell.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 1st, 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th ult., with two enclosures, respecting the arrest of a Chinaman in Kootenay by Constable Dennis.

The matter shall be investigated immediately.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) HENRY A. BARTON,
Deputy Attorney-General.

Deputy Attorney-General to A. P. Cummins.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 1st, 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose copies of a letter and two enclosures received by this Department yesterday respecting a Chinaman, Ah Kee, arrested by Constable Dennis.

I should be much obliged if you would enquire into the matter and report here.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) HENRY A. BARTON,
Deputy Attorney-General.

A. P. Cummins to the Deputy Attorney-General.

DONALD, B. C., August 18th, 1891.

SIR,—Pray excuse delay in acknowledging your letter of 1st inst., enclosing letters received by your Department regarding the arrest of a Chinaman, Ah Kee, by Constable Dennis, caused by my absence on public works duties.

I am starting for Fort Steele on Monday next, and shall make the enquiries you desire. I am, however, at present only in a position to say that on hearing a report of particulars connected with the arrest of Ah Kee, I called on Constable Dennis to report the case. His statement was that the arrest was made under a warrant of George Goldie, Esq., J. P., the offence charged being obtaining goods under false pretences. The arrest was made at Windermere, where Ah Kee was found travelling down the Columbia River in company with his wife, who was heavy with child, and some other Chinamen. The bail, amounting to \$400, was tendered by the Chinamen for Ah Kee's reappearance, on account of the state of the woman. The money handed to Constable Dennis, he informed me this summer, has been handed over to G. Goldie, Esq. J. P., to send in with his returns to the Attorney-General's

office. Some irregularity seems to have occurred with regard to taking the bail bonds, the particulars of which I am not aware.

I shall, however, report to you more fully on the case when I have had an opportunity of further investigation.

I have, &c.,
 (Signed) A. P. CUMMINS,
 S. M., &c.

Deputy Attorney-General to A. P. Cummins.

VICTORIA, B. C., September 8th, 1891.

SIR,—With reference to the communication received from you on August 22nd, stating that you were starting for Fort Steele shortly, and would make enquiries about the arrest of Ah Kee (a Chinaman) by Constable Dennis, I should be obliged if you would let me know if such enquiries have been made, and if you are able to report more fully in the matter.

I enclose for your perusal a translation of a petition which has been received here in reference to the same matter.

I have, &c.,
 (Signed) HENRY A. BARTON,
Deputy Attorney-General.

[ENCLOSURE.]

(Translation.)

We, Cheung Wai, Kin Wai, Wa Lun, Cham Cheung, Man Kwai, and Leung Tsong, subjects of the Chinese Empire, present this petition, the cause being that your petitioners, through being stupid and inexperienced, have been taken advantage of and are therefore dissatisfied. Your petitioners pray that your Excellency will rigorously order the Justice of the Peace of this place to make good to your Chinese petitioners the money collected from Chu Kee, or Ah Kee, who tried secretly to escape from here without paying his debts. All are aware that gain should be obtained righteously, and that when clearly it has not been righteously obtained, it causes unrest to the common people. Under the latter circumstances how can the people be satisfied? As for instance, when last year, about the twelfth month (January or February) the Judge, at our request, commanded an officer to arrest Chu Kee, or Ah Kee, for secretly running away without paying wages. The officer, a white man named Dennis, soon arrested Chu Kee, and happily obtained \$400 from him, after which he liberated him. Dennis then returned to court and made known the fact that he had received the \$400, but that it was to be kept temporarily in court until the 1st of June, 1891, when, should Chu Kee not return, the money would be paid out to the labourers. Now, it is several months past that period and the money is not forthcoming, all that is being said is that an order has come from your Excellency that the amount is to go to the Government. Now, why should this be so? Does it not seem as if, because we are stupid and inexperienced, that therefore we can be imposed upon? To be fair and just with the people will eventually win their hearts. Besides, with territories so extensive, why should you quarrel over the little hard-earned money of your inferior people? Your petitioners are compelled to present this petition in English and Chinese, so that your Excellency might thoroughly understand the case and immediately order the Justice of the Peace of this place not to confiscate the money deposited by Chu Kee, but to pay it over to the Chinese labourers. If your Excellency will do this it will be a kindness never to be forgotten.

