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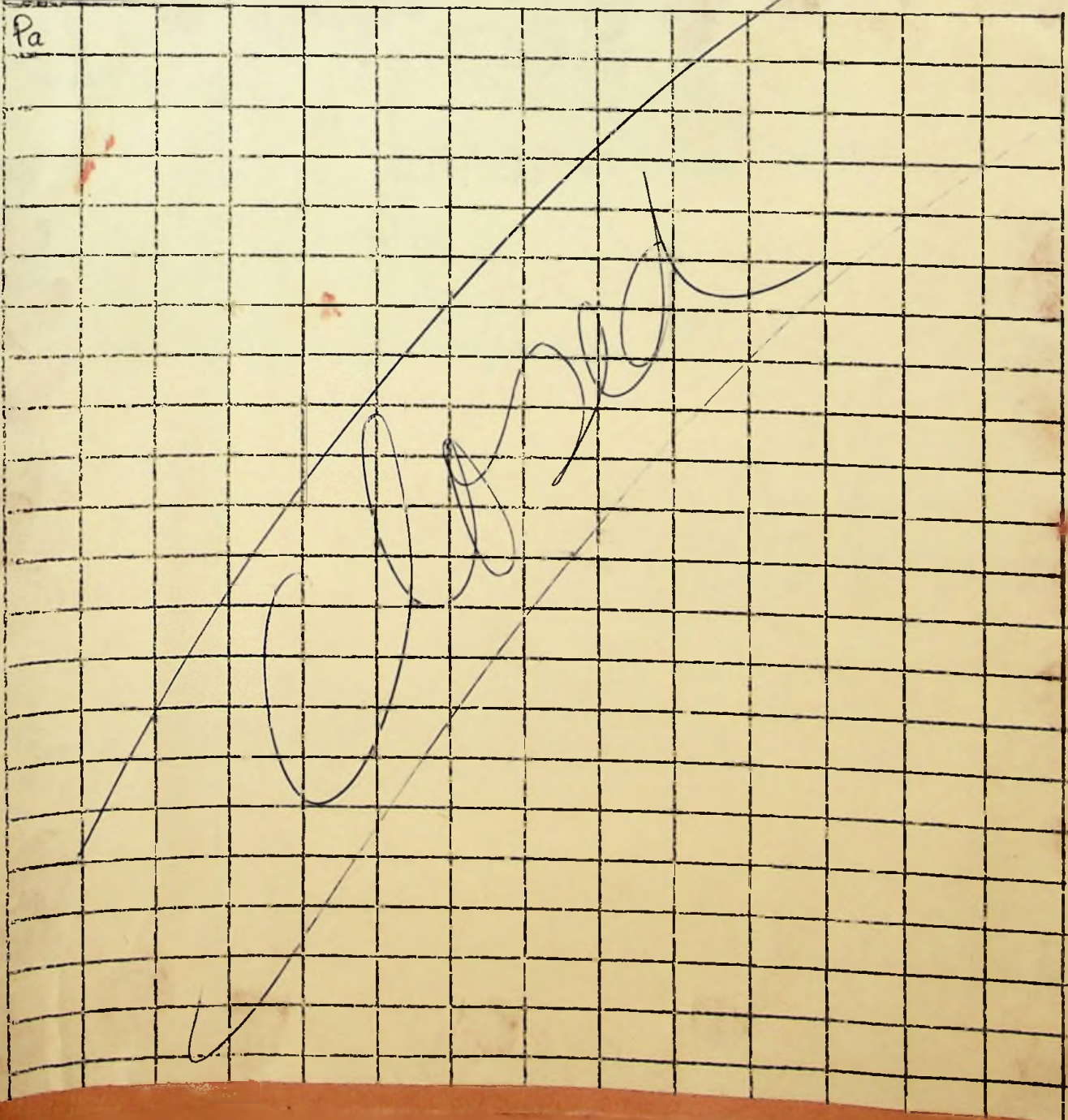
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PUBLIC DANCES IN STANLEY.

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Chief Constable's Office.
Port Stanley.

24 April 1952.

To: The Honourable Colonial Secretary
for the information of His Excellency
the Governor.



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comments
24/4

Sir,

Dances at the Town Hall and Gymnasium.

I respectfully report with reference to the above subject that I am not satisfied with:-

"A". The number of dances held in the town of Stanley.

"B". The manner in which the hirer's of the dance halls carry out the conditions set out in the "Agreement for Hire" with the Town Council.

A blank agreement is herewith attached.

Referring to "A", this year already 28 dances have been held in the Town Hall and 15 in the gymnasium, which do not include Wedding dances or "Old Time Dancing."

I do not know whether there is anything we can do about this apart from seeking the co-operation of the Town Council, but in my opinion, and I am sure that you will agree, five dances in one week must have a detrimental effect upon the health and working efficiency of those who attend every dance.

Although at this stage I do not propose to go into details, I can assure you from my own personal observations, that the figure of regular attendants reaches fairly high proportions.

One has only to see some of the regulars at work on the following mornings, and see those who do turn up for work are incapable of carrying out their duties properly through lack of rest etc. Some do not turn up for work until after breakfast, others not until after lunch and some not at all, the latter even without taking the trouble to notify their employers.

the dancers,
Were they the only sufferers, I would not care, but as it means a general slowdown on essential work and general efficiency, I respectfully suggest that the amount of dances should be considerably curtailed by means of refusing to let the dance halls.

In my opinion two public dances per week during normal weeks would suffice, extended to three during holiday weeks and visits of H.M. Ships and others visiting the port of Stanley.

Referring to "B". May I please set out my observations paragraph by paragraph of the attached "Agreement for Hire."

1. In view of the large attendance at all the dances I think the charge for the halls too low.

The large attendance applies more so during the visit of H.M. Ship's which according to local rumour is going to continue for at least a further six months, H.M.S. Veryan Bay till the end of June to be followed by H.M.S. St. Austell Bay till the end of September.

2(1) I attend every dance in an official capacity for a period of at least one hour and when circumstances warrant same for longer periods.

I do not think that this paragraph is properly enforced. What the Town Council's views are of a full staff I do not know, but I have never seen what I would call an adequate, let alone a full staff in attendance in compliance with the agreement.

