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# STANLEY COMMON

## POUNDS. 1956-75

Report on Stanley Common etc

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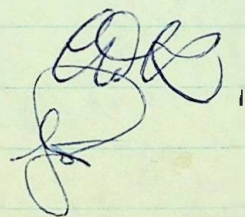
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PRECIS BROWN REPORT (74)  
APRIL 1 - MAY 6, 1974.

STANLEY COMMON AND MILK PRODUCTION  
FOR STANLEY.

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New Buildings  
Foundation Dairy Stock  
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15. Carry out detailed study for site of dairy and location of fences. Will involve working plans for all contained in recommendations.

Mon 13 October 1975

~~Dear Mr. Frank~~

~~Please find enclosed~~ <sup>We</sup>  
 a précis of the Brown (74) Report,  
 STANLEY COMMON & MILK PRODUCTION FOR STANLEY.

It will be noted (p 50 of the Report) that the estimated capital expenditure is £40,575, at 1974 prices. Mr. Halliday and I have thus taken the liberty of making some suggestions in the hope that

(a) they may be able to prevent the report being discarded totally,

(b) that what could immediately be done would not be expensive and would prevent the stopping of all fresh milk sales in Stanley.

~~Kind regards~~

Campbell D. Kent.

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MEMORANDUM.

7th October 19 75.

To: O. i/C, Agricultural Dept.,

Mr. C. Kerr,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

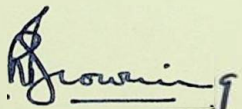
From: The Chief Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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SUBJECT :- Report on Stanley Common and Milk Production for Stanley by Mr W. Brown

In consultation with each other, would you please prepare a precis of the above report as the basis to a memorandum for consideration by Executive Council.

  
(R. Browning)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

3rd May, 1974.

O.I/c., Agricultural Department.

Chief Police Officer,  
STANLEY.

o.c. Chief Secretary.

Animals straying on the highway.

I refer to your Memorandum Ag/3/1 of the 8th April.

The Department's Foreman has checked the common fence to the South of Callaghan Road and has reported that the wires were a little slack but not broken. I believe the animals that had strayed into the town were milk cows which had been put out to graze at the back of Callaghan Road instead of on the Common.

As regards to Mr. Hills grazing his sheep to the north of the road opposite the Butchery, I should like to point out he was granted permission to do this during the hours of daylight and approval was granted by the Chief Secretary and not by the Agricultural Department.

*J. Ballboy*  
Officer-in-Charge.

MEMORANDUM

8th April 19 74

Ag/3/1  
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Chief Police Officer.

The Agricultural Officer,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Copy: Ag. Chief Secretary.

SUBJECT:- Animals straying on the highway.

There has been a number of incidents recently concerning animals straying on the highway. One reason has been because the fences to the south of Callaghan Road are broken. Another reason is because R.W.Hills has allowed his sheep to graze on the grass to the north of road opposite the Butchery.

2. I wish to draw attention to this area where last week 2 lambs were run over by a travelling vehicle. Fortunately no person was injured, but there have been a few near misses. I believe Hills was given permission to graze his sheep in this area. If an accident is caused by these sheep, it would be possible for an injured party to sue for compensation. It is also in contravention of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, to allow animals to stray on the road.



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## MEMORANDUM

Reference ..COM 29/3...

Date ..28th August 1974.....

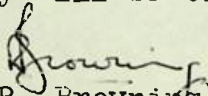
From Ag. Chief Secretary

To Oic Agricultural Dept.,

Mr. Hoggarth's dairy cattle

The question of grazing on Stanley Common and the Peninsula those cattle which were formerly part of Mr. Hoggarth's dairy herd but are now regarded by him as beef cattle was considered in Executive Council last Thursday. It was decided then that in the circumstances of the case Mr. Hoggarth should be allowed to keep his cattle on the Common in the ordinary way until he disposes of them, provided that he does so within a reasonable time.

2. It was noted that the Stanley Common Rules are very much out of date and early opportunity will be taken to revise them.

  
(R. Browning)  
AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

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No. COM/29/3

MEMORANDUM

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5th April, 19 73.

From: Oic. Agricultural Dept.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Chief Secretary,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :-

Agricultural Matters - Stanley

I refer to your Memorandum dated 9th March, 1973, and submit herewith the required information regarding the Agricultural Department, Stanley Common and Stanley Dairies.

