

COMMON

C.S.

1922

No. 723/2ndStanley Cattle Owners
Association

SUBJECT.

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COMMON

5th October

Petition for enlargement of:

Previous Paper.

200/23, 709/24, 301/35

MINUTES.

*Petition by Cattle Owners Association of 5 Oct: 1922 — Encl ①**Y.B.**Submitted.*

2. The following is a summary of the position: —

(a) The area of the common is said to be 5,000 acres and the average number of animals depastured 250

(b) The area is in excess of requirements but the feed is so poor that the common may probably be said to be overstocked

(c) The fees for pasturage are very low; on the other hand the poverty of the soil and the ordinary right of commonage in the English town precludes an increase in the fees. *heither*

(d) The stock owners of Stanley nor the general population are justified in requiring

Subsequent Paper.

any large expenditure from public funds for their sole benefit and ~~the~~ in the event of ~~such~~ expenditure being necessary over and above the revenue from fees the beneficiaries should contribute.

- (e) Improvement of the ~~common~~ ^{available pasture} can be effected either by spending money, ^{on fences, drainage, and water fees} or by controlling the stock allowed to graze.
- (f) It is reasonable to suppose, if it is not a notorious fact, that a number of worthless animals are kept on the common, and with the co-operation and consent of the Cattle owners Association grazing permits might be restricted to animals approved by the Inspector of Stock.
- (g) Stock owners could be assured that the whole of the monies received in fees would be spent on the improvement of the common ~~to pay for the necessary building of the~~ ~~with the capital expended there.~~ As the total revenue does not exceed £120 per annum it is probable that some form of contribution would be necessary from stock owners, but the Government could assist by allowing part of the revenue to be devoted to interest on capital expenditure incurred.
- (h) It does not appear to be satisfactory that the people with rights of commonage under the law should have no voice in the management of the common or any responsibility for it and I submit, for consideration only, that an elected body of ratepayers with two Government members might be given the control of the common and of the revenue derived therefrom.

Standing consideration by Y.S. of
the petition and the above the
writer might be informed that the
matter is being Y.S.'s careful attention

23/10/22

H.C.S.

The "Common" is defined in sec 1 of
Act 5/1904. Although I recognize the
necessity for providing more pasture, or
less work pasture on the Common can
be improved, I am not satisfied as to
necessity for a permanent extension of
the "Common". As is known the provision
of more grazing land has received careful
consideration but there are many difficulties.

- 2 In 1921 a capital sum of £248 was
expended on drainage work on the "Common".
The work was rightly necessary & the
expenditure was met from general revenue.
- 3 Will you please reply as proposed.

Yrs.

26/10/22

Letter to the Cattle Owners Assoc. of 26 Oct. 1922

Encl. — (2)

Yr.
submitter
Reply sent accordingly

ttttt 2/1/22

H.C.S.

I am prepared to recommend to
Sqs proposal in 2(h) for management
of common pastures

2. It will be necessary to reserve the existing
rights of G.O.W. ^{inland} share to safeguard
S.G. from alienation land, control of
pasture banks. It is possible that it may
be necessary to include an area for
protection of a water supply.

H

20 November 1922

a suggestion Cattle owners appreciation
may be informed of proposals which are to
be made to Sqs. H

21 November 1922

Letter to the Secretary, Stanley Cattle Owners
Assoc. of 3rd Jan. 1923. — Encl. (3)

Yr.
submitter with ~~staff~~ letter to the
Cattle Owners Association for consideration
prior to issue ttttt 4/1/23 H. H. January 1923

Letter from Cattle Owners Association
of 26th January 1923 — Encl (4)

Y.B.

Submitted with reply from
the Cattle Owners Association.
I understand that less than 20
persons attended this so-called
public meeting. The wording of
the comment on the impossibility of
~~the~~ meeting the wishes of the members
by a substantial enlargement of the
Common is repellably strong and
Y.B. will ^{find it difficult to} not believe that it re-
presents the real views of the
majority of the cattle owners. The
more so as any large expenditure in
increasing the area must necessarily
have involved a material increase
in the ^{low} pasturage fees now paid.

As the cattle owners are aware
every practical proposal for benefiting
them has received sympathetic consideration
and practical assistance.

If my information is correct that so
little interest was taken in the matter that
only a handful of the public and the
owners themselves attended the public
meeting it does not seem worth while

H.P.S.