With the exception of one or two people promoting dances, the staff I have usually seen on duty comprised of a

cashier, assistant cashier and another person working the radiogram. On very rare occasions an M.C.

Smoking is allowed ad lib. but I have yet to see any person taking an occasional look around during the dancing to see that cigarette stubs etc. have been properly extinguished prior to being thrown on the floor. It usually falls to the lot of the police to make a thorough examination of the premises at the end of dancing.

Recepticals for cigarette ends etc. are ~~not~~ provided in ~~the dance hall or lobby~~, but rarely used.

On one occasion no cloak-room attendant was provided and general chaos prevailed until one was secured on my instructions. This matter was brought to the notice of the Town Clerk on the following day, who assured me that he would inform every hirer of the hall that they must have someone in attendance.

2(2.3.4.5.6.7 & 8) give no cause for complaint.

2(9) To apply this rule, it appears to me as to what "intoxicated" means by Falkland Islands standard. I have seen numerous people admitted here, who would definitely have been refused admission in the U.K. It should however be said of those people, that apart from more or less getting in everybody's way, ~~and~~ they did nothing serious enough to lower the prestige of the dance hall.

At no time has any intoxicated person been refused admission by the hirer or his attendants, and at no time has any person been removed from the dance floor after having become intoxicated through leaving the hall and drinking from bottles stowed away in the vicinity of the dance hall.

Those that have been refused admission, have been refused at the request of the police, those that have been removed from the dance floor have been removed by the police or naval patrols. Only once has an intoxicated person been removed from the dance floor by the police at the request of the hirer.

2(10) No check is made by the hirer or his attendants on the taking in of intoxicating liquor, or the consuming of same on the premises. When persons have been stopped from entering the hall with intoxicating liquor, it has always been done by the police, and consuming (which usually takes place in the lavatories) has always to be stopped by the police. In order to do this very frequent visits have to be paid to the lavatories by the police, and although I am quite prepared to help the hirer's as much as possible, I do object to my staff being virtually reduced to the rank of lavatory attendants.

As you are well aware Sir, the police have no powers to search entrants and have therefore to rely upon their vigilance, making it very easy to smuggle liquor into the dance hall in inner pockets.

I have never seen any attendants in or adjacent to the lavatories to stop drinking or rowdyism, and as this is nearly always the hub of any trouble which does break out, I am sure that you will agree with me that as things are, they are far from satisfactory.

Tickets. (Entrance.)

No tickets are issued, and I am sure that numerous persons gain entry without payment. Cloak room tickets are also inadequate, being merely slips of paper with a series of numbers scribbled on them in ordinary pencil. Any person could erase the number and by substituting another gain possession of any body's clothing.

Gymnasium Dance Hall.

My personnel, sergeant and myself are all /of

of the opinion that when war ships are in port the gymnasium dance hall is too small and unsuitably constructed. On an average 80 men come ashore from each watch, out of which a possible 50 may attend the dance after 10 or 11.0 p.m. Allowing for another 80 to 100 locals, there is an average attendance of approximately 150 people.

I regret not being able to give concrete figures in the absence of a ticket system.

This hall is too small to accommodate this number and keep them under supervision. The lavatories are placed in such a position, that should any trouble arise, and it frequently does, the police are greatly hampered in their duties.

The entrance to the dance floor is usually obstructed by a crowd who for some reason are quite prepared to pay their entry fee, but have no desire to dance.

The only reason I am able to give for the Gymnasium Hall being hired for dances, is to enable the promotor(s) to gain more for themselves.

General Remarks.

To prevent damage being done to the dance halls and keep the dances under proper control, I am compelled to keep either my sergeant or myself and two other police officers continually on duty for the duration of the dance, which in a small Force such as ours is a heavy drain on manpower. To enable the 10 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. man to carry out his routine patrol, I have to keep the 2/10 p.m. duty constable until such time as it is expedient to dismiss him.

This also applies to Sgt. Norris, whose normal duties are from 9.0 a.m. till 5.0 p.m. He has to attend almost every dance for a period of four hours over and above his normal duty time.

There being no method of paying overtime or granting "time-off" in lieu of overtime, it comes down rather hard on these men.

It gives me very great pleasure to be able to inform you Sir, that at no time has any of my staff grumbled at having to perform extra hours of duty when called upon to do so.

At this stage you may very well say "The hirer is responsible by para. 2(1) for the preservation of order in the hall (which includes the lavatories,) why keep the police there ?

Unfortunately experience has taught us that whenever any damage has been done to any part of the building, it has always occurred during a temporary enforced absence of the police. Whilst we have been lucky enough to detect the offenders and get the cost of the damage reimbursed, this may not always be the case, and I find it more expedient to have police in attendance to try and avoid damage and disorder. Once damage has been done, it is well known to you how difficult it is to obtain any information from the local inhabitants as to the identity of the culprits.

As far as I have been able to ascertain no action has been taken by the Town Council under para. 2(12) since my arrival in the Colony. Enquiries reveal that it appears only to be adhered to if the person(s) responsible for the damage are not traced. This in my opinion is wrong.

Observations.

I respectfully recommend that the Town Council be asked to obtain a guarantee from any person(s) hiring any dance hall that they will have the following attendants on duty:-

- Town Hall. One cashier and assistant if required.
One cloakroom attendant.
One attendant at West door.
One to patrol lavatories and lobby.
One on dance floor. (May also act as M.C. if required.)
- Gymnasium. One cashier and assistant if required.
One patrol lobby and lavatories.
One on dance floor. (May also act as M.C. if required.)

In addition I would also like the Town Council to stipulate a definite time for the cessation of a dance, if possible not later than 1.0 a.m. This in my opinion is late enough for any dance. No matter how quietly the dancers proceed to their respective homes, somebody

somebody is bound to be disturbed, with very often unpleasant reactions, moreso where young children are concerned.

Conclusion.

I propose to continue police co-operation on a reduced scale as a trial, and should I find it necessary to increase same, subject to your confirmation to charge the hirer of the hall for the services of the police at a rate of 3/11d. per hour or part of hour, for the additional personnel required.

