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SHI/VES/13 # 3

1939.

No.

C/18/39

OC. Defence Force
Harbour Master

SUBJECT.

1939
Novth 20th

Previous Paper.

S. S. "Port Richard"

Requisitioning of for War
Service.

MINUTES.

①-2. Minutes from OC. Defence Force
to Mr. the Governor. 20. XI. 39.

J.R.

Submitted.

MCH
CS

21. XI. 39.

I approve of taking over the
vessel I understand that there
is some question of the hiring price
being less than £3 a day.

3 deckhands and 1 fireman is
I think correct.

1/9 a day for messing seems to
be generous when the men are in receipt

Subsequent Paper.

if pay at the rate of $7/4$ a
 day and will not I take
 it to be on the vessel all day.
 As they are will be employed
 at seamen's rate they should
 be given their meals. To pay
 them $1/9$ would probably add
 further to the difficulties Captain of
 Laporte has I believe with the
 crew of that vessel

~~22/11/39~~ 22/11/39

O.C. Defence Force.
 Harbour Master.

Replied please. So far I have
 been unable to trace any
 draft Admiralty agreement for
 the hire of the vessel. We
 have particulars of the vessel
 which were sent to the
 Admiralty. Has the Sealing Coy
 a copy of the agreement.

MCH
es

HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

22. XI. 39.

1. I have asked Captain Watson as to the Sealing Co. having such a document and he thinks he has and has promised to let me have it.
2. Referring to His Excellency's Minute above, I do not consider that the Government can supply the necessary food simply and in order to avoid the victualling allowance being misused, I propose to pay the ship $1/9$ per head of crew per day and food to this value will have to be purchased by the cook under Sub.Lt. Carr's supervision, if at the end of the week there is a surplus owing to the men having several meals ashore, then it can be divided round for them to take to their homes. I trust that this may be approved

OK

O.C. Defence Force.

25th. November 1939. 26. x. 39.

YH

Submitted.

MCH
CS.

25. XI. 39.

I see no advantage in the
new proposal over paying
the men $1/9$ a day outright.

The procedure is contrary to
shipping practice and might easily
prove an expensive precedent. The
men ^{are} already ^{to} get £ 3.10 a month
more than equivalent ranks ashore.
It seems to me that they should
either be treated as D. 7. ranks
and paid 5/- + $1/9$ or be given
seamen's wages and treatment.
The O.C. wants them to have it
both ways.

~~YH~~ 27/4/39

O.C. Defence Force,

Refered please.

MCH
CS.
27. XI. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. May this matter be deferred pending Admiralty's decision as to Status & Commissioning of boat crew.
2. I understand that we have to pay the crew the usual "Seaman's" wages & we have to feed them, it is much simpler & probably cheaper to give them monetary allowance than food in kind.

Chas. D.C. of. 1. XII. 59.

Yr.

Submitted.

WCH

1. XII. 59.

I have nothing to add to
my minute of 22/11

12/12/59

Harbour Master
or Defence Force.

To note. H's wishes should
be carried out.

WCH

1. XII. 59

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. Arrangements have been made to victual the ship. The Cook orders his stores as required & the 1/9 has been adopted as a maximum figure, as a guide to him of the extent to which he can go. I trust this is what His Excellency would wish.
2. The attached Correspondence from F. & D. S. Coy. is forwarded 3-4. Can you say whether we are to work on "dormant Contract" or not charter please? I want to notify D. S. T. this mail.

Yh.
Advance warrant for
£ 154 - 1 - 0 submitted.

mch
cl
5. x 11. 59.

~~Yh~~ 6/12/39
Harbours Master.

The matter should I
think be finally decided
by the D.S.T. In the
meantime I think we
should arrange on "A" of

(4) mch
cl
6. x 11. 59.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

(5) I attach for your records information
copy of letter today addressed to D.S.T. as
requested. W. H. Mack. 14. x 11. 39.

(6) Minute from Treasury of 9th Dec.

Harbours Master.

Is Constable Lanning still
in charge of "Port Richard."
if so at what rate is he being paid?
He receives free quarters and

fuel value say £56. If he is
still in "Port Richard" is it
proposed to retain him in
that vessel.

MCH
16. XII. 59.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Surg. Lanning is still in charge of Port Richard
& as far as can reasonably be foreseen will continue
so to be.

His pay as master is £18 per month & he
is found with the "ships company". At the time
of his appointment I understood the question of his
pension would not arise as he was in effect to
be seconded to another department & that as
a result Colonial Government would save his salary
as Constable while he was so seconded.

