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(Formerly)

SUBJECT :

POLICE - PROVISION OF TRANSPORT FOR

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

To:- Hon. Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

From:- Chief Constable.

Date:- 14th June, 1948. Ref:- 10/18.

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Police Transport.

I have to submit for your consideration, the following observations and suggestions in the matter of Police transport.

2. The present position is as follows:-

- (a) Riding. There are no police horses. Police have to borrow horses from the Agriculture Department but a horse is not always available.
- (b) Boats. There is no police or customs launch.
- (c) Motor Transport. Nil. (Constable Williams has a privately owned motor cycle which he has used on occasion).

3. If the Police are to perform their duties efficiently they should be fully mobile. I suggest that the following proposals, if put into effect, will give this improved mobility and I strongly recommend that these proposals be adopted.

- (i) Riding. A suitable horse should be kept by the Agriculture Department for police use only.
Arrangements would be made for all officers to ride regularly and be in a state of preparedness at all times for a long ride. This training would also enable the police to patrol the whole of Stanley and its vicinity properly.
- (ii) Boats. Arrangements should be made whereby the "Alert" should be available to the Police at any time. That is, if the Alert is seaworthy and is not in other use, she should be loaned without question. (I have in mind checking of small boats at egging time, evasion of customs, etc). If other arrangements have been made for the Alert, the question of priority, if there is any doubt as between myself and the Harbour Master, should, I suggest, be referred at once to the Colonial Secretary. The Harbour Master should provide the crew. The Philomel, if available, should also be put at the disposal of the police, if required.
- (iii) Motor Transport. I strongly recommend that some form of motor transport be provided for this Department. There are at present about 120 registered motor vehicles using the roads in and around Stanley and the only effective method of "policing" this mobile public is to make the police force equally mobile. I am thinking not only of motoring laws but general laws.

Motor transport would enable the police to supervise the Monstar Hotel which at present is almost beyond our reach.

If there is a serious fire in the remoter part of the town, the policeman on foot is likely to be considerably delayed. The Brigade's responsibility does not lessen that of the police in this respect and with a suitable vehicle, appropriate first aid fire fighting equipment could always be carried in the police vehicle.

I hope to train all the police in first aid work and the police vehicle could well be used I think, when available, in lieu of the doctor's car for ambulance purposes, as the police are almost invariably called upon, in any case, to act as stretcher bearers. I am under the impression that there has been a suggestion before the doctor's/
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car should also be available for police purposes. There are serious objections to this course - not only would it be awkward for the police if the doctor was using the vehicle when the police would require it but it could well be fatal for somebody if the police were using the vehicle when the doctor suddenly wanted it. Any other borrowing of vehicles would be similarly unsatisfactory in practice.

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It has been my experience that the expenses incurred in providing a mobile force are amply repaid by the extra work performed through the greater scope provided for police activity.

As to the type of vehicle required, I am entirely opposed to motor cycles, with or without sidecars, as their use for police purposes is so limited. An ordinary saloon car also has great limitations. While the ideal vehicle for the purposes I have in mind would be a Jeep Station Waggon, I think an ordinary Jeep could well be adapted. I got through to the Lighthouse the other day, in connection with police work, in a jeep when any ordinary car would have failed in the prevailing conditions. If no jeep type vehicle can be made available, the other alternative I would favour in preference to a car would be a light van.

4. I have purposely delayed submitting these proposals so that I would not be unduly influenced by U.K. associations. Now that I have had time to absorb local atmosphere, I still feel that it is essential to secure considerable improvement in what I term police mobility and cannot press too strongly for the adoption of the above proposals.

A. Denton
 Chici Constable.

O.I.C. Ag. Dept. A

In your remarks re 1 § 3(ii) pt. 17.6

Hon Col Sec B.

I do not agree with the city Dept having to supply and feed a horse for another Dept, especially as it is suggested that we get no use out of it.

As the A.O. is shortly to arrive, I would suggest the matter be held over for him.

J.B.B. O'c of Dept.
 18/6/48

1/11/48
 1 § 3(ii) difficulty?

Do you anticipate any
 21.6

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A.

H.C.S.

At the moment the G. Coxswain runs both the 'Alert' & the 'Philosof' in addition to many other duties. Whilst appreciating the C.C.'s difficulties, the question of priority in the use of 'Alert' must, I submit, be always settled by the H.C.S. since the G. Coxswain's duties are so varied.

EJG 25/6/48.

B.

Initially, articles, perhaps: time is in the first instance. We cannot have the U.S. asking every time the 'Alert' is required. I am sure the H.M. will do his reasonable best to meet the C.C.'s requirements. But if there is doubt, the matter can (as a last resort) be referred to the U.S.

by
26.6

BM 1/4/48 (ao)
EJG 28/6

C.

