

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Sitting 1

24th April, 1919,

10.30 a.m.

Present :-

The Governor,

The Acting Treasurer,

The Acting Colonial Surgeon.

1. The Governor informed the Council that he had appointed Mr M. C. Craigie-Halkett, Colonial Postmaster &c., to act temporarily and provisionally as Treasurer &c., during the absence on leave of the Treasurer, Mr W. A. Thompson. Mr Craigie-Halkett took the oaths prescribed and his seat on the Council.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th December, 1918, read and confirmed.
3. M.P. 288/19. The Governor laid before the Council the Rules (copy attached) which had been made by the Committee for the care and management of the Public Library and Museum, under the provisions of the Library and Museum Ordinance, 1918. The Rules were read and considered and approved by the Governor in Council.
4. M.P. 344/19. The Governor informed the Council that in view of war conditions it had been found necessary to relax to some extent the restrictions on the treatment of whale carcasses in connection with the whaling industry of the Dependencies, and for this reason the Whaling (Emergency) Regulations, 1916, were made. The necessity for this temporary measure now no longer existing it was proposed to enforce the restrictions as before. A Regulation (copy attached) repealing the above Regulations was read and considered and made by the Governor in Council.

in addition to the ex-officio Members, for the year 1919 :-

Mr J. Houston, J.P., Mr J. G. Aldridge, Mr A. V. Hardy,

Mr V. Lellman, and Mr J. F. Summers.

5. M.P. 360/19. The Governor informed the Council that the Colonial Government having disposed of its share of the Stanley-Darwin telephone line to the Falkland Islands Company Limited for a payment down of £470. 19. 10., in accordance with the terms of an Agreement between the Government and the Company dated the 20th April, 1907, it was necessary to amend the Telephone and Telegraph Rules dated the 2nd February, 1918. A Regulation, (copy attached), was read and considered and made by the Governor in Council.

6. M.P. 993/19. The Governor laid before the Council an application made on behalf of Messrs Morrison and Grant for the purchase of 15,485 acres of land known as Bluff Cove. The land had been leased for a period of 21 years, the lease being sold by auction on the 10th September, 1903, the sale price of the lease being £1,000, cost of improvements £350, and yearly rental £25.

The Council advised that they saw no objection to the purchase, under section 14 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, of the freehold of the land by Messrs Morrison and Grant, on the terms stated in the report by the Treasurer, viz., a payment of £232. 5. 6., being 10% of the purchase money (£2,322. 15. 0.), on the 21st April, 1919, the remainder of the purchase money being paid off in thirty equal instalments of £106. 13. 1. to be paid annually on the anniversary of the payment of the 10%.

The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.

7. M.P. 957/18. The Governor in Council appointed, under the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance, 1894, the following gentlemen to be Members of the Board of Health, East Falkland, in addition to the ex-officio Members, for the year 1919 :-
Mr J. Houston, J.P., Mr J. G. Aldridge, Mr R. V. Hardy,
Mr V. Lellman, and Mr J. F. Summers.

8. M.P. 46/19. The Syllabus of Work for the Government School for the year 1919 submitted by the Government Schoolmaster was approved by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Public Education Ordinance, 1909.

9. The Accounts of the Trustees of the Stanley Cemetery for the year ended on the 30th September, 1918, were laid before the Governor in Council in accordance with the provisions of the Stanley Cemetery Ordinance, 1914.

10. The Governor informed the Council that he intended to call a Meeting of the Legislative Council during the month of May for the purpose of taking supplementary votes for the service of the year 1918, of passing a Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, and a short Ordinance to amend the Mining Ordinance, 1918.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of May, 1919.

R. F. [Signature]
Clerk to the Council.

W. Douglas Young
Governor.

9. No talking to the annoyance of any person shall be allowed in the Library. Any person on being cautioned by the Librarian and persisting in the same shall be guilty of an offence under these Rules.

Children's Section of Library

10. Any child under the age of 18 years, on payment of an annual subscription of one shilling (1/-) and on application to the Librarian, may borrow and take out one book or one magazine at a time from the Children's Section. Any book so taken out shall be returned to the Librarian within one week.

MUSEUM

11. The Museum shall be open to the public, —
On Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
On Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Falkland Islands.

W. DOUGLAS YOUNG,
Governor.

Whaling Regulations.