The following are the names of the creditors and the amounts reported:—

Cha Wa Lun, for wages.....	\$ 16 25
San Cham Cheung, for merchandise.....	65 00
Lau Man Kwai, for wages.....	95 00
Lau Kin Kwai, for wages.....	55 00
Cheng Wai, for beef.....	50 00
Leung Tsong, for wages.....	87 00
	\$368 25

To His Excellency at Victoria, (Signed) JOHN ENDICOTT GARDNER,
 From Sam Cham Cheung and others, Translator,
 Kootenay, 1891.

A. P. Cummins to the Deputy Attorney-General.

DONALD, B. C., October 8th, 1891.

SIR,—In pursuance of my letter of August 22nd last, respecting the arrest of a Chinaman named Ah Kee by Constable Dennis at Windermere, I have the honour to state that I made further inquiries into the matter, and find the facts stated in my letter corroborated, except as to the disposal of the money (\$300) received as bail from the Chinaman, which amount was not forwarded by Mr. Goldie, J. P., as I supposed, but accounted for in Mr. Dennis' returns for the month of June, and entered in my accounts for the district for the same month.

There appears to be no truth in the alleged tying up with a rope or other ill-treatment of Ah Kee.

Enclosed I send copies of the information, warrant, and the entry in the Justice's case book; also a letter from Mr. Goldie for your information.

Under the circumstances, I do not see how the petition forwarded with your letter of September 8th last can possibly be entertained.

The main facts appear to me as follows:—The signers of the petition, Wi Ching Wai and others, were owed money by Ah Kee for goods obtained from them by the latter. When Ah Kee was leaving the country without paying his debts, and stating that he would return in the spring, they endeavoured to stop him by having him arrested on a criminal charge (obtaining goods under false pretence). In execution of a warrant given by George Goldie, J. P., Constable Dennis followed up Ah Kee for about 100 miles to Windermere and arrested him. Owing to the critical position in which the wife of Ah Kee, who accompanied him, was, being heavy with child, three Chinamen tendered \$100 each to Constable Dennis as bail for his appearance, which Constable Dennis received and released Ah Kee, forwarding a statement of the case to John McKay, Esq., J. P., asking him to make out the necessary documents. Ah Kee has not returned, and Mr. Goldie, the J. P. at Fort Steele, declared the bail forfeited. The amount of \$300 was accounted for by Constable Dennis in the customary manner.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. P. CUMMINS,
S. M., &c.

[ENCLOSURES.]

Warrant in the First Instance.

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, }
DISTRICT OR COUNTY OF KOOTENAY. }

To all or any of the Constables, or other Peace Officers, in the said District or County of Kootenay:

Whereas information hath this day been laid before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said District or County of Kootenay, for that Ah Kee (a Chinaman) did between the 1st July and 16th December, 1890, obtain by false pretence the sum of sixty-five dollars (\$65), in provisions and general groceries, and oath being now made before me substantiating the matter of such information: These are therefore to command you, in Her Majesty's name, forthwith to apprehend the said Ah Kee, and to bring him before me, or some one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said District or County, to answer to the said information, and to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal, this 16th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, at Wasa, in the District or County aforesaid.

(Signed) GEORGE GOLDIE, J. P.

General Form of Information or of Complaint on Oath.

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, }
DISTRICT OR COUNTY OF KOOTENAY. }

The information of Lung Chong, of the Town of Kootenay, in the said District or County of Kootenay, taken upon oath, before me, the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of

the Peace in and for the said District or County of Kootenay, at Wasa, in the said District or County of Kootenay, this 16th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, who saith that (he hath just cause to suspect and believe, and doth suspect and believe that) Ah Kee (a Chinaman), of the Town of Kootenay, in the said District or County of Kootenay, within the space of six months last past, to wit, from 1st July to 16th December, 1890, from time to time, at the town of Kootenay, in the District or County aforesaid, did feloniously and by false pretence obtain sixty-five dollars (\$65) worth of provisions and general groceries from the Choo Chee Wo Co., Old Camp, Kootenay East, contrary to the form of Statute in such case made and provided.

(Signed) LONG TONG.

Taken and sworn before me, the day and year and at the place above mentioned.

(Signed) GEORGE GOLDIE, *J. P.*

16th December, 1890.

CHARLIE TONG *v.* AH KEE.

