

DEF/POL/2#3

POLICE AND PRISONS  
(Crimes)

C.S.

1926.

No. 549/26.

Manager F. I. Co.

SUBJECT.

1926

18th November.

REPORTED SLAUGHTER AND THEFT OF COW  
AND CURPING OF FENCE AT THE MURREL SETTLEMENT.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

GA-15/1/27

I. Letter from Manager F. I. Co. of 18th November 1926.

*y.e.* Submitted To Chief Constable  
for early copying and report?

*W.D.*  
19. 11. 26.  
19 Nov. 1926

Chief Constable.

To be recorded, please.

*W.D.*

Subsequent Paper.

*G. W. L.*

22. 11. 26.

~~Letter from Manager, F.I. Co. Ltd. of 30 Dec. 1926 2.~~  
minutes from Chief Constable of 31st Dec. 1926. 2.

Chief Constable.

Please state the the alleged  
attempts to which reference is made in  
red 1 were first brought to the notice  
of the Police.

2.1.27.

J. Mullin  
of G.I. Sec.

Dear Col Sect  
Sir,

This matter was reported  
verbally to me by the manager of the  
F.I. Co. on the evening of the 18th Dec 1926

5-1-27

J. Mullin  
Ch Const

Letter to Manager, F.I. Co. Ltd - 6.1.1927 3.

Yr. Sch. with a draft letter.

J. Mullin  
6.1.27.

Chief Constable

J. Mullin  
6 Jan. 1927

To Mr.

6.1.27

J. Mullin  
of G.I. Sec.

The Falkland Islands Co.Ltd.

Stanley. Falkland Islands.

18th November 1926.



Sir,

I shall be obliged if enquiries may be made by the Police concerning two occurrences on our Port Louis Section.

(1). Our Shepherd at the Murrel House, J. Biggs, reports that one of his cows has been driven down to the beach slaughtered and taken away.

(2). Mr Langdon this day reports that the Boundary Fence between this Company and C. Bender on the North side of the Murrel River has been deliberately cut in a position well off the track. This can only be a case of wilful destruction as there is no object in cutting the fence at all.

I enclose a piece of the wire on which will be seen the marks made by a sheath knife used in cutting the wire.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. A. Gresham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



31 Dec 1926

VIII Police & Prison<sup>(2)</sup>  
Department  
Stanley

Hon Col Sect.

sir, I regret holding this paper so long, this I mentioned verbally to you before.

I made enquiries of Mr. John Biggs shepherd at the Murrel House & he informs me he last seen this Cow about the end of June.

At that time the schooner "Gemma" was anchored in Sparrow Cove for three or four days, there was heavy drinking going on board, and Cattle was seen to be grazing on the shore close by where the schooner was anchored.

This schooner proceeded to sea bound for Chili, and returned to Stanley owing to bad weather.

The Cutter "Indiania" was alongside this schooner on one occasion, but the men informed me they saw no cattle killed.

I am of the opinion that the crew of this schooner slaughtered this animal, owing to the fact that they were anchored in Sparrow Cove three or four days, when she shifted her moorings closer into shore.

2) I regret that up to the present, the Police cannot find any trace of any person to have been crossing the boundary fence, north side of the Murrel River between the F I Co. and C. Bender.

The shepherd at the Murrel House informs me he had never seen any one going that way.

I have the honour

to be Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. P. Sullivan

Ch. Compt.

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The Colonial Secretary.

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549/26.

6th January, 27.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of November, 1926, requesting that enquiries may be made by the Police into two alleged outrages which have occurred on the Port Louis section belonging to your Company.

2. I am to inform you that enquiries have been instituted in accordance with your request but that it is regretted that it has not been possible definitely to ascertain the circumstances of their commission.

3. I am to add that the Chief Constable reports that it has been stated by Mr. John Biggs of the Murrel House that he last saw the cow, which it is alleged was slaughtered and taken away, about the end of June last. In this event you will appreciate that the delay in laying information with the Police must be considered a sufficient reason for the failure to elucidate the disappearance of the cow.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
*JMS*

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co.Ld.,  
STANLEY.

ACTING Colonial Secretary