

C.S.

<p><u>INDUSTRIES.</u> (Agriculture)</p>
<p>No. 44/36.</p>

193 6.

Mr. A. W. O'Neill.

SUBJECT.

193 6.

10th March.

Previous Paper.

MR. ANDREW W. O'NEILL.

Application by for land for agricultural purposes.

MINUTES.

- 1 - 2. Letter from Mr. A. W. O'Neill, of 10/3/36.
- ③. Minute from H.E. the Governor of 11/3/36.
- ④. Letter to Mr. A. W. O'Neill of 12/3/36.

*Director Public Works.*

*To note. Mr. O'Neill has been asked to see you regarding the land he wants.*

*MCH  
12.1.36*

*Hon. Col. Sec.*

*The area required is one acre, Mr. O'Neill proposes to experiment on this and if successful he would later consider extending the area.*

Subsequent Paper.



I have inspected the plot suggested,  
it is situated on the Common to the  
west of the road now under construction  
to Elijá Cove.

The ground in this area is what  
one would call average, consisting of  
approximately 1'-6" of peat with clay sub-soil.

I recommend that the plot be leased, and  
that the Government might encourage the  
enterprise by loaning to O'Neil a small  
shelter in which to keep tools etc; we have  
a spare one which is of little value for  
any other purpose. As the scheme develops  
consideration might be given to letting him  
have for a nominal figure, any old materials  
which would do for wind breaks.

D. Roberts  
D. P. W.  
17/3/36.



Yr.

One acre of land might be leased to Mr O'Neill as recommended by the D.P. Works and at the site selected. Lease would be subject to the approval of the S. of S.

2. In view of the purpose for which the land is required I suggest a nominal rent of 10/- p.a.

MCH  
18.1.36.

I have asked Mr O'Neill to see me.

MCH

Approved  
19/3/36

Director Public Works.

To note. Your recommendations are agreed to.

MCH  
19.1.36

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted Thank you.

M Roberts

20/3/36.



I saw Mr O'Neil. He stated that he would endeavour to break up the ground shortly. He pointed out that he would be free to some expense in carrying out the experiments and thought therefore that 10% was rather a high rental. He added that he thought a 3 years lease would do in the first instance.

Mr O'Neil stated that his principle difficulty was the question of fencing. I informed him that it would no doubt be possible to let him have for a nominal figure any old material which would do for such a purpose.

MCH  
21. 5. 36.

Despatch to S of S. No. 23 of 26/3/36

(5)

I saw Mr O'Neil. He pointed out that the proposed rental of 10% p.a. was high in view of the fact that the experiments he was prepared to undertake were for the good of the community. I think there is something in his contention and I suggest therefore the nominal rental of 5% p.a.

Despatch submitted.

MCH  
26. 5. 36.

~~27/3/36~~  
27/3/36

⑥ Letter to Mr. A. O'Neill of 2/4/36.

Director Public Works.

To note.

MCH  
Cl.  
2. 4. 36.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

C. Roberts  
D.P.W.  
3/4/36

~~P.A.  
1/6/36~~

⑦ S of S despatch no. 75 of 20/5/36.

⑧ Letter to Mr. A.W. O'Neill of 23. 9. 36.

~~P.A.  
1/9/36~~

⑨ Letter fr. Mr. A.W. O'Neill of 24/9/36.

Y.E.  
Admitted.

Will it be necessary to advise the Sgs?

Res  
28/9/36

I do not think so. I would like the S/A to see this file. He might ask Mr. O'Neill to call on him and explain the reasons for his withdrawal.

~~28/9/36~~ 29/9/36



Book advise

Submitted in accordance with His  
instructions dated 29/9/36 - overleaf.

Will you please arrange to see Mr. O'Neill  
and submit any observations you may wish to  
offer in due course.

J.C.L.  
29/9/36.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I interviewed Mr. O'Neill at my office  
today, when he advised that he decided to abandon his  
proposed scheme of leasing and cultivating a plot of  
land near Stanley, mainly through lack of support from the  
young men on whose behalf it was originated.  
Apparently Mr. O'Neill has no intentions of re-considering  
this decision.

DEAN  
8/10/36

Y.E.

Submitted for information

J.P.  
12/10/36

See with report

W.M.  
17/10/36

G.A.  
17/10/36



as I derived my living as a farmer for a considerable number of years. I have considered conditions at Peble, Port Howard, and Charter and I believe there is Camp here reasonably good for our work.

There is a piece of dry Camp very well sheltered, to the West of the road under construction between Stanley and Eliza Cove.

There is a rich deposit of sea-weed to be had at this cove a suitable substitute for farm yard manure and easy of access

If your Government would lease us some ground on the afore said Camp and give us particulars, then we would see about putting some of our savings into the scheme, and go forward with our idea

The scheme is entirely for the benefit of Stanley and we would not expect to derive any gain out of it ourselves.

Yours Truly  
Andrew. W. O'Neill

②  
• Port Stanley  
10<sup>th</sup> March 1936

Dear Sir

I have pleasure in placing before you a proposal, I trust something that you may find worthy of consideration. The object is not personal gain, I am interested in the young life of this Colony. They are faced with big problems, and they must have outlet for their time and talent.

It is an acknowledged fact, we need more potatoes and vegetables than we at present produce. Can this deficiency be met?

I think it can, and to prove it, Mr McWhan and myself are willing to do something practical. Our aim is to stimulate the minds of the people by growing some of those things outside Stanley.

It will be an experiment, and we believe worth while. The following are reasons for thinking it worth while. i The commodities ~~we~~ we propose to grow are grown in the Camp settlements and in Stanley with a degree of success. ii I have experience in agriculture



H.C.S.

Will you pl. ack. (3)  
saying that I have learnt of  
the proposal with much interest  
and that he can rely on the  
support and encouragement of the  
Government in the project. It shd. be  
suggested that he should in the first  
place consult the D.P.W. regarding the



area and other preliminary details.  
He sh. then submit a formal  
application for the land he requires  
with a statement of the terms ~~for which~~  
for which he desires to lease and any  
other information regarding the scheme.

I think that if you talked it over  
with him it would be helpful: a really  
effective windbreak and proper drainage  
appear to be the first essentials. JTB 11/3/26



44/36.

12th March,

36.

Red 2.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th of March, 1936, and to say that His Excellency has learnt of the proposal with much interest and that you can rely on the support and encouragement of the Government in the project.

2. I am to suggest that you should in the first place consult the Director of Public Works regarding the area and the preliminary details. You should then submit a formal application for the land you require with a statement of the term for which you desire to lease and any other information regarding the scheme.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Andrew W. O'Neill,  
STANLEY.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

26th March, 1936.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 23.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that subject to your sanction as required under Section 4 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, I propose to lease to Mr. A. W. O'Neill of Stanley a plot of land in the South of Stanley Common, in area one acre approximately, for a period of three years at an annual rental of five shillings.

2. I would explain that Mr. O'Neill who has had agricultural experience proposes to carry out experiments in the growing of vegetables. I consider that if the scheme is successful and can be extended it would be to the general good of the inhabitants of Stanley. I consider further that Mr. O'Neill is deserving of every proper encouragement in his enterprise and I have thought fit therefore to permit him to assume immediate occupation of the land in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



44/36.

2nd April,

36.

Sir,

Red 1-2

With reference to your application to lease a plot of land to the south of Stanley Common to carry out experiments in the growing of vegetables, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency is prepared, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to lease to you one acre of land for a period of three years at an annual rental of five shillings.

2. I am to add that you may assume immediate occupation of the land and that the document of lease will issue upon receipt of the Secretary of State's approval.

3. You should consult the Director of Public Works regarding the boundaries, etc., of the land.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*MCH*

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. O'Neill,  
STANLEY.





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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 75.

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

30 May, 1936.

Sir,

*Rea 5*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 23 of the 26th March, and to convey to you my approval of the lease to Mr. A.W. O'Neill of a plot of land in the South of Stanley Common, of an area of approximately one acre, for a period of three years at an annual rental of five shillings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY CORE

GOVERNOR

H. HENKNER-HEATON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.



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44/36.

23rd September,

36.

Sir,

Red 6

With reference to Mr. Craigie-Halkett's letter of even number dated the 2nd of April, 1936, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State has approved of the lease to you of a plot of land in the South of Stanley Common, of an area of approximately one acre, for a period of three years at an annual rental of five shillings.

2. I am to enquire whether you are still desirous of taking up the lease.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

U

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. W. O'Neill,

STANLEY.



PASTORS:-  
W. F. McWHAN  
A. O'NEILL.

(9.)  
The Tabernacle,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

24<sup>th</sup> September 1936.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September, and in answer to your inquiry concerning the plot of land on Stanley Common, which I negotiated for, on behalf of the young men of Stanley, I beg to say that I am unable to carry out my intended scheme, so do not wish to lease the said plot of land.

I will watch the experimental work of the Government with interest.

I remain

Yours truly,

A. W. O'Neill.