

C. S.

DEPARTMENTAL.  
(Miscellaneous).  
OFFICES & OFFICIALS.  
(Miscellaneous).  
SCIENTIFIC.  
(Meteorological).

No. 135/44.

NAT/MET/1#12

1944.

Naval Officer in Charge,

SUBJECT.

1944.

18th September,

Previous Paper.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW METEOROLOGICAL STATION.

see 170/46 "I. Is. w/t. Station"

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Naval Officer in Charge, of 18. 9. 44.

*Let me see Tech. Officer.*

*AB 25/11/44*

2. Minute by CS.

(2). (3).

19.9.44.

*It is only a question of a site.  
K. will see E.E. & try to find one, then  
reporting to me.*

*AB 25/11/44*

(4).

*E.R.*

*Pl. let me have an estimate (itemised).*

*AB*

*25.9.44*

(5).

*Honourable Colonial Secretary.*

*Estimate enclosed. No premium has  
been allowed for. W.S. II. 28/11/44.*

sequent Paper.

(7)

G.F.

The estimate is at (6). + £50 for built in  
furniture = £600. The site is agreed.

Submitted for approval subject to E.E.  
Submission of plans to B. of H.

KB  
30/9/44

(8)

Presumably this will be included in P.W.E. 1945.  
It seems to me that a 3<sup>rd</sup> (?) hand structure  
@ £550 is expensive!

30/11/44

(9)

Note

£600 inserted in P.W.E. draft estimates for 1945.

B. Eng & Tr. informed.

KB  
2.10.44

B.L.  
1/1/45

of telegram

Copy to L-in C, S.A., from N.O.I.C., of 22. 10. 44.

" from Admiralty to N.O.I.C., of 20. 11. 44.

Spinals to O/C, F.I.F., from N.O.I.C., of 28. 11. 44.

Copy of telegram from L-in C, S.A., to Admiralty, of 25/11/44.

(14)

A.E.

It is desired that this building be erected as  
soon as possible in 1945. Please extract the  
plan at (10) & give it as much priority  
as possible.

KB  
5/12/44

(15)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Let (10.) withdrawn & everything possible will be  
done to complete a.s.a.p.

A.S.F.

6.11.44

B.L.  
15/1/45



16 Letter from Naval Officer-in-Charge of 13. 12. 44.

(17)

*note -*  
 NOIC. asked to get a clarification of (16a) as  
 intention was to transfer all instruments  
 except anemograph office of charge.

18 Telegram from Admiralty to N.O.I.C. of 14. 12. 44. *KB 13.12.44*

19 " " C.-in-C, S.A., to N.O.I.C. of 19. 12. 44. *KB 29.12.44*

(20).

*G.E.*

Plan of met. office submitted for signature.  
 It has been approved by met. officer B.S. of H. & shown  
 to N.O.I.C. Sewage will be by Septic tank &  
 water supply by rainwater tank. Eventually the  
 rooms named "Duty Forecaster" & "Duty Observer"  
 may be converted into quarters. A Bath could then  
 be installed in the lavatory. R.R. Reg. also thinks  
 that £600 will cover the cost.

*KB 23/12/44*

*KB 22.12.44*

*for 31/1/45*

Deal with  
 in 48/43.

21. Minute from Director of Agriculture of 22. 12. 44

22. Public Notice of 28. 12. 44.

23. Minute from O.I.C., P.W.D., of 29. 12. 44.

(24).

*B. of P.W.D.*

I have spoken to the met. officer & he thinks it  
 possible that another neighbouring site might be  
 found. Please contact him early with a view  
 to looking over the ground with him.

(25)

*KB 4.1.45*

Honourable Colonial Secretary,

26.

Another site has been chosen for the met office satisfactory  
 to the met officer, as shown on tracing, subject to the approval  
 of the Director of Agriculture.

*KB 5-1-45*

Telegram from Admiralty to H.O.I.C., of 2/1/45.

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Telegram to Admiralty from H.O.I.C., of 8. 1. 45.

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~~AC~~

(30).

Await minute from W.O.C. re new site  
n. of Williams' paddock.

LB  
1/1/45.

Letter from H.O.I.C., of 12. 1. 45.

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Minute from O.I.C., P.W.D., of 18. 1. 45.

32.

Letter from R. Williams, Esq., of 23. 1. 45.

33.

25/1/45.

(34)

Reg. Gen.

Mr. Williams called to see me this  
morning & confirmed the arrangement set out in red (33)  
by handing me the Deeds of his land.

Will you please draw up the necessary document  
transferring .39 of an acre of this land from Mr Williams  
to the Government.

Sh. G.  
29. 1. 45.

Hon. Col. Sec.

(35)

Deed drawn up and executed to-day.

Sh. G.  
for Reg. Gen.  
31. 1. 45.

(36)

O/c P.W.D.

The work may now proceed.

(37)

Sh. G.  
31/1/45.

Sh.  
31. 1. 45.

(38)

Reg. Gen.

Will you please register the Conveyances  
& endorse Mr. Williams' deeds accordingly.

(39)

Sh. G.  
1/2/45.

Sh. G.  
9-11-45.

Deed of Conveyance dated 31st Jan. 1945.

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Letter to R. B. Williams of 13. 2. 45.

41.

Minute from Executive Engineer of 14. 8. 45.

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(43).

~~G.E.~~  
 There was £600 in the pot-works for this Building.  
 It increased to £720 when the recent revised estimates  
 for R.F. & P.W.D. were approved by you. Now another  
 £200 is wanted for furniture & fittings. I am  
 afraid any estimates for construction work at  
 present are bound to be bad. Paint alone has gone  
 up about 150% in cost within the last year.

AB 17/10/45

KB  
 20/8/45

44. Minute to Executive Engineer, of 28. 8. 45.

45. Tel. No. 148 from S. of S. of 3. 8. 46.

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S.E.T.

In reply to S 2 of 45 please,  
 in so far as you are concerned. Then  
 when through E.E. for his report.

ABE  
 8.8.46

(47)

Hon C.S.

The Admiralty took over the Col. Gout  
 W.T. station in Stanley in June 1940 and all civil  
 telegrams are transmitted - received through Naval  
 controlled W.T. station, while it is true that we  
 have W.T. operators working at the Naval control stations,  
 it is also true that the Govt has no power to  
 direct the civil staff to do any W.T. work.