I met the deputation last evening.

Mr. J. J. Summers, Mr. A. Lellman, Mr. V. A. Biggs
Mr. W. Sedgewick, Mr. J. Davis.

2. I began by asking Mr. J. J. Summers (Chairman of Caltth. ones appreciation) what were his personal grounds for "extreme dissatisfaction". He stated that he had no personal grounds but that the people in Stanley had for a long time without expressed an expression of the Common. When asked if they had made any representations on the subject previous to letter of 5th October last he stated that no representation had been made & no expression had ever been promised: he added that people talked a bit about such matters but they would not attend a meeting & express their views: - this was added when attention had been drawn to small number attending meeting of 24th January.

3. The other members of deputation (such as Mr. Lellman) stated that personally they had no grounds for extreme dissatisfaction & agreed with what Mr. Summers had said.

4. Mr. Biggs added that he felt that common land in vicinity of Stanley was not given to the best possible use & that this

Applied also to rural land: he also
complained that the occupants of rural
land had been able during the war to
obtain ^{in Stanley} large supplies of ^{imported} milk + butter
at a time when residents in Stanley
could not get any.

5. I gave the deputation a summary
of the history of the Common from 1849
so far as I had been able to discover it
from official records: the deputation were
agreed that there was no ground for
extreme dissatisfaction + they stated that
if they had had the information which
had now been given to them the expedition
would not have been undertaken.

6. Mr Summers stated with reference
to proposals for management of Common
that no committee would be able to
collect the ^{use} fees + the cattle owners found it
very difficult to collect from members the
share contributions to cost of bulls.

7. Mr Barlow is making a note of what
took place which should go to securing
of appreciation for revision. In reporting
to Union of North Valley etc in 1845 I
omitted to mention that Governor D'Arcy
had said that common as then defined
was the "largest in the world". Reference can
be made to this in letters to the appreciation.

M. 3 W. 23

YB.

Submitted with note from Mr. Butler
of the meeting

ttttt 7/2/23

A.P.S.

I have added to note of Mr. Butler
a more detailed history of the Commission
so far as I have been able to trace it
from official records. It will probably be
of interest to the Cattle Owners & in any
case what I have written may save
some one else the trouble of searching
the records in the office. Mr. Butler as
always can make up on.

SA

10 February 1923

Withdrawn & filed
in 200/23

Note of meeting held 2nd Febry 1923 (8)

~~Minute from Governor 13 Febry 1923 (9)~~

Letter to Hon Sec. Cattle Owners Assoc.
16 Febry 1923 (10)

Chief Constable,

Can you furnish information
required in His Excellency's minute
of 13th Febry (Par 4) Encl 9.

S.P.H. 13
for CS.
26/2/23

Hon. Col Sec.

sir. As near as possible the following are the numbers of cattle feeding in the different troops.

Troop	Milk Cows	Dry Cows	Heifers
Protery Stream	46	18	13
Horse Point	36	12	9
Gore Green	40	15	12
Fellous Stream	10	5	6
	<u>132</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>40</u>

I estimate roughly that 15 more Heifers under 12 months old will be put on the Common this year. that will be this years calves

W.D. Sullivan
Chief Constable
9/3/23

Yr. Servant
W.D. Sullivan

total 9/3/23

H.P.S. I took the trouble to write @ separately on same day as my note of 10th January in the paper. It must surely have been obvious to Record Clerk that @ was intended to be kept separate from the paper: he has done the same thing in several similar cases.

2. @ can now be registered separately with copy of Chief Constable report of 9th March.

M. 12 March 1923

Subtracted to
M.P. 200/23.
Encl. (2)

M.P. 200/23.

Letter from Battle Owners Association

of 17th April 1923

Encl (11)

Dr. Submitted
G.H.B.
i.e. 2050.
18 April 1923

~~Dr.~~
19 April 1923

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Roll of stock paper 1922

	<u>Annual Permit</u>	£ - s
182	cows	91 - -
25	horses	12 - 10
27	yearlings	8 - 15
1	or	10
4	bulls (pre pass)	-
	<u>Monthly Permits</u>	
	12 horses or cows	9
<u>251</u>	Total	<u>£ 121 . 5</u>

Below information for Ch. Court table



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The Stanley Cattle Owners Association,
Stanley,

October 5th 1922.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

We, the undersigned, residents in the town of Stanley, have the honour to submit here, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, a request that he may increase the acreage of the Crown grazing lands popularly known as the Common.

