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(Formerly)

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SUBJECT :

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Suggested importation of high class sheep dog and bitch

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CARLOS, PORTSTANLEY"

Recd. 9.4.49 *Port San Carlos,*
Falkland Islands, S.A.

March 26 1949

The Agricultural Officer,
Stanley.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SHEEP DOGS
IN THE COLONY.

Dear Sir,

I understand that Mr. Fleuret of your department has gone home on leave. Would it be possible to take advantage of this to authorise him to spend up to fifty pounds on the purchase of a high class sheep dog, preferably trained? This dog could accompany the Agricultural Officer on his tours of the camp to do his sheep work and to line bitches as opportunity offered. Provided the right type of dog was chosen he would be in great demand. Possibly a fee could be charged for the use of the dog. Clearly greater good might result if a dog and a bitch were imported since if they were both of good working strains there would be no difficulty at all in disposing of the puppies, but in that case a hundred pounds or more might be required. This expenditure by your department would I believe meet with general approval in the camp.

Yours faithfully,

H.C.S.

N. Ritchie Cameron.

*May I beg to submit for your consideration
Mr. Cameron's suggestion above.*

file and to

A.O. for the recommendation if any.

J.P.O. A.O. 7/14/49.

Reply at 4

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R. P. ... H.C.S.

May I add P.S. to Minute opposite on 2.

- 1. A.O. has under existing ^{Law} powers to require Shepherds to gather what sheep he wishes to inspect.
- 2. A local trained dog can be purchased for £4-5.
- 3. A dog to be any good should be one man's personal property.
- 4. Mr. Cameron ought to be thanked for this constructive suggestion if only because such suggestions are only too few.

J.P.O. 13/11/49

I understand that Mr. Cameron's suggestion is a very good one and that it is possible to take advantage of this to purchase a sheep dog, preferably trained, which could accompany the Agricultural Officer on his tours of the camp to do the sheep work and to find the sheep of any area. Provided the right type of dog was chosen he would be in great demand. It could be argued for the use of the dog. Clearly greater good might result if a dog and a sheep were imported since it was more difficult of good working strains there would be no difficulty at all in disposing of the surplus, but in these cases a number of more might be required. This expenditure by your department would I believe meet with general approval in the camp.

R. P. ... H.C.S.
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A. O.

1 for your observations and recommendations, pl.

W.B.

for C.S.
11.4.49.

H.C.S.

Certainly, if free such a dog would be in great demand. But if a fee were attached I fear the Sean my shepherd's would ex. off., attempt to decay the dog & have the power in their hands to make it a white elephant.

Such a dog would cost us £50 or more with shipment of which I doubt if we could recoup a tithe.

It would require a Special Warrant
on West Falklands new blood has just been introduced in 2 dog
1 by a Shep'd at Port Stevens
& 1 by The Manager at Port Howard (Coffa Welsh Champion)
services by both I think are fee less. Thus the West has dealt with the need.

Messrs Cameron, Bonne, & Lewis, all Farm Managers on the East will be in England this year; such one of them could bring back a dog for his own use & incidentaly cover the need for new blood

I therefore recommend that the East be left to follow the West's Example in the matter & Government take no action
J.P.O. 12/IV/49

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wishes (1) to speak to Mr Cameron himself or
(2) he to write him thanking him for his
suggestion but the purpose is one for
which the expenditure of public funds
would not be justified

2. As Mr. says the best has been to visit -
take the boat can be so. Any one of the
three going home this year could make buy
a dog - they have all had ⁴ bumper year.

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Interim reply thanking him for suggestion and we will discuss
when he comes in; suggestions from farmers are so few that we
must not discourage them and whenever we disagree give them full
reason for so doing.

M.C. 13/IV

14th April, 49.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of March, 1949, addressed to the Agricultural Officer relative to the improvement of sheep dogs in the Colony and to thank you for the suggestion therein contained.

His Excellency will be pleased to discuss the matter with you when you are next in Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. Cameron

Acting Colonial Secretary.

N. Keith Cameron, Esq.,
FORT SAN CARLOS.

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