

238, 1865
War Department.

Jonathan 1865.

Case of Maya Lewis
Paymaster

Dismissed ordered

L 238 CB 1865

(You order immediately)
F/W S 75 CB 1869

Referred to

Adj Genl

J.C. 357. Par 11, 1865

Ed Stanton

Secretary of War.

REPORT.

Adj Genl

File with S 75 CB 1869.

Recd ag 6 July 1865.

nearly Lewisville.
Bot. 4 x 500 watches

EDWIN STANTON

upon his arrival at
the Draft Rendezvous
:- the balance being
held for him in safe
keeping by the Govern-
ment. The order alluded
to is doubtless No. 305
of Dec. 27, 1864.

In connection with
the present application,
no evidence whatever
is produced to disprove
any of the charges against
Major Ladd. Until tes-
timony be presented to con-
travert the statements of
the within affiants in re-
gard to his transaction with
the sutler in the matter
of the sale of the watches,
it cannot be expected that
his case will be recon-
sidered. No action upon
the within petition is there-
fore recommended.

R 28. 439.
J. H. Holt,
Judge Advocate General

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The decision of the Judge
Advocate General
sustained. Respectfully
referred to the Secretary of War
W. T. Sherman

Major Army.
Mar 17. 69 General

Approved by the
Secy of War. Mar. 19
1869

John A. Scales
Supt

GENERAL
SHERMAN

JOSEPH HOLT

293
Bureau of Military Justice
October 25-1865.

Respectfully returned to the
Secretary of War.

In the within
communication, the Secretary
of the Treasury requests of the
War Department information
in reference to alleged improper
transactions between late Paymaster
Ladd and the First National
Bank of Elmina.

The Paymaster General reports
that his office has no knowledge
of any connection between the late
Paymaster Ladd and the First
National Bank of Elmina, but
that the transactions referred to
were had by Ladd and the Second
National Bank of Elmina and

that affidavits fully establishing
the facts were presented through
Brig. General Baker, Agent &c.
or Colonel Chipman, Judge
Advocate of the Court constituted
for the trial of Ladd, but that
Court, the Paymaster General has
been informed, has been dissolved,
Ladd having been dismissed
the service without trial.

This Bureau has no further
information on the subject.

W. C. 639. J. Mott.
Judge Advocate General.

Mil. Com.

Nov. 13. 1865-

Recd & returned to Byrd = J. Mott.
with all the papers & affidavits
in my possession touching the
matter of charges against Maj
Ladd

A. P. Chipman
Gen. Mott

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General with directions to
(unpacked)
procure & furnish the
desired information.

By order of the Secretary of War

W. D. C. E. R.
Acty Adj Gen of War

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Respectfully referred
to Col. Chipman who will
please furnish this office
with the evidence desired
(if in his possession) for
the use of the Treasury
Department - Please
return them papers.

W. D. C. E. R.
Asst. Adj Gen
Nov 7. 1865

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Paymaster General's Office,

Washington, June 23. 1865.

Colonel L. C. Baker

Agent War Department.

Washington D.C.

Sir:-

The Secretary of War directs me to say :- It is his order that Major Jonathan Ladd Adj. Paymaster U.S.A., now in arrest for fraudulent practices at Elmira, be brought to trial, without unnecessary delay.

That the Judge Advocate, into whose hands the affidavits, and other papers in the case, have been placed, proceed to prepare the charges and take all necessary steps to the execution of this order.

You will please report to this office your action in the case.

Very respy

Your obt servant.

W. M. Smith

Paymaster General U.S.A.

Major Jonathan Ladd.

~~at~~ ~~Winter~~ Paymaster.

was dismissed the service July 5th 1867

I like to have the record changed,
from 'dismissed' to 'mustered out'.

The man never was combatant
but was summarily dismissed to
gratify the revenge of Boker.

His records
right and accounts all straight.

I beg to request that an
order may be issued so modi-
fying the record that it may
stand "mustered out" in the
stead of "dismissed"

R. S. Shofford

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POCKET WATCH TESTIMONY

Emira, New York
Saturday, June 10th 1865

Luther Caldwell,
being duly sworn, testified
as follows:

Q. What is your business?

A. I am engaged now in publishing and printing.

Q. How long have you known
Major Sall?

A. I have known him since
he first came here, about the
middle of January.

Q. How did you come to make
his acquaintance?

A. Through a letter of introduction
he had to me from a gentleman
in Washington: Maj. Underwood.
I used to be associated with
Mr. Underwood formerly - not in
military business.

Q. Mr. Caldwell. I want you to
make a statement in reference to
your suttership of the post here.
You have been acting as sutter here.
have you not?

A No, Sir. I am not Suttler.
I have an interest in the Suttlership.

Q I want you to state as briefly
as possible the arrangement between
you and Major Sadd in reference
to the profits on certain matches
sold in camp.