When the Collector of Customs requires the assistance of additional police, he pays them at the forementioned rate, and I do not see why dance promoters should have the services of additional police free of charge as it is their responsibility to abide by their agreement, and not that of the police as at present prevailing.

Dance promoters in the U.K. if they actually require the services of the police on the premises, have to employ them at their own cost, the beat men and supervising ranks calling in occasionally when passing.

Locally I regret to state, I would not dream of withdrawing the police altogether for reasons already given, as their presence to my own personal knowledge has nipped many, what might have turned into nasty incidents, in the bud.

Although I have not yet attended any dances unofficially, I am not against dancing as a passtime if properly conducted, and I fully realise that it is really the only one in Stanley in which everybody can participate in the absence of a theatre or cinema or other forms of entertainment.

I do however think that the time has come to compel the dance promoters in Stanley to carry out the terms of their agreements and not rely upon myself and my staff to maintain law and order at their functions, whilst they derive all the financial benefit.

May it please you Sir, to let me have your views on this subject.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. E. J. Williams
Chief Constable.

W.S.

I'm afraid I don't attend these dances but if all one hears is correct (as C.C.'s Memo. appears to confirm this) I consider the A.C. shd. require the terms of the Hire Agreement to be more strictly adhered to.

2. My information is that the majority of these dances are run for the personal gain of one individual & I see no reason why he should not pay for police attendance, if he is permitted to continue running dances almost every night.

3. There are certainly many dances being held at the moment.

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A

Y.E. I am in general agreement with C/Constable's views & suggest that he should take the matter up with the Town Council in the first instance.

30/11
B

Heardingy - the thing is becoming a nuisance and the T.Hall is very ill-served for. I have been round in the morning after a dance and found the Hall and premises filthy. The ground caretaker is in my opinion most unsatisfactory.

MC. 30/11

C

Chief Constable

Ref ⑤

Please take this matter up with the Town Council. If you don't get satisfaction - report back.

30/11

D.

B.O.S.

Taken up with Town Council 5/4/62. No action on that date. Each member of Council supplied by me with copy of my report. It'll be notified when matter will be brought up for discussion. Will respectfully return until such time as again required.

H.B. 9.1 O/c. 6.4.62.

B.O. 1 month

B.O. 8/6/62

Agreement for Hire

AN AGREEMENT made the day of 19..... Parties.
BETWEEN the TOWN CLERK as agent for the Town Council of Stanley (hereinafter called the owner) of the one part and
being of the age of 21 years or upwards, (hereinafter called the hirer) of the other part.

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows :

1. The owner agrees to let and the hirer to hire the Agreement for hire.
..... of the Town Hall for a
on the.....day of19.....: from.....p.m. to.....
for a fee of £..... paid in advance the receipt of which by the owner is hereby acknowledged.

The owner agrees, in the event of the..... being cancelled, to refund the fee paid in full or less such amount as may have been expended for labour or other charges in preparation for the carrying out of this Agreement.

The owner reserves all broadcasting rights.

2. The hirer agrees as follows :

Hirer's Agreements.

- (1) To provide a full staff of respectable and suitable doorkeepers, attendants and other persons usual and necessary for the proper working of the for the safety of the Town Hall and for the preservation of order therein.
- (2) To manage and conduct the.....so that nothing shall be done or omitted which shall tend to lower the reputation of the Town Hall or of any person present therein or offend against any Ordinance of the Colony or any Rules made for the good conduct of the.....
- (3) To permit entry and exit by way of the East entrance and in cases of crowding and emergency by way of the East entrance and the Emergency Entrance on the West.
- (4) To permit the owner and any persons authorised by him, without fee or charge, to enter upon the premises during the hours of the hiring.
- (5) To pay such sum for any damage done to the Town Hall or approaches thereto as may be certified by the Executive Engineer, or person acting in that capacity, to be owing for repairs.
- (6) To use no nails, tacks, hooks or screws other than those provided for the hanging of decorations.
- (7) To use no floor polish except that provided or authorised by the owner.
- (8) To allow no person under the age of sixteen to be admitted to the Town Hall or its approaches.
- (9) To allow no intoxicated person to be admitted to or to remain in the Town Hall.
- (10) To allow no intoxicating drink to be brought into or consumed in the Town Hall except under the terms and conditions of an occasional licence granted to the hirer by the Magistrate under the Licensing Ordinance, 1949.

(11) To allow no refreshments solid or liquid to be served or consumed other than in the authorised places and on no account in the cloak-rooms or lavatories.

(12) To deposit the sum of Five pounds with the owner which sum (or such part of it as the owner may see fit) shall be forfeit if in the opinion of the owner any clause or clauses in this Agreement have not been adhered to by the hirer. BUT without any abrogation of the rights of the owner to sue for a greater penalty or of the hirer to sue for a return of the sum deposited or any part of it.

(13) To pay a fee of two shillings for a copy of this Agreement if the hirer desires to have one.

Both Parties
Agreement.

(14) BOTH PARTIES agree that this printed form of AGREEMENT has been altered or modified by any deletion or addition to which they have affixed their initials and has been amplified by any further agreements contained in the Schedule hereto and to which they have affixed their signatures.

AS WITNESS our hands this day of19.....

Owner.....

Hirer

SCHEDULE

(1) In the event of the being continued beyond..... the hirer agrees to pay the sum of one pound per hour for every subsequent hour or part thereof.

Owner.....

Hirer

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF STANLEY.
=====

Town Council Office.

Town Hall.

Stanley.

31st. May. 1952. ?
(The date is correct)

The Chief Constable.

Stanley.

Sir,

No Copy
With reference to your letter of the 2nd. inst. on the
subject of dances I am directed to inform you that the
following decisions were reached in the matter:-

That the Gymnasium no longer be used for dances.

That no dance continue beyond 1 a.m.

That the following attendants be appointed by the hirer:-

Cashier (with assistant if required.)

Attendant at East Entrance.

Cloakroom attendant

Attendant in lobby and lavatory.

Floor attendant (who may also be M.C.)

The above to be males.

Attendant in ladie's cloakroom.