Without a W.T. station we are unable to do the  
 work required in para 2. of Ref 45.

AM.  
 D.E.S.  
 7. 8. 46.

(48)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The Meteorological Office Building is at present under P.W.D. for maintenance & heating (fuel that is.) & this can be continued as long as is required. The maintenance of the staff & instruments is beyond my province but Offc. As. Dep. could say, if this point also is to be read into the S. of S. telegram (45) para 2. last sentence.

W. F.  
7. VIII. 46.

Minute to N. O. i/c. of 10. 8. 46.

49. 15/8/46  
B.W. 12/8

Letter from Morse Office - in - Charge of 13. 8. 46. 50.  
(51)

S.O.T.  
As in H.E.'s minute at foot of red  
(50) pl.

W. F.  
14. 8. 46.

(52)

Hon C.S.

Does Red 50 mean that Admiralty Transmitters & Receivers necessary for the Cal Gout commitments will be operated and maintained by Cal Gout but that the plant will remain in the Admiralty buildings as at present. Also will Cal Gout maintain and be responsible for the power plant necessary to work the transmitters?

2. At this stage we do not know what our responsibility amounts to, and without knowing what is really required it is difficult to say what number of operators and or maintenance <sup>staff</sup> will be ~~required~~ essential.

3. The commercial service power was provided for 17 hours a day with three operators who also done engine maintenance & repair work, as well. The staff of course lived on the station.

4. As far as training for civil operators. As operators receivers and copy more <sup>concerned</sup> is suitable keep & buggers can be arranged and instructions given here, and after more is known the NOIC may approve of the persons concerned being allowed to watch keep with the four civil operators already in the service.

Theoretical instructions on transmitters if required can also

be

be given.

M.

DEPT

15.8.46

53. Tel. No. 155 from S. of S. of 14.8.46. (copy to N.O. 1/c fi)
54. Tel. No. 159 from S. of S. of 19.8.46. (copy to N.O. 1/c fi)
55. Tel. No. 248 to S. of S. of 21.8.46. (copy to N.O. 1/c fi)
56. Tel. No. 252 to S. of S. of 22.8.46. (copies to N.O. 1/c + S. & T.)
57. Tel. No. 179 from S. of S. of 9.9.46. (copy to N.O. 1/c fi)
58. Letter from N.O. I. B. of 25.9.46.
59. Letter to N.O. I. B. of 5.10.46

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(56) - (57) & 4 - Action is proceeding in another file - and PA Chick it, pl.

21.10.46

Record

(61)

File referred to in N. E.'s (60) is 174/46  
"I. Is. w/T. Starn"

w/ drawn & filed in - 62. Notes on Meeting held at Victory House, London on 19.7.46. 62.

63. Tel No 353 to S. of S. of 9.11.46.



Do 19368 "G. A. Hawkins"

Letter from vice-consul M.V. of 30. 10. 46

64.

Office Treasury

(65)

10 note (63) r (64) pl

Alfred  
12/1/46

(66)

Hon<sup>ble</sup>

noted thank you

Gr O/Ty.  
13/11

67.

For further action in this matter  
see 255/46. [Shore not

(62) being conveniently for  
file in 255/46?]

Alfred  
19.12

Mr B/L arrange  
17/12

15/1/47

68.

(62) removed accordingly

Alfred  
21.1.47.

CHD SE  
see 255/46.

per 10. 11. 47  
10. 9. 46



(1.)

Office of  
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falklands.

18th September, 1944.

No. B 1.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

The attached proposals in connection with post war meteorological policy at Stanley are forwarded for the consideration of the Government. I feel quite sure that the Admiralty would be prepared to hand over such instruments as would be normally required, but should an anemometer be installed and the Government wish to retain it, this would probably be offered for sale.

R B M aili.  
Commander, R.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge

(1A)

Base Meteorological Office,  
Agricultural Building,  
Stanley, F.I.

16th September, 1944.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICES.

It has long been considered that the present Meteorological Office is very badly situated and that unless a move is made soon, precedent will have been established for maintaining future meteorological offices in this colony in similar unsuitable establishments.

Opportunity now appears to present itself for rectifying this situation and it is submitted that the Colonial Government be approached to co-operate in setting up an ideal meteorological office for the Colony. The present Naval Meteorological Officers have inspected a now disused hut at Tussock Point and are of the opinion that it could be resited and adapted at very little cost. Should the Colonial Government be prepared to undertake the scheme outlined below I believe that the Admiralty would favourably consider transferring the station complete to the Colonial Government at the conclusion of the war, though naturally I am not in a position to make any guarantees at this stage.

While meteorology is playing an increasingly important part in the war effort, the efficiency of the Base Meteorological Office is prejudiced by its unfavourable locality and much useful data and reliable records are being lost to posterity. (It is not generally known that weather reports from the Falkland Islands and dependencies are used twice daily as far afield as the South-west Pacific and the United States of America.)

In view of the foregoing remarks and after consideration of the attached report I trust you will see your way clear to place the matter before the Colonial Government.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*JH King*

Lieutenant (Sp) SANF(V)  
SENIOR METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER.

(16)

## WHY A NEW SITE ?

Post war aviation and climatology will demand more accurate weather information than has been available in the past. Instruments should be well exposed to the free air away from buildings and water. Neither does the present nor have previous sites in Stanley fulfilled these two conditions.

### POSSIBLE SITES.

1. On ridge above Government House.
2. On Murray Heights.
3. Present H/F D/F Station.
4. On ridge above Agricultural Station.

### CONSIDERATION OF ABOVE.

If in the post war years the Government of the Falkland Islands proposes to continue to have only a part time meteorological observer situations 1 and 4 must be considered in relation to their proximity to permanent dwellings of Government employees. But meteorologically neither position is ideal as the ridge above Government House is too sheltered by Sapper Hill, and the ridge above the Agricultural Station is partially sheltered by the ridge running from Lookout Rocks. The present H/F D/F Station also has an obstructed view and in any case could not be used till after the war. We are left with Murray Heights which are well exposed in all directions, least affected by local winds caused topographically, have a low horizon for the observation of Pilot Balloons (Essential for aviation), and yet are close to the township.

