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No. 20/23

Chief Constable

SUBJECT.

1923

8th Nov 23

Previous Paper.

Constable J. McMahon reported under influence of drink while on duty.

MINUTES.

Report from Chief Constable 8 Nov 1923 (1)

Constable McMahon was brought before me this morning. The Police Magistrate and the Chief Constable were present.

The Constable admitted having been guilty of the offences charged and promised solemnly that he would never take liquor again in any form while in the Island and asked for forgiveness.

I told him that in consideration of his long previous record, and good character seen and the Ch. Constable's testimony to the way he had carried out his duties I would not dismiss him under clause 6 of his agreement but that if his engagement would be terminated under Clause 7, that if he made the application I would, to save him further

Subsequent Paper.

public humiliation accept it.

He again begged for forgiveness and asked to be fined. He said that it was impossible for him to live in Ireland and he had written to go to England. I told him that I was not prepared to alter the decision to terminate his service and that he should be prepared to leave by the mail in two months time but that one week previous to the departure of that mail I would consider the matter again if the reports made on him gave ground for reconsideration.

10 November 1923

Minute to Chief Constable ~~10th Nov 1923~~ (2)
Minute to Chief Constable 28th Dec 1923 (3)

(3) was sent in my verbal instructions. The Chief Constable had reported the Constable had been again for improper conduct and his report in writing should be ^{put up} in this minute paper when received.

~~Minute~~ 3 Jan. 1924

Report received from Chief Constable 3 Jan 1924 (4)
Report to Crown Agents 3 Jan 1924 (5)

G.S. Submitted
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3 Jan 1924

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Hon. Colonial Surgeon

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Circulated by consideration
at meeting of Executive Council 26th May 1924

W. H. Brown
Block of the Executive
Council.
27 May 1924

Police Station
Nov 8 / 23

Hon Col Secretary
Sir,

I beg to report that Constable J McMahon was under the influence of drink while on duty on the 7th inst I suspended him from duty at 1. p.m. on the 7th.

on the 3rd inst Const J^{mc} Mahon was taken before the Police Magistrate by me, charged with being under the influence of drink when off duty, he was severely reprimanded.

I have the honour to be Sir
your obedient servant
D/D Surran
Chief Constable

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MINUTE.

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

...10th November, 1923.

From .

To...The Chief Constable,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

.....Stanley.....

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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I am directed by the Acting Governor to attach herewith a copy of a minute from His Excellency relating to the conduct of Constable J. McMahon and to request you to communicate His Excellency's decision to Constable McMahon.

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

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

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28th December, 23.

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From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To.....
The Chief Constable,

Stanley

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With reference to my Minute of the 10th of November, 1923, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that owing to no favourable report having been received from you on the conduct of Constable McMahon His Excellency does not see any reason to alter his decision with regard to the termination of Constable McMahon's appointment.

2. I am to request you to inform Constable McMahon accordingly and to warn him to be prepared to leave for England by the next mail steamer.

G. R. L. BROWN.

for Colonial Secretary.

LETTER FORM.

Departmental Number.

From: *The Chief Constable*Date: *3-1-24*To: *The Hon Col. Secretary*

SUBJECT.

*Report on Constable McMahon*Reference
Numbers.

Sir
 on the night of the 27th of Dec/23
 Constable McMahon was absent from
 duty. I visited the Police Station
 on several occasions, during the
 early morning of the 28th, I could
 not find Const McMahon, he had
 not been at the station after 1.10 a.m.
 I made entries in Police occurrence
 book, and remained on duty
 until 5 a.m., These entries were
 removed.

I saw Const McMahon at 7.30 a.m.
 at Police Station door he looked to
 be in a stupid condition and
 under the influence of liquor.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

D.P. Sullivan

Ch Constable

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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REPORT ON SERVICE OF MR. M. J. McMAHON,
POLICE CONSTABLE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
3rd January, 1924.

Mr. MICHAEL JOSEPH McMAHON was engaged under agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, dated the 4th of May, 1923 to serve for a term of five years as a Police Constable in the Falkland Islands Police Force.

His service commenced on the 5th of July, 1923 and continued to the 28th of December, 1923, on which date his engagement was terminated under Clause 7 of his agreement.

This constable gave way to drink and merited dismissal but action was taken under Clause 7 in view of his long previous record with good conduct before coming to the Colony.

G. R. L. Brown.
for Colonial Secretary.