

LIVE STOCK

C.S.

1922

No. 823/22

Magistrate

SUBJECT.

1922

IMPORTATION OF DOGS

18th December

Chief Constable enquiries regarding:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- Minute from Magistrate of 18<sup>th</sup> December 1922 with enclosures 'A' — Encl ①*
- Letter to Manager of F. I. Co. of 19<sup>th</sup> December 1922 — Encl ②*
- Letter from Manager F. I. Co. of 18<sup>th</sup> December 1922 — Encl ③*

*Police Magistrate,*

*The correspondence herein for your information with reference to your minute. The Chief Inspector of Stock will presumably prosecute for any breach of the Regulations with regard to importation.*

*2. Will you please return this early*

*Attdl 19/12/22*

*Hon. Col. Sec.*

*Thank you - noted. The question of the dog imported by M<sup>r</sup> Hockley also requires reference to the Ch. Inspector Stock*

*M. Francis Harker*

*20. XII. 22*

*11/2/23*

*PA 6/6/23*

Subsequent Paper.

Chief Inspector of Stock,

Will you please report the circumstances under which these dogs ~~came~~ and foxes have come to the country.

As you are aware the law requires certain formalities in the case of dogs and the fact of the Chief Inspector of Stock is not sufficient in itself to enable dogs to be landed. The importation of foxes from Chile and Argentina is prohibited altogether under Proclamation of 1921.

~~11/11/22~~ 22 Dec. 22

Hon Colonial Secretary

Regarding the dogs imported in the S.S. Falkland, Mr Morrison when he was last here notified me that he had arranged with Mr G. J. Felton that he wished to import for him about 25 horses at the first opportunity, also a dog at the same time. On the Coast I obtained a certificate from the British Vice Consul that no rabies or distemper were existent in the district.

B A Brown  
Chief Inspector of Stock  
30/12/22

Y.S.

Submitted.

2. These dogs were imported in violation of the Regulations but with the consent and approval apparently of the Chief Inspector of Stock.
3. Under the circumstances of not only contributory negligence but ~~also~~ contributory default on the part of Government through its representative proceedings under the Regulations against the importers must be waived?
4. If it is possible to do so, without consideration of the breaches of the Regulations, the dogs might be allowed to land if found free from disease and to have undergone a sufficient period of quarantine to nullify any risk whatever of their having brought in any disease?

ttttt 30/12/22

The Chief Inspector had a dog of his own on board the Falkland

H.C.S.

The C.I.S. is the office responsible for carrying out the law with regard to the importation of animals. His failure to do so calls for most serious consideration.

2. His action in taking a dog with him is irreconcilable.

3. In all the circumstances the dogs may be landed on conditions in concluding part of para 3.

H.C.S.

30 Dec 1922

Minute to Chf. Inspector of Stock of 30.12.22 - End. (8)

Yrs.

Submitter

The dogs have I understand been landed now

~~Submitter~~ 12/1/23



MEMORANDUM

Police Magistrate.

Stanley.

December 18th 1922

The Honble,

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley/

Hon. Col. Secty,

I think the attached report concerning importation of dogs should have been addressed to you.

2. Mr. C.E. Hookly obtained a dog from one of the whaling factories but so far no license has been applied for to me. Presumably the landing of this particular dog was notified to the Customs authorities, but I think the Regulations require certain certificates in the case of importation of animals into the Colony.

3. The police reported this morning that two dogs had been brought from Punta Arenas by the s.s. "Falkland" one of which was on shore, I understand also the dogs were on shore at North Arm !!

4. Possibly the Chief Inspector of Stock is not aware that a serious outbreak of distemper took place in the Colony some years ago through the importation of a dog, almost all the working collies died and Farmers were in consequence seriously handicapped. The Regulations in the U.K. are strictly enforced as regards importation of dogs, local regulations should similarly be enforced so as to guard against another outbreak of distemper.

*M. S. Hackett*  
S.M.

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To the  
Police Magistrate

Sir,

I beg to report that two dogs  
red haired terriers, and two Foxes,  
arrived in this Port on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst by  
the S. S. "Falkland",  
one of these dogs was on shore this  
morning.

Importation and exportation of live  
stock in March Gazette of 1914, prohibits  
the same unless accompanied by  
certificates.

I enquired from the Customs  
Department, and ~~they~~ was informed  
that they had no declaration of the  
importation of the above animals  
may I be informed if certificates  
accompanied a dog, landed by the  
Harbour Master from one of the Whalers  
outward bound this season.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant  
W/O Sullivan  
Chief Constable

18/12/22

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19th December, 1922.