It is generally admitted that the peculiar nature of our country - the absence of roads and of facilities for travel - creates a demand in the town for the private ownership of horses; and also that, from the fact of there being no milk supplied to the town from the surrounding country, there arises a need for the keeping of cattle by Stanley householders.

That His Excellency fully recognises these facts, we are assured by the kindly interest he has already

displayed in the welfare of the Cattle Owners Association. But we feel that whilst the extent of the land set apart for pasturage for the animals owned by townspeople is kept within the present limits, the results are likely to be very discouraging.

The Common is already greatly overstocked. This state of things results in a heavy death rate among the cattle during the winter months, and causes great suffering even to those animals which survive. It would be all to the advantage of the public if it were possible to encourage the keeping of still more animals, and to offer facilities for their being provided with sufficient food.

We respectfully beg to suggest, therefore, that His Excellency may consider the possibility of increasing the extent of the Common to three times its present acreage. It is highly desirable that the additional land should be as near the present common as possible; in fact, it would be a great advantage if it could be actually adjoining. However, as the neighbouring lands are small holdings, and their conversion would mean depriving the occupiers of their livelihood,

we feel we could not advocate such a move unless it were possible to allot other land by way of compensation.

We have no doubt, though, that once convinced of the need for a larger common, and of the advantages which the community would derive from its possession, His Excellency will find a way of overcoming the difficulty.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Edm. F. Linneman

Albert Lellman

C. Loken

Richard Wetloff

J. G. Borntsen

A. H. Hill

L. Dettliff

H. Newing

D. Briggs

J. C. Ryan

E. McAtasney

Newing

W. A. Bartram

C. Enestrom

W. B. Muflo

J. Bessie

J. Gleadell

W. A. Briggs

G. Newing

C. Hennickson

E. Aldridge

H. Sedgwick

A. Hennickson

W. B. Watson

Ray V. Hancock

V. J. Lellman

D. Loken

J. Bessie

E. Dettliff

John Dettliff

A. L. Kiddle

Leslie Farrow

U. H. Larsen

H. Dettliff

The Stanley Cattle Owners Association.

re Common

A. J. Barnes	R. Jones
W. Bonner	J. B. Summers
J. Barnes	L. Grant
J. H. Bussell	J. Kiddle
J. H. King	C. V. Summers
A. Peterson	Alex Steel
Hubert Hardy	H. Clifton jun
C. R. Shilling	W. Watson
Abner	A. S. Bays
James Peck	W. H. Sedgwick
M. H. Hooley	J. Smith
A. P. Hardy	J. T. Clark
K. F. Summers	Mrs L. M. Bernsten
H. Ratcliffe	Mrs M. A. Mc Daid
Federick Arthur ^{Yellow}	et M. A. Bernsten
W. J. Hutchinson	William C. Mc Daid
John Miller	Harry Rickitts
G. Perry	H. B. Dixon
A. H. Hamford	Alex Martin
Wm W. Curison	L. P. Walker
W. Campbell	R. Bailey
R. Clifton	H. C. Betts
Ch. Ernström	A. M. Phee
Gas. Clarke	H. Clifton Sen
J. Mills	C. Hyman

The Stanley Cattle Owners Association

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A. Dettleff

C. Seagrwick

J. Aldridge

A. Peck

L. Davis

E. Bennie

L. Newberry

C. A. Davis

C. Gladell

F. Glauco

S. L. Gladell

P. L. Smith

J. Skilling

D. Lee

F. E. Skilling

J. J. Neuman

E. J. Bernsten

R. Atkins

Albert Lellman.

Daniel T. Hess

W. J. Summers

W. Steel

Jane Steel

G. B. Smith

B. S. Brownell

Edward K. Alway

H. J. Halliday

John Watts

James Watts

C. F. Thompson

W. S. Biggs

John H. Suroton

L. A. Seagrwick

B. B. Biggs

R. H. Robson

C. Headford

John D. McKay

How. Secretaries

723/22

26th October,

22.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of October, on the subject of an increase in the acreage of the Common, and to inform you that the matter is having His Excellency's careful attention.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton

Colonial Secretary.

