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No. C/11/43.

R. Greenshields, Esq.

SUBJECT.

19 43.

5th October.

CARE OF HORSES IN QUARANTINE.

Previous Paper.

See C/4/43.

MINUTES.

- 1 Letter from Maj. R. Greenshields of 5th October, 1943.
- 2 Minutes from Director of Agriculture of 7. 10. 43.

(3)

G.R.

To see (1) & (2) & my draft reply.

J.B.
11/10/43

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Why refer to me? This matter might quite easily be the subject of Com. proceedings & ∴ I must be kept out of it.
2 What are the quarantine rules?
What are the legal responsibilities to be?
3 I think your draft letter definitely unhelpful - type of officialism that makes the recipient furious.

J.B.
12/10/43

Subsequent Paper.

- 5. Letter to Major R. Greenshields, J.P., of 12. 10. 43.

(1)

DOUGLAS STATION,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Sir

Yesterday I accompanied the Director of Agriculture over to the Quarantine Station to take delivery of the horses belonging to this Station.

The condition of the horses was disgraceful and were no credit to the Department looking after them.

The horses were poor and some were infected with lice.

One horse died in quarantine and three and possibly four others will be lucky if they ever reach the Station, one of them if he travels to the Two Sisters Gule will be about his limit.

If these horses are a sample of the way the Agricultural Department takes care of animals imported into the Colony and put in quarantine the sooner there is a change in direction and method the better for the Colony as a whole.

Told the Director of Agriculture yesterday I was not satisfied with the condition of the horses and that I was writing in about it.

The Hon.
Colonial Secretary
Stanley

Yours
Sir

Your obedient servant

R. Greenfield
Manager

No. _____

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).



MINUTE.

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7th October 1943.

From Director of Agriculture.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red!

I am in receipt of the copy of the letter addressed to you by the Manager, Douglas Station, concerning horses which were quarantined after arrival from Punta Arenas. The Manager, Douglas Station is probably aware that had these horses arrived in the Colony during 1940 (shortly after my arrival in the Colony) it would have been quite impossible to keep them in Quarantine, due to the inability to feed them. I agree that the horses are not fat, but on the average, they are about the same as when taken into quarantine. One horse died in quarantine through contracting pneumonia and the horse which it is stated will travel to about the Two Sisters gate is affected with lampas. I offered to treat this horse and fatten him up, but the offer was rejected. In contrast to the complaint under reply, one recipient of horses remarked as he accepted them from quarantine, 'the mob, as a whole, had come through in much better condition than he expected would be possible.'

Personally I am not satisfied with the condition of the horses but with the limited amount of food available (and the small size of the quarantine station) no better treatment seems at the present time to be possible. We anticipate that in two years time we shall be able to feed, and provide all the food that is necessary for animals in quarantine and we hope that in the meantime, Douglas Station, in conjunction with other stations will assist in the providing of hay for winter feed.

J. L. B.
Director of Agriculture

C/11/43.

12th October, 43.

Sir,

Red!
I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th October which I have referred to the Director of Agriculture.

2. It is, I am afraid, impossible in present circumstances to give large consignments of animals in quarantine treatment of the high standard which the Director, no less than the owners, would like, but it appears that in this case every effort was made by Dr. Gibbs to do his best for the horses.

3. Your distress is readily understood but I am sure you will appreciate the difficulties with which the department has to contend in this matter. If these horses had been imported three years ago it would have been impossible to quarantine them at all; improvements carried out on the station to date enabled them to leave quarantine in, on the average, much the same condition as that in which they were landed, and it is hoped that during the next two years considerable further improvement in the feed position will be achieved.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary

Major R. Greenshields, J.P.,
Manager, Douglas Station,
STANLEY.