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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
AND NATURALIZATION,
Washington

March 29, 1907.

Allen R. English, Esq.,
Tombstone, Arizona.

Sir:

The Bureau acknowledges the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, which is also signed by a number of other citizens of your city and Tucson, in reference to the arrest of Inspector Jeff D. Milton for having discharged his revolver in the streets of Tucson, which resulted in the bullet striking one Thomas B. Johnson.

The statements contained in your communication, with regard to the excellent character of Inspector Milton, have been carefully noted.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. H. Larned.
Acting Commissioner-General.

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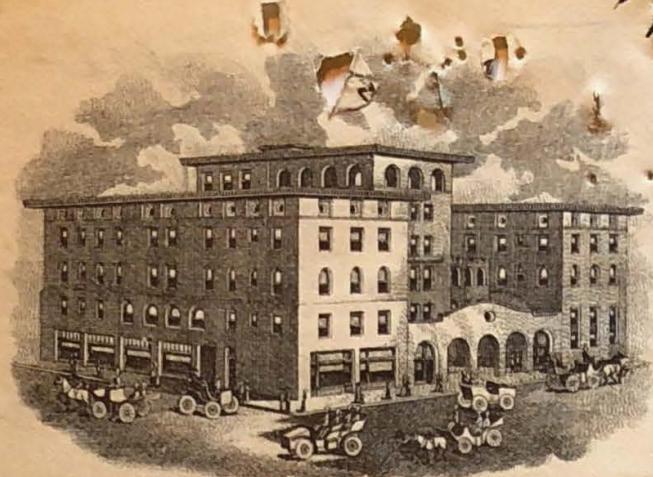
Dear Sir,
Hon. The Secretary
of Commerce & Labor
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

Immigration Inspector J. D. Milton was arrested here for shooting a man named Johnson in the hull. The shot was purely accidental as the testimony in the case shows. In addition to the testimony of the witnesses McCaffrey and Smith for the prosecution and Kellogg for the defense, there were three other witnesses to the shooting, who were not called by the justice of the peace, their names being James Hughes Wm Murphy and

Model and whose affidavits we enclose and, in justice to Mr. Milton, respectfully ask you to consider, and which we believe will corroborate the evidence of Metcalf, Smith and Kelton all showing the accidental discharge of Milton's pistol and a glancing piece of a bullet which happened to strike Mr. Johnson's heel -

We have known Mr. Milton for many years and no braver or more capable or efficient officer can be found and we know that Mr. Milton is incapable of intentionally shooting a stranger, as Mr. Johnson was to him; or, of shooting anyone in the back, or heel. Everyone admits - it was a spent ball



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and only part of a bullet
that hit Johnson, which
shows the accidental char-
acter of the shot, and, be-
sides had Milton wanted
to kill Johnson, he could
have done so easily as they
were only a few feet apart
and Mr. Milton is an ex-
pert marksman.

Mr. Milton has a few en-
emies; who has not? He
has been an officer in one
capacity or another for
years, and, it may be
that these same enemies
will now endeavor to
prejudice Milton, but we
who have known him for
many years past

and have thoroughly en-
quired into the facts of
this case take this means
of expressing our belief in
Mr. Milton's innocence of
criminal intent and that
the shot was purely accidental
and also our confidence
in his integrity and worth
as an officer and a man.

We have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,
Allan R. English.

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