

C.S.

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1923

No. 82/23

Mr. S. Browell

SUBJECT.

1923

22nd January

Previous Paper.

STANLEY STAGE PROPERTY FUND

Enquiry respecting Storage Room in  
Town Hall by Secretary of:

MINUTES.

*Letter from Hon: Secretary, Stanley Stage Property Fund  
of 22nd Jan. 1923. Encl ①*

*19/9/23*

*C. A.  
24/9/23*

*C.S. The members of this fund propose to provide a complete set of scenery - other than a drop curtain - and other stage properties late I think. They propose to hire this out to applicants who will pay a small fee. It is not intended to make any profit and the enterprise appears worthy of encouragement. Can you assist?*

*H.H.H. 24/11/23*

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

A complete set of scenery required for the Town Hall stage will consist of at least 12 pieces, also flies and drop scene or scenes and will consequently require considerable space to store satisfactorily.

2. It is generally considered that the stage is deeper than is necessary, being 25' from curtain to back wall.

I would/

Subsequent Paper.

I would, therefore, suggest that the following alterations be made so as to provide suitable storage room for scenery.

The two side entrance doors to stage to be brought 7' or 8' further along respective walls.

Three store rooms, roughly 5' x 9' x 12', to be built at the back of the stage leaving a passage way of 3'6" wide and 5' long from stage to refreshment room; the depth of stage would then be 20' in place of 25' as at present.

Two doors in each store room would form the front.

The tops of store rooms to be ceiled and capable of carrying the drop scenes etc.

*R. S. Basely.*

Colonial Engineer.

30/1/23.

*C. A. Hanky. Can you give an estimate of the cost please*

*W. H. H. 30/1/23*

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

The estimated cost for material and labour amounts to approximately £75.

*R. S. Basely.*

Colonial Engineer.

13/2/23.

*Y. S.*

*Submitted*

2. I think that the work of the promoters of the Fund will be generally appreciated and will add to the attraction of the Town Hall and so result in an increased number of letters.

3. The promoters might be asked for a

copy of their Rules and of the conditions under which it is proposed to let the public hire the premises.

4 The proposed extra accommodation will cost a good deal and there is no provision in the Estimates. Expenditure up to £50 might be approved for this as a minor work. It is not proposed to make a new drop scene and the store rooms need be little more than partitions — ceilings to the cupboard would also be necessary.

5 To proceed as in para 3?

W.H.H. 14/3/23

H.P.S.

Will you please proceed as in para 3

2. The promoters of fund desire encouragement in what they are doing.

M.

15 Feb 1923

Letter to Secretary Stanley Stage  
Property Fund 19th Feb 1923 (2)

Letter from Secretary Stanley Stage

Property Fund of 20th Feb 1923 — Encl (3)

Copy of Rules of the Fund — Encl (3a)



Y.B.

Submitted with copy of the rules  
of the Fund

2. It will take I think a  
considerable time before the scenery  
and properties can be ready. The  
Secretary of the Fund to be informed  
that arrangements will be made for  
storage when the properties are ready?  
But that the Government will not  
be able to accept any liability for  
loss or damage to the properties while  
they are at the Town Hall?

W.H. 4/3/23  
Dr.  
1 March 1913

In letter. ~~attached~~  
H.C.G.

Letter to Hon Secretary  
Stanley Stage Properties Fund.  
2nd March (14)  
Copy sent to Colonial Engineer. 3/3/23.

Letter from Stage Property Fund, Hon Sec  
of 17th April 1923 - Encl 5

Colonial Engineer.  
For your recommendation  
G.H. G.  
O.C.F.S.O.  
20 April 1923

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

With regard to Mr S.E. Browell's letter of the 17th. Inst in connection with the scenery at present in the Town Hall.

2. The scenery in question was made to enable a small play to be staged. Capt. Smith (Harbour Master) with the assistance of other gentlemen, fixed the charts on the frames and painted same. The principal material, i.e. timber and ironwork for frames and Admiralty Charts for covering frames, being the property of the Government. Up to the present no extra charge has been made for the use of the scenery it being considered as part of the stage fittings and covered by the charge for the hire of the Hall.

3. Should this scenery be handed over or sold to the Stanley Stage Property Fund a charge of 5% on the gross takings of each performance at which the scenery was used would be made so giving the Stage Property Fund a monopoly on all the scenery. The present scenery would have to be altered to enable it to be stored in the storage space to be provided at the back of the stage.