With the present expansion in meteorology for Aviation, Shipping, Agriculture and Climatology, weather reports will continue in great demand from the Falkland Islands after the war, and I consider it will be essential for the Colonial Government to employ a full time observer, and in the event of an airmail service being inaugurated a qualified forecaster would be required. In view of these points it is strongly recommended that a permanent meteorological station be erected under the guidance of the present Naval Meteorological Officers, and that it be sited on Murray Heights.

### TYPE OF BUILDING.

Rough plans are submitted of a meteorological office adapted from a wooden hut now erected at Tussac Point. This hut could probably be transferred to the Navy from Force 132. As can be seen from the plans the sections could be rearranged to give ample accommodation for all requirements of an ideal meteorological office. Reconstruction necessary of certain sections is summarised as follows:-

- 12 sections (Nos. 2 7 9 11 13-16 18-21) No alterations.
- 7 sections (Nos. 1 3 5 6 8 10 12) Windows doubled in depth and clear glass put in.
- 1 section (No. 17) Window doubled in depth, clear glass put and changed to opposite side of section.
- 1 section (No. 22) Window to be inserted.
- 1 section (No. 4) Door to be doubled.

There is not sufficient material internally to complete arrangements as shown in plans.

### COST TO THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.

1. Land.
2. Labour of transporting, altering and re-erecting shell of building.
3. Labour and extra materials required to set up internal requirements.

*J. King*

Y/E.,

I have discussed this proposal with the Naval Officer in Charge and Lt. Kingon. There seems to be no doubt that the local network of Meteorological Stations will have to be maintained after the war as part of the world's system, since information from this part of the South Atlantic is used for forecasting over a very wide area. Whether the two Antarctic stations will be required is apparently more doubtful but for political reasons we are anxious to maintain them as long as possible. We do not know whether they will be maintained by the Colonial Government or whether they will be administered and paid for from London, but it is pretty certain that we shall have to make a ~~contribution~~ <sup>contribution</sup> in any case.

2. On the above assumption I am inclined to think that the present proposal should be favourably considered. It has three advantages;—that the hut can be had for nothing, that the erection of the station and the instruments will be carried out under expert supervision and that we are likely to get most of the instruments given to us when the Navy leave. The only immediate expense to us would be the moving and re-erecting and fitting and furnishing of the hut. A very approximate estimate of the cost to Government would be £400.

3. The Naval Officer in Charge does not think that Admiralty would be prepared to carry the whole cost at this stage of the war even on a guarantee ~~and~~ <sup>of</sup> repayment later, and to suggest any such arrangement might prejudice our chances of getting the instruments for nothing.

4. The question of site is being gone into again. The ground on Murray Heights suggested is private land. It is quite possible that an alternative site can be found to the East of the D. F. Station.

5. The hut includes quarters for one officer. This is important as a good site cannot be found sufficiently close to the town to enable the officer to go up and down there at all hours to take observations. Post war staffing will have to be discussed later but an observer can apparently be trained quite easily now by a Meteorological Officer. This would correspond to a clerical post and a promising boy could be apprenticed at the end of the year. Forecasters are men with University degrees and so on and these will have to be recruited from overseas, ~~no doubt~~ <sup>no doubt</sup> chosen possibly from among our scholars, but that is a question for the future.

6. If Y/E is prepared to consider his proposal I will insert provision in P.W.E. for the hut (reducing P.W.R. by the same amount since the men must be employed) and for the training of an apprentice observer.

7. I fear that if we, at this point, consult the Secretary of State on the proposal in the light of the future organization of Meteorological Services, we may lose the opportunity now available to us. You may care to discuss this with the N.O.I.C. yourself.

*I have spoken to N.O.I.C. again & he above  
candidly presents his views.*

*KB*  
21.9.44

*KB*  
19/9/44.



No.

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

MINUTE.

28th September, 1944. (6)

From The Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Dept.,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

I append itemised estimate for this work based on the drawings sent in by Lt. Kingon R.S.A.N. Water will be from rain water tanks and Earth closets will form the sanitary accommodation.

2. I inspected the site with Lt. Kingon and we mutually agreed that the best site in all the circumstances was at Look Out Rocks.

3. Estimate:-

Taking down hut and E.C's at Tussac Point	45.	-.	-.
Transshipment to Stanley	30.	-.	-.
Transporting to site	20.	-.	-.
Foundations and cleaning site	40.	-.	-.
Re-erection with alterations	150.	-.	-.
Additional partitions	40.	-.	-.
Glazed partition	32.	-.	-.
Steps to roof	22.	-.	-.
Heating installation	75.	-.	-.
Rainwater tanks etc.	10.	-.	-.
New Ruberoid roofing	20.	-.	-.
Peat Shed	50.	-.	-.
Contingencies	16.	-.	-.

£550. -.

*Arch. Loodfat*

Executive Engineer.

S. 1329b.

## NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised  
December, 1935.

(10)

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Signal  
Department  
onlyOriginators Instructions :  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

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No. of  
Groups :

TO :

C-in-C S.A.

FROM :

Write  
Across

C-in-C S.A. from NOIC P.I.

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(Governor is very anxious to know the post war policy as regards

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Meteorological station in Falkland Is. and would be grateful for any

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information. If a station is to be maintained he has proposed, and I have

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agreed, that a suitable local boy be trained as a civilian observer by the

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present Naval Meteorological staff and at a later date to send selected

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to  
scholars ~~xxx~~ U.K. to obtain necessary education for qualifying as civilian

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Meteorological Officers.

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Date

S. 1320h.  
(Established—October, 1935)

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

FROM:

Naval Officer in Charge Falkland Islands,

Admiralty.

(R) C-in-C. S.A.

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Offer to erect new meteorological office hut is gratefully accepted.  
Arrangements are being made to supply DINES ANEMOGRAPH complete with mast.  
No (R) NO DR THERMOGRAPH can be supplied.

(2) Approval for transfer of instruments etc. is being sought.

Your 131331.

.... 202352 A. November.

BRITISH NAVAL BASE

22 NOV. 1944

FALKLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.



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Office of  
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falklands.

23rd November, 1944.

No. B 1.

The Officer Commanding, Falkland Is. Force.  
copy: Honorable Colonial Secretary.  
Base Meteorological Officer.