Sir,

With reference to my verbal request to you of yesterday to warn the responsible officers of the s.s. "Falkland" that two dogs and two foxes, alleged to have been imported from South America and to be on board the vessel, should not be permitted to land, I am directed to transmit to you a copy of the Live Stock Regulations of the 7th of February, 1914. Section 7 of the Regulations refers to section 42 (now section 47) of the Live Stock Ordinance of 1901 which reads as follows :

Any person who shall commit a breach of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or of any proclamation or rule made hereunder to which a penalty is not attached shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

2. It is not within the knowledge of the Government that one month's notice of the intended importation of the dogs as required by section 1 of the Regulations was given to the Chief Inspector of Stock, or that certificates as required by section 4 of the Regulations accompanied the dogs or the foxes. Nor is it known who has imported the animals.

The Manager,

Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,

Stanley.

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3. I am to add that applications for the animals to be permitted to land if made by the importers will be dealt with without avoidable delay. I am however to draw attention to the liabilities which will be incurred in the meantime under section 47 of the Live Stock Ordinance by the master and owners of the s.s. "Balkland" if there is any failure to take precautions as to the landing of the animals (vide section 7 of the Regulations).

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Menniker-Heaton

Colonial Secretary.





The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Stanley. 18th December, 1922.

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Sir,

We beg to advise you that the s.s. "Falkland" has on-board the following animals:-

- (a) 1 dog and 2 foxes placed on-board at Punta Arenas at the instigation of Mr. T.G. Slaughter
- (b) 1 dog at the instigation of Mr. A. Morrison of Bluff Cove.

Instructions have been given to the Master of the s.s. "Falkland" that these animals are not allowed to be landed anywhere until released by the Stock Inspector, who we understand holds the necessary Veterinary Certificates.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. M. Marduey".

Manager.

THE HONOURABLE  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
STANLEY.

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I hereby give notice that I impose to import into the  
FALKLAND ISLANDS the following animals:-

Number and description.	One dog. Two foxes.
Where purchased.	Punta Arenas, Chile.
Port whence shipped.	do
Port at which vessel will enter in Falkland Islands.	Fox Bay and Stanley.
Date of arrival.	December, 17th, 1922.
Name of person in the Falkland Islands to whom the animals will be consigned.	T.G. Slaughter.

for T.G. Slaughter.

*W. Hardy*

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I hereby give notice that I propose to import into the  
FALKLAND ISLANDS the following animals:-

Number and Description.	One dog.
Where purchased.	Punta Arenas, Chile.
Port whence shipped.	do
Port at which vessel will enter in Falkland Islands.	Fox Bay and Stanley.
Date of arrival.	December, 17th, 1922.
Name of person in the Falkland Islands to whom the animals will be consigned.	Archibald Morrison.

for Mr. A. Morrison.

*W. Mardun*

The FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LIMITED.

Stanley. 19th December, 1922.

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of to-day's date and in continuation of mine of yesterday I beg to express regret that the Master of the s.s. "Falkland" accepted the two dogs and two foxes on-board the steamer at Punta Arenas. Captain Roberts was entirely unaware of the Regulations, and the copy enclosed in your letter has been handed to him for his future guidance.

As reported in my letter of the 18th one dog and two foxes were shipped at the request of Mr. F.G. Slaughter, and one dog at the request of Mr. Archibald Morrison. Seeing that both these gentlemen are away from Stanley it is impossible without some delay to obtain formal applications under their signatures for permission to import these animals and I trust that the enclosed applications from myself will be accepted, at any rate temporarily.

The Master of the "Falkland" has been advised as reported in my letter of the 18th to take every precaution against allowing these animals to get ashore until further advised.

I am given to understand that certificates as to the animals have been handed to the Stock Inspector.

Would you be good enough to inform me whether formal applications from Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Morrison are required? If so, these gentlemen will be informed accordingly.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. M. Munday*

Manager.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT to the best of my knowledge and belief there is no case of rabies or distemper in the Territory of Magallanes at the present time.

*T. B. Birdman*

BRITISH VICE-CONSUL.

British Vice-Consulate,  
Punta Arenas, Chile.  
this seventh day of December 1922.



No. 923/22

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

MINUTE.

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50th December, 1922.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Chief Inspector of Stock,

Stanley.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to authorize the two dogs imported into the Colony by Mr. A. Morrison and Mr. T. Slaughter from Punta Arenas to be landed provided that (a) you are satisfied that the dogs are quite free from any infectious or contagious disease (b) a sufficient period of quarantine has taken place to ensure that no risk can exist of the dogs bringing any disease into the Colony.

2. I am to request you to arrange with the exporters for the dogs to be landed if the above requirements are met.

3. I am to add that, although the Government allows the landing of the dogs, numerous breaches of the Live Stock Regulations of 1914 have been committed with, apparently, your consent, and that your failure, as the officer responsible for carrying out the law with regard to the importation of animals, to cause the provisions of the law to be observed, is a matter which calls for most serious consideration.

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.