4. The estimated cost of the timber and ironwork in the present scenery is £10; this does not include canvas charts, paint tacks or labour. The present scenery consists of 13 pieces.

5. It would undoubtedly be an advantage to the Stage Property Fund if the whole of the scenery was under their control but I am unable to say whether this would be allowed seeing that the scenery can only be used in the Town Hall - a public building.

*R. S. Askey*  
Colonial Engineer.

25/4/23.

Y.E.

Submitted

G.R.B.  
022/105.0 26 April 1923

Colonial Engineer.

There is now a *Neogonia crinitella* which has raised funds to provide a complete set of scenery ~~with the~~ means what at present exists is inadequate. The existing scenery was made by voluntary effort from the amount being supplied by Gov. The Committee ask that they may have charge of the & that they may be permitted to repair & remodel it so that it may fit in with their general scheme. It is not possible to do otherwise than meet their wishes and existing scenery may be handed over to the Committee accordingly without payment.

*Yours*

30 April 1923

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

Thank you.

Noted and returned.

*R. B. Stanley*

Colonial Engineer.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ 2/5/23

Letter to Hon. Sec. Stage Property Fund  
4th May, 1923. — Encl. — (6)

Letter from Hon Sec. Stage Property Fund  
of 25th June 1923 — Encl. (7)

Colonial Engineer.

To write  
C.R. By  
O. J. C. Sec.  
30 June 1923

The Hon; Colonial Secretary.

Anyone requiring the hall for a concert can be informed, when applying for the hall, that the scenery is not included in the hire of Hall.

*R. W. Asley.*  
Colonial Engineer.

2/7/23,

Minute from Col Engineer of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1923 - Encl (4)

*Y.R.*  
Submitted.  
*R. W. Asley*  
O.C.S.E.  
10 July 1923

I am anxious to afford every facility to Mr. Bartram in his work and the use of the stage may be granted. The arrangements are approved except for the proposal that Mr. Bartram should make his own arrangements with the caretaker with regard to locking up the hall and seeing the lights out etc.; if it is intended by this that the caretaker should perform these duties and receive payment for them from Mr. Bartram there will be no objection because the responsibility will lie in the

proper place. If on the other  
hand Mr. Bartram is to attend to  
the lights and lock up the Hall  
it is not right to put the responsibility  
on to a member of the public. and  
it will be necessary for a fixed hour  
to be arranged for finishing work  
at night and for the constable on  
duty to visit the Hall, see that  
the lights are all out, lock up and  
take the key to the station

~~ttttt~~ 11 July 1923

Colonial Engineer

to care

GR. 13

O.C. Sec

11 July 1923

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Mr Bartram understands that  
he will require to defray all expenses in connection  
with this matter.

2. Copy of letter to Mr Bartram herewith; it  
will be seen that I have definitely stated that the  
Caretaker must perform the duties of opening and  
closing the Hall and attend to the lighting  
arrangements.

*R.S.B. Ascher*

Colonial Engineer.

16/7/23.

Letter from Mr W. Bartram of 17 Sept 1923 - Encl (10)



V.P. Submitted for approval.

APL 13  
Di'fsw  
21 Sept 1923

~~ttttt~~ 21 Sept 23

Colonial Engineer.

10 insty  
APL 13  
Di'fsw  
21 Sept 1923

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted.

- 2. Copy of letter to Mr W. Bartram.....

R. B. Baskley.

Colonial Engineer.

22/9/23



Stanley  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 1922

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①

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Sir

My committee directed me at a meeting of the Stanley Stage Properties Fund, held in the Parish Hall, on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, to write and ask the Colonial Government, if a place be found in the Town Hall, suitable for stowage of scenery etc. I would be much obliged if you would enquire into the matter.

I am

Sir

your Obedient Servant

S. L. Brewell

Hon. Sec.

23.

19th February,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd of January enquiring whether the Government could provide a place in the Town Hall for the storage of scenery and properties belonging to the Fund.

2. I am to inform you in reply that the Government is desirous of encouraging the movement by affording facilities for the object in view but further information is required concerning (a) the rules of the Stage Properties Fund with the conditions under which it is proposed to hire out properties to the public and (b) the amount of storage space required. In connection with (b) I am to state that the only way of providing storage appears to be by reducing the size of the stage by some four or five feet.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. S. E. Browell,

Hon. Secretary,

Stanley Stage Properties Fund,  
Stanley.



Stanley  
26-2-23

(3)

To

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Sir

I am enclosing the rules of the "Stanley Stage Properties Fund" as requested in your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. I should like state, that your only way of providing storage for scenery etc. would be beneficial to the Fund.