Attendant in ladies lobby and lavatory.

Names of attendants to be given to Town Clerk in advance.

Appropriate badges to be supplied to attendants.

It is felt that enforcement of the above will have a good
effect on dances generally.

(Sgd.) Karl V. Lellman.

Town Clerk.

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Chief Constable's Office.
Port Stanley.
7th. June 1952. 11

To:- The Honourable Colonial Secretary
for the information of His Excellency
the Governor.

Sir,

Dances at the Town Hall and Gymnasium.

10 Further to my report of the 22nd. of April 1952,
I respectfully submit a copy of a letter received by
me on the above date, for your information.

Dance promoters are carrying out the new regulations
and an all round improvement has been achieved.

The closing down of the dances at 1.0 a.m. has not
gone down too well, both with the promoters and the public,
but I am sure that they will in due course realise the
wisdom of that regulation.

At the moment some of the attendants are inclined
to be somewhat over zealous by having acquired authority
they have never held before, but I am sure this will
gradually wear off as time proceeds.

Police attention on a reduced scale is still being
paid at all dances, and will be continued until such time
as I am satisfied that there is no further need for same.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. S. J. [Signature]
Chief Constable.

See Mr. [Signature]
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Chief Constable's Office.
Port Stanley.
13th. September, 1957.

To:-

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat.

Sir,

Dances at F.I.D.F. Drill Hall.

I respectfully report at 12. noon above date, receiving a telephone call from Mr. V. T. King, Secretary F.I.D.F. Badminton Club, requesting information from a legislative point of view relative to dancing on Sundays.

When asked to explain himself further, he informed me that it was the intention of the F.I.D.F. Badminton Club to run another dance on Saturday 14th. ult, and that representations had been made to him to continue dancing until 1.0 a.m. or 2 a.m.

I informed Mr. King, that although I did not know of any laws or Regulations forbidding dancing on the Sabbath, that I would very strongly oppose same, in view of the fact that it was a public dance, where admission was gained upon payment, and that I would discuss the matter with you on Saturday morning during our weekly conference.

I also told him that I would discuss the matter with you relative to the admission of juveniles under the age of 16 years at the dance organised by him on Wednesday 11th. September, who were allowed to remain there until 1.0 a.m. and the fact of the Badminton Social dance not concluding until 2.0 a.m.

Whilst I know that there is no legislation which states that Public Dances should end at 1.0 a.m. and there is no legislation stating that juveniles under the age of 16 should be excluded from Public Dances, the fact must be borne in mind that dance organisers in the Townhall, will very soon be wanting to know why dances organised in the F.I.D.F. hall are allowed to continue beyond the limit of time laid down for them, and also the fact of juveniles being allowed to attend.

The ruling, which to my mind is a very sound one, of juveniles under 16 being excluded from Public Dances, was made by the Town Council, and the ruling of Public Dances having to conclude at 1.0 a.m. was made by the Ex-Governor Sir Miles Clifford after consultation with the Senior Medical Officer. At that time, there were public dances every night of the week, which continued until 3 and 4.0 a.m. and eventually affected the health and working capacity of the various departments in which the dance patrons were employed.

I also told Mr. King that I took very great exception to male dance patrons attending the F.I.D.F. dances using the thoroughfare leading down to the rear gate of the police station as a public lavatory for the purpose of urinating, when suitable lavatory accommodation is provided for in the hall. I am well aware that the prevention of same comes within police jurisdiction, but cannot afford to put a police officer there permanently to deal with it, at the expense of other rate payers whose property has to be policed.

If Saturday night's dance is allowed to go on into the Sabbath, there is no doubt that we shall within the very near future receive complaints from the ecclesiastical authorities, and if juveniles are to be continued to be allowed to attend, also dances organised by Mr. King or anybody else are allowed to continue later than 1.0 a.m., it is my intention to request your permission to draft an Ordinance relative to same providing for legislation.

A lot of these juveniles are employed in various Government offices, and should be in bed resting instead of dancing, and the results of these late nights invariably result in these youngsters being half asleep at their respective posts next morning, instead of them being wide awake to their duties.

See 15

2.

The police have quite enough to do with juvenile delinquency by chasing them home off the roads late at night, without them being given any further encouragement from outside sources to roam the roads during the early hours of the morning.

In conclusion Sir, I am personally of the opinion that the holding of public dances at the F.I.D.F. hall at such a low price of 1/- per head is not within the keeping of the F.I.D.F. standards, and bringing it within the rating of a third class dance hall.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. E. J. S. M. J.

Chief Constable.

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I have dictated correspondence and
seen the C.C. about this. On file 14

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14th September,

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Sir,

I have to refer to our discussion this morning on the subject of the arrangements made by the Defence Force Badminton Club for a dance in the Drill Hall this evening Saturday the 14th.

2. Your attention is drawn to the fact that the permission of the Commandant must be obtained before any arrangements are made for the use of the Drill Hall for social occasions. As you are aware I have made it clear that such permission will invariably be forthcoming as I am anxious that as many facilities as possible should be available in Stanley for recreation and social occasions. On the other hand the Commandant should be informed about them. With regard to the general question of teenagers the following general ruling should be observed:-

- (i) Teenagers should be allowed to participate in social occasions and dances subject to a time limit of 11 p.m. during term time except for Saturdays when the limit will be extended to midnight.
- (ii) Midnight during school holidays.
- (iii) Teenagers must have attained the age of 14 years to be allowed in.

3. With regard to the arrangements for tonight's dance I have decided, having given very careful consideration to the various and conflicting points of view that dancing may be extended for adults until 2 a.m. Permission for extension to 1 a.m. on this occasion, however, is not to be regarded as a precedent and I wish to give further consideration to the matter and consult various representatives of public opinion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Chairman,
Defence Force Badminton Club,
STANLEY.

ACDT/EC

Copies to: The Chief Constable.
The Adjutant Defence Force.

14th September, 1957.

D/O

With reference to the discussion we had this morning on the question of an extension beyond midnight in the case of dances being held in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening, I have decided to allow the dance to be extended to 1a.m.