NEW METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

It is requested that the hut at Tussac Point may be vouchered over to the Royal Navy for dismantling and re-erection in Stanley.

*R. B. Mark*

Commander, R.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge

*NOIC. warned that we cannot do anything  
under Gannoy. RB 23/11/44*



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only.

BRITISH NAVAL BASE

23 NOV 1944

FALKLANDS.

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Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
AIDAC, NOTWT  
For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: Admiralty (R) NOIC F.I.

FROM:  
C-in-C S.A.

*Radio*  
NOIC F.I.'s 221348 about Meteorological staff is being passed to you for

consideration and reply.

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in  
Cypher or Coding  
Office.

Date.

(16)

Office of  
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falklands.

13th December, 1944.

No. B 1.

The Honorable Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

Reference my letter B 1 of the 18th September, 1944, the Army hut at Tussac Point having now been vouchered over to the Navy is hereby placed at the disposal of the Colonial Government in accordance with Admiralty's signal 202352 November.

A copy of Admiralty's signal 041038 December regarding the transfer of instruments is attached.



Commander, R.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge

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Coding Office  
only.

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Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
AIDAC, NOTWT  
For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

NOIC F.I. (R) C-in-C S.A.

FROM:

ADMIRALTY

No objection to transfer of naval meteorological instruments and  
anemograph to Colonial Government on re-purchase after the war

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Cyphering or Coding.	Recyphering or Recoding.			

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S. 1320h.  
(Established—October, 1935)

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

FROM:

C-in-C. S.A. (R) N.O.I.C. Falkland Islands.

Admiralty.

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Request your views on N.O.I.C. Falkland Islands' 221348 November.

... 141431 A. December.

(Meteorological Policy for Falkland Is.)





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only.

BRITISH NAVAL BASE

20 DEC. 1944

FALKLANDS.

INTERCEPT GROUP.

Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
AIDAC, NOTWT  
For Exercise).

TO: ADMIRALTY (R) NOIC F.I.

FROM: C-in-C S.A.

Consider forecast and research station on F.I. most desirable after war as  
link in chain of British stations studying circulation in westerlies. Your 141431.

2. Concur that local boys could be trained to replace seamen but consider  
potential officers should have reached at least Matriculation standard in  
physics and mathematics before entry.

190956b.

Your Excellency.

Above message from C-in-C S.A. is in connection with my request for  
information re post-war meteorological policy. I imagine Admiralty will  
make a more detailed reply later.

*R. S. M. A. L.*  
Commander, R.N.

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Recyphering or Recoding.

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in  
Cypher or Coding  
Office.

Date.

No.

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

MINUTE.

29th December, 1944.

From

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,

P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To THE HONOURABLE,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

I would inform you that it is now necessary to remove the greater part of the "Look Out" rocks in order that the observers at the Meteorological Station have a better view.

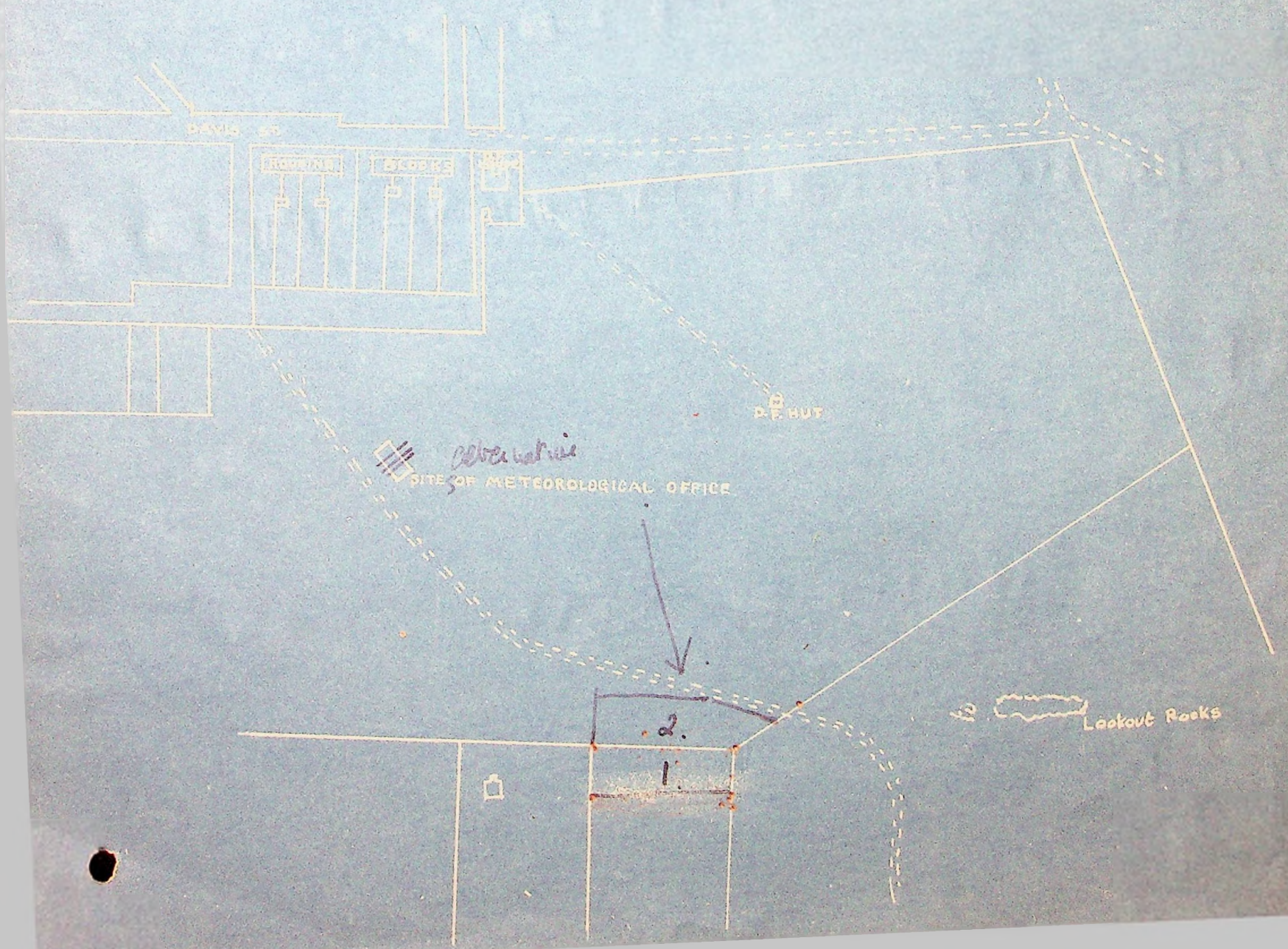
As this was not contemplated when the estimate for the erection of this building was considered there is a possibility that the original estimate may now be exceeded, but every effort will be made to keep as near to it as possible.

