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H. E. the Governor

SUBJECT.

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19th March

Previous Paper.

Arrangements for maintaining Guard  
on Jason Islands during repair of  
H.M.C.S. "Afterglow"

MINUTES.

*Minute from H. E. the Governor of 19<sup>th</sup> March 1923 — Encl ①*

*Harbour Master*

*Referred*

*until 20/3/23*

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

I beg to submit the attached Report on  
the Maintenance of the Jason Is Guard during the  
anticipated Repairs to the H.M.C.S. "Afterglow"

*Colin E. Woodley*  
Harbour Master

20/3/23

*Y.R.*

*Submitted.*

*2. The experiment of forming a profitable workshop  
at the farms & has not hitherto shown signs of  
being a financial success but if one further year  
trial is to be given it will be necessary to maintain  
the fund? In that case the Afterglow should*

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visit (Cape Island) and the necessary  
arrangements made with Mr. Hansen to  
visit the Island say two months from  
the Afterpaw's visit

3. Mr. H. Gladell to resume duty as  
Guard in Charge? Mr. Macconnachie's  
services will have to be utilized in Stanley  
if he is to remain in the service of the  
Government?

T. H. H. 29/3/23

H.P.S.

The question of protection must <sup>be</sup> recommended  
upon Mr. Hamilton's report for 1922-1923 is  
renewed. In addition to the present absence of  
afterpaw guard at Isaac should be maintained  
& should be provisioned for period proposed by  
Harbour Master.

2. Arrangements should be made with Mr. Hansen  
to visit Isaac as proposed.
3. Mr. Gladell should resume duty as guard  
in charge. If Col. Snopica can find work for  
Mr. Macconnachie he can be employed in  
Stanley. Otherwise I fear there is no suitable  
work to offer him.

M.

30 March 1923.

Harbour Master

Accordingly. Will you please write to  
Mr. Hansen and inform the Harbour Master of the Afterpaw to see  
that the arrangements are in order. T. H. H. 31/3/23

The Hon. Col. Secretary.  
Noted.

- 2. Letter to Mr. Hansen, Cascaes Co.
- 3. The Master of H.M.S. *Albatross* instructed accordingly.

Colin Estocley.  
Harbour Master.  
15.4.23

Colonial Engineer.

Re note paragraph 3 of J.G.'s  
minutes of 30 March.

G.R.B.  
C.S.O.  
7 April 1923.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,  
Noted.

2. Mr Maconochie at one time was employed by the  
P.W.D. and his work was far from satisfactory,  
consequently I am not anxious to give him employment  
again.

R.R. Basely.  
Colonial Engineer.  
10/4/23.

J.G. Submitted  
G.R.B.  
C.S.O.  
10 April 1923.

Habua Trade.

It seems improbable that any work can  
be found for Mr. Maconochie in Stanley.

G.R.  
10 April 1923

The Hon. Col. Secretary.  
Noted.

Colin Estocley.  
Harbour Master.

From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

owing to condition of boiler of Affraylow + uncertainty  
 as to how long repair or replacement will take  
 Harbour Master cannot depend on regular visiting  
 boats for a considerable interval after he  
 next trip in April.

2. Will he please report what arrangements he  
 can make for maintaining mail + if possible  
 visiting it + whether any temporary increase  
 in number is necessary.

J.M.

19 March 1923.

Harbour Master's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
4th April, 1923.

Sir,

I have been directed to communicate with you on the visiting of the Guard stationed on the Elephant Jason Island and to lay before you the suggestion that this Guard be visited, through your courtesy, by your Cutter, 2 months after the visit of the "Afterglow" on her present voyage.

2. It is anticipated that the "Afterglow" will be off Patrol Service for a period and it would seem essential that the Guard on the Elephant Jason Island should be visited, at an interval, during this period.

3. Should you be pleased to acquiesce to a visit being thus paid by your cutter and those in your service, it would be practicable, in the event of a report of a serious nature, to communicate through Hill Cove - Fox Bay to the Colonial Government, Stanley.

4. The Master of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" has been instructed to make the necessary arrangements with you and the Guard-in-Charge of the Elephant Jason Island has been directed to make provision accordingly

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Jason Hansen, Esq.,  
Carcass Island,  
WEST FALKLAND.

Harbour Master.

## Report on the Maintenance of Jason Is Guard.

I beg to report that the maintaining of the Jason Is Guard is principally the question of the provision of Victuals. Victuals as supplied consist mainly of preserved and tinned foods, with the principal exceptions of Mutton and potatoes. Mutton, landed as live sheep, live well on the Jason's and up to any number are procurable. Potatoes are now procurable in any quantity.

The Guard could, therefore, be victualled up for any period without difficulty or without danger to a shortage occurring. The Elephant Jason Is has, at a previous time, not been visited for 2½ months, and there did not appear to have been any apprehension on the part of the members of the Guard in their running short of victuals.

I am of the opinion that an increase in the number of the Guard, from that of 3, is not necessary, especially having in mind that the sleeping accommodation is fitted for but 3 bunks.

The work of the Guard is distributed evenly with 3 members, there being sufficient to keep all employed with time for rest.

An increase, I venture to think, in the number would cause uncomfortableness in view of the accommodation provided.

In view of the considerable period that it is anticipated will elapse before the Jason's are again visited after April next, I would suggest that :-

- I The Guard be victualled up for 6 months.
- II That S Gleadall to resume duty as Guard in Charge and J. Machonachie to return to Stanley.

The possibility of visiting the Jason's during the period the "Afterglow" is out of service might be effected:-

- I By the S/S "Falkland"
- II By Carcass Is cutter.

I Upon my visit to Bird Is and Jason's in April 1921, the charge for the delay caused to the S/S "Falkland" was, I think, £100.

II A visit to the Jason's, by the permission of Mr Hansen, of the Carcass Is cutter would not probably entail any expense, and show

and should , on the return of the cutter to Carcass Is, there be any report, a communication , through Hill Cove to Stanley, might render a visit by the S/S "Falkland" a necessity.

I would venture to think that no visit, other than by cutter, would be a necessity, and then at the end of 4 months.

*Colin Estocly.*  
Harbour Master

20/3/23