

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

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Governor's Office.



From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

RETENTION OF THE ADMIRALTY LAUNCH.

No.

Date

109

12th October, 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

MINUTES.

Despatch to S/S No 155 of 30 Nov 1915.

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From Senior Naval Officer S.E. Coast America
to Governor.

? Received 21st August, 15.

Following received from the Admiralty. For Senior Naval
Officer Falkland Islands begins Transport Freshfield telegraph
whether three steam launches she brought out are being
returned in her or retained for further service at Falkland
Islands.

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To Governor, Falkland Islands.

Monte Video 25 words

Received 31st August, 15

From the Admiralty for Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands.

Can reply now be given to my telegram 20th August as to
three launches brought out in Freshfield.

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*Reply sent 31st Augth (in cypher) by cable.
To Admiralty - London.*

*Replying to your telegram Senior Naval Officer
reports returning two launches of Freshfield
leaving 1st September retaining one launch for
present use Governor Falkland Islands.*

Extract from a letter from Lieut. J. R.
Crawford. R.N.V.R.

TO

The Director of Naval Ordnance, Admiralty
London.

The S.S. Freshfield after taking a
mixed cargo left for London on the
1st of September calling at Montevideo
for water, two of the three launches
supplied by the Admiralty for the
transport of Messrs Cubitt's workmen to
and from work were put aboard her
and sent home. The third is being
retained for the present.

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S.S. Freshfield.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No.
Governor's }

Falkland Islands

No 109.



Downing Street,
12th October 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for report,

the papers noted below on the subject of the retention of an admiralty launch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

A. BONAR LAW.

The Officer Administering

the Government of the Falkland Islands.

Date.	Description.
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27 September	From the Admiralty :
8 th October	To — do — :

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R.J.O.

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ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH
No. 109. OF 12/10/15

T.52025/1915.

ADMIRALTY,



27th September, 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that the Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands reports that one of the three steam launches, sent out in the s.s. "FRESHFIELD" for use during the construction of the Wireless Station there, has been retained for the use of the Governor.

This launch was purchased by the Admiralty from Messrs. Grayson Limited, Liverpool for the sum of £600, and I am to request that My Lords may be informed, whether in view of the service for which it is now being used, the Colony will be prepared to purchase it.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) O. MURRAY.

The Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE, S.W.

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

44485/1915.

Downing Street,

8th October, 1915.



Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th September (T.52025/1915) relative to the retention of an Admiralty launch by the Government of the Falkland Islands; and to state that no report on the subject has yet been received from the Governor, who will be asked to furnish one.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ,

For the Under Secretary of State

THE SECRETARY,

ADMIRALTY.

Final copy

Government House, Stanley.

30th November, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 109, of the 12th October, forwarding for report, a letter from the Admiralty in which it is represented that an Admiralty launch has been retained in this Colony for the use of the Governor, and inquiry made whether, in view of the services for which it is alleged the launch is now being used, the Colony will be prepared to purchase it

2. In reply I beg to state that no Admiralty launch has been retained in the Colony for the use of this Government or for the Governor. The launch in question has, for the present, been retained for use on the work of the Admiralty Wireless Station, now in course of construction, and is being employed daily in connection therewith..

3. It is possible that the misunderstanding which has arisen is due to the telegraphic correspondence which has passed on the subject of the Admiralty launches in this Colony. On the 21st August I received the following message in cypher, from the Senior Naval Officer South East Coast of America addressed to the Governor:-

"Following received from the Admiralty for Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands begins Transport Freshfield telegraphis whether three steam launches she brought out are being returned in her or retained for further service at Falkland Islands."

On the 31st August I received a further message in cypher from the Senior Naval Officer South East Coast of America.

"From

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

"From the Admiralty for Senior Naval Officer
Falkland Islands. Can reply now be given
to my telegram 20th August as to three launches
brought out in Freshfield.

To which at the request of the Senior Naval Officer
I sent the following reply to the Admiralty on the 31st
August as the previous telegrams had ~~not~~ been addressed to me.

"Replying to your telegram Senior Naval Officer
reports returning two launches by Freshfield
leaving 1st September retaining one launch
for present use Governor Falkland Islands"

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Donald Young

Governor.