I would emphasize that I am completely unqualified to comment on such matters and the views expressed are purely from a laymans point of view. To an Agriculturalist they may well appear ludicrous.

The involvement of the Customs Department with Agricultural matters began some 8 years ago when my predecessor was temporarily made responsible for preparing the weekly wage sheets and paying the Ag. Staff - responsibility for all outdoor activities of the Department was vested in the foreman - Mr. Anderson. The position is basically the same today, although more and more paper work seems to come my way.

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The staff of the Agriculture Department consists of 2 men - a foreman and one labourer. Their duties include the following: Examination of offal at the Stanley Butchery in connection with our anti-hydatid campaign, Husbandry of the animals grazing on Stanley Common, Maintenance of fencing etc., Assisting with the dosing of dogs in Stanley and adjacent farms (Hydatid Control), Grass cutting, Care of animals while in quarantine, Inspections of sheep in connection with dipping exemptions.

Government owns two bulls. One a Friesian, now some 10 years old and the other a Red Poll, purchased from Chartres Sheep Farming Co. Ltd. in 1969. No fees are charged and the bulls are made available to the dairies and other cattle owners as required.

I would agree that grass cutting generally, the preparation of sites for parades etc. etc. should be the responsibility of the P.W.D. or some other town tidying body. I would however like to retain the Government House Triangle Paddock as a hay paddock, especially if the department is to retain the bulls.

The department also has 9 horses and 2 colts. Some of these animals are quite old and beyond a hard days work. The vet has recently declared another unfit for further work - application will be made to have this animal destroyed.



## STANLEY COMMON

Stanley Common proper consists of all the land immediately to the south and east of the town and is boarded on the west by the farms of Moody Valley and Mullet Creek and on the eastern extreme by Cape Pembroke Peninsula. Fairy Cove (situated on the norther shore of Stanley Harbour) and Cape Pembroke Peninsula are at present also available for the grazing of animals.

Generally speaking Stanley Common is a very poor piece of land. Large deposits of peat are found thereon and the towns supply of fuel is cut and dried there each year. Large areas are therefore unsuitable for grazing. Along the southern shore there are some reasonably flat and sheltered parts and these provide favourite grazing areas.

Fairy Cove is a reasonable grazing area but lacks water for the animals, especially during dry weather.

Cape Pembroke Peninsula consists basically of sandy soil and is abundant with sand grass. It has many well sheltered areas and some of these provide excellent grass feed for the animals.

The general practice is to graze milking cows and horses on the common through-out the year, while 'dry' and young animals are rotationally grazed through the three areas.

The following is the number of animals at present involved:

### CATTLE

Total number grazed	-	185 (including 32 heifers)
Number permanently grazed	-	45
Number rotationally grazed	-	140

### HORSES

Number permanently grazed	-	37
Number seasonally grazed	-	15

During the early 1930s the common was sub-divided but with the run-down of the Agricultural Department and the advent of mechanical transport for the towns peat supply the dividing fences fell into poor repair and have since been removed completely. Personally I doubt whether sub-division is feasible. Certainly the common now appears to support more animals, especially horses during the winter months, than it did during the years of sub-division.

Apart from the areas laying eastward along the souther shore of Stanley Harbour, the land is generally bleak and provided very little shelter for animals during the winter

months. Naturally there are one or two sheltered parts where paddock re-seeding could possibly be undertaken but these are not adjacent to Stanley and in the present situation would be of little benefit to Stanley Dairies. Further paddock space could be made available eastward along Stanley Harbour but this would be primarily to the benefit of Hoggarths Dairy - the dairy at present most favourably situated.

With the construction of the permanent Air Field in Cape Pembroke Peninsula, part, if not all of this area, will be denied to local animals. I recommend that every effort should be made to retain as much as possible of this area for grazing purposes. Naturally the run-ways and buildings will require fencing but I consider this a minor operation compared to the problems which will arise if the whole area is denied to animals.

In my opinion the re-introduction of tussock plantations, within easy access of Stanley, would also prove beneficial.

## STANLEY DAIRIES

There are three recognised dairies operating in Stanley, namely:

Hoggarth	-	64 animals
Spall	-	64 animals
McKay	-	14 animals

A number of private individuals also own a number of cows each - these in all total some 43 animals.

The buildings used are old and un-hygienic. Although I have no substantiating facts, I would say the standard of milk produced falls far below that supplied in Britain. To my knowledge local milk is never tested or sterilized - bacteriologically it is probably well below standard.

