

<u>POLICE & PRISONS.</u>	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>	
No.	112/36.

C.S.

1936.

Mr. G. T. Roberts.

SUBJECT.

1936.

23rd May.

Damage caused to car on the evening of the 22nd May, 1936.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

(1)

Letter from Mr. Gordon G. T. Roberts, of 23/5/36.

C.C.

Please investigate and report. This is a deplorable action.

J. G. S.
26/5/36

How. Col. Secty.

Police are making enquiries, but up to the present, I am sorry to say without results

S. H. H.
cc
27/5/36

P. A. handing further report J. G. S. 27/5

(2)

Letter from Mr. G. T. Roberts, of 26/9/36.

Y.E.

Red ② submitted as desired by Mr. Roberts.

2. No evidence was obtained in the first case and the Police are making enquiries into the second case.

3. I am sure Y.E. will realize the difficulty in obtaining evidence in such cases and I very much regret and extend my sympathy to Mr. Roberts in this sad occurrence.

Subsequent Paper.

4. I have already reported to Mr. Roberts Sr.
regarding the first instance and I understood he
would inform Mr. Roberts Jr. I will however inform
Mr. Roberts Jr. by letter in respect of the first case
again with regard to the second case.

J.G.S.
28/9/36

These most contemptible acts reflect
discredit on the whole town. They would
certainly be condemned by the vast majority
of decent citizens in Stanley.

The police should have taken action
when the light outside the front door
of the Hall failed.

I have the greatest sympathy with
Mr. Roberts.

~~Letter~~ 29/3
Letter to Mr. J. J. Roberts of 1/10/36. (3)
Ch. Constable.

Submitted.

You should conduct a close investigation and
report the result herein.

J.G.S.
28/9/36
Minutes from Chief Constable 7/10/36 (4)

Y.E.
- L.H. (4) is submitted for information.

The ag. ch. Electrician will be instructed regarding
(a) on recd (4). With regard to (b) on recd (4) I will
instruct the ag. C.E. that the call box be locked when
the exchange closes down and be opened by the
operator in the morning.

2. Mr. Roberts will also be advised of the present
position.

J.G.S. x (R) 36

12/10/36

ag. C.E.

To note for necessary action.

A. J. G.
13/10/36

Hon. C.S.

Red. (4) C. noted.

The lamp in question was found to be working but for some reason unknown, the switch controlling this lamp was in the "off" position. To stop a repetition of this, the switch will be removed, and the light will be permanently in circuit.

Red. (4) b. Spare lamps will be supplied.

A. Mercer
ag. C.E.
13. 10. 36

3. Letter to Mr. G. G. T. Roberts of 14th October, 1936.

1A
14/10/36

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Cable House,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

23rd May, 1936.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that while my car was parked outside the main entrance of the south side of the Town Hall between 7.50 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the night of the 22nd inst. some person or persons maliciously cut, punctured and completely deflated all four tyres of the vehicle, using a knife for the purpose.

2. I should be grateful if you will kindly instruct the Police to take such steps as may be thought necessary to secure the apprehension and punishment of the miscreant.

3. The Chief Constable was informed immediately the damage was discovered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Gordon G. Roberts

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Cable House,

(2)

Stanley.

26/9/36.

Sir,

Malicious Interference with
a Parked Motor Vehicle

With reference to my letter of the 23rd May 1936 addressed to you on the above subject and of which I have as yet received no acknowledgement I should be grateful if you will kindly inform me of the success or otherwise which has attended the police investigation of this matter.

I would also bring to your notice the fact that another vehicle of mine - namely my motor invalid tricycle - was maliciously overturned while parked outside the Town Hall last night. When discovered at approximately 12.15 a.m. the matter was immediately reported to the police at the police station. The vehicle would appear to have been overturned for a considerable time as a quantity of gear oil had run out of an almost oil-tight gear case.

The light outside the main door of the Town Hall has for some time permitted a certain amount

of observation to be given to parked vehicles but last night it was not functioning although the switch was in

I should be grateful if you would place the above facts before His Excellency in order that he may be aware of these indecent attacks upon my defencelessness; and I hope that you will cause such steps to be taken as are necessary to discover and punish the person responsible and also to prevent a recurrence of such distressing lawlessness.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Gordon G. T. Roberts.

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

112/36.

1st October,

36.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th of September and to inform you that His Excellency has the greatest sympathy with you in these most contemptible acts.

2. I may add that the investigations which were made in the first case were without satisfactory result and that the person or persons concerned in the second case have not yet been traced.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Gordon G. T. Roberts,
STANLEY.

Malicious Interference with a Parked Motor Vehicle

The Police and myself have made strict enquiries in respect to the above. I regret to say that up to the present have failed to find the culprit. In a case like this if the person is not caught at the time, the Police never get any support from the majority of the public. I still have the matter in hand.

As to the light outside the porch door not functioning I only noticed same being out on the arrival of His Excellency to the dance.

There being no one belonging to the Electrical Dept on duty, I reported same to Mr. A Mercer the following morning the 26^{inst}. If I may suggest that the caretaker be supplied with electric lamps in case of any lights failing at some future time they could be attended to.

I left the Town Hall at 11:55^{PM} and the tricycle was quiet in order. Constable Lanning answered the emergency disc at 12 midnight returning to the Police Station at 12:10^{AAA}

he reported that he could not get any answer to his ringing and found some person had been in the call box tampering with the phone there. He states that the tricycle was in order then. The Hon. G. Roberts came to the Station a few minutes afterwards and complained that some person had overturned his sons tricycle. The Constables on duty and myself then proceeded to the Town Hall and saw said tricycle laying on its side. We righted same and I saw a small quantity of oil on the concrete, made enquiries in the Town Hall at once but could not get any information. I might say my sympathy is with Mr. G. Roberts and I would only be too pleased to find the offender.

I am Sir
your obedient servant

S. H. Hooley
C C

7/9/36

Honourable
Colonial Secretary

112/36.

14th October,

36.

Sir,

Red 2.
With reference to your letter of the 26th of September, 1936, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Police have made exhaustive enquiries into the matter of the malicious interference with your motor vehicles but it is regretted that up to the present no information has been obtained which would lead to the conviction of the guilty person or persons.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. G. C. T. Roberts,
STANLEY.