In doing so I am frankly not certain that the decision is a right one and I have not made it without some anxiety. No doubt there will be trouble either way. I might say that I have made it clear that this is not to be regarded as a precedent and I am going to think it over again and consult various representatives of public opinion, which I think, should be the deciding factor in matters of this nature.

A.G.D.T.

The Rev. J. Gould,
STANLEY.

AGDT/MC

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Ans

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Ans.

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I have discussed with Ch. of Constable
and he has had a copy of 15 & 16. to N.F.A.

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MEMORANDUM

20th. January 1959.

Superintendent of Education,
Stanley.

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Subject: Age Limits of Children attending Dances.

It is observed that while the Town Council have fixed and enforce a minimum age limit of sixteen for children attending dances at the Town Hall, on two occasions recently children have attended dances organised by the Falkland Islands Defence Force where the minimum limit has been fourteen years.

2. It is submitted that dances organised by the Falkland Islands Defence Force should conform with the minimum age limit fixed by the Town Council for medical and educational reasons.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Swain".

Superintendent of Education.

Col. J. Swain

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For early comment pl.

B. J. J.
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Reply at 27

22nd January, 1959.

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

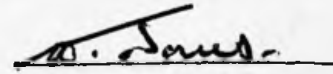
Sir,

With reference to Memorandum 19, I do not agree with the suggestion that the Town Council's conditions of hire for the Town Hall and Gymnasium should apply to the Defence Force Hall.

2. I do not regard dancing to be detrimental to a young persons health or education if reasonable hours are kept. The two dances referred to were organised primarily for young persons, by R. Pauloni and several other members of the Force. The conditions set out in 15 applied on both occasions.

3. In my opinion there is not sufficient organised recreation for young persons; and I am positive, that if more adults would occasionally devote some of their time towards organising some form of recreation for the young persons (instead of trying to deprive them of it) they would be helping to keep them off the roads and out of mischief.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

S.M.O.

J.19.

I should be glad if your comments from the medical point of view. My views are those set out in J.15 and I feel strongly that a properly organised teenagers' class ending at 11 pm (in term time) or midnight during the school holidays for the same functions is many times preferable to hanging round street corners.

I would be much more impressed with the arguments in J.19 if I were at the same time able to recognise a greater awareness of the need, these days, to provide the youngsters with a suitable outlet for their energy.

A.F.T.

22.1.57.

W.C.S.

I can give no concrete medical reasons to support my view that it is a bad thing for the under-sixteens to be allowed to attend public dances till 11 p.m. But I feel that it is bad for them, physically and sometimes morally. If they were chaperoned, and went straight home after the dance, my fears for their moral safety would be less. As it is at present, they will still hang around street corners after the dance and they will see, at times, some rather disgusting behaviour, should they go dancing at the Town Hall.

I mention the Town Hall dances specifically because, at the next Town Council meeting, the whole question of age and hours for dances will certainly be brought up and I now cannot possibly oppose a request that the same conditions should apply to the Town Hall dances as apply to the F.I.D.F. dances.

PH
23/1/59

Non sequitur
Why not? A
Member of the Town Council
is not required to agree
with the actions or
views of the Commandant
of the F.I.D.F. - who
controls the Refractor Force
H.H.?

S.M.O.

I am sorry to find myself holding diametrically
opposed views to yours on this rather important little item.

Firstly, I cannot follow your argument that as
Members of the Town Council you cannot now propose a request
that the same conditions should apply to Town Hall dances as
apply to the P.T.D.F. dances. Town Councilors are certainly not
in any way bound by the actions and opinions of the Committee
of the Defence Force.

I am very glad to see that you do not oppose these
dances for the young teenagers on medical grounds.

The Town Council members of the community who
dances at the Town Hall and the Defence Force Hall and
the atmosphere and general character is different. In my view
it is not the P.T.D.F. dances but it is the way that these dances
are conducted for most of the dances around the Town Hall. I don't
think that any long time to conduct a Defence Force Dance in the
Defence Force Hall.

The majority of the young teenagers who are going to get married
are with parents and relatives. They are going to get married
and will get married without any hanging around the Town

Times and values are changing very fast and the young
teenagers need an outlet - there is nothing for them in Saturday
and it is up to us to provide some sort of outlet for them. Do you
oppose the cinema. To be logical you should say so absolutely when
16, 17 or 18 should be allowed in the cinema - and they are in
moral danger hanging around the Town Hall late after a cinema if
they are in danger at 11 p.m. after a controlled and properly organized
teenagers dance?

I don't think the argument that half a dozen evening
classes in the year is bad from the educational point of
view can hold any water whatsoever.

I do agree with you in that under section
of the big public classes at the Town Hall, particularly
when the day is in. But I don't think - and I have attached
myself to it, you can compare the Town Hall with the R.D.F.

I have made a lot of enquiries about this matter and
am convinced these properly organised and infrequent evening classes
enjoy widespread support amongst the more responsible element in
Stanley, including some people whom one would perhaps expect to
be more critical.

don't you care to discuss

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HCS

I cannot help but feel that the public will not consider
much the fact that the Commandant of the R.D.F. authorises
the classes in the Drill Hall and that he is responsible for its
behaviour and its tone. No, they will rather jump at the fact
that a Senior Member of Government thinks it is all right for
the under-sixteens to attend public dances. They will therefore
expect the Town Council to follow suit and relax their restrictions.
And, if and when this happens, it will not be six dances, but
thirty-six, at least.

The last time I was at the Town Hall on a Saturday night, some
time after 11 p.m., the Navy were not in fact. And what I saw
made me write as I did at 23.

You write "There is nothing for them in Stanley" and, if they
are excluded from Buxminster, County dancing as so on, I am sure
your statement is correct. But you must surely want them to have
more than half a dozen dances in which they take part; so why
not the Town Hall twice a week, or in days gone by?

RH
28/1/59

LES

You ask me for my opinion on the 'issue' from (19) onwards. The whole trouble here is that there are not enough Mr. Jones' willing to devote their spare time in the interests & welfare of our Teenage community. The more organized entertainment there is for them the better. I would certainly not exclude a reasonable number of well organized & conducted dances in the Dance Hall. More strength to Mr. J's. arm; he does a good job - if he is discouraged who will take up the reins?