*D. Lees.*

OFFICER IN CHARGE.



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BRITISH NAVAL BASE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320h.  
(Established—October, 1935)

TO: NOIC F.I.(R) C-in-C S.A.

FROM: Admiralty

*Re: 141331*

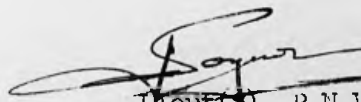
Your 141331 Dec. Air Ministry Meteorological Office state that they have no knowledge of free issue of meteorological instruments to F.I. Govt. Can local authorities quote any authority covering free supply

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Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Can the authority be informed me please.

  
Lieut(S), R.N.V.R.  
Secretary

*Note informed that Instruments are not supplied free. One was bought from the inst. office. S. Kensington. RB 6.1.45*



# NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised  
December, 1935.

S. 1320h.

For use in  
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NOT TO BE TRANSMITTED TO c-in-C S.A. until 11.1.45.

Originators Instructions :  
(Indication of Priority,  
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No. of  
Groups :

TO :

Admiralty C-in-C S.A.

FROM :

Write  
Across

Admiralty (R) C-in-C S.A. From NOIO P.I.

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Regret I was misinformed by Head of Govt. Department concerned.

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Instruments, apart from few thermometer, etc. replacements, were purchased.

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Your ~~XXXXX~~ 082328

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Office of  
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falklands.

12th January, 1945.

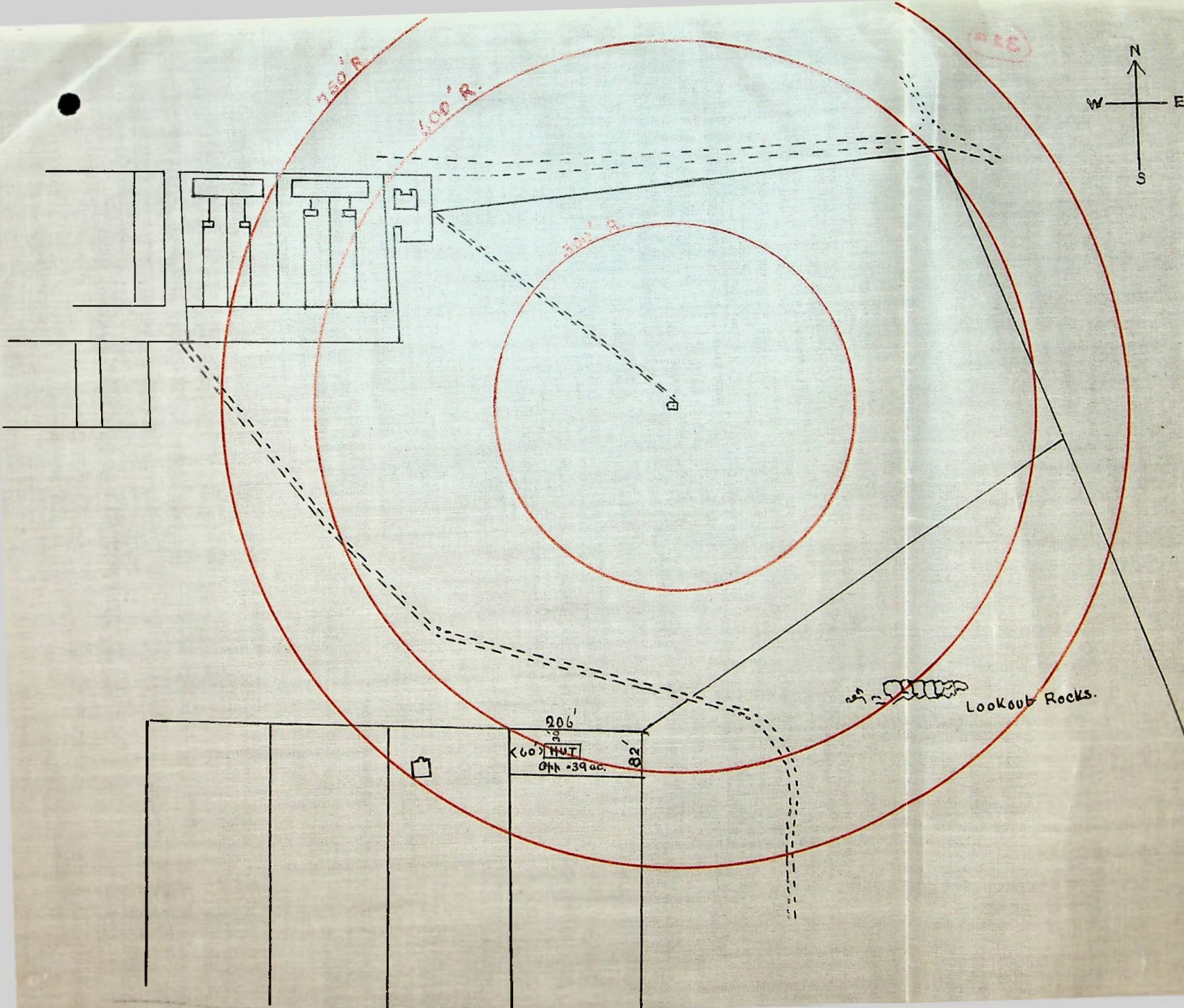
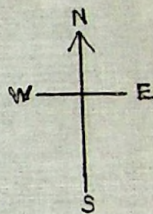
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The Honourable Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

With reference to the erection of the new Meteorological Station, this is to confirm that the new site chosen by the Senior Meteorological Officer - 210 yards S.S.W. from the H/F D/F hut - is approved as causing no interference with the operation of this station.



Commander, R.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge



No.