With regard to the recognised dairies there is much duplicating of work, i.e., fodder collecting, herding, milking, delivering and accounting. In a small community such as Stanley, this to me, appears very uneconomical. I would suggest that two of the dairies could probably amalgamate in the actual milking side of the business while the third party could purchase the milk in bulk and be responsible for bottling and deliveries in Stanley.

Personally I would much prefer to see the actual dairies isolated completely from the town and I think this should be our ultimate aim. There will naturally be objections and problems to overcome but I am sure that a small farm adjacent to Stanley, such as Mullet Creek, could, in the hands of the right people, run a very profitable business by supplying Stanley with Milk, meat and possibly a small quantity of butter. Sparrow Cove would be ideal for such a project but unfortunately we here have the problem of transporting the produce into Stanley.

If we retain one dairy in Stanley I would suggest a site east of Hoggarth's present dairy. Future development plans for Stanley would have to be considered in this context.

Winter feeding is one of the dairymen's biggest problems. A certain amount of fodder is produced locally but in most cases this is insufficient. Small quantities of hay are sometimes available from the farms but the production of hay etc. for sale is uneconomic to the sheep farmer. Because of Foot and Mouth Disease in South America the importation of fodder from this source is prohibited, in any case the cost

would

would probably be prohibitive. Trial consignments of other animal foods - pollard and barley, have recently been imported from Argentina.

Because of poor quality and irregular supplies many residents of Stanley now rely upon tinned and powdered milk. If regular supplies of good quality fresh milk became available again I am sure this situation would be reversed.

Many of the animals in the local herds are in-bred and I feel the dairies are supporting too many cows for the yield of milk. Our aim must be to reduce the herds and to increase animal quality. Now that our communications have improved the possibility of artificial insemination from imported semen could perhaps be further explored. A consignment of semen was imported by the Agricultural Advisory Team in 1970 but the results were disappointing.

# MEMORANDUM

Reference COM/29/3  
c.c.AGR/1/1

Date 9th March 1973

From Chief Secretary

To Officer in Charge,  
Agricultural Department.

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## Agricultural Matters - Stanley

You have received a copy of the letter which I have written to Mr. Spall.

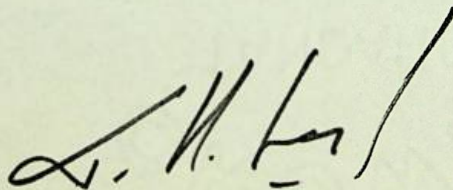
2. Now that you have been relieved of some of your former duties concerning the m.v. Forrest, I would be grateful if you would put your Agricultural hat firmly on for a week or two and produce the following reports:-

1. Concise details of what the Agricultural Department does at present - what staff you have, what duties they perform and what your policy is. What use for instance is made of the government bull? Are its services paid for? What use is made of the government horses? Is it not time that grass cutting duties in Stanley were transferred to the Public Works Department?

2. A report on Stanley Common - the number of horses and cattle grazing on it, who they belong to, whether better husbandry of the pasture would be achieved if the area was fenced into paddocks, whether government should give the lead and re-grass areas etc. Is subdivision into paddocks feasible?

3. A review of the dairy system in Stanley, together with your recommendations as to its improvement, re-organisation, amalgamation, etc.

3. I would be grateful if you could make these reports comprehensive and factual and let me have them by the end of the month. It is possible that they will be sent to London and form the basis of an Application for Technical Assistance.



(T. H. Layng)  
CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

# MEMORANDUM

Reference AGR/3/1

Date 5th December 1972

**From** The Chief Secretary,  
Stanley.

**To** Officer in Charge,  
Agric. Dept.

**c.c.** Financial Secretary  
Chief Police Officer

## Pound Keeper

I refer to your memorandum 3/1 of 9th October addressed to the Financial Secretary in which you made recommendations with regard to the continued employment of a Pound Keeper.

2. In consultation with the Chief Police Officer it has been agreed that this appointment can be discontinued and the service will be performed by Police officers in the normal course of their duty. I understand that Mr. S. J. McKay who has been attending to these duties since Mr. L. E. Biggs became ill is paid on a weekly basis. As the Agricultural Department weekly payments are made up to and including Wednesday, it is convenient to discontinue the service with effect from Thursday the 7th December. Would you please take the necessary action to effect this arrangement.