I am

Sir

your obedient servant

Le L. Brownell

(Hon) Secy

*[Faint handwritten scribble]*



THE STANLEY STAGE PROPERTIES FUND.

R u l e s .

- Title. 1. The Fund shall be called "The Stanley Stage Properties Fund".
- Board of Management. 2. The Fund shall be administered by a Board of Management composed of a representative of the Colonial Government and a representative elected annually from each of the following clubs or public bodies:- The Boy Scouts Association, The Working Men's Social Club, The Stanley Benefit Club, The Stanley Athletic Club and The Stanley Sports Association, together with not less than three members of the public whose interest or knowledge may tend to assist the Board.
- Officers. 3. The Board shall elect from among themselves annually a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Property Master.
- New members. 4. The Board shall elect any person proposed in writing by 15 or more Stanley residents, exclusive of members of the Board, to be a member of the Board.
- Notices convening meetings. 5. Notices concerning meetings, and the chief items on the Agenda, shall be posted publicly at least three clear days before the date of such meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting called by the Chairman and Secretary to consider a special subject.
- Cessation of membership. 6. A member of the Board shall cease to be a member on the vote of at least two-thirds of the other members.
- Object. 7. The object of the Fund shall be to acquire, control and maintain in proper order stage scenery and property for the benefit of the public at local theatrical performances.
- Use of the Fund's properties. 8. Any group of amateurs or societies, or the Manager thereof, who may require the use of the Fund's scenery etc. shall have the use of such on undertaking

pay to the Fund 5% (five per cent) of the gross takings of each performance at which the scenery and property is used.

Application for the use of the scenery etc. shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Fund by the persons desirous of using it, or by their representative.

The persons using the Fund's scenery etc. on the conditions laid down in these rules shall restore it to its place of keeping, under the supervision of the Property Master, within a reasonable space of time.

Damage  
or loss.

9. Damage to or loss of any of the Fund's scenery or properties, other than fair wear and tear, shall be repaired, replaced or paid for in cash by the group of persons, or society, or body, or the Stage Manager thereof who shall have used it.

Repairs or replacements shall be executed to the satisfaction of the Board of Management.

In case of dispute such damage or loss and its value shall be assessed by the Board of Management.

Any person or persons hiring the Fund's scenery etc. shall sign a declaration to abide by the Rules of the Fund.

reduction  
charge.

10. The Board may reduce the percentage fixed in Rule 8 hereof to 1% (one per cent) in a case of a performance in connection with a charitable object.

Property  
Master's  
duties.

11. The Property Master shall take care of the scenery, properties, etc. of the Fund, and shall report at once to the Secretary any damage or loss.

Inventory.

12. An inventory of all properties shall be carefully kept by the Secretary, Treasurer and Property Master.

Quorum.

13. Five members of the Board of Management shall form a quorum.

Other  
Matters.

14. Any question or matter not provided for in these rules shall be decided by a meeting of the Board.

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Passed by the Board of Management at their meeting in Stanley on 12th January, 1923.

B y e - L a w s .

1. "Gross takings". (Rule 8.).

Gross takings shall be taken to mean:-

- (a) Cash received for the sale of tickets.
- (b) Cash taken for entrance at the door whether tickets be given or not.
- (c) Cash received for the sale of programmes.

2. "Charitable object". (Rule 10.).

The Board of Management shall decide what is and what is not a charitable object within the meaning of this rule.

82/23.

2nd March,

25.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of February and to inform you that arrangements will be made for storing the scenery and properties belonging to your fund when these are ready.

2. It must be clearly understood, however, that the Government will be unable to accept any liability for loss or damage to the articles in question while they are at the Town Hall.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. S. E. Browell,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Stanley Stage Properties Fund,  
Stanley.



Stanley Stage Property Fund

17-4-23

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To

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Sir



I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of the Stanley Stage Property Fund ~~was~~ held on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. and the question was discussed of the scenery at present in the Town Hall.

The Board of Management of the Fund are taking steps to provide adequate and suitable scenery and the Government have kindly promised to allow them to store it in the Town Hall. They feel that it would be well if the present scenery could be handed over to them, in which case they would remodel and repair it and store it with their other scenery and properties.

I should be glad if you would let me know whether the Government is prepared to sell this scenery to the Fund, and if so at what price.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

J. E. Brownell

Hon. Sec.

(6.)

82/23.