A The facts in the case of selling
matches was this: My partner, Mr.
Fairman, was Suttler here. After
Major Sadd had been here some
time some other parties got access
to the barracks there, and were
selling matches to the injury of
our regular Suttler business, and
Major Sadd was accepting their
orders. Mr. Fairman said we must
stop it; it was injuring our
business, and I went and saw Major
Sadd; ~~and~~ he told
me that the parties who were
selling matches there were giving
him a portion of the profits. I
told him we could not afford to
share one half with him and
half left with the rest of us, that
I was ready to make some arrange-
ment with him by which we could

go in and sell the watches and do that business ourselves.

He accordingly made an arrangement by which he was to have one quarter of the profits on all the watches we sold at the barracks.

Q Which was how much on a watch?

A Well, the watches cost us \$33⁵⁰/₁₀₀ and we sold them for \$60. He had one quarter of that: that was \$6⁵⁰/₁₀₀ or something like that.

Q How many watches did you sell under that arrangement?

A Well, I don't know exactly. I should say something over four hundred.

Q What did you pay for those watches?

A Thirty three dollars and fifty cents.

Q From whom did you purchase them?

A Mr Johnson, excepting a few which we purchased from Messrs. Collingwood & Bros.

Q Did you sell anything besides watches under that arrangement?

A No sir.

Q You paid Major Sadd one fourth of the profits on all the watches

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sold in camp

A Yes, Sir.

Q Did you ever pay Captain Johnson any money?

A Well, there was money paid to him, but I can't really say whether I paid it or not.

Q Was it paid by your firm?

A Yes, it came out of the match business.

Q Do you know who paid it?

A I think I can tell you, if you will allow me to think a moment. I cannot tell you at present, I am uncertain about that. I know there was an arrangement made by me and I paid him the money, but I can't remember whether I paid him, or whether some other person paid him though I think that I paid him, though without thinking further of it I shouldn't want to swear positively that I did. It occurred in February.

Q What service did he render that entitled him to any payment?

A He sold a match. Well, I will tell you all the circumstances from

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beginning to end, and then you
can see:

When this watch business first
commenced there Capt Johnson was
on duty there with Major Sadt.
He bought ~~of~~ ^{from} Johnson and of
Collingwood ~~from~~. I was in to
Johnson's one day to get some watches
one noon time, - and made arrange-
ments to have a dozen fixed up,
and just as I was going out this
officer came in. I didn't
know him, but had heard of him
and had just nearly got across
the street when Mr Collingwood
came out of his store and holloed
for me to come back and, says
"Here's Captain Johnson here wants
to see you." I went back and
he introduced me to Capt Johnson,
and Capt. Johnson says: "I have
sold this watch (picking one out)
to a man up at the barracks,
and Mr Collingwood don't know me,
and I want to have it charged
to your account." I said "all right"
and he took the gold watch and
chain, not such a one as we

had ever before sold, and it was understood as being Capt Johnson's trade, but the order was given in my name, and I received the money and paid back the profits on that watch. I forget how much it was: something like seventy five or one hundred dollars, and paid it back to Capt. Johnson.

Q Seventy five or one hundred dollars profit on one watch?

A Yes, Sir. It was a gold watch and chain.

Q What was paid for the watch?

A A hundred and fifty dollars, or thereabouts.

Q Who did he sell that watch to?

A He sold it to a soldier.

Q Do you know the soldier's name?

A No, Sir. I could find out

Q though. It was a pretty nice watch transaction?

A It was Sir. I thought so at the time. His object in calling me in there at the time was to take the watch and have the order drawn in my name.

Q And the Major paid it I suppose?

A Oh, the Major paid it to me, sir.

Q That was all the money that Captain Johnson ever received?

A Yes, sir. He wanted to buy our Sutter checks; he said he could buy them at fifty cents on the dollar and he wanted to divide the amount with us. We were not allowed to give the soldiers any money; that was distinctly understood. Whatever orders they gave, we were to trade in goods. We could give no money for orders, and after we had given the orders he would buy them up at fifty cents on the dollar.

Q And you did not agree to that transaction?

A No, sir.

Q Did Major Sadd want to enter into any other arrangement?

A He invited me to go to Auburn and go into the watch business. I suppose on the same terms.

Q Major Sadd proposed that to you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did Major Sadd make the

proposition about selling watches to you, or did you make it to him.

A He told me he could get half, and after dickering some I agreed to give him a quarter.

Q In both cases Major Sudd proposed it?

A Yes, Sir.

Q What did that Director say to you when you made the enquiry about the Second National Bank paying Major Sudd?

A Well he said something about three quarters per cent being paid to the Sanitary Commission.

Q It was understood that Major Sudd got it, but it showed on the books as having been paid to the Sanitary Commission?

A That is what I understood at the time. The Directors were informed that three quarters of one per cent were being paid to the Bank by the soldiers for the exchange of this money and it was to be given to the Sanitary Commission and be credited to them.

Q. But in reality it went to Major Ladd?

A. I can't say that, but that was the impression it made upon my mind. Ladd was to have the money but the credit was to go to the Sanitary Commission.