A.O.

For your comments on para. 3(i) of 1 pl.

EJG
1/7/48

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H.C.S.

Horses are usually available at stables to rear of Sullivan House, their service to the Police would be more easily and speedily made available if Electric light and Telephone were installed there, and they supplied and we maintained a complete set, saddle, bridle etc. for their own use.

Otherwise Police might keep their own horse and gear at their Headquarters.

John P. Oliver.
A.O.
6/7/48.

B

Cannot C.C. endeavour to make arrangements with E.E. (H.M.) A.O. so as without troubling us unless he fails?

2. If A.O. wants electric light & telephone at the stables he can put up a case for it. And so on.

3. Can the Ag. Dept. horses use a telephone? Yes to switch on electric lights? 7-7

C.

C.C.
Will you please endeavour to make departmental arrangements direct for the services which you require

D. *J.P. Oliver.*
4. 4. 48

Wm. B.S. I have discussed this with S.E. & A.O. If any difficulties are encountered, I will revert to the subject again.

2. Para. 3 (iii) at 1 is again submitted.

W.P.C.C.
23.8.48

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A.

C. C. S.

§ 3 (iii) of P 1

I am not much impressed. If C.C. wants a Jeep, can he buy one locally? If so, what comes in case? (or - R.N.)

2. In any case, this shd. form the subject of separate application for permission in 1949 Govt. - can we I can't read it with enthusiasm.

3. 4 A S 1 What is the point of this?
 28/8

B.

Chief Constable

To note A above for necessary action should you still desire to proceed with the project.

2. Para: 3 above. I assume this would be a convenience should it be necessary for the Police to prepare for a journey during the hours of darkness. ?

[Signature]
24.8.48

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Am. l. S.

My case for motor transport is submitted asami separately.

[Signature]
26/8/48

To:- Hon. Colonial Secretary.

From:- Chief Constable.

Date:- 26th August, 1948.

Ref:- 10/18.

A.

Police Transport.

I submit that there is a strong case for the provision of motor transport for the Police Department, and ask that if no such transport is available at present, provision be made in the 1949 Estimates for the purchase of a suitable vehicle.

2. My reasons for requesting transport include the following:-

(a) There are at present about 120 registered Motor vehicles in Stanley and the only effective method of "policing" this mobile public is to make the police equally mobile.

(b) Owing to the scattered nature of property in the police district this property cannot be adequately protected by foot patrols.

(c) The lack of transport for prisoners, on such occasions as recently when my wife had to assist a police officer to escort a female prisoner on foot to the East end of the town in the middle of the night.

(d) To assist the police in getting quickly to the scene of fires, e.g. one morning recently I had to run up to Government House to a fire. A motor vehicle would enable the police to attend quickly with some first aid fire fighting equipment. The Brigade's responsibilities do not lessen those of the police in this respect and, by night particularly, such first aid equipment could be very useful.

(e) As police are always called upon in any sort of emergency, it is necessary that their response should be as prompt as modern facilities will permit.

(f) Proper supervision of the Monstar Hotel at the same time as the licensed premises in town can only be effectively carried out with the use of motor transport.

3. I would point out too that it has been my experience that the expenses incurred in providing a mobile force are amply repaid by the extra work performed through the greater scope provided for police activity and I cannot recommend too strongly the acquisition of a suitable motor vehicle. Probably the ideal vehicle would be a Jeep Station Waggon.

A. J. ...
Chief Constable.

B.

What is Ford van now?

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21.8

HCS
b.l. informs me that the Ford Van would be very suitable, pl.

H. J. ...
27.8.48.

Taxi?
Do chimney?

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A.

EE

6 Can you come to some arrangement with the Ch. Comroe? In an emergency I do not doubt that it could be made available for other work.

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H.C.S.

B.

X | I am under the impression that the Vanette is to be placed at the disposal of the Senior Medical Officer. If this is so then there remains only the Jeep in P.W.D which will be in constant use by the EE & General Foreman during the daytime. At night the dock yard gates are locked and I imagine that when the C.C needs transport he needs it immediately. Thus the vehicle should be constantly standing by at the police station if it is to be effective.

Y | In the daytime therefore P.W.D could never guarantee that transport would be available. At night a 15 seat lorry could be placed at the C.C's disposal (complete with driver) if the C.C agrees as P.W.D transport is now in such a shocking state that the only satisfactory method of running is to keep one driver to one vehicle.

E.H.S.

31/8/48.

B above P. see 9A in 0024 (Purchase of motor Van from F.I. Co. for Medical Dept.)

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Ch. Constable.

Can you come to a satisfactory inter. Dept. arrangement of any kind? A van for the P.M. clone is extravagant here.