17/1/59

21st February, 59.

TO: Superintendent of Education,

FROM: The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

19 Your Memorandum No. E.39 of the 20th January on the subject of the age limit of children attending dances refers.

2. I am sorry to be so long in replying to your Memorandum but I have given the matter a good deal of thought and have also taken some care to consult a number of people about this rather difficult problem. When this general question came up in September of 1957 I stipulated that I, as Commandant of the Defence Force, must first be asked for my consent before any arrangements are made for the use of the Drill Hall for social occasions. With regard to the question of teenagers I laid down the following general rulings:-

- (1) Teenagers should be allowed to participate in social occasions and dances subject to a time limit of 11 p.m. during term time except for Saturdays when the limit might be extended to midnight.
- (2) The time limit would be midnight during school holidays.
- (3) Teenagers must have attained the age of 14 years before being permitted to attend.

3. I recall that I made these arrangements only after consultation with a fairly wide circle of responsible Falkland Islanders.

4. Since receiving your Memorandum I have again considered the question and have discussed it with the Senior Medical Officer. He is rather inclined to agree with you on more general grounds but to not oppose these rulings that I have made with regard to teenagers on medical grounds. That leaves us with the question of whether it is educationally desirable to allow some of these teenagers to go to dances in the Drill Hall.

5. My own view, which is one that is supported by a number of responsible Falkland Islanders, is that there is no harm whatsoever in allowing teenagers who have attained the age of 14 to attend the occasional social affair or dance in the Drill Hall provided they leave by 11 o'clock during the term. It is a fact that very much stricter control and supervision is exercised at the Drill Hall than is possible in the case of the Town Hall. Moreover Drill Hall dances do not take place frequently and certainly those that are organised specifically for the teenage group are organised by responsible people whose names have to have my approval and they are organised on comparatively rare occasions.

6. An additional argument, and it is one to which I personally attach a good deal of importance, is that there is little enough in the way of entertainment and organised relaxation for the teenagers in Stanley. I cannot help feeling that it is far better for them to be enjoying themselves at an organised dance until a reasonable hour than to be hanging round street corners to a much later hour. I would in fact be most reluctant to do anything to discourage those, and there are all too few of them, who do take the trouble to do something for the younger folk in Stanley.

7. Finally, I would be very ready to discuss the matter with you if you still feel strongly about it after reading my comments about it.

(Sgd) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

17th May 1960

Would you please refer to our discussion about dances in the Church Hall.

I understand that this matter is to be discussed by the Church Council, and I thought it might be of some help to you if I set out the reasons that prompted my intervention.

If the Council intends to permit public money making and 'come all ye' dances (including children of 14) in the Church Hall with its present very limited cloak-room facilities, then in my view trouble is inevitable sooner or later, and possibly scandal.

I think you will appreciate, and no doubt your Council will also appreciate, that when trouble of this sort occurs it usually arrives on my desk in the end, and whether we like it or not, Government is usually dragged into the affair. If there is trouble, then sooner or later people start saying 'Why don't the police do something about it?' or 'What were the police doing?' Again Government is involved and has to do something about it. The net result is more interference, more bureaucracy and more unnecessary red tape, in the form of regulations such as they have in the United Kingdom. But all this can be avoided by a simple decision to defer arrangements for public dances until adequate cloak-room facilities are provided.

Finally, although this is not a matter of real concern to Government, I can but only regret any decision

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which opens public dances on Saturday nights, or any other night for that matter, to 14 year old children. They should be catered for by properly organized and supervised teen-age dances, and here there would seem to be plenty of scope for an active church organization interested in our youth!

Signed A.G. Denton-Thompson

1/6
1956

The Rev. J.O. Vere-Stead,
STANLEY.

Reply at 30.

AGDT/MW

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS



19th. May, 1960.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

The Church Council met on the 16th. inst.
and I am requested to inform you of their decision
regarding dances in the Parish Hall.

The Council intends to keep their agreement
with Mr. J. Watts until the end of May and mean-
while install a gentlemens' toilet.

Yours faithfully,

J.O. Vire-Slade.
Chairman,
Cathedral Church Council.

Kenneth Smith.
Hon. Secretary,
Cathedral Church
Council.

Copy to Chief Constable.

On file to me
[Signature]

Silly fellows. P.B.
[Signature]
20.5.60

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

47 Fitzroy Rd,
May 16th 1960.

Sir,
With reference to R.R.S. John Biscoe, Dance,
I wish to inform you that in future, all Dances will revert
to normal procedure, as fixed by Council.

I also instruct that no voting by Councillors
whatsoever, shall be taken outside the Council Chamber.

I would be grateful if you will in future,
advise me on any Extraordinary Meetings, of their nature,
and time they are to be held, before distribution
of Notices to Members of Council. xxx

Would you please forward a copy of this
letter to His Honour the Officer Administering the
Government, together with the Minutes of this Meeting.

Yours Faithfully,

R. L. Robson

Chairman,
Stanley Town Council.

To the Town Clerk,
Stanley Town Council.

TC/48.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,
20th. May, 1960.

Dear Sir,

An extraordinary meeting of the Stanley Town Council was held on Wednesday the 18th. May, 1960.

I have been directed to write to you in connexion with the misunderstanding arising out of the "John Biscoe" dance.

The Minutes concerning this are as follows:-

' Dances- Time Limit.'

"The Chairman opened the meeting by apologising to all members for the incident that had occurred and wished to take full responsibility.

read

The Town Clerk was then asked to read a letter sent by the Chairman.

In his letter the Chairman proposed that:-

- 1.- All dances shall revert to normal procedure.
- 2.- No voting by members outside the Council Chamber.
- 3.- To be advised of all extraordinary meetings before general distribution to members.

Dr. Slessor said that he saw no reason why certain matters should not be voted for outside the Council Chamber, but depending on the importance of such matters. At this stage of the meeting the Town Clerk told members that he found difficulty in ascertaining what all Councillors would be in complete agreement as to what, or what not was important.