For that he, Ah Kee, did obtain by false pretence provisions to the value of \$65 from the Choo Chee Wo Co., Old Camp. Defendant bailed by Chong Bong paying \$300 in cash for the appearance of Ah Kee at the Government Office, Fort Steele, on 1st June, 1891.

Defendant not appearing, above amount declared forfeited.

(Signed) GEORGE GOLDIE, *J. P.*

George Goldie to A. P. Cummins.

FORT STEELE, B. C., September 9th, 1891.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the case of Ah Kee, a Chinaman, arrested by Mr. Dennis at Windermere last winter, I beg to say that the man was arrested on a warrant issued by me, at Wasa, on information laid by Charlie Tong.

Yours truly,

(Signed) GEORGE GOLDIE, *J. P.*

Deputy Attorney-General to A. P. Cummins.

VICTORIA, B. C., October 13th, 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th inst., with your report regarding the arrest of Ah Kee by Constable Dennis, and as to the disposal of the \$300 received as bail from the Chinamen.

It appears from your former report of August 18th, and from papers which have been sent to this Department, that the amount of the bond paid in by the Chinaman was \$400.

I should be obliged if you would enquire into this and report as to the disposal of the other \$100.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

HENRY A. BARTON,

Deputy Attorney-General.

Thornton Fell to the Attorney-General.

VICTORIA, B. C., 11th November, 1891.

SIR,—I have not received any reply to my letter of 30th July, referring to Constable O. G. Dennis and John McKay, *J. P.*, of Kootenay, and their illegal actions in arresting Ah Kee and taking from him the sum of \$400 in cash.

My client, Ah Kee, is anxious to learn if any investigation has been made and with what results? Kindly inform me if anything has been done in the matter, as Ah Kee instructs me to take proceedings to recover back the money taken from him in the manner complained of in my letter of 30th July, 1891, to your department.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THORNTON FELL.

Deputy Attorney-General to Thornton Fell.

VICTORIA, B. C., November 13th, 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th inst., in which you state that you have received no reply to your letter of 30th July, referring to Constable Dennis and the arrest of Ah Kee.

In reply I beg to inform you that an answer was sent to you on the 1st of August, that the matter would be investigated immediately. This is being done, but owing to the nature of the country, and the distance of the parties, the final report has not yet been sent in. I will see that you are notified at once on receipt of reply.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY A. BARTON,
Deputy Attorney-General.

Deputy Attorney-General to A. P. Cummins.

VICTORIA, B. C., November 13th, 1891.

Re CONSTABLE DENNIS AND THE ARREST OF AH KEE.

SIR,—I should be obliged if you would reply as soon as possible to a letter from this Department, dated October 13th, in this matter, as to the disposal of the bond for \$400 paid in by the Chinamen.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY A. BARTON,
Deputy Attorney-General.

A. P. Cummins to the Deputy Attorney-General.

DONALD, B. C., November 17th, 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of 13th inst., regarding bonds in the Ah Kee case. I have written to Fort Steele for some further information on the subject, and do not expect the reply until about the end of this month. The mails are only once a month, and there is not sufficient time allowed for replying to correspondence by return mail, which is most inconvenient. I shall not fail to reply to your communication at the earliest possible date.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) A. P. CUMMINS,
S. M., &c.

Attorney-General to A. P. Cummins.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 23rd, 1892.

SIR,—In the matter of the complaint of the friends of Ah Kee, as to his alleged illegal arrest, there is cause for much dissatisfaction at the failure to get a complete report upon the case.

In looking over the correspondence, I find that you were first communicated with and requested to investigate the case on the 1st of August last; that you replied on the 18th of August promising to make certain enquiries at Fort Steele, for which place you were about

then to depart, at the same time stating that you had called on Constable Dennis, and that his statement was that the arrest was made under a warrant of George Goldie, J. P., the offence charged being obtaining goods under false pretenses; that the arrest was made at Windermere, where Ah Kee was found travelling down the Columbia River in company with his wife, who was heavy with child, and some other Chinamen; that the bail, amounting to \$400, was tendered by the Chinamen for Ah Kee's reappearance, and the money was handed to Constable Dennis and by him handed over to Mr. Goldie, J. P., to send in with his reports to the Attorney-General's office.

On the 8th October you reported that further enquiries corroborated the statements of your letter of the 18th August, except as to the disposal of the money, \$300, (?) received as bail from the Chinaman, which amount was not forwarded by Mr. Goldie, as you supposed, but accounted for in Mr. Dennis' report for the month of June, and entered in your account for the District for the same month, and you also stated that Ah Kee had not returned and that Mr. Goldie, of Fort Steele, had declared the bail forfeited.