Agree

x

by
4.9

"B"

Am. l. b. Damaged w/:

2. X at 7^B states my case and Y at 7^B is therefore practically useless. It is respectfully submitted that the needs of the P.M., who has to provide a 24 hour emergency service, are greater than those of E.E. and his foreman, who could, presumably, be transported when necessary in one of our P.M. trucks and a van for P.M. use only cannot therefore be called an extravagance.

Agree
6.9.48

This is all
said necessary.
L

C

Y.E.

6-8 If the small Ford van was for it would serve. But I understand that S.M.O. may need it, as he has not bought his car.

2. Otherwise, I refer to X of

A Supr.

3. Y.E. may wish to discuss.

But there is a
Departmental Car?

Ck. could have a
call on the omnibus
in case of enquiry?

6.9.48

by
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EE

"A"

Please arrange with Ch. Cookson to let him have the use of the Ford vanette whenever he wants it for office purposes.

2. It is to be available for him in that sense. It means that if it is required for any other purpose by any other Dept. the Ch. Cookson is to be told when it is required.

3. In case of course to transport to provide such emergency transport as may be required if the vanette is not available?

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D.S.

H.C.S.

"B"

1. noted and am sending this file to the C.C. Actually, the S.M.O. will soon move into his new quarters when the Ford Vanette will be handed over to him (conversation with the Governor - EE 763 Sept refers).

2. In the event of transport other than the vanette not being available the C.C. will be informed of its probable whereabouts (i.e. the EE's jeep). If a lorry is available I have issued instructions that such will be placed at the C.C.'s disposal. It will of course mean disorganisation of work.

3. Should the C.C. require transport at night he will have to contact Mr Kelway in Dockyard cottage for the keys of the dock gates after which the jeep will be in the area. I consider

A.

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Lambert.

Re. 9 - I have discussion with EE. The position as I see it, in view of 9 B, is going to be far from satisfactory.

adce
9.9.48.

B

YE.

C on 8 - A above.

I agree this is quite unsatisfactory, but I had understood that as there was one Dept. car in the Medical Dept. the Ford vanette could be made available?

2. Wiering E. pt. concern 9 B 31?

C.

13.5

No - there is some misunderstanding here. EE

informed me when I saw the vanette standing outside "Gunnery" that he understood it was being handed over to SMO because the latter had not brought his own car out. I made some non-committal reply but have certainly not arranged to dispose of the vehicle to the Medical Dept. for which one car should serve.

I must also remind that I do not consider there is a case for a car for the exclusive use of the Police.

MC 14/1A
(-4. X ~ 8A)

A.

EE.

C on 10 p.m. pl. in the light
of A on 9 which takes care of
of C on 10.

Re. return through Ch. Constable.

b.

H.C.S.

Wrote Mr. and regret the misunderstanding - probably
caused through my "preconceived fixation" that the S.M.O must
have a car available at the "Green Pig" in case of urgent
night calls.

Actually, owing to the pressure of work the fitter mechanic
has been unable to attend to the jeep which requires a fair amount of
attention and in this interim stage the Vanette has been invaluable
to the EE and general foreman.

Once the jeep is fit however may I please be informed of

the future of the Vanette.

C.C. To you acely

E.H.S. 16/9/48.

c.

H.C.S.

Noted.

W.D.C.
17-9-48

D

When the jeep is fit (which I hope will be
soon) the vanette will be disposed of
as per Q.A.

E.H.S.
18.5

E.C. A.
E.C.
to note 11th pt.
diffused
18.9.48.

H.C.S. B
noted by E.H.S. 20.9.48.
H.C.S. C
noted. Thank you.
A.D.C.
21.9.48

22/9/48

H.S.M.O. D
In enquires about the disposal
of the Ford vanette, I am sending
in this file to see.
6.11

H.C.S. E

I have noted the disposal of the Ford Vanette with considerable dismay and
misgiving. Had I been living at Cable Cottage, I should have considered a car
necessary for my work; living at the Guinea Pig, I think it is absolutely essential.
In a case of emergency - for example, ante-partum or post-partum haemorrhage -
delay in applying the correct treatment may have unfortunate consequences. In
fairness to my department, I cannot accept responsibility for any such catastrophe.
To lessen the time it would take me to get to the hospital, I would suggest that
instructions be given to the Chief Constable to be in readiness at any time to send
the van to my house for me.

The van having now ceased to be "medical", I herewith forward an account
recently received from the F.I.C. Another out-standing debt on this van is the cost
of repainting, done by Pallini last year.

R. Stewart Flower,
Sro
9/11/48

B

EE.

A

Ch. Constable

Can x on 12 be arranged?