I.—The Whaling (Emergency) Regulations, 1916, are hereby repealed.

Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of The Whale Fishery Ordinance, 1908, this 24th day of April, 1919.

T. N. GODDARD,
Clerk, Executive Council.

M. P. 344/19.

Falkland Islands.

W. DOUGLAS YOUNG,
Governor.

Telephone and Telegraph Rules.

The Colonial Government's share of the Stanley-Darwin Telephone Line having been disposed of to the Falkland Islands Company Limited, in terms of the Agreement between the Government and the Company dated the 20th April, 1907, the sub-heading and Rule 12 of the Telephone and Telegraph Rules dated the 2nd January, 1918, with respect to the Stanley-Darwin Telephone Line, are hereby cancelled.

Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance, 1898, this 24th day of April, 1919.

T. N. GODDARD,
Clerk, Executive Council.

M.P. 360/19.

W. DOUGLAS YOUNG,
Governor.

RULES Public Library and Museum.

LIBRARY.

1. The Library shall be open, admission free:—
On Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
On Monday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
On Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
On Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. (1) Any resident may, on application, and on prepayment to the Librarian of a yearly subscription of five shillings (5/-), or half-yearly of three shillings (3/-), borrow and take out one book (two volumes) at a time,
(2) If sufficient numbers of copies are subscribed for, any resident paying a yearly subscription of two pounds (£2), or half-yearly of one pound five shillings (£1 : 5 : 0) may take out one monthly magazine, and one weekly or daily newspaper in addition to three books (two volumes each) at a time.
3. Any resident not being a subscriber as above may borrow and take out one book at a time on prepayment to the Librarian of two pence (2d.) per week.
4. No book shall be retained for a longer period than two weeks. If at the end of that period and on return of the book to the Library, the book has not been asked for by another subscriber, the book may be taken out again by the same subscriber for a further period of one week.
5. No monthly magazine taken out shall be retained for a longer period than one week.
6. Daily or weekly newspapers shall only be taken out at the last hour of closing of the Library for the day, and shall be returned at the first hour fixed for the next opening of the Library.
7. No book, monthly magazine or newspaper shall be lent or passed on by one person to another.
8. Any person who shall fail to return any book, monthly magazine or newspaper to the Librarian, as required by these Rules, shall pay a fine of 2d. a day for each day every book, monthly magazine or newspaper is not so returned.
9. No talking to the annoyance of any person shall be allowed in the Library. Any person on being cautioned by the Librarian and persisting in the same shall be guilty of an offence under these Rules.

Children's Section of Library.

10. Any child under the age of 15 years, on prepayment of an annual subscription of one shilling (1/-) and on application to the Librarian, may borrow and take out one book or one magazine at a time from the Children's Section. Any book so taken out shall be returned to the Librarian within one week.

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On Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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When the Mail Steamer is in harbour the Museum shall also be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Any person desirous of visiting the Museum at any other time of the day may apply to the Librarian and Museum Attendant for special permission.

GENERAL.

12. The loss or damage of any book, monthly magazine, newspaper, or of any article either in the Library or the Museum, shall be reported and payment to the value thereof made to the Librarian and Museum Attendant.

13. No smoking shall be allowed either in the Library or Museum.

14. Any person infringing any of these rules shall be liable to a penalty of twenty shillings.

Made by the Library and Museum Committee on the 22nd April, 1919.

Approved by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the "Library and Museum Ordinance, 1918," this 24th day of April, 1919,

T. N. GODDARD,
Clerk, Executive Council.

M.P. 288/19.

Executive Council

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and

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adjourned the Council sine die.

27th May, 1919

11.0 a.m.

Read and confirmed this 17th day of August, 1919.

Present :-

Clerk The Governor

Governor.

The Acting Treasurer

The Acting Colonial Surgeon.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th April, 1919, read and confirmed.
2. The Governor explained to the Council that since the Council at its last Meeting approved Rules framed by the Committee for the care and management of the Public Library and Museum, the Committee had found it necessary to make certain amendments in the Rules with a view to abating the nuisance which the Librarian had experienced in the presence in the Library and Museum of a large number of small children not under proper control. The Committee had at the same time thought it advisable to amend the Rules relating to the times at which the Library and Museum should be open to the public, vesting in themselves the power of altering such ~~times~~ times as circumstances demanded. The Committee considered it preferable to recast the whole of the Rules for submission to the Council rather than to submit amending Rules to be read in conjunction with the main Rules approved by the Council at its last Meeting. The Rules now submitted to the Council, therefore, repealed the Rules submitted previously and provided for the whole needs of the Library and Museum as far as could be seen at present.