Nothing further being heard from you in the matter, you were again communicated with on the 13th November, and on the 17th of November you replied stating that you had written to Fort Steele for some further information on the subject; that you did not expect a reply until about the end of November, as the mails were only running once a month, and there was not sufficient time allowed for replying to correspondence by return mail, adding that you would not fail to reply to the communication from this Department at the earliest possible date. This is the last communication upon the subject.

I desire to be informed what reason is alleged why (the arrest being made on the 18th of December, 1890) no appearance in court was required until the 1st June, 1891, and where the money was in the meantime. Also, I should like to be informed whether the discrepancy of amounts of \$400 and \$300, in your letters of 18th of August and 8th of October, is accidental, or if not, how the difference arises?

I am also at a loss to understand how it is that on the 18th of August you report as follows: "The money handed to Constable Dennis, he informed me this summer, has been handed over to G. Goldie, Esq., J. P., to send in with his reports to the Attorney-General's office," whereas in your letter of the 8th of October you say that the money was not forwarded to Mr. Goldie, as you supposed, but had been accounted for in Mr. Dennis' returns for the month of June, and entered in your own accounts for the District for the same month.

Altogether, the affair at present assumes a very unsatisfactory shape, and I must call upon you for an immediate and perfect explanation in the matter.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE,
Attorney-General.

A. P. Cummins to the Attorney-General.

DONALD, February 26th, 1892.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the arrest of Ah Kee. I regret that owing to ill-health this winter my office work has got somewhat in arrear, and that amongst other things I did not sooner supply the additional information required regarding this case.

I have again read over my letters to your Department on the subject, and certainly fail to find any discrepancy therein. The only point which it appears to me might not be understood is that regarding the statement in my letter of August 18th last, that "bail amounting to \$400 was tendered" by the Chinamen, whereas in my letter of 8th October I mention the "money (\$300) received as bail." A bond, or something intended to be of that effect, for \$100, in addition to the cash deposit (\$300) was, I believe, taken, which accounts for the \$400 bail mentioned in my letter of August 18th.

I am unaware of any reason why, the arrest being made in December, 1890, no appearance in Court was required until June, 1891, but I think it is accounted for in my letter of November 8th, 1891, where I state it to be my opinion that the criminal charge was trumped up in order to detain Ah Kee, who was supposed to be running away without paying his debts, and who stated that he would return in the Spring. The money remained with Mr. Dennis, at the Fort Steele Government Office, until declared forfeited by G. Goldie, J. P., when the

amount (\$300) appeared as a receipt in his (Mr. Dennis') accounts. In my letter of August 18th I said the money had been handed over to G. Goldie, J. P. This error I rectified in letter of November 8th. The mistake arose from my having said to Mr. Dennis that he had better hand it over to Mr. Goldie and let him account for it when making his returns, as I considered the whole business illegal. I thought Mr. Dennis had done so at the time of writing first letter.

I presume that I have no authority to call Justices of the Peace to account for their actions, and being thoroughly satisfied as to Mr. Dennis' integrity in the matter, I considered that no serious blame rested on him, though his action in releasing the prisoner on his own authority was illegal. The circumstances, however, as stated in my letters, were certainly difficult.

Mr. Dennis is now staying at the Driard House at Victoria, and I would suggest that it might be of advantage were you to send for him and get him to explain any matters which you may still desire. He will be able to give more exact information as to the nature of the security for \$100 given, besides the deposit of the money. I think his original statement to me was that he had \$300 in cash, and the security of a good Chinaman for \$100.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) A. P. CUMMINS,
S. M., &c.

O. G. Dennis to the Attorney-General.

VICTORIA, March 9th, 1892.

SIR,—In reference to the arrest of Ah Kee in East Kootenay, I beg to report as follows, viz. :—

An information was laid before Mr. George Goldie, J. P., at Wasa, near Fort Steele, by a Chinaman named Wa Tong, against Ah Kee, for obtaining goods by false pretence. The warrant was handed me by Mr. Goldie, and I left at once for Windermere, where Ah Kee had gone on his way out of the District. I overtook him at Windermere and arrested him. In making the arrest I did not in any way abuse the prisoner, but made him hold his hands up while I took a pistol and knife with which he was armed away from him. After the arrest the prisoner told me he was on his way to the railway with his wife, who was pregnant, and he was afraid she would die in giving birth to the child unless he could get medical advice.