As an example he stated that his appointment as Town Clerk was not recorded in the Minutes and therefore no meeting could have taken place. Apparently this was due to the laxity of the previous Town Clerk as in reply Dr. Slessor said that a meeting concerning the matter had been held.

After general discussion it was agreed that it was unfortunate that the misunderstanding had arisen. Therefore the Chairman's ~~proposal~~ proposal of no voting outside the Council Chamber was not carried.

Dr. Slessor then proposed that the following dances only would be allowed an extension until 2 a. m., because in these three instances approximately one hour's dancing time would be lost owing to prize giving.

- 1.- The May Ball.
- 2.- The fancy Dress Ball.
- 3.- The Second Night of The sports dance.

This was seconded by Mr. Livermore and carried unanimously."

Yours faithfully,

C. B. T. R.
Town Clerk.

His Honour,
The Officer Administering
the Government.

Reply at 33

23rd May 1960

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Thank you for your letter, TC/48 of the 20th May on the subject of dances in the Town Hall.

It would seem that the whole problem has been settled in a very reasonable and an entirely satisfactory manner. I am very grateful to the Council for its courtesy in letting me know the outcome.

Signed A.G. Denton-Thompson

E.R. Fox Esq.,
Town Clerk,
STANLEY.

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25.5.60

20th October, 1961.

Dear Mr. Luxton,

Attendants for Dances

With reference to our conversation, the present proposal is that there should be one constable paid by the hirer of the hall at the rate of 15/- a night. Another constable would be on duty outside and would be available to prevent a breach of the peace. He would not be prohibited from going into the hall to maintain liaison with his colleague.

There would then presumably be no need of any attendants to keep order and the number of attendants could be correspondingly reduced.

I have so far only discussed this with one or two people informally but if you favour the proposal I would have it considered officially.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr. E. Luxton,
Chairman,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY.

RHDM/IM.

10. 11. 61.

STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,

TC/14.

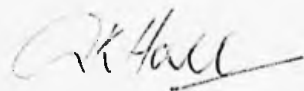
20th October, 19 61.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter,
Ref: 0095, of even date, concerning "Attendants for Dances".

The matter will now be discussed in Council on Monday,
6th November, 1961.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Clerk to Council.

The Hon.
the Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

B U F

21/10/61

G. E.

I had endeavoured to get an expression of opinion from the Chairman as regards 34 & then to put it up to G.E. As he intends to put it before Council I think I should put it to G.E. first.

The origin of this case was I think that the Chairman and the hiring of Watts wanted to cut down the number of attendants & discussed with the C.C. who discussed with me. He says that one should not send P.C.C. inside to keep order at Public Expense but that it is a usual thing e.g. at football matches in England for the organisers to pay for the services of P.C.C. inside the premises. I discussed this too with H.C.T. & we thought it reasonable for the hire to pay 15s a night to Government of which 14s would be paid to the P.C. We thought that this might have a good effect on the tone of dances which now I believe is not very good. If G.E. would prefer I could ask the Chairman not to bring it up yet at the meeting.

8² 23/10/66.

H.C.S.

I understand that the attendance of a Police Constable at dances would be entirely voluntary, and there is no question of a Police Constable being required to do this duty inside the Hall. In these circumstances it would seem a reasonable proposition, and I shall be interested to hear the results of the Town Council's discussions in due course.

2nd November 1961

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STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,

TC/14.

3rd November, 1961.

Sir,

Attendants for Dances.

Following our correspondence of 20th October, Council unanimously agree to your proposal that there should be one constable, paid by the hirer of the hall at the rate of 15/- a night.

As there are several important dances booked for this coming week Council would like this proposal considered officially.

As the matter is urgent and members views are already known to me I am addressing you first instead of waiting for the next Council meeting.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. Luxton (R. G. K. H.)
Chairman.

The Hon, the Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

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Shen to H.E.

He approves

H.L.T. for information?
or 3/11/61

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H.C. 7
has voted
The P.C.
will not
(42)

It shall then be noted by C.C.

It must be entirely voluntary

there must be question of a P.C.

being required to do the duty

in the hall.

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CL work

see p. 10

CL work

see p. 10

or

3/9/61

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H.C.S.

Seen, thank you.

H.C.S.

6. 11. 61

has letter to CC
or 2/11/61

Ames. 42

Draft Memo to C.C. spec. pl.

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November,

61.

To: The Chief Constable,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.Police Attendance at Dances

I am directed to refer to our recent conversation regarding the attendance of Police Constables at public dances and to inform you that the employment of Police Constables in the hall on payment of 15/- a night by the hirer may be approved.

2. It should be clearly understood that this service is purely voluntary and that there is no question of a Police Constable being required to be on duty in the Hall. 14/- should be paid to the Police Constable and 1/- credited to revenue.

Copies of this Ld.

be supplied to HCT
Amateur & T/C.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

JH.

16/11

Navigation Officer,
H.M.S. PROTECTOR,
Port Stanley.

2nd. December, 1962.

Dear Sir,

Permission is requested, please, for a Temporary Licence to be granted to the Ship's Company of H.M.S. PROTECTOR on the night of Friday 28th. December, 1962 when it is intended to hold a Ship's Company Dance.

We would like to be able to open the bar between the hours of 8p.m. to midnight.

Yours sincerely

M. Wilson.

Lieutenant

Chief Constable,
Port Stanley.

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P.S. The ship will arrive back in Port Stanley around Christmas time when we will let you know the more detailed arrangements.

P. T. O.

O.C.C

Potter

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For your views. I presume that we
should NOT allow him in the Town Hall?

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4/12/62.

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I do not think this would be a good
thing. It was tried some years back but
was very unsuccessful.

Sublimus. O/C.

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5.12.62.

We had agreed
that it should be allowed
into the Town Hall.

or

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N.C.S.

Perhaps we should inform
the applicant by telegram before
plans get too far advanced?