The Rules submitted were considered and approved by the Governor in Council.

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The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of August, 1919.

W. Edwards
Clerk to the Council.

Douglas Young
Governor.

RULES

Public Library and Museum

LIBRARY

1. [1] The Library shall be open ~~admission free~~, on such days, and at such ~~hours as the Library and Museum Committee may from time to time fix.~~

[2] No child under the age of 13 years shall, without the special permission of the Librarian, be admitted to the Library except to borrow and take out a book or magazine, under Rule 10, on such days and at such hours as the Committee may from time to time fix.

2. [1] Any resident may, on application, and on prepayment to the Librarian of a yearly subscription of five shillings (5/-), or half-yearly of three shillings (3/-), borrow and take out one book (two volumes) at a time.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.



W. DOUGLAS YOUNG,
Governor.

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MUSEUM.

11. [1] The Museum shall be open, admission free, on such days, and at such hours, as the Committee may from time to time fix.

[2] No child under the age of 13 years shall be admitted to the Museum unless accompanied by and in charge of a responsible person.

[3] When the Mail Steamer is in harbour the Museum shall be open as the Committee may direct.

[4] Any person desirous of making a special visit to the Museum may apply to the Librarian and Museum Attendant.

[5] No Visitor shall be allowed to touch or handle any exhibit in the Museum.

GENERAL.

12. The loss or damage of any book, monthly magazine, newspaper, or of any article either in the Library or the Museum, shall be reported and payment to the value thereof made to the Librarian and Museum Attendant.

13. No smoking shall be allowed either in the Library or Museum. No dogs shall be allowed on the premises.

14. Any person infringing any of these rules shall be liable to a penalty of twenty shillings.

15. These Rules may be cited as the Library and Museum Rules, 1919.

16. The Rules made on the 22nd April, 1919, are hereby cancelled.

Made by the Library and Museum Committee on the 21st May, 1919.

Approved by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the "Library and Museum Ordinance, 1918," this 27th day of May, 1919,

T. N. GODDARD,

Clerk, Executive Council.

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duction of the system between the Imperial Post Office and the Post Office of the Falkland Islands, provided it were clearly understood that the delivery of parcels in the Colony under the scheme should be made in Stanley only, and recommended that the Colonial Postmaster should be authorised to enter into arrangements with the Imperial Post Office, the system to take effect as from the 1st January, 1920. The Council advised that the fees to be collected in Stanley should be those mentioned

Present :-

The Governor,

The Acting Treasurer,

The Acting Colonial Surgeon.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th May read and confirmed.
2. M.P. 518/19. The Governor informed the Council that with the termination of the War there was now no longer any necessity to retain in force the Vessels Wireless Prohibition (Emergency) Regulations, 1917, and introduced a Regulation repealing the same. The Regulation was considered and made by the Governor in Council.
3. M.P. 459/19. The Governor informed the Council that Mrs Scott of New Island had applied for permission to pay the balance of the instalments due by her in respect of her purchase of New Island, amounting in all to £168. 9. 2., in one payment. The Council advised that they saw no objection to approval being granted to Mrs Scott's application. The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.
4. M.P. 530/19. The Governor paid before the Council a letter dated the 17th May, 1919, received by the Colonial Postmaster from the General Post Office, London, inviting the cooperation of the Post Office of the Falkland Islands in a Cash on Delivery Parcel Post system between the Colony and the United Kingdom, with a view to facilitating trading relations between the Colonies and the United Kingdom and Allied countries. After considering the matter the Council approved of the intro-