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

MINUTE.

18th January, 19 45

From The Officer in Charge

P .W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

I have the honour to submit for early approval tracing of new site of Meteorological Office 206' X 82'. Hut as shewn is 60' from West boundary and 30' from North boundary. The Area of this plot is approximately .39 acres.

*D. Lees*

OFFICER IN CHARGE.



23rd January,

45.

Sir,

With reference to our recent discussion I should be grateful if you would confirm that you are willing to sell to Government the most northerly portion of your plot of land lying to the south west of Look Out Rocks. The area in question being approximately .39 acre. You agreed to sell the land for £5, Government to construct a fence on the south boundary with a wicket gate giving you access from the north. If you are prepared to confirm this arrangement I should be grateful if you would let me have the deeds as soon as possible in order that the transfer may be arranged without delay.

-spirited

2. Your public/action in releasing this piece of land is much appreciated.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

R. Williams, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

J. H. Hamilton  
Registrar General.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

## CONVEYANCE.

Refer to Crown Grant No. 119.

THIS GRANT made the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five in pursuance of "The Titles to Land Ordinance, 1904"

Between Ralph Michael Williams, of Stanley, Falkland Islands, Grantor of the one part and the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, Grantee of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Five Pounds (£5) paid by the said Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands to the said Ralph Michael Williams the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Ralph Michael Williams doth grant unto the said Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands their Heirs and Assigns for ever ALL that parcel of Land situate in the town of Stanley, being part of Lot. No. 16 in Special Pensioners' Allotment, containing .39 acre more or less and more particularly described on the back hereof. Bounded as follows :- On the North by Crown Land 206 feet; on the East by part of Lot No. 17, 82 feet; on the South by part of Lot No. 16 in the holding of Ralph Michael Williams 206 feet; on the West by part of Lot No. 16 in the holding of James J. Perry, 82 feet; together with all erections thereon.

Ralph M. Williams  
J. H. Hamilton assist. M. Secy.  
for and on behalf of the Government  
of the Colony of the Falkland  
Islands.

Harold Bennett Witness to signature of Seller.

Harold Bennett Witness to signature of Buyer.

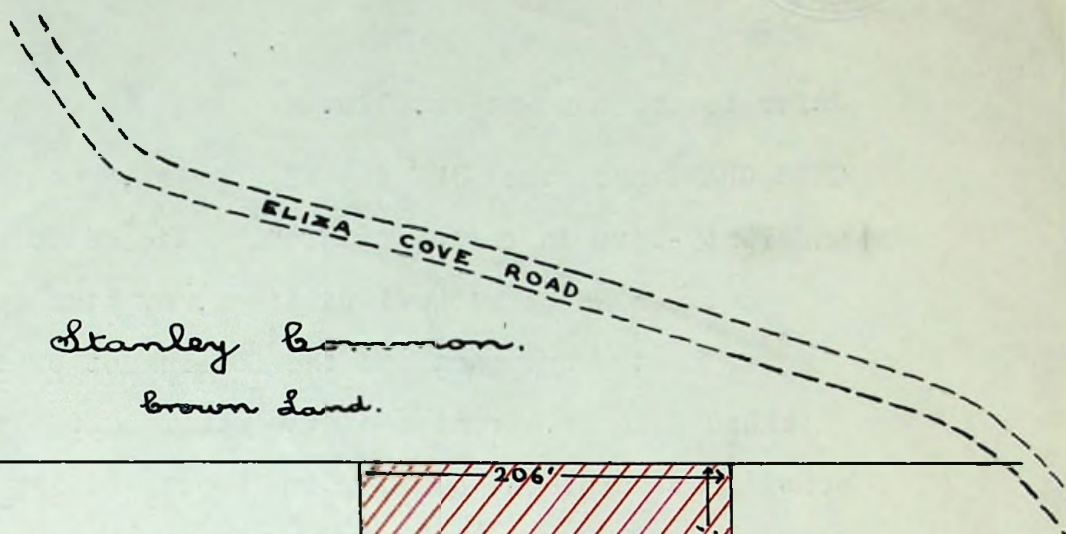
I, Harold Bennett solemnly declare that this Deed was executed by Ralph M. Williams the seller of the land, in my presence.

Declared before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1945.

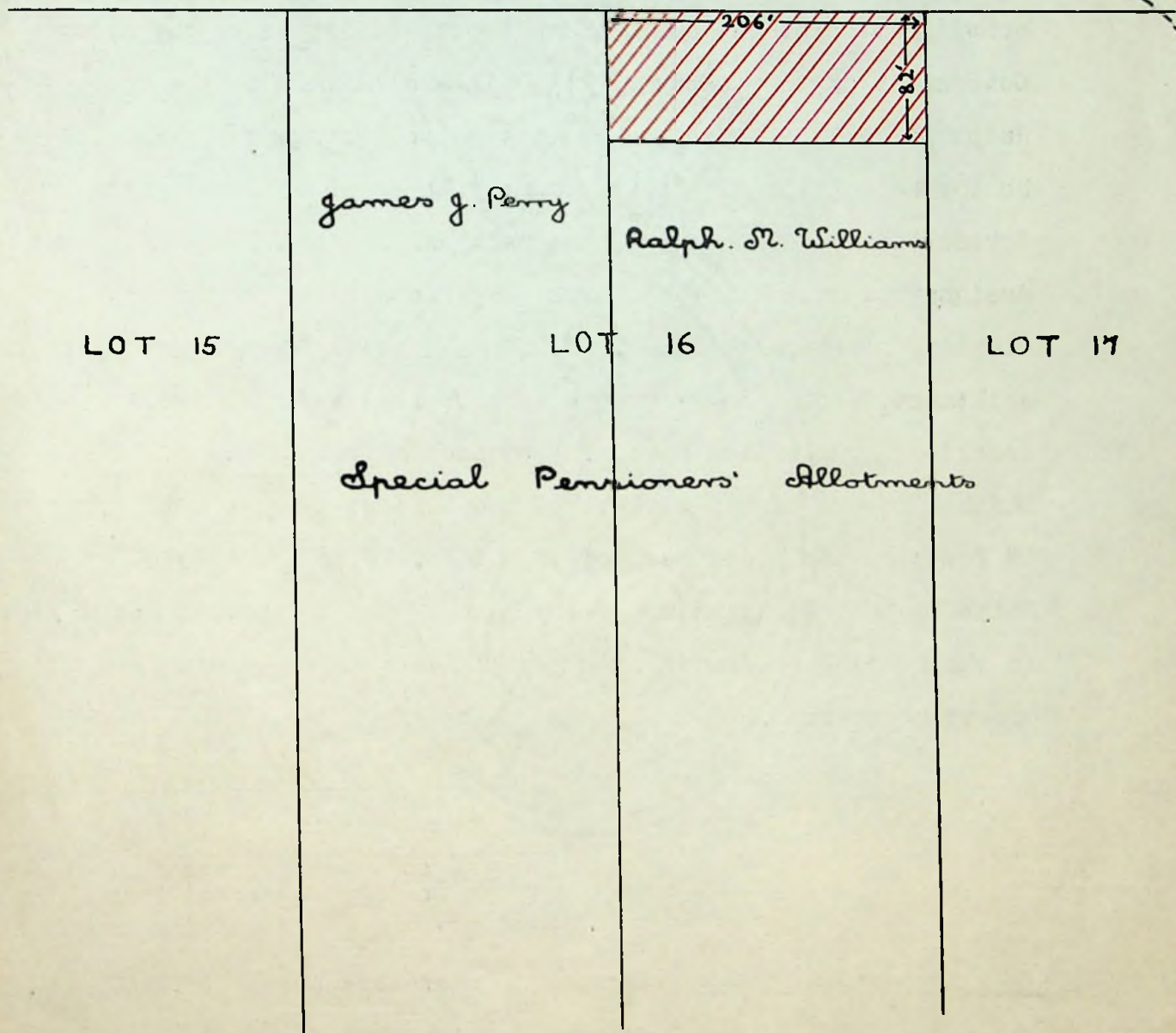
REGISTRAR GENERAL  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

