



Bridgetown

July 24, 1906

The Attorney General

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I consider this an unwarranted insult on the part of the authorities to a law abiding citizen of the state and feel that some great mistake must have been made. Although I feel that I should not be placed in a position to do so, I can produce references from men of the greatest standing in the district that my conduct has been at least as good as that of the average settler.

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Address of James Home Hotel, Bridgetown

Transcript

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