The Stanley Cattle Owners Association,

Stanley.

723/22.

3rd January,

23.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 723/22 of the 26th October, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency regrets that it is not possible to hold out any hope to the users of the common pasture of an increase in the available area of the common, which has been estimated at 5,000 acres. The average number of animals depastured annually is not more than 250.

2. There are however numerous matters in connection with the common and the improvement of the feeding which are of deep concern to the stock owners resident in Stanley.

3. The Governor is of opinion that it is desirable that the stock owners should have a direct voice in the management of the common. I am to enquire whether it will meet with the wishes of the residents in Stanley if the control of the common for purposes of pasturage is handed over to a body composed of five members elected by the ratepayers and two Government representatives. It is proposed that this body, with its elective majority, should receive all pasturage fees/

The Hon. Secretary,
Stanley Cattle Owners Association,
Stanley.

fees and should be responsible for the upkeep of the division fences, and, generally all matters in connection with the feeding of stock depastured. The present revenue from grazing licences is about £140 per annum. The only Government measure of financial control would it is suggested be by audit, but it is not necessary to go further into details of the proposal pending the receipt of the views of your Association on the question.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

The Stanley Cattle Owners' Association,
Stanley,
January 26th 1923.



Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd inst., and in reply beg to state that a public meeting was convened on the 24th inst. in order that the letter might be submitted thereat.

After a discussion on both His Excellency's reply to our request for an extension to the common pasturage of Stanley, and his suggestion as to the management of the common, the views of the meeting found expression in the following resolutions:

"That this meeting learns with regret and extreme dissatisfaction His Excellency's decision in the matter of a proposed extension to the common pasturage of Stanley."

"That the idea of elective representation on a local board vested with real authority appeals strongly to this meeting, and that we should welcome the inclusion of certain of our members on such a board empowered to legislate on matters relating to the common pasturage of Stanley, and authorised to spend certain public monies on the improvement of the Common. But that we do not deem it prudent to assume the responsibility of issuing licenses and collecting fees and generally enforcing the observance of the regulations."

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Albert Sellman

Hon. Sec.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

723/22

30th January, 23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of January, conveying two resolutions passed at a public meeting, with reference to the proposed increase in the Common and measures for the control of the Common pasture.

2. His Excellency is of opinion that it would serve to remove misapprehensions on this subject and would facilitate consideration if a number of representatives of your Association were to have an interview with him. I am therefore to invite your Association to send representative members to Government House at 6. 30 pm. on Friday the 2nd of February.

3. I am to request the favour of an early reply.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton

The Honry. Secretary,
Stanley Cattle Owners Association,
Stanley.

Colonial Secretary.



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Cattle Owners Association

Stanley,

2nd. February 1923.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th. January, and to inform you that a deputation of five have been appointed to meet His Excellency at Government House; at 6.30pm this evening.

I have the honour to be:

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Albert Lellman

Hon. Secretary.

List of Annual Grazing Licenses for year 1923

Name of Owners	Cows	Horses	Yearlings	Oxen
Mr Alex Kiddle		2		
David Kiddle		1		
Mr David Lees	2			
Mrs F. Simpson	1			
Mrs L. Newing	2			
Master R. Riches	1			
Mrs G. Short	4		1	
Mr John Skilling	3	1		
Mr John Miller	7	1	1	
Mr G. H. Clarke	1	1	2	
Mrs E. Hooley	2		2	
Mr J. P. Walker	4			
Mr Axel Pettersson	2			
Mr J. Hall	1			
Mr H. H. Sedgwick	7		3	
Mr R. Dettleff	X	1		
Mr G. F. Kelway	2	2		
Mr W. C. McDaid	7		1	
Mr J. Davis	15		2	
Mr E. Headford	1			
Mr R. Atkins	3			
Mr L. King	1			
Mr J. Mc Nicoll			1	
Mr A. Martin		1		
Mr D. Lehan	1	2		
Mr A. Newing	2			
Mr F. Bernstein	5		2	
Mr J. McPherson	2			
Mr John Short	3			
Mr Alfred King	1			

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List of Annual Licences continued for year 1923