- (1) An Ordinance to prohibit former enemy aliens landing in the Colony without a permit. and the Post Office of the Falkland Islands, provided it His Excellency explained that the principle of this measure originated from the Imperial Government and that the Colony under the scheme should be made in Stanley only, and recommended that the Colonial Postmaster should be authorised to enter into arrangements with the Imperial Post Office, the system to take effect as from the 1st January, 1920. The Council advised that the fees to be collected in Stanley should be those mentioned in the letter from the General Post Office, London, viz., Trade Charge 2½d. in respect of each pound or part of a pound value, Posting Charge 2d. each parcel, and Delivery Charge 4d. each parcel, and that the value of each parcel posted under the scheme should not exceed forty pounds (£40). The Council further advised that the Detailed Regulations for carrying out the Rules governing the Exchange of Postal Parcels subject to Trade Charges among the foreign labour employed in South Georgia, over between the Post Office of Great Britain and Ireland and the Post Office of Stanley, Falkland Islands, as framed by the Imperial Post Office, should be made and applied by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance, 1898.
- (2) An Ordinance to prohibit the landing in South Georgia and to deport therefrom any alien considered dangerous to the peace and good order of the Dependency. The Governor explained that the passing of this Ordinance was rendered desirable by the repeated indications during the past year of so that there was considerable unrest among the foreign labour employed in South Georgia, over the matter of wages paid by the whaling companies. The object of the Ordinance was to strengthen the hand of the Magistrate resident in the isolated Dependency in maintaining good order. The Ordinance was not to be used by the Magistrate merely to stop strikes or settle labour questions, but only for the preservation of good order. The Governor concurred and said the Colonial Postmaster would be requested to take the necessary action in the matter. The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.
5. The Governor informed the Council that he had summoned a Meeting of the Legislative Council for Thursday the 28th August, 1919, for the purpose of passing two Ordinances which he considered to be urgent, necessary, and of an important nature, viz.,

- (1) An Ordinance to prohibit former enemy aliens landing in the Colony without a permit.

His Excellency explained that the principle of this measure originated from the Imperial Government and that he thought similar legislation was being enacted throughout the British Empire at the same time. The Ordinance would provide for a careful scrutiny of any former enemy alien brought into the waters of the Colony on board any vessel, and no such person would be permitted to land in the Colony unless provided with a permit issued by the Colonial Secretary with the approval of the Governor.

- (2) An Ordinance to prohibit the landing in South Georgia and to deport therefrom any alien considered dangerous to the peace and good order of the Dependency.

The Governor explained that the passing of this Ordinance was rendered desirable by the repeated indications during the past year of so that there was considerable unrest among the foreign labour employed in South Georgia, over the matter of wages paid by the whaling companies.

The object of the Ordinance was to strengthen the hand of the Magistrate resident in the isolated Dependency in maintaining good order. The Ordinance was not to be used by the Magistrate merely to stop strikes or settle labour questions, but only for the preservation of good order.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 23^d

day of September, 1919.

Th. Howard
Clerk to the Council.

Douglas Young
Governor.

Executive Council

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23rd September, 1919

10.30 a.m.

Present :-

The Governor,

The Colonial Secretary,

The Acting Treasurer,

The Acting Colonial Surgeon.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th August were read and confirmed.
2. The Governor extended a welcome to the Colony to Lieutenant-Colonel T. R. St. Johnston, Colonial Secretary, who was present and took the required oath and his seat as a Member of the Council.
3. Despatches received on the 15th September were laid before the Council and read.
4. M.P. 652/19. The Governor laid before the Council a Circular despatch dated the 5th June, 1919, received from the Secretary of State, forwarding copies of Imperial legislation on the subject of Air Navigation, and requesting that such legislation as might be considered necessary locally be submitted to him in draft before enactment. The Council advised that they saw no necessity for any legislation locally on the subject at the present date. The Governor concurred and said he would so report to the Secretary of State.
5. M.P. 635/19. A Circular despatch from the Secretary of State, dated the 2nd May, 1919, was laid before the Council

and read. The despatch related to the greatly increased cost of living in the United Kingdom, and its effect on the holders of pensions from Colonial funds residing there. The Secretary of State considered that the circumstances constituted a hardship on Colonial pensioned Officers and invited the assistance of the Colonial Government in making some financial arrangement which should relieve them. The Governor informed the Council that after consideration of the matter, he proposed, subject to any suggestions or amendments which the Council might desire to put before him, to submit to the Secretary of State a draft Ordinance providing for an increase in the rate of pensions granted to public Officers as follows :- The pay and emoluments on which public officers have been pensioned or granted retiring gratuities or on which they would normally be pensioned or granted retiring gratuities, to be increased by 25 per cent. if such pay and emoluments do not exceed £300 per annum, and by 20 per cent if such pay and emoluments exceed £300 per annum, subject to the following provisions, (a) that the minimum additional ~~grant~~ amount on which the supplementary ~~additional amount on which~~ pension or gratuity is calculated shall be £26 per annum, and (b) that no officer with salary and emoluments exceeding £300 per annum shall receive a smaller supplementary pension or gratuity than he would have received if his salary and emoluments had been exactly £300 per annum. The Council expressed their entire agreement with the course proposed by the Governor.