(H. L. Bound)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

CB

9th October, 72.

From: Oic. Agricultural Dept.,

To: The Colonial Treasurer,

STANLEY.

Poundkeeper

Your Memorandum dated 29th September refers.

Mr. S.J. McKay is employed as Poundkeeper during the illness of Mr. L.E. Biggs.

The Poundkeeper is required to work two hours per day - outside normal hours of employment.

The post of Poundkeeper has never been, and probably was never intended to be self supporting. We must however have some method of dealing with stray animals in the town but it is doubtful whether the annual expenditure of approximately £300 is justified.

The solution may be for the Police to impound stray animals or alternatively advise an employee of this department who would then be paid overtime for the necessary work.

Copys to: S. MILLER Esq  
W.E. BOWLES Esq.

Common

STOCK OWNERS,  
STANLEY,  
3RD MAY, 1972.

THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT,  
STANLEY

DEAR SIR,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, OWNERS OF PRIVATE STOCK GRAZING ON STANLEY COMMON, UNDERSTAND THAT A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO GRAZE A LARGE NUMBER OF CATTLE ON THE COMMON THAT ARE NOT BONE-FIDE DAIRY CATTLE.

WE ALL FEEL THAT SUCH A NUMBER OF CATTLE FEEDING ON STANLEY COMMON, WOULD, EVEN FOR A SHORT PERIOD REDUCE THE ALREADY LIMITED WINTER GRAZING TO A DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVEL.

WE FEEL SURE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT OUR APPEAL NOT TO GRANT THE REQUEST TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:-

- (1) INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT NORMALLY ALLOWED TO GRAZE ANY CATTLE OTHER THAN BONE-FIDE DAIRY CATTLE ON THE COMMON.
- (2) THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE CATTLE AND HORSES THAT NOW WINTER ON THE COMMON ARE IN EXTREMELY POOR CONDITION BY THE SPRING.
- (3) THAT FRESH MILK IS NOW A LUXURY TO MANY PEOPLE AND UN-OBTAINABLE TO SOME.
- (4) THAT WE AS CITIZENS OF STANLEY DO NOT WISH TO SEE OUR COMMON LAND EXPLOITED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WHO HAVE MANY ACRES OF GRAZING ON THEIR FARMS ADJACENT TO STANLEY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

*W. Bartmell*  
*W. Summers*  
*W. Summers*  
*Hen Summers*  
*H. Jannings*  
*R. L. Anderson*  
*Joye Newman*  
*R. R. Anderson*  
*Les Bonner*  
*Jed Watson*  
*Muriel Tunal*  
*J. A. Butler*  
*C. R. Spall*  
*O. B. Butler*  
*Abie O'Brien*  
*W. Hargreaves*  
*J. Mc Kay*  
*Stanley O'Connell*  
*R. J. Mc Kay*  
*H. J. Cantler*



3rd October

67.

To: The Superintendent of Works,  
From: Colonial Secretary, STANLEY.

Copy: Oi/c Agric. ✓

Dumping of earth from road excavations.

Oi/c Agric. enquires if it is possible to have this dumped on the common near the W/T Station when it would provide valuable soil for improving the grazing areas in this location.

It is hoped that this can be arranged with as little inconvenience as possible.

(H.L.BOUND)  
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

No. 0797/H

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

22nd April, 19 66.

To: The Harbour Master, ✓

From: Colonial Secretary.

The Officer in Charge Police,

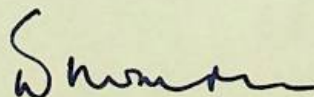
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Poundage of animals.

During the recent meeting of Executive Council it was noted that there is a revenue item in the Estimates for the poundage of animals. Please let me know as soon as possible how many fees are collected and if no fees are collected why not.

The Officer in Charge of Police will let me know how many people have been dealt with by his Department during the last year.



(W.H. Thompson)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM

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25th April 1966

To: The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,

From: Officer in Charge, Agric. Dept. ....

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Poundage of Animals.

I refer to your Memo of the 22nd inst. on the above subject and to inform you that fees are collected by the Police Department, but the Poundkeeper is paid from A.G. Funds.

Police Department should supply these figures.

*L. J. Guinon*

Officer in Charge,  
Agricultural Department.

Agricultural Department,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

.....21st May, 1965.