Name of Owner	Cows	Horses	Yearlings	Oxen
Mr J. Smith	2		1	
Mr C. Gleadell			1	
Mr John Dettleff	1			
Mr Harry Dettleff	3			
Mr Hansen Dettleff		1		
Mr J. Reiver	2			
Mr C. Lehan	3		2	2
Master R. Riches		1 Pony		
Mr D.R. Watson	1			
Mr Wm Clifton	2		1	
Miss M. Johnson	1	1	2	
Mr Wm Hutchinson	6	5	3	
Mr W. Boss	1			
Mr Chas Thompson	2			
Mr G.P. Biggs	3			
Mr Wm Sedgwick	1			
Mr John McGill	20	2	4	
Mr Albert Hardy		1		
Mr Mitchell Steel	2			
Mr Steel	2			
Mr Wm Nyles	2			
Mr G. Perry	4		1	
Mr J. F. Summers	8		1	
Mr Lars Bornsten	3		2	
Mr R. Davis	1			
Mr D.J. O'Sullivan	4			
Mr Wm Bowner		2		
Mr Chas Cuestrom	2			
Mr C. Halkett Esq	2		1	
Mr A. Williams	4		2	

Name of Owner	Cows	Horses	Yearlings	Open
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Mr Vere Summers		1		
Mr Peter Hills	3			
Mr Wm Bartram	5			
Master J. Lellmann	1			
Mr A. Lellmann	2			
Mr Arthur Hardy	4			
Mr Chas Allen		1		
Mr Alex Bowner	2			
Messrs A & R Hardy	1			
Mr G. J. Turner	5		2	
Mr V. A. H. Biggs	1	3		

Yearly	Some	Monthly	Total
189 Cows	3 Cows	10 Cows	202
38 Yearlings			38
30 horses	30 horses	19 horses	79
3 open			3

<u>260</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>
Case	Horse	Month	
230.	60	2 1/2	

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List of Season Grazing Licenses Oct to March

Name of Owner	Cows	Horses
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Mr J. Miller		1
Mr J. Dettleff		2
Mr J. F. Summers		5
Mr Walter Summers		1
Mr A. P. Hardy		1
Mr E. Aldridge		2
Mr Harry Dettleff		1
Mr Ernest Dettleff		1
Mr E. G. Bruce		1
Mr Albert Hewing		2
Mr G. Hewing		1
Master J. Lellmann		1
Mr J. Biggs	1	
Mr Wm Peck	2	
Mr S. Luston		1
Mr John McKay		1
Mr S. Aldridge		1
Mr R. Robson		1
Mr J. Davis		2
Mr J. Gustrom		1
Mr L. Halkell Esq		4

Total 30 Horses
3 Cows

List of Monthly Licences from Jan 1st - 1923

Name of Owner Horses Cows

Mr Hamilton J.P.	2	
Mr A Gilchrist	3	
Mr F Browning		2
Mr D Lehan	1	
Mr G. J. Turner	2	
estate Louis Williams	1	
Mrs E Gleadell		1
Mr J. Campbell	1	
Mr H. Newing	1	
Mr C. Hendrickson	1	
Mrs R. S. Felton	4	
Mr John Mc Gill		4
Mr Albert Hardy		1
Mr Alex Steel		1
Mr G Pauline	1	
Mr H. Clifton		1
Mr H Sedgwick	1	
Miss Win Bonner	1	

Total 19 Horses
 10 Cows

List of Men at Cattle owner
meeting 1st Feb 1923

		Cows	Ykls.	Oven.
Mr	John Summers	8		
	Bere Summers	-		
	VAH Biggs	1		
	Martin Biggs	-		
	Wm Sedgwick	1		
	Henry Sedgwick	-		
	John Allen	-		
	Chas Allen	-		
	Tom Cohen	3	2	2
	Tom Campbell	-		
	Albert King	2		
	Wm King	2		
	John Miller	7	1	
Rev	Dean Smith	-		
	Rich Pettif	-		
	A Pellman	2		
	J Davis	15		
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Deputation

J. Summers	8
A. Pellman	2
J. Davis	15
W. Sedgwick	1
VAH Biggs	-

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MEETING HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON THE
2ND FEBRUARY, 1923.

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On Friday the 2nd of February, 1923, His Excellency the Governor met at Government House a deputation from the Stanley Cattle Owners Association to discuss the question of the enlargement of the Common which had been raised in recent correspondence.

