

G.S.

Falkland Is. Transport Co.

1919

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No. 826

Administrator

SUBJECT.

1919

23rd Oct.

Previous Paper.

756/19

Payment of subsidy to Falkland Islands Transport Co. for October and during absence in Monte Video.

MINUTES.

Copy of Extract from Administrator's Minute of 23. 10. 19 in M.P. 30/19 :-

.....I think that the prolonged absence of the "Falkland" should be reconsidered. I was informed (verbally) yesterday by the Ag. Manager of the F.I.Co. that the "Falkland" was not now likely to leave Monte Video until Dec. 13th. While the Govt. might excuse her the omission of one interinsular trip owing to exceptional circumstances I think that two omissions are not fair to the people who may ~~wish~~ have wished to travel by her to other parts of the Colony. If the Company had been able to substitute another steamer of equivalent tonnage and accomodation it would not have mattered, but presumably they cannot do this. I should like the Postmaster's observations on this matter. I suggest that the Company be warned to provide adequate passenger accomodation or in default to forfeit the subsidy.....

Subsequent Paper.

929/19.

Colonial Postmaster.

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I send you the above minute of M.E.
together with your own minute of the 27th inst.
which I have not yet submitted to M.E.
in case you desire to amend or add to it.

T.R.S.

30.10.19.

Honble Col. Secty.

Thank you. Clause 19 of the Inter-insular Mail
Contract provides as follows - " During any period of
"discontinuance of the service herein contracted for no
"portion of the subsidy to be paid under this Contract
"shall accrue or be paid to the Contractors and no
"payment whatsoever shall be made by the Government of the
"Colony unless a substitute approved by the Governor is
"provided by the Contractors during the time the steamer
"is off Contract".

2. The Contractors have not been able to furnish a
substitute vessel, I think, therefore in view of Cl. 19 that
no Subsidy should be paid to the F.I. Transport Co, Ltd, until
the s.s. "Falkland" resumes service.

M. Craigie Harder

Colonial Postmaster.
30th October 1919

I concur in the above minute.

T. R. S. Johnston
Adm.

Oct 30/19

Col. Postmaster

For your information.

T.R.S.

31.10.19.

Hon. Col. Secy.

Noted.

M.C.H.
31.10.19.

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MINUTE

Honble Col. Secty.

I shall be glad to be informed whether the Falkland Is. Transport Co, Ltd, are to be paid subsidy for the Current month. I previously reported that the s.s. "Falkland" was taken off the W.F. mail service in Sepbr., - the Agents F.I. Transport Co., have not placed a "substitute" vessel on the local mail service.

2. Mails for W.F. received by the s.s. "Kenuta" on 15th sepbr last were sent out by the F.I. Co's steam tug "Samson" as far as Darwin and were at that place transferred to the cutter "Glean" which conveyed the mails to Fox Bay W.F. Kindly see previous papers dealing with occasions when the local mail steamer has been temporarily withdrawn from service.

M. Craigie Barber

Colonial Postmaster.
27th October 1919