

Afforestation

C.S.

No. 147/21

Forest Officer

SUBJECT.

1921

15 January
Previous Paper.

Report on ground at Sparrow Cove
and Moody Valley.

MINUTES.

Letter and report from Forest Officer of 12 Jan 1921

Minutes from H.C. ^{2.} 18 Jan. 1921 } mounted on
Minutes from H.C.S. ^{3.} 26 Jan 1921 } Encl 2.

Letter to manager G. L. G. of 26 Jan 1921 ^{4.}
^{5.} Encl 3.

Y.E.
I replied to Y.E.'s minute of 18th Inst, on
the back of Mr. Reid's letter. I am afraid
it has escaped notice as it does not
bear Y.E.'s initials.

W.M.
27.1.21

Letter from G. L. G. of 29th January 1921 Encl 4

Subsequent Paper.

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15. 1. 21.

Report on ground at
Sparrow Cove and Moody Valley.

"Sparrow Cove"

The site of Sparrow Cove lies in a very favourable and select situation. It is naturally sheltered by Mount Low from the blasting influence of the winds, from the West, North West, and South West.

The ground has a natural slope down to the coast, making drainage which is necessary an easy matter.

The soil is composed chiefly of moss to the depth of 3 & 5 feet respectively, under that is a substratum of gravel.

The surface of the soil is covered with various grasses and plants of Diddy-dee and is quite free from rocks and large stones.

This site by all appearance is quite suitable for the laying out of a Plantation.

Moody Valley.

The site at Moody Valley is in a secondary condition to that at Sparrow Cove. It is more exposed to the North West and Westerly winds but has a natural shelter from the South and South West. The ground is rather too rocky having stones and rocks strewn over the upper surface, also below the surface in some places rock and stones are to be found at the depth of 1 and 2 feet. The soil also is much shallower ^{than} that at Sparrow Cove the

depth only being from 9 inches to 2 feet.
The situation is much more of a marshy nature
and draining would be more difficult.

James Reid

(2)

15. 1. 21.

Stanley.

To His Excellency
The Governor of the Falkland Islands
Port Stanley.

Sir,

I herewith beg to submit
to you Reports on the sites visited
by your Excellency and me self on
the 14. 1. 21. Which I hope you
will find satisfactory

Sir,

I have the Honour to be
your obedient servant

James. Reid

H.C.S. will you please state condition on
which this land is held by F.S.C. or otherwise
and in vicinity of our post station. In. 18 Aug 1921

Y/E. The land is held
by Mr. Vere Locke
under a 21 years
lease up to 1926.
(File containing lease
attached herewith).

The F.I.C have
entered into a
provisional agreement
to buy it, though they
have not yet
received the Title
Deeds. The Manager
of the F.I.C. is :-
the person who can
give sanction for
the setting out of
an experimental
forest Station.

Mr. Harding writes
- stands that Y/E
wishes 5 or 6 acres,
to experiment on
but not to purchase.

W.D.S.
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26th January,

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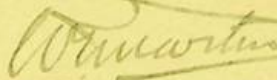
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that it is desired to carry out certain experiments in afforestation in the Falkland Islands, and to ask you if the Falkland Islands Company would be willing to set aside a piece of land, about five or six acres, on the land held by them at Sparrow Cove for the purpose of forming an experimental plantation.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Colonial Secretary.

The Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,
Stanley.

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The Falkland Islands Company Limited,

Stanley,

27th January, 1921.

147/21.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date on the subject of the reservation of a piece of land at Sparrow Cove for the purpose of afforestation experiments, I beg to inform you that this Company will be quite agreeable to the Government having the use of the small acreage required.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable

The COLONIAL SECRETARY.