4th May,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th of April, and to inform you that His Excellency has approved of the scenery at present in the Town Hall being handed over to the Stanley Stage Property Fund without payment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

Mr. S. E. Browell,

Honorary Secretary,

Stanley Stage Property Fund,

Stanley.

The Stanley Stage Properties Fund.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1923



(7)

To

The acting Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office.

Sir,

My committee directed me at a meeting, - held in the Parish Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst, - to extend their best thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Governor for having approved of the Fund, taking over all existing scenery etc: at present in the Town Hall, without payment.

They also wish to know if you could inform parties desiring the hire of the Town Hall for concerts, that the scenery is not included in hiring terms.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant

S. E. Browell

Hon. Sec:



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

LETTER FORM.

Departmental Number.

From..The Hon. Colonial Engineer.

Date. 7th. July., 1923.....

To..The Hon. Col. Secretary...

SUBJECT.

Place for the construction of new scenery for the Town Hall.

Reference Numbers.

The Hon. Col. Secretary.,

Mr W. Bartram has called on me, yesterday, in reference to a place for the construction of the new scenery for the Town Hall.

2. It appears that, to enable the back scene to be painted, the canvas has to be stretched on a frame 30'x 15'. There is not a building in Stanley, other than the Town Hall where this frame can be erected. Mr Bartram desires that he may be allowed to have the use of the Stage in the Town Hall to work on the new scenery. He will work during the evenings and on Saturday afternoons.

3. I have examined the stage with Mr Bartram and find that the frame could be placed against the back wall of the stage, by so doing the two doors into the refreshment room would have to be shut: the two side doors into the corridors could be used. Seeing the difficulty and the exceptional circumstances, also that the work is for the benefit of all persons interested in the promotion of concerts etc., I would suggest approval be granted to Mr Bartram: with the understanding that he may commence on Saturday 21st. July and will complete the work in two months

also that he makes/



also that he makes his own arrangements with the Caretaker with regard to locking up the Town Hall and attending to the lights etc. Mr Bartram to supply the oil for the lamps. Should approval be granted it will require that persons ~~xx~~ hiring the Town Hall for an all night dance will have to be informed that they can only enter the refreshment room by the side doors and not direct from the stage as at present.

R. R. Basely

Colonial Engineer.

7/7/23.

16th. July, 1923.

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(G.S. 82/23)

Sir,

With reference to our conversation on the 6th. inst. regarding the use of the Stage in the Town Hall for the purpose of preparing certain scenery.

2. I beg to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to grant approval on the following conditions:

- (1) That the necessary frame will be erected along the back wall of the Stage, so shutting off the two doors leading to the Refreshment Room but leaving the side doors clear.
- (2) That use of stage will be from the 21st July until the 20th. September, work being done during the evenings and on Saturday afternoons.
- (3) That Mr Bartram makes all arrangements with the Caretaker (Mr A.B. King) in regard to the opening of Hall and the lighting, closing and locking up of Hall on each occasion that the Stage is used.
- (4) The foregoing duties must be performed by the Caretaker and not by some other person.
- (5) All expenses in connection with this matter to be defrayed by Mr Bartram.

3. I would add that the curtain requires to be down when the Badminton Club are using the Hall, but I understand that this will not interfere with your work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

E. W. BARTRAM,  
STANLEY.

*EWB*  
Colonial Engineer.

"Terrence Boyle"  
- Port Stanley -  
- Falkland Islands.



Dear Sir

17/9/23.

(10)

I beg to ask for an extension of time, for the use of Stage in Town, Hall for the purpose of finishing Survey. I find it is impossible to finish same, by Sept: 20<sup>th</sup> as stated in your letter, of July 16<sup>th</sup> 1923.

Should be grateful, if it be possible, for another six weeks. The working men's state of work, would put me off work for a week, if this be granted. Thanking you in Anticipation.

I am, Sir,

Yours Respectfully,

William J. Barrane.

The Hon: Col: Secretary.  
Submitted.

2) Would suggest approval.

W. Barrane.

Col: Eng.

18/9/23.

R. B. Barclay Esq.  
Colonial Engineer.  
Stanley.

COLONIAL ENGINEER'S OFFICE,  
STANLEY.

22nd. September, 1923.

(82/23)

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 17th. inst. requesting an extension of six weeks for the use of Stage in the Town Hall as from the 20th. September so covering to the 31st. October.

I am instructed to inform you that approval has been granted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*R. B. B. B. B.*

Colonial Engineer.

Mr W. Bartram,  
Veronica Cottage,  
Stanley.