A Chinaman named Chong Bong, who was on his way to China, offered to give three hundred dollars bail for the appearance of Ah Kee at Fort Steele on the 1st June, 1891, and taking into consideration the state in which the prisoner's wife was, and as she refused to go on without her husband, I told Chong Bong that if he gave me the \$300 and Ah Kee signed a bail bond for the amount before John McKay, J. P., who was the nearest magistrate to Windermere, that I thought it would be satisfactory; at the same time I got an interpreter and explained to Ah Kee, as well as Chong Bong, the nature of the bond he (Ah Kee) would have to sign; they both told me they fully understood what I told them, which was that if the prisoner Ah Kee did not return to Fort Steele to stand his trial that the bail would be forfeited to the Crown. Wah Tong, the Chinaman who had laid the information, and had followed me to Windermere, offered a further sum of \$100 as bail for Ah Kee, after he had talked the matter over with Chong Bong, but I did not accept his money.

Ah Kee signed a bond before Mr. McKay, and I returned from Windermere to my office at Fort Steele, explaining to Mr. Goldie, J. P., immediately on my return, what had been done in the matter, which was satisfactory to him.

As Ah Kee did not appear on the day mentioned in his bail bond, Mr. Goldie opened Court and declared the bail forfeited, and I accounted to the Sub-Accountant for the District, Mr. A. P. Cummins, at the end of the month, for the amount.

It may seem at first sight that the time allowed the prisoner to appear to answer the charge was excessive, but when it is taken into consideration the fact that Fort Steele is about 190 miles from the railway, and that it was in the middle of winter when the arrest was made, and also having in view the state of the prisoner's wife at the time of his arrest, I was of the opinion, in which Mr. Goldie who issued the warrant afterwards concurred, that it would not

injure the case by allowing the time asked for by Ah Kee to appear, as Ah Kee said he could not ride he would have had to walk if made to return before the boats started running in the Spring.

The Hon. the Attorney-General,
Victoria, B. C.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) O. G. DENNIS.

Attorney-General to A. P. Cummins.

VICTORIA, March 9th, 1892.

Please send immediately all reports from Constable Dennis to you *re* arrest of Ah Kee.

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE,

DONALD, B. C., March 10th, 1892.

A. P. Cummins to the Attorney-General.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose all reports from Constable Dennis to me *re* arrest of Ah Kee, as desired in your telegram 9th instant. Might I ask you to kindly return the letters when no longer needed, as I have had no time to make copies.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) A. P. CUMMINS,
G. C. and S. M.

Enclosures :

Letter from O. G. Dennis, January 16th, 1891.
" " " November 1st, 1891.
" " " November 23rd, 1891.

[ENCLOSURES.]

Extract from Letter, O. G. Dennis to A. P. Cummins.

FORT STEELE, January 16th, 1891.

"I had Hugonin on for eight days during my absence after a Chinaman to Windermere, but I think the Government will be away ahead on that trip, as I have now \$300 cash as bail for prisoner to appear, and a good Chinaman as bond for \$100 more. It looks very much as if Mr. Chinaman was not going to turn up, as he I believe has gone to China, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences."

O. G. Dennis to A. P. Cummins.

FORT STEELE, November 1st, 1891.

DEAR SIR,—Yours *re* arrest of Ah Kee to hand. The mail only arrived at noon and returns in the morning, which will not give me time to write report by this mail, as I have my returns, etc., to make up, but will forward it by next mail. In the meantime I might say that \$300, and not \$400, was the amount of bail paid me.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) O. G. DENNIS.

O. G. Dennis to A. P. Cummins.

FORT STEELE, November 23rd, 1891.

SIR,—*Re* arrest of Ah Kee by me, I beg to report as follows:—

On the 15th December, 1890, an information was laid before G. Goldie, Esq., J. P., by one Charlie Tong against Ah Kee, for obtaining provisions to the amount of sixty-five (\$65) dollars by false pretence. Mr. Goldie handed me the warrant to execute. I followed Ah Kee to Windermere, who was at the time leaving the country, and arrested him on the 16th at Windermere. The prisoner was nearly played out, having walked from the Old Camp to