The deputation was composed of Messrs J. F. Summers, V. A. H. Biggs, A. Lellman, W. Sedgwick and J. Davis.

The Honorary Secretary of the Association (Mr. Lellman) in reply to a question by the Governor stated that 18 had attended the Public Meeting on the 24th of January, and 20 the Meeting of the Association on the 1st of February.

The Governor expressed the opinion that the attendance was small if the question was of very great importance to the people of Stanley.

Mr. Summers said that it was always a great difficulty to get the people of Stanley to attend meetings.

His Excellency drew attention to the terms of the first resolution forwarded in the letter from the Association dated the 26th of January, and expressed regret that the expression "extreme dissatisfaction" had been used.

His Excellency asked Mr. Summers, Chairman of the Cattle Owners Association, what were his personal grounds for extreme dissatisfaction.

Mr. Summers stated that he had no personal grounds for extreme dissatisfaction but that the people of Stanley had for a long time wished and expected an extension of the Common. He added that so far as he knew no representations on the subject had been made previous to the letter of the 5th of October, and no extension had ever been promised.

The other members of the deputation stated that personally they had no grounds for extreme dissatisfaction and that they

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agreed with what Mr. Summers had said. Mr. Biggs added that he thought that the land in the vicinity of Stanley was not put to the best possible use and that this applied also to rural lands; he complained that during the war residents in the Camp were able to obtain in Stanley supplies of imported butter and milk at a time when residents in Stanley were unable to get either.

The Governor informed the deputation that he had endeavoured to trace out the history of the Common from Official Records and that he wished to give them a summary of the history so far as he had been able to discover it.

In 1849 the Governor proclaimed an area in the neighbourhood of the town of Stanley to be Common Land with the view of "Apportioning equitably among the settlers and pensioners the privilege of grazing cows and horses". The common included (a) the "home portion" which was a triangular shaped area of about 800 acres "immediately in rear of the Settlement" and which was intended for cows and (b) the "large portion" at a "distance of two miles" (including Moody Valley) which was intended for horses. Each householder in Stanley was allowed grazing for two animals.

There were at the time three herds of dairy cows :

- (1) A considerable number belonged to Mr. Whittington who was tenant of the Government Farm (Mount William)
- (2) 20 cows on Lot 1 Sparrow Cove "distant 4 miles by water and 15 miles by land".
- (3) 20 cows belonging to Captain Sullivan, R.N.

Captain Sullivan protested against the action of the Governor and addressed a memorial to the Secretary of State. Earl Grey approved of what had been done and in his despatch No. 70 of the 11th of July, 1850, said "So far as regards future grazing of the Common I think it advisable to lay down the Rule that each householder should have the right

(which/

(which it seems is now enjoyed) of feeding two animals and if there be any pasturage to spare beyond the quantity required for that purpose it should be let by public competition, the receipts, whatever they may be, from this service being laid out in draining or otherwise improving the Common."

In 1854 the Government entered into an agreement with the Falkland Islands Company to lease Hookers Point and the Peninsula on certain conditions as to the supply of beef to Stanley and the establishment of a dairy.

A commonage Ordinance was introduced into the Council on the 20th of December, 1858, but was not proceeded with.

In 1858 in order that the "herbage and tussac might recover its growth" the lease of the Peninsula and Hookers Point was cancelled and the Falkland Islands Company were granted a lease of the "Government Farm" "bounded on the South by the sea and Port Harriet, on the West by the Government Wall extending from Port Harriet to the summit of Mount William and on the North by a line from the summit of Mount William to the summit of Sappers Hill and thence to Hookers Point.

The lease contained conditions as to the supply of beef to Stanley and the Government reserved to itself the right to grant licences for the grazing of 20 animals "inside the Government Wall" on payment of a fee of 10/- a year the rent for the farm being reduced by the amount received for licences

The "Government Farm" continued to be occupied successively by the Falkland Islands Company and Captain R. C. Packe. When the lease expired in 1865 the "Goose Green" portion appears to have been used as common land for Stanley.

With the object of promoting the general interest of the Colony as well as supporting the equitable claims of the less fortunate and prosperous portion of the community

Governor/

Governor D'Arcy, in 1875, leased the following suburban lands

- (a) Mount William to Mr. J. C. Dettleff who had 110 head of cattle
- (b) The Peninsula to Mr. J. Smith
- (c) Moody Valley to Mr. Coulson.