Mr. D. Peck,  
Philomel Store,  
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 10th February, 1965, regarding certain animals on the Common belonging to Mr. W. C. Alazia, and have to inform you that no such animals were found at a cattle round-up held two days ago. It is thought that one of Mr. Alazia's cows, known as B12, is at present being milked by Mr. L. Goodwin.

As it has been decided to close down this office completely, any further discussion in the matter should be held directly with Mr. L. R. Anderson, foreman in charge of livestock.

Yours faithfully,

*Bowling*  
O i/C Agric. Dept.

GENERAL MERCHANTS  
AND  
SHIPS CHANDLERS

# PHILOMEL STORE

— DES PECK —

STANLEY FALKLAND ISLANDS

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"PHILSTORE"  
TELEPHONE 130  
(FOUR RINGS)

10th. Feb. 1965  
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Agricultural Office  
Stanley  
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Dear Mr. Browning,

With reference to our conversation about Mr. W.C. Alazia's animals on the Common, I now have a copy of these as follows,

Cows/ 2. Two Year olds. 2. 1. Year old. (4)

1. cow & calf was sold to Mr. John Biggs, (making five in all.)

Since then one of the above had a calf and was lent to Mr. L. Goodwin for the storage of a van. This should make 5. in all running on the Common.

I would be grateful if you would confirm the above when you have checked on all animals, further if these could be put into the paddock next to Dr. McWhan's.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

*Des Peck*  
Des. Peck ( for W.C. Alazia )

April,

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Dear Sir,

I refer to my letter of the 26th June, 1964, and have to inform you that the scheme of dumping ~~of~~ ashes on the common must cease on the 30th April, 1965 as no further funds are available for the continuation of this project.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison

for

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Town Clerk,  
Stanley Town Council,  
STANLEY

Copies to: Treasury  
O/c Ag. Dept. ✓

29th July, 64.

Dear Madam,

I refer to my letter of 26th June concerning ash dumping.

I now understand that the trial scheme has been a success and the contractors request the area be extended to cover all of Ross Road West, all Fitzroy Road, and Callaghan Street in addition to the present Davis Street collection area.

I shall be obliged if you will agree to this and issue a broadcast notice in the same terms as paragraph 3 of my previous letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W.H. Thompson

Officer Administering the Government

██████ Town Clerk,  
Stanley Town Council,  
STANLEY.

Copy to: Treasury  
Agric ✓

26th June, 64.

Dear Madam,

I refer to the proposal to experiment with the dumping of ash on the Common with a view to the improvement of grazing areas and have to advise you that funds will become available on 1st July, 1964, to meet the additional payment required by the Ash Contractor.

2. It is agreed that Government will pay the Contractor 15/- per load on the understanding that it is dumped systematically on clay patches and levelled to a depth of six inches.

3. At the moment it is only proposed to operate the scheme with ashes collected from Davis Street and I am to ask you to be good enough to broadcast a suitable notice to householders on Davis Street requesting them to keep ash separate from tins, bottles, etc., and explain that the ashes so collected will be spread on the clay covered areas of the common with a view to providing added grazing areas for the dairy herd.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

for

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Town Clerk,  
Stanley Town Council,  
STANLEY.

Copies to: <sup>Agne</sup> Oj/c Treasury

HLS/IK.



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4<sup>th</sup> July, 63.

To: Superintendent of Police,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

New Ordinance for controlling dumping on the common

The above Ordinance has been passed which provides for controlling dumping on the common. Will you please instruct your men to see that the Ordinance is enforced. I have asked the Agricultural Department and the Peat Officer to report to you any cases of breach of the Ordinance which comes to their notice. Perhaps you will also think it appropriate to announce on the broadcast that the law has been passed and will be enforced in future.

Copies to: SPW  
AO ✓

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

RHDM/FH

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3rd July, 1963.

From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: Superintendent of Police,

STANLEY.

Impounding of Animals

At the moment Government is paying as much as £150 p.a. in overtime to employ a person to keep straying animals off the roads. Although the person employed is putting in long hours the object is not being achieved and very little poundage is resulting. Unfortunately some of the fences are in need of repair but steps are being taken to remedy this.

2. Would you please let me have your observations on the question and consider whether it would be possible for your Department to take over the job completely.

3. It will be recollected that on 22nd December 1960 Mr. Walton the then Chief Constable accepted the post of Pound Keeper.

(Sgd) R.M.D. Manders

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

HLB/LH

Copy to Agric. ✓

3rd July, 1963.