6. M.P. 625/19. The Governor read to the Council an Order made by the Governor in Council on the 1st March, 1916, respecting the prohibition of the importation and exportation on unset diamonds, and informed the Council that the restrictions formerly imposed upon this traffic having been removed it was therefore necessary to rescind the Order. The Order of which a copy is attached hereto was therefore made by the Governor in Council.

7. The Governor informed the Council that with the approval of the Secretary of State he was about to proceed to the United Kingdom on leave of absence for six months, and that therefore this was the last occasion prior to his leave that he would meet the Members in Council.

His Excellency stated that during his absence the administration of the Government would be assumed by Lieutenant-Colonel T. R. St. Johnston, Colonial Secretary, in which administration he wished Colonel St. Johnston every success.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this

1st day of December, 1919.

W. Douglas Young
Clerk to the Council.

T. R. St. Johnston
Governor.

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W. Douglas Young,
Governor.

ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

The order made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Customs Ordinance, 1903, on the 1st day of March, 1916, prohibiting the importation and exportation of unset diamonds, is hereby cancelled.

Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Customs Ordinance, 1903, this 23rd day of September, 1919.

T. N. Goddard,
Clerk, Executive Council.

M.P. 625/19.

Executive Council

Sitting 5

1st December, 1919

10.30 a.m.

Admiralty and the Foreign Office relative to the loan of

Present :- patrol motor boat to the Colonial

Governor for the protection of the Fur Seal rookeries.

Negotiated the present proceeding with regard to

this in the receipt of further reports as

to the exact requirements of the rookeries a decision would

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd September, 1919, read and confirmed.

2. M.P. 915/19. Correspondence was read to the Council relating to the termination on the 31st December, 1919, of the Inter-insular Steamer Communication Agreement, 1916. Under the terms of the present Agreement the Falkland Islands Transport Company Limited received a monthly subsidy from the Colonial Government amounting to £80. In view of the increased cost of running the s.s. "Falkland" the Agent of the Company stated that the Company would not be able to renew the Agreement unless a greatly increased subsidy were paid in future, and suggested £160 a month as the subsidy desired.

The Administrator was of the opinion that in the event of the Government refusing to consider the proposed increase of 100% it was not improbable that a service, possibly irregular but sufficient for the needs of the Colony, could be obtained, as for the purposes of their trading the Falkland Islands Company would find it necessary to run the s.s. "Falkland" or another vessel in order to carry produce to Stanley for shipment, and that this being so it seemed probable that the Transport Company would eventually be glad to receive the subsidy at the past rate of £80 a month, or perhaps a little more, rather than continue to run without a Government subsidy at all.

In this connection His Excellency laid before the Council a Confidential despatch from the Secretary of State deemed enclosing correspondence between the Colonial Office, the Admiralty and the Foreign Office relative to the loan of a patrol gunboat or coastal motor boat to the Colonial Government for the protection of the Fur Seal rookeries. Negotiations were at present proceeding with regard to of this proposed loan and on the receipt of further reports as to the exact requirements of the rookeries a decision would be come to in the matter.

Taking this into consideration together with the renewal of the Interinsular Steamer Communication Agreement the

Council were of the opinion that it was not necessary to entertain the Agent's proposal of an increase of 100% in the subsidy paid by the Colonial Government, and advised that copies of the correspondence should be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The Administrator concurred and said he would forward copies accordingly together with the Council's recommendation that the proposed subsidy should not be considered.

3. M.P. 911/19. The Administrator informed the Council that the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Limited had again raised the question of the acreage of Lafonia and adjacent islands, which had been declared by the Governor in Council on the 5th December, 1918, to be 700,000 acres. A letter from Sir Alexander Stenning and Partners was now submitted from which it appeared that from a measurement of the Admiralty Chart Lafonia and adjacent islands should be considered to be 455,000 acres. The Manager asked that the declared acreage should be amended accordingly.