Captain R. C. Packe feeling aggrieved by the Governor's action addressed a petition to the Secretary of State to which there were 28 signatories who, "with one exception, were employe's of Captain R. C. Packe, The Falkland Islands Company and Mr Dean.

Messrs Coulson, Dettleff and Smith addressed a circular petition to the Secretary of State which was signed by "seventy three independent persons". The counter petition stated that the interests of the people had not suffered from the lease of the suburban lands in question.

In transmitting these memorials to the Secretary of State Colonel D'Arcy referred to the increase in the general revenue of the Colony which had resulted from leasing the lands and stated that

- (1) Although Moody Valley had been proclaimed common land by Governor Rennie in 1849, it had never been used by the people of Stanley as it was too far from the town being 3 to 6 miles distant.
- (2) The people of Stanley only used "Goose Green" which was better land.
- (3) "Goose Green" had been given as common land instead of Moody Valley in 1865 and had been used by the people of Stanley since that time.
- (4) "Goose Green" was "the largest Common in the world".

Note: At the interview on 2nd February, 1923, reference to (4) was omitted by error.

The Secretary of State approved of the action taken by the Governor in leasing the suburban lands.

In course of time the animals grazing on the Common became a nuisance by straying into the town of Stanley and on the Suburban Land which had been leased and it became necessary to fence the Common. The Pound Ordinance of 1893 provided that on payment of a licence fee for each animal the owner should be entitled to maintain such animal on the fenced land known as the Common lying to the South of the town of Stanley. The fee for a cow or horse was fixed at 10/- a year.

The Pound Ordinance was repealed by the Trespass Ordinance of 1904 which provided that the owner of any animal found on the Common, upon which a licence for had not been paid, should be liable to a fine of ten pounds (£10). The fee for a cow or horse remained the same as in the Pound Ordinance.

The Governor stated that the foregoing was a summary of the history of the Common so far as he had been able to trace it from official records and that for the year 1923, 71 residents in Stanley had taken out licences for 189 cows, 38 yearlings, 30 horses and 3 oxen: that of the 70 residents who had taken out licences 30 had more than two animals each.

The Governor asked the members of the Deputation whether having regard to the information which had been given to them they considered that there were grounds for the expression of "extreme dissatisfaction" in the letter of the 26th of January.

Mr. Summers stated that personally he thought there were no grounds for dissatisfaction and added that if the history of the Common as now given had been known the expression would not have been used. The other members

of the Deputation agreed with what Mr. Summers had said. The Governor reminded the Deputation that recent expenditure on the Common had been considerable. £278 had been spent on drainage and over £200 on repairs of fences: that a further considerable sum had been spent on planting of tussac in order that a supply might be available at times when transport by sea became difficult.

The Governor enquired whether the Deputation had any remedial measures to suggest but they were unable to put forward any proposals.

Mr. Summers stated that with regard to the proposal that the control of the Common for the purposes of pasturage should be handed over to a Committee, of whom the majority should be elected by the ratepayers, the Committee would not be able to collect the fees for pasturage.

The Governor stated in conclusion that he believed there was an impression that there were Crown Lands near Port Harriet which might be made available as pasturage for the residents in Stanley but that he was not aware that there was any land in the vicinity of Port Harriet which was not under purchase. His Excellency added that even if land were available its use for pasturage must be considered separately from the question of the extension of the Commonage as such a proposal would affect the general revenues of the Colony.

723/22.

16th February,

23.

Sir,

With reference to the meeting which took place at Government House on the 2nd of February, between the Governor and the members of your association, I am directed by His Excellency to enclose herewith a note of the proceedings for your perusal and revision.

2. At the meeting when referring to the lease of Moody Valley in 1875 His Excellency omitted to mention that Governor D'Arcy stated that the common as then defined was the "largest in the world".

3. This statement has, however, been recorded in the note.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary,

Stanley Cattle Owners Association,

Stanley.



Stanley

Falkland Islands.

17th. April 1923.

Sir.

I am directed without comment to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th. February No. 723/22. and notes of the proceedings of the meeting held at Government House on the 2nd. February.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

A. L. Lellman

Hon Secretary,

Cattle Owners Association.

The Honourable:

The Colonial Secretary.