From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: Superintendent of Works,  
STANLEY.

Considerable trouble is being caused by animals straying in the Town and it is understood that some are entering via the broken fence at the Rubbish Dump and others (Agricultural horses) from the paddock near the land hangar where the gate is frequently reported as being left open. A further complication is that due to the condition of the Pound fence it is not possible to hold animals in the Pound.

2. Would you please consider whether it would be possible to make a passe libre near the old Sanitary Jetty to prevent animals entering from the Rubbish Dump.

3. Very strict instructions should be issued to PWD personnel using the gate near the land hangar, that this gate must never be left open.

4. If the PWD is still interested in the reservoir fence would you please take early steps to have it repaired so that impounded animals cannot escape.

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

HLB/LH

Copy to Agric. ✓

14 January,

63.

Madam,

Injury to Animals on the Common

I am directed to say that a complaint has recently been received from one of the dairymen that one of his animals has been injured by glass or other sharp matter dumped on the Common. I am told that the contractor was instructed to dump on the Common to fill up a hole but I am to suggest that if such were the case it would be better if only ash were dumped.

2. It is suggested that such dumping might in future be allowed in consultation with the Agriculture Officer.

3. In the present case I am to enquire whether it would be possible to ask the contractor remove some of the harmful material and bury the rest with ash.

I am,

Madam,


Your obedient servant,

R.H.D. Manders

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Town Clerk,  
Stanley Town Council,  
STANLEY.

RHDW/LH

Copy to AO. 

No. \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

30th March 19 61

To The Assistant Colonial

Secretary,

Secretariat.

From The Officer-in-Charge,  
Agricultural Dept.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Branding of Cattle.

It is now being found impossible to identify certain cattle grazing on Stanley Common because of the lack of identification marks. Up till 1956 it was the practice to brand all cattle with a registered number controlled by Government. This system although worked satisfactorily, was stopped by Mr. A.G. Denton-Thompson, then Colonial Secretary, because he maintained it was cruelty.

I am to state that this practice of branding animals is carried out in many countries, and I respectfully recommend the practice of branding animals should be re-introduced to save time and trouble in identifying animals. There is no record of Mr. Denton-Thompson's instructions on file.

*S. A. Stewart*  
Officer-in-Charge,  
Agricultural Department.

No. 1095

MEMORANDUM

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It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

13th May, 1957.

To: The Agricultural Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Fencing - Stanley Common.

We discussed your memoranda Nos. 4/1956/31 and 5/1957/31 of the 25th April and the 30th April, 1957.

2. It was agreed, as a result of our discussion, you would:-

- (1) prepare a plan showing existing fences, proposed alterations to the alignment of the fences, suggested new fences and fences that might be removed. You would seek and obtain local advice before putting forward your firm recommendations for Government approval.
- (2) you would examine and make recommendations with regard to any amendments to the existing Common legislation and rules you consider to be necessary

*R. G. ...*  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

CHAPTER 74.

STANLEY COMMON.

RULES



Section 11.

1. These rules may be cited as the Stanley Common Rules. Short Title.

2. In these rules --  
"Agricultural Officer" means the officer in charge of Definitions, the Agricultural Department ;

"brand" means any distinguishing mark, letter or number or combination thereof distinctly and permanently impressed or made upon any cattle ;

"cattle" means any bull, cow, ox, heifer, or calf;

"horse" means any stallion, mare, gelding, or foal ;

"owner" means any owner of animals, or his manager or agent;

"fence" includes any fence on, or bordering on the common;

"gate" means any gate, grid or "paso libre", leading to or from the Common.

3. (1) An owner licenced to graze cattle on Stanley Common shall cause all his cattle over the age of six months to be earmarked or branded with a mark or brand approved by the Agricultural Officer in such a manner as the Agricultural Officer shall direct before such cattle are grazed on the Common. Compulsory marking or branding.

(2) Any owner who --

- (a) fails, neglects or omits to mark or brand his cattle as aforesaid, or
- (b) marks or brands any cattle with any brand other than one approved by the Agricultural Officer, or
- (c) marks or brands any cattle other than in a manner directed by the Agricultural Officer,

shall commit an offence.

4. No animals shall be grazed on the Common, without the permission of the Agricultural Officer and not before the Agricultural Officer is satisfied the animals are free from any contagious or infectious disease. Permission and freedom from disease.