W. S. M. 18. XII. 59.

Yr. Submitted. If M^r Lanning is to
be retained for Admiralty service then
I think value of quarters and fuel
should be taken into account and
the value recovered while this officer
is under Admiralty.

MCH
18. XII. 59.

I agree with you in this and in
Yr. estimate of 6. XII. 59. He receives
~~nothing~~ of course no pay as constable now and
£3 a month should be deducted for
£10 he receives for quarters and fuel. It

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is probable that he will be
appointed temporarily Skipper ^{AN}
and his pay ^{and allowances} will be higher than
£10 a month I expect.

~~Treasurer~~ 20/12/39
~~Harbour Master~~ 20/12/39

To note 1st 1/2 minute.

McH
CS.

20. XII. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary

Now thank you. May I assume
you will notify Capt. Lanning?

MS. 21. XII. 39.

⑦. Letter to Constable J. Lanning of 27/12/39.

8-10. Minute from Chief Constable of 3/1/40.

Harbour Master.

For your views. When
the "Perc Richard" was a seal
protection vessel the Master
was paid £20 a month and
no allowances.

McH
CS.

5. I. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

My personal view is that in view of the very long hours Lanning has had to work unusually & recently in particular & the way he has carried out his job, £20 a month with no allowances — i.e. £17-0-0 net would not be too great a sum for the service he gives, & this is a reduction of £1 from the salary at which he was appointed.

2. I have been asked several times for an additional fireman, but have said the work will soon ease down. Instead of which it gets more & steam has to be kept up for 24 hours per diem & the fireman gets no off time. As it will not mean any additional expenditure from Colony funds, may authority for this extra fireman be given please?

J. S. Harbours Master.
6. 1. 40.

R. Redd 8-9 Submitted together with the observations of the Harbours Master. An additional fireman is asked for.
MCH. 6. 1. 40.

Advance Warrant Submitted.
MCH. 6. 1. 40.

Signed
Authority asked for in para 1 & 2 of
this minute granted
H. H. 8/1/40

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 3

OC
To note approval. Mr Lanning
should be paid at the rate
of £20 a month from the
date he took over. He
will require to pay rental
at the rate of £3 a month
as instructed in red 7.

met
C.S.
8. 1. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted with grateful thanks. I have
notified Sergt. Lanning accordingly.

W.S. 8. 1. 40.

Treasury

To note.

met

Honed
Noted
red 7
9. 1. 40
9/1/40.

~~Treasury~~

Any remarks?

W.S. 23/1/40

Hon C.S.

None - I thank you.

red 7
24/4/40

Y.E.

For your approval & signature please

W.S. 25/1/40

W.S. 25/4

1. H
26/4/40

Letter from Commander R.B. Hartin, R.N., of 1/5/40. 11.

To

12.

Telegram from Shipminder, London of 1/5/41. 13.

Harbour Master.
(Sea Transport Office)

Can you please supply the
information requested in Ref (13.)

C. J. G.
for 5/5/41.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

F.I.C. (for Sealing Company) have been paid here by a draft
from London as follows:-

First 3 months here @ £110 per month	
from 23rd Nov. 1939 (date of	
requisitioning) to 22nd. February	
1940	330. 0. 0
* Here for 23rd. February 1940 to 22nd. March 1940	
@ £28 per month.	28. 0. 0
	<u>358. 0. 0</u>

Owing to instructions from M. of S. (telegram
1633/2 received 4.12.40) that monthly here
was to be reduced pending settlement to
£28 per month, after from F.I.C. have
had to be amended & having been received
will go home by next mail.

1. e. From 23rd. March 1940 to 22nd. April 1940
8 months @ £28 per month. November 1940.
* I understand that this was reduced by M. of S.
in London from the figure of £80 per month forward
for payment from here.

CW.SS.T.O. 6. V. 41.

Sea Transport Office.

Can you please say on what dates the above amounts
were paid to the F.I.C.? and confirm that the
amt sent home in March last were for the period
23 Nov. 1940 - 22 March, 1941.

C. J. G.
for 6/5/41.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Draft was cashed in London by F.I.C. 11th Sept. 1940.

much regret error 1941 is correct. CW.SS.T.O. 7. V. 41

14. Telegram to Ministry of Shipping, London, of 7/5/41.
 15. " from Ministry of Shipping, London, of 13/5/41.
 Sea transport office.

Red 15 for your observations please.

A. J.
 A. J. L.
 13/5