Don

6/12/62

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			6.12.62
To	etat NAVIGATION OFFICER PROTECTOR			HOA/c

Much regret bar licence for dance Town Hall cannot be granted

Colonial Secretary

Time DRM/FB

Y.E.,

backover

I think it was mentioned in Executive Council that the standard of the dances had very much deteriorated and the same thing was very forcibly referred to when we were discussing the proposed Colony Dance in connection with the estimates in Select Committee. As a result of this I discussed the matter with the S.P., and after this discussion have drafted the annexed letter. I also happened to talk about this to S.P.W. who is a member of the Town Council. He tells me that at present the Council won't even make Mr. Watts forfeit any of his security when the hall is damaged. However as I see it it is a case of somebody having to start to smarten things up and when they have done so everybody will be pleased. If the Town Council won't do anything then I think we will have to consider whether Government should step in.

4/7/63

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5.7.63

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Pl. issue draft at h.c.

4th July, 1963.

Ref: 0095.

RHDM/TB.

8 July, 63.

Madam,

I am directed to inform you that a suggestion has been made that the tone of the dances in the Town Hall should be improved. It has been suggested that the body which could most appropriately make the first move in this matter is the Town Council, which has the power to let the hall for dances and could therefore lay down how the dances should be conducted. At present security is given by the promoter of a dance that the Hall should be handed over in decent condition after the dance. It has been suggested that the security should also cover the actual dance itself and that the organiser should guarantee that the dance was carried on in a decent and orderly way so that no offence could be caused to any of those attending it and in particular to the ladies. It is suggested that nobody should be allowed to enter the premises unless he was

- (a) clean
- (b) sober
- (c) appropriately dressed according to the standards laid down.

It is also suggested that if anybody's behaviour fell below the required standard during the dance he should be immediately requested to leave.

2. You will recollect it was once suggested that the attendants should include one uniformed policeman and that this was tried at one time but is not done now. It is now suggested that this is perhaps not the right solution. But there is always a policeman on duty outside the dance, who will not normally enter unless requested by the authorities in charge of the dance. His services however could be freely made use of in the event of anyone at the dance refusing to leave when requested or of course in the event of any disturbance occurring at the dance which required action by the police.

3. I should be grateful if you would consider these suggestions and let me have your views in due course.

4. I cannot help thinking that the promoter or promoters would really welcome the improvement if only they could feel that somebody was behind them if they adopted a tough line.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Town Clerk,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY.

RHDW/11.

Reply at 55



STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,

18th July, 19 63.

TC/17.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter 0095 of the 8th July, 1963. I am directed to inform you that Council have revised the Hire of Agreement for the Town Hall, which was passed at the last meeting.

Council are of the opinion that this matter should be left entirely in their hands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. A. C.
Clerk to Council.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

A.C.S.

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Could you get a copy of
the new agreement form, please.

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L.G.

s/c R. ask Clerk in phone

22.7.63

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Ack'd.
[Signature]

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ACS

T.C are going to discuss further
at their next meeting on 5th August.

2/11

[Signature]

23/7/63

B. U.

10/8/63

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Am CS.

New form of agreement at bc. pl.

12/8/63

L. G.
/ 8/9

Agreement for Hire

For Public Functions.

AN AGREEMENT made the day of 19..... Parties.
BETWEEN the TOWN CLERK as agent for the Town Council of Stanley (hereinafter called the owner) of the one part and
being of the age of 21 years or upwards, (hereinafter called the hirer) of the other part.

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows : Agreement for hire.

1. The owner agrees to let and the hirer agrees to hire ALL that part of the building known as the Town Hall for a
on the.....day of19.....: from.....p.m. to.....
for a fee of £..... paid in advance the receipt of which by the owner is hereby acknowledged.

The owner agrees, in the event of the..... being cancelled, to refund the fee paid in advance in full or less such amount as may have been expended for labour or other charges in preparation for the carrying out of this Agreement.

The owner reserves all broadcasting rights. Hirer's Agreements.

2. The hirer agrees as follows :

- (1) To provide a full staff of seven respectable and suitable doorkeepers, attendants and other persons usual and necessary for the proper working of the, for the safety thereof and for the preservation of order therein.
- (2) To manage and conduct the.....so that nothing shall be done or omitted which shall tend to lower the reputation of the Town Hall or of any person present therein or offend against any Ordinance of the Colony or any Rules made for the good conduct of the.....
- (3) To permit entry and exit by way of the East entrance and where in cases of crowding and emergency by way of the East entrance and the Emergency Exit on the West.
- (4) To permit the owner and any persons authorised by him, without fee or charge, to enter upon the premises during the hours of the hiring.
- (5) To pay such sum for any damage done to the Town Hall or approaches thereto as may be certified by the Executive Engineer to be owing for repairs. Also defacing of the walls with decorations, posters etc.
- (6) To allow no person under the age of sixteen to be admitted to the Town Hall or its approaches.
- (7) To allow no intoxicated person to be admitted to or to remain in the Town Hall.

- (8) To allow no intoxicating drink to be brought into or consumed in the Town Hall except under the terms and conditions of an occasional licence granted to the hirer by the Magistrate under the Licensing Ordinance, 1949.
- (9) To allow no refreshments solid or liquid to be served or consumed other than in the authorised places and on no account in the cloak-rooms or lavatories.
- (10) To deposit the sum of eight pounds with the owner which sum (or such part of it as the owner may see fit) shall be forfeit if in the opinion of the owner any clause or clauses in this Agreement have not been adhered to by the hirer. BUT without any abrogation of the rights of the owner to sue for a greater penalty or of the hirer to sue for a return of the sum deposited or any part of it.
- (11) To pay a fee of two shillings for a copy of this Agreement if the hirer desires to have one.

AS WITNESS our hands this day of19.....

Owner.....

Hirer

Agreement for Hire

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AS WITNESS our hands this day of19.....

Owner.....

Hirer

0095

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1st March,

65.

To: The Adjutant,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

DANCES IN F.I.D.F. HALL

It has been suggested that youngsters should be subject to the same age and time bans as in the Town Hall. This seems fair enough and I would like you to make this a condition for all further grantings, whether free or not.

(Sgd) W. H. Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

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WHT/FA

15th April

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To: The Officer in Charge Police,

From: Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.Police Attendance at Darts Dance.

His Excellency the Governor has observed that when he arrived at the Darts Dance no Police Officer was in sight.

A drunk did not help during the playing of the Anthem!

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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