J. H. Hamilton R.G.  
Reg. Gen.





Stanley Common.  
brown land.



LOT 15

LOT 16

LOT 17

Special Pensioners' Allotments

James G. Perry

Ralph. M. Williams

13th February,

45.


Sir,

With reference to the Deed signed by you on the 31st of January, 1945, conveying to the Colonial Government .39 of an acre of the land owned by you to the south of Stanley, being part of Lot 16 in Special Pensioners Allotment, I have the honour to return herewith the Deeds which you left with me, and on which a record of the above-mentioned conveyance has been made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Colonial Secretary.

R. M. Williams, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

No.

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

MINUTE.

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14th August, 19 45.

From The Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Dept.,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

The original estimate for the Meteorological Station included no provision for furniture or the installation of fittings. Instruction for these have now been received and include chart tables, plan presses, bunks, anemometer mast etc. The balance remaining of the amended estimate of £720 has commenced the work, but will be insufficient to complete it. I estimate the amount needed as £80. May authority for this expenditure be given please as I am anxious to complete the work at the first possible moment.



Executive Engineer.

No. 135/44.

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

MINUTE.

28th August, 1945.

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Red 42.*

With reference to your Minute of the 14th of August, His Excellency has approved an extra £80 for the Meteorological Station. This building should be completed with the least possible delay and the necessary Special Warrant for the total over expenditure applied for.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

No. S 60.

TELEGRAM.

(45)

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched: August 3rd 1946 Time: 17.20.

Received: August 4th 1946 Time: 09.30.

No. 148. Meteorological Service of the Air Ministry has agreed to take over the meteorological arrangements in the Falkland Islands from the Naval Meteorological Office. It is expected that Lieutenant Howkins who will be in charge of the service will replace Lieutenant Niddrie in the autumn. Arrangements are being made for the staff to be appointed by the Air Ministry and they will communicate direct with the Ministry on technical questions but the administration of the staff will come under your control. I am recruiting the meteorological staff for the Falkland Islands Dependencies and will address you further on the matter.

8 Meanwhile the Admiralty have said that they will not be able to undertake the reception of the meteorological broadcasting and the transmission of Ficol. Can arrangements be made locally for the reception and transmission of these messages? Could you also take over the office buildings when vacated by the Naval meteorological personnel and the responsibility for its maintenance when the Air Ministry staff arrives.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Reply at Red 56

"Falkland Islands Collection" (Inst. Report)

DRM.

see Red 11 in 170/46 (F. I. W/T Station).

49

435/44.  
(It is requested  
that, in any refer-  
ence to this minute  
the above Number  
and the date may  
be quoted.)

MINUTE.

10th August, 19 46.

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

From

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Meteorological Services - Falkland Islands.

*Read 45*

I am directed by the Acting Governor to refer to the Secretary of State's telegram No. 148 of the 3rd of August, 1946, a copy of which was sent to you, and to enquire what reply should be made to the second paragraph as regards the reception and transmission of meteorological messages.

NH.

for Colonial Secreta.

Reply at (50)



Office of the  
Naval Officer-in-Charge.  
Falklands.

13th August, 1946

The following signal timed 131729 June has been received from the Admiralty:-

"Your submission C.1/26/41 of 27th February 1946 and signal 061811 March Paragraph 3. Not (a) not agreed that present Naval (2) Naval W/T commitments including your share in merchant ship communications scheme cannot be undertaken by existing telegraphist complement working in four watches. Other commercial W/T commitments of the station should be met by Colonial Government staff. Colonial office is being consulted accordingly.

2. Reply as regards Radio Mechanics Sigs. (4/4) and engine room ratings has been made by A.I.N. 4195/46 of 30th May 1946.

131729 A/June. 1946.



Office of the  
Naval Officer-in-Charge.  
Falklands.

13th August, 1946.

No. F.1/64/25.

His Excellency the Acting Governor.  
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

*Rec 49.*

*Rec 50.*

With reference to your Excellency's No. 135/44 dated 10th August, I have the honour to enclose a copy of Admiralty Message timed 131729 June, 1946, the relevant passage of which I have underlined in red pencil.

From this and the Secretary of State's No. 148 of August 3rd it is evident that it is the intention that the following W/T services shall be undertaken by your Government.

1. Meteorological services.
2. All commercial services other than Merchant ship.

I also have an Admiralty ruling that 500 k/c is properly a Colonial Government commitment.