Q. Did you ever pay Major Ladd his share of the profits in a check?

A. I did once and overpaid him. I paid him some fourteen hundred dollars in advance.

Q. Fourteen hundred dollars in advance?

A. Yes, Sir. On one occasion there was some fourteen hundred dollars due him and while I was endorsing the checks in his Office he asked me to make out a check in favor of a party in New York a J. P. Jones or J. P. R. Jones, he gave me the name on a scrap of paper that I might make out the check correctly. The whole amounting to \$2600. There was \$1200 or \$1400 due him at the time.

Q. Major Ladd always paid those orders promptly?

A. Well, he had seasons for paying them: about once in two weeks.

Q. He was always prompt in demanding his share of the profits?

A. He always told me where I could meet him and it was generally from half to three quarters of an hour afterwards.

Q. Did Major Ladd want you ever to go to Washington to see Senator Wilson in regard to this transaction?

A. Yes he did.

Q. Where is the letter he gave you?

A. I have it at home. He gave me a letter to Senator Wilson.

Q. Did he tell you what to say to Senator Wilson?

A. No, sir. No particular instructions.

Q. What did he want Senator Wilson to do for him?

A. He wanted Senator Wilson to help him out of this transaction.

Q What did he want you to say to Senator Wilson?

A That he was being unjustly persecuted. His letter will give you the idea.

Q But at the same time he knew he was not?

A Ladd has got good Common Sense.

Q He wanted you to misrepresent the case to Senator Wilson?

A I think that is the idea. He did not want to have it represented as I knew it. He wanted me to go there and put the best face I could on this thing.

Q He wanted you to tell Senator Wilson a lie!

A I suppose, Sir, it really amounted to that. I told him if he wanted me to go to Washington on his business he must pay me. I had paid him for his services, and he must pay me for mine. He asked me if I hadnt confidence enough in him to know that he would pay the bills. I told him I had no

reason to doubt his power
to pay me

Q What was the percentage
paid to Major Sadd on the Sutter
trade?

A Four per cent

Q Did he want more than that?

A He never asked for more; he
said he and his clerks had to
sit up nights and it was a
great deal of work for him and
his clerks and hinted that I
ought to make it larger than
four per cent.

Q He proposed to have extra
clerks, I believe?

A Yes, Sir. I proposed to
furnish a clerk, but he would
not consent to that, as he pro-
fessed to be very particular
about his clerks. He stated
he was going ^{to send} to Salem, Mass^{ts}
for a clerk. At first he said
he didn't want to give any orders.
He said there were other paragraphs
in those General Orders I had not
seen, certainly were not printed
I suppose I talked with him.

some six or eight times before I could get him to consent to give any orders; finally I was going to Albany to be away eight or ten days when he consented to give the orders, I promising to see that it was all right when I came back, and when I came back I handed him the whole amount, it might have been some three or four hundred dollars, and told him if that wasn't sufficient to pay all his expenses I would make it right when we came to the next payment. He wanted to know upon what rates I had made the payment before. I told him four per cent.

Q How often were you in the habit of making that payments once a month?

A About once in two weeks.

Q What would it average once in two weeks?

A We drew \$7,000; 11,000 and 14,000 and when the barracks were full, I think, we drew \$18,000.

Q Eighteen thousand dollars in two weeks?

A Yes, Sir.

Q Would it average \$30,000 a month?

A It was all of \$25,000. The last month we settled together it was only \$11,000 or \$12,000. He came here in the middle of January and recruits began to come in in the 1st of February. We have not done any business since the 27th of April.

Q Would the total amount of sales be \$75,000?

A I think the total amount of sales would be more than \$75,000. I think it would come to about \$100,000.

Q Four per cent on that, then, would be \$4000?

A The watch trade was a different transaction

Q What was the amount of your gross profits on that \$100,000 at the way you sold?

A I should think \$35,000 or \$40,000.

Q What amount have you paid
Major Ladd in all.

A Well that I don't know exactly
I could tell by figuring.
From that \$100,000 you have got
to deduct the watch trade, which
was, say, \$35,000 that would
leave \$65,000; four per cent on
that - allowing that I have the
right figures in regard to the total
sales -

Q You have paid him \$6,000?

A I should say \$5,000 or 6,000
and perhaps more. I should
say on a rough guess that we
had paid him nearly \$6,000;
it may run over that. I never
kept any record of it.

Q Was that draft you gave
Major Ladd ever returned to you?

A I went to the Second National
Bank and told them I wanted
an order in favor of J. P. Jones
or J. P. R. Jones. I don't recollect
what Bank they drew it on. Our
account will perhaps show. I will
go and see if I can find it, with
your permission.

(The witness left and shortly
after returned and presented a
Memorandum for a draft on York
in favor of A. P. Jones for \$25.50
in the handwriting of Major Ladd)

This is the paper referred to
by me in the foregoing testimony.

Luther Caldwell

Witness
J. L. Morgan
N. R. Spurr