[2. EE to speak about the tree, etc.]

H.C.S.

B

L
10/11

On completion of work for the day the Vanette is garaged in the dockyard which is locked by the tenant of Dock Yard Cottage. The EE never uses the car after hours. If the C.C. requires it he first has to get to Kelway (y in) to open the dockyard gate and, on occasion to ask EE (y in) for ignition key if the latter has taken it out of habit. Will speak re bill on next visit to Secretariat

By H.S. 11/11/48.

C

The obvious answer is to garage the vanette at the Blue Station. I cannot believe C.C. (to whom A has apparently not been referred) will agree to B. 2. Let EE & C.C. put their heads together, etc.

L
12/11

D.

c/b. as in A above, pl

H.S.
13/11/48.

A.

Hon. C.S.

1) B has been the only alternative up to the present, though I am having a spare key made for the Yard Gate. E.E. is prepared to provide a garage at the Police Station.

2. While the police will be only too glad to help anyone in any emergency, I must oppose the suggestion at X on (12) because:

- (a) the majority of police officers have not yet been taught to drive, and
- (b) the night officer spends the greater part of the night in patrolling the town on foot and cannot always be available immediately.

AD
C.C. 17/11/48.

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Ken. Shil

14 para 2 Can you suggest an alternative, pl

C Alfred
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Hes I cannot think of any other way by which the two defendants concerned could have the use of the car. It seems that either the one or the other must have it.

RS 24/11/48

D.

Y.E.

C on 10 to 14. Actually, V. needs only read E on 12 - 14.

2. If the S.M.O. has a car he must have a car at his disposal. Sharing with the Police, or having them at call, would work in practice.

3. Therefore the solution might be for

H.S. No A.

To see, pl.

res. time, thank you. B. 11/27/48

C.

E.C. Will you now arrange settlement of F.I.C. a/c at cover, pl.

D. Jones 1/12/48.

H.E.S.

may I be informed how far particulars note the ca should be charged - to save Auditor's queries

21xii/48.

E.

A.T. D. 6/12/48.

F.

Hancs.

new form used under P.W.E. pl.

9/12.

Recd Treasury office

G.

E.C. to note F pl. 10/12/48

H

H.C.S. noted 22/xiii/48.

24/12

Chief Constable's Office.
Port Stanley.
25th January, 1954.

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To:- The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

ANNUAL REPORT - LIQUOR IN TOWNHALL - POLICE TRANSPORT.

1. I respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum, dated 16th January, 1954, relative to the above subjects.

2. I note with pleasure that His Excellency the Governor has read my "Annual Report" with interest and appreciation.

I have also received a copy of your letter to the Stanley Town Council relative to the taking of liquor into the Townhall on presentation nights, for which many thanks.

So far, the Town Council has not done anything in the matter.

3. I thank you for your suggestion of a bicycle to help my department regarding police transport, but regret to inform you that such means of transport would be quite useless locally owing to the conditions prevailing.

Most of our troubles occur in the Davis Street-Brandon Road-Dairy Paddock area's, which as you are aware are situated at the top end of the town, and necessitate climbing a steep hill, which it is impossible to climb on a bicycle. Furthermore, as three of my constables are not able to ride a bicycle, it would only be of very slight assistance to the remainder.

I very respectfully suggest that the only solution is a mechanically propelled vehicle of the station waggon type, which could be used for a dual purpose i.e. police duty and ambulance.

Four of my staff are experienced drivers, and it would not take long to make the remainder proficient, as all but one have undergone part tuition by me, when the C.D.C. Land Rover was on loan to us.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. J. G. Williams
Chief Constable.

ACP If rather the Hospital Bear Van is in commission is there any reason why it should not be used also in Police Emergencies?
D
26/1

Yes
~~No~~ No I don't think so, providing S.M.O. agrees.

ACP We ask S.M.O. to discuss arrangement we might well come to an arrangement whereby Police find the driver.
D
26/1
S.M.O. as per D & C
27/1

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To
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54.

2nd February,

To: The Chief Constable,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Transport.

I am directed to refer to your letter of 25th January, 1954, on the subject of police transport and to suggest that the three constables mentioned should learn to ride a bicycle.

2. However in emergency cases it may be possible to arrange for you to use the hospital ambulance when it is in commission again. The Senior Medical Officer is in agreement with the principle but has doubts, which His Excellency shares, about the wisdom of allowing all members of the Force to drive it and it may be preferable to limit this to yourself.

3. I am to request that you will discuss this suggestion further with the Senior Medical Officer and advise me of the outcome in due course.

(Sgd.) C. Campbell

Colonial Secretary.

BU 18/1/54
for
11/2

Copy to Senior Medical Officer.