His Excellency said that he had caused a letter to be written to the Company drawing attention to section 5 of the Land

Tax Ordinance, 1918, in which it was provided that the acreage declared by the Governor in Council should be deemed to be the acreage of the land until such time as the correct acreage should be ascertained by survey made, and adding that it did not appear that Sir Alexander Stenning and Partners' letter could be regarded in any way as a survey.

His Excellency said that at present he had no intention of

altering the acreage declared by the Governor in Council in December last, but that he proposed to forward copies of the correspondence for the consideration of the Secretary of State with whom no doubt the Head Office of the Falkland Islands Company Limited were now taking up the matter. The Council advised that as the number of persons to whom the telegrams were applicable was very small, and that of those persons there were none who could

4. M.P. 874/19. The Administrator asked the Council's opinion

as to the disposal of the Peninsula Farm, lately tenanted by

Mr James Smith and now vacant owing to the death of Mr Smith

and also of his widow. His Excellency read to the Council

6. M.P. 666/19. The Administrator informed the Council that a minute of Governor Young's dated the 14th September, 1918,

Medical Board had been appointed to consider the health of (M.P. 714/18) expressing the opinion that the farm should be

allowed to lie fallow for a few months after which it might be advisable to consider leasing it to some suitable person

that he would again be able to return to work. The Council

who would be willing to conduct a dairy farm to supply Stanley recommended that Mr King should be granted leave of absence

with milk, eggs, meat, &c., at fixed prices, or to add it to on full pay until the 31st December, 1919, and then retired on

Stanley Common as a special feeding ground for stock when pension in accordance with the provisions of the Pensions

the rest of the Common was unable to supply sufficient feed. Ordinance, 1906.

His Excellency pointed out that 14 months had now elapsed and a suitable lessee in the person of Mr J. McGill

7. M.P. 842/19. Mr McGill was the only competitor

in the butchery business of the Falkland Islands Company.

Mr McGill had laboured under difficulties in the past in the

supply of meat and it was in the interests of the community

of Stanley to afford him such assistance as was possible.

The Administrator said he had already given Mr McGill the use

concurred and the attached amending Rules were made of the Peninsular Farm on a monthly tenancy.

The Council advised that Mr McGill should be offered the lease of the Farm for one year, on the understanding that at the end of that time negotiations should be entered into with a view to running a dairy farm on definite lines with fixed prices for produce.

The Administrator concurred and ordered accordingly. nevertheless he considered it right that some enquiry should

5. M.P. 834/19. Telegrams from the Secretary of State respecting the denaturalisation and deportation of former enemy aliens were read to the Council. The Council advised that as the number of persons to whom the telegrams were applicable was very small, and that of those persons there were none who could be regarded as particularly undesirable members of the Community, no action seemed to be called for in this Colony.

The Administrator concurred.

6. M.P. 666/19. The Administrator informed the Council that a Medical Board had been appointed to consider the health of Mr G. T. King, Foreman Carpenter, and had reported that owing to his age and the condition of his health it was unlikely that he would again be able to return to work. The Council recommended that Mr King should be granted leave of absence on full pay until the 31st December, 1919, and then retired on pension in accordance with the provisions of the Pensions Ordinance, 1906.

The Administrator concurred and ordered accordingly.

7. M.P. 842/19. The Administrator informed the Council that in view of the increased wages now paid to members of ships' crews &c. representations had been made to him that it was desirable that the rates of overtime paid to Customs Officers should also be advanced. The Council advised that an increase of approximately 50% should be allowed. The Administrator

concurred and the attached amending Rules were made accordingly.

8. The Administrator informed the Council that complaints had been made to him with regard to the management of the Government Officers' Canteen, and though he hoped that on investigation the complaints would be found to be less serious than at first sight they appeared to be, nevertheless he considered it right that some enquiry should be made. The Colonial Secretary was ex officio Chairman of the Directors of the Canteen, but as he was holding the office of Administrator His Excellency preferred to nominate a deputy to preside in his place, and had named Mr T. N. Goddard ~~in his place~~ for this purpose.

A Meeting would be held shortly and the Administrator hoped that he would be able to report satisfactorily to the Council when next it met as to the present condition of the Canteen.

The Administrator thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this

5th

day of February 1920

T. N. Goddard

Clerk to the Council.

T. R. S. Johnston

Administrator.