The Admiralty transmitting and receiving apparatus would be used for the above services, the operators being employed and paid by your Government.

In my opinion a total of eight operators will be required to man the commitments detailed above, which will entail, I understand, training a further four civil operators. If the intensive training of four young men is commenced now, I can see no reason why you should not be in a position to man your increased W/T commitments by the end of the year.

In order to achieve this the men would have to be trained for at least six hours a day. It is regretted that I have no facilities or instructors available here, but every assistance in my power would be given to you.

I have the honour to be  
Your Excellency's obedient servant

*R. S. C. G. G. G.*

COMMANDER, R.N.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

*A.C.S.*

*Re. ask S.E.T. for his considered  
views on this early. When is coming for  
C.O. in next mail in next telegraph.*

*ABE*

DECODE.

*copy to N.O. 1/c for inf.*

TELEGRAM.

M.P. 135/44.

(53)

No. S 45.

From..... The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To..... His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched :      August      14th      19 46      Time :      18.10.

Received :      August      15th      19 46      Time :      09.30.

*Red 45.*

No. 155.      My telegram No. 148.      Meteorological Service.

*See Red 54.*

Air Ministry have enquired if a house or furnished married quarters would be available for Howkins and if so what would be the cost of such accommodation.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

*Reply at Red 55*

DEM.

*with S.E.T. 15/8/46*

*Out file in ABC 15/8*

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No. S5.

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TELEGRAM.

M.P. 135/44.

(54)

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*To* His Excellency the Acting Governor.

*Despatched :* August 19th 1946 *Time :* 17.15.

*Received :* August 20th 19 46 *Time :* 09.30.

*Red 53.*  
No. 159. My telegram No. 155. Meteorological Service. Air

Ministry state that in addition to Howkins 4 other appointments have been made 1 whom is married and will be accompanied by wife. Are quarters

*See Red 57* available and if so what would be cost?

G.T.C.

*Reply at Red 55.*

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DRM.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

(55)

M. P. 135/44.

*From* His Excellency the Acting Governor.

*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Despatched :* August 21st 19 46 *Time :* 11.00.

*Received :* . . . . . 19 *Time :*

*Red 53 + 54.*

No. 248. Your telegrams Nos. 155 and 159. Meteorological Service.

Howkins can be accomodated by his wife's mother. No Government housing available but hotel or boarding house accomodation could be found for others if you would state ranks. Cost including full board about £12 per month per head.

*See Red 57*

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

DRM.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(56)

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : August 22nd 19 46 Time : 16.00.

Received : ... .. 19 ... Time : ...

*Red 45*  
No. 252. Meteorological Service. Your telegram No. 148 paragraph 2 awaited reply in case English mail might clarify position. It has not done so.

*Reds 50 + 50a.*  
2. Naval Officer in Charge had been told by Admiralty on 13th June that commercial commitments of Naval W/T Station should be met by Colonial Government Staff and that you were being consulted. This presumably meant meteorological and all commercial services other than merchant ship.

3. This would mean engagement and training of four additional operators by Government (eight in all) using Admiralty apparatus. New arrangement could begin 8 months after receipt of your final directions.

4. It would be of great assistance if I could be informed what exact commitments of Government will be.

5. Meteorological Office building is at present maintained and heated by Public Works Department and this can of course continue.

G. T. C.

*See Red 57.*

GOVERNOR.

DRM.



DECODE.

No. 8.

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TELEGRAM.

M.P. 135/44.

*ABC*  
*10/9*  
From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched : September 9th 19 46 Time : 18.34.

Received : September 10th 19 46 Time : 09.30.

Red 55.

No. 179. Your telegram No. 248. Arrangements now being made for 2 officers only to proceed to the Falkland Islands. They are Howkins Meteorological Officer salary £490 plus £85 F.S.A. and McNaughton Assistant Meteorological Officer salary £417 plus £50 F.S.A. if not officially accommodated.

Red 54.

2. Remainder of personnel referred to in my telegram No. 159 will not be available until the end of the year.

3. Howkins grateful for arrangements but hopes it will be possible for him to obtain a Government house later if one becomes vacant.

Red 56.

4. Your telegram No. 252 has been referred to the Meteorological Office Air Ministry and I hope to reply shortly.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

*See 5 in 0008  
"F.I. Met Station"*

See Red 63

DRM.

58a

FROM: The Senior Naval Meteorological Officer, Falkland Islands.  
TO: The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naval Base, Falkland Islands.  
DATE: 24th. September 1946

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NAVAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE : DEPARTURE OF LIEUT. NIDDRIE.

It is submitted that the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Falkland Islands be asked on behalf of the Naval Meteorological Officer to thank H.E. the Governor of the Falkland Islands and his administrative staff for the wholehearted co-operation given to the Naval Meteorological Service during the war years. This has been much appreciated and it is hoped that the Falkland Islands weather service will go from strength to strength.

*D. Niddrie*

Lieut. (Sp) S.A.N.F. (V)

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II.

His Excellency the Acting Governor,  
Falkland Islands.

I have great pleasure in forwarding to  
Your Excellency, from one of my staff, an expression of  
the sentiments felt by us all.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. M. ...", written over a horizontal line.

COMMANDER, R.N.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

25th Sept. 1946.

5th October,

46.

Sir,

Ref 58  
Rec 58a

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th of September forwarding the thanks of the Naval Meteorological Officer to this Government for its co-operation in the past.

2. I should be glad if you would convey to Lieut. Niddrie His Excellency's appreciation, not only of his message, but also of the invaluable scientific work in which he has been engaged. The high standard of the forecasts is notable, and it is a source of satisfaction to this Government that Lieut. Niddrie has been available to train the civilian observers in this essential service.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) L. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falkland Islands.

Delivered to X.O.'s office 11/15/54

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

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Words

Handed in at

Date

Copy filed in 255/46 "Taking over Falkland Islands

1. 9. 11. 46.

Met. Station by Air Ministry".

To

CHAPELIERIES LONDON

Red 57

No. 353. Your telegram No. 179 stop Meteorological Services stop Request authority for Government to carry out "repayment by Air Ministry essential works required by Howkins stop paragraph

2. Meanwhile an authorising advance account Air Ministry to pay salaries and minor charges

GOVERNMENT.

Time