5. No stallion over the age of six months, and no bull over the age of three months shall be grazed on the Common. No stallions or bulls to graze on the Common.

6. Oxen will be allowed to graze on the Common in exceptional circumstances only, and at the discretion of the Agricultural Officer. The grazing fees shall be the same as for other cattle. Oxen on the Common at discretion of Agricultural Officer.

7. Any animals found grazing on land which is not open for public grazing shall be impounded, but may be released from the pound upon the owner paying a fee of two shillings and sixpence for removing each animal to the part open to public grazing: Animals grazing on reserved land.

Provided that owners of Camp Horses may graze such horses on the Western section of the Common during sports week.

8. The Agricultural Officer may order the removal, isolation, Removal treatment, testing, inoculation, disposal or destruction, destruction at the expense of the owner, of any animal suffering, or testing etc suspected to be suffering from any infectiouse or contagious of animals disease
9. An owner must report any disease or death of animals, to the Agricultural Officer, who shall take such steps as he Disease and may deem necessary to prevent the spread of any infection Deaths to be and shall direct where the carcasses of any dead animals reported etc. shall be buried or otherwise disposed of.
10. Any person--
  - (a) not complying with, or offending against these rules; or
  - (b) who shall wilfully, negligently, or maliciously damage any fence, gate or "paso libre" on, bordering on, or leading to or from the Common, or
  - (c) who shall wilfully, negligently, or maliciously leave Penalty open any gate on, or leading to or from the Common shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.



6/1957/31

13th. May

57

The Hon.

From; Agricultural Officer

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley

TRESPASS ORDINANCE  
STANLEY COMMON RULES

I have to suggest that the definition of "Animal" in the Trespass Ordinance (Chapter 74) be deleted and the following definition substituted;

- " "Animal" includes Horse, Mule, Donkey, Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goat
2. Also, I forward a draft of rules for Stanley Commoh which I suggest be substituted for the existing rules.

Agricultural Officer

30th April 1957.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,  
S T A N L E Y.

FENCING : STANLEY COMMONAGE.

Further to my minute No. 4/1957/31 of the 25th April 1957, I have to inform you that I requested Mr. E. Barnes, the fencing contractor, to inspect the main boundary fence on Stanley Common, and to submit an estimate for its reconstruction. He has now completed his survey, and has informed me that he is not prepared to submit a tender nor undertake the work, with the fence in its present alignment.

2. With several leased plots on either side of the fence, the continual traffic through to these plots, the consequent damage to the fence, and the irregularities in its present alignment, he states that he could not "make a satisfactory job of it".

3. Mr Barnes is probably the best fencing contractor in this colony, and his views are worthy of consideration.

4. I suggest that if and when a Stanley Commonage Management Committee is appointed, the question of re-aligning the fence so that all leased plots are completely shut off from the township, could be settled.

AGRICULTURAL OFFICER.

25th April

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The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,  
S T A N L E Y.

FENCING : STANLEY COMMON.

With reference to our conversation on the subject of fencing, I wish to inform you that the staff of this department is almost continually occupied in the maintenance and repair of existing fences, in, and round the Stanley Common area.

WORK DONE TO DATE.

1. Repair and replacement of a number of gates, damaged by motor vehicles etc. ;
2. Repair of broken (and often cut) portions of the main Stanley Common fence ;
3. Re-erection of the old fence across the "peninsula", at Stanley, extending from Stanley Harbour to York Bay ;
4. Erection of a fence to confine Hooker Point, so that the "tussac" may re-establish itself ;
5. Complete re-placement of the fence dividing ground leased to Mr Rowe, and the paddock owned by Mrs C. Bertrand. Mrs Bertrand paid half the cost;
6. Three miles (approx.) of new fencing at the "West End" of the Common. This was put out to contract.
7. Repair of fences at Government House grounds.

WORK ENVISAGED.

1. Repair of several hundred yards of fence at Surf Bay;
2. Complete overhaul of the whole main Stanley Common Fence, extending from the ash dump, in the east, to Moody Valley, in the west. Most of the posts, and some of the wire can be used again;
3. Repair north fence between "Brownings" and Stanley Common;
4. Make gates for these fences, and erect same;
5. Construction of a new "Pound" paddock;
6. Renew the complete double perimeter fence at the Quarantine Station;
7. Erect a new fence, about 1200 yards in length, at Hooker Paddock, so as to enclose another "Tussac" area;
8. Continual inspection and repair of broken fences, as and when necessity demands;
9. Construction of a new corrall at Surf Bay. This work is now in progress.

POLICY.

At present there is no "hard and fast" fencing policy. My view is that the Agricultural Department alone, should not be responsible for deciding on such a policy. One person may consider a certain fence necessary ; his successor may think otherwise. This has occurred recently, where I have authorised the re-erection of a fence at Hooker Point, which my predecessor had had removed. And so it goes on.

The Registrar of the Supreme Court has already pointed out that the control of Stanley Common does not appear to be vested in any specific officer (vide page 21 of Secretariat File No. 1095). In October 1956 (Vide page 22 of this same file No. 1095), I suggested that a STANLEY COMMONAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE might be appointed, and I am still of the same opinion. With such a committee, there would be continuity, both in work and policy.

There are a dozen or more dividing fences, on Stanley Common.

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Some of these are just odd remnants, others are in a bad state of repair. I submit that the question as to which fences should be removed, repaired or renewed, as the case may be, is a matter which should be decided by the suggested Common Management Committee.

If and when, this committee is appointed, legislation could be introduced imposing penalties where damage to fences has been proved, as well as ensuring the satisfactory control of the enclosed commonage.

EDWARD T. FERN

AGRICULTURAL OFFICER.

3/1956/31.

21st September 56.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,

Agricultural Officer,

STANLEY

DUMPING OF RUBBLE ETC. ON STANLEY COMMON.

Mr Les Hardy has suggested that I should broadcast a warning that anyone dumping rubble etc on Stanley Common, at the side of the road leading to Surf Bay, will be prosecuted. I have seen the heaps in question, and they are indeed unsightly.

2. Unfortunately, I can find no authority empowering me to issue such a notice. The Stanley Common Rules, and the Trespass Ordinance contain no provisions in this connection.

3. I shall be very grateful if you will be good enough to advise me, whether any action can be taken in this matter, under what regulations, and by whom ?

AGRICULTURAL OFFICER.

2/31/1956.

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TO ALL OWNERS OF CATTLE IN STANLEY.  
EAR MARKING AND BRANDING OF CATTLE.

The attention/ of all cattle owners in Stanley, is drawn to paragraph 3 of the "STANLEY COMMON RULES", which reads :-

"3. (1). An owner licensed to graze cattle on Stanley Common shall cause all his cattle over the age of six months to be earmarked or branded with a mark or brand approved by the Agricultural Officer in such a manner as the Agricultural Officer shall direct before such cattle are grazed on the Common.

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(a). fails, neglects or omits to mark or brand his cattle as aforesaid, or

(b). marks or brands any cattle with any brand other than one approved by the Agricultural Officer, or

(c) marks or brands any cattle other than in a manner directed by the Agricultural Officer,

shall commit an offence."

It will thus be seen that it is the duty of the cattle owner himself, and not of the Agricultural Department, to ear mark or brand cattle.

Furthermore, it is not the duty of members of the Agricultural Department to collect cattle on the common, and deliver them to any of the Stanley cattle owners.

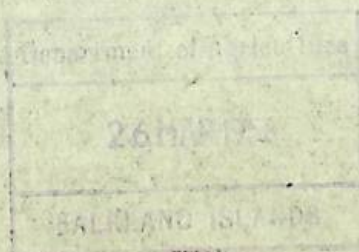
In view of the fact, however, that this service has been rendered to cattle owners, in the past, it is not proposed to discontinue same for the time being, provided the full co-operation of cattle owners is forthcoming; but it must be clearly understood that this is not an obligatory service on the part of the Agricultural Department.

At the last annual "round-up", some cattle were wrongly branded, but no responsibility for this mistake can be accepted by this Department.

IN VIEW, ALL OWNERS OF CATTLE MUST EAR MARK THEIR YOUNG STOCK BEFORE THEY ARE TURNED OUT ON TO THE COMMON.

This will enable the Agricultural and Livestock Assistants, to identify the animals, to brand them correctly at the annual "round-up", and will save cattle owners having to attend in person.

*Edward J. Fern*  
AGRICULTURAL OFFICER.



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GAZETTE NOTICE.

No. 3

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

5th January, 1956.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MR. L. E. BIGGS

to act as a Poundkeeper with effect from 5th January, 1956.

By Command,

(Sgd) J. Bound

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Ref: 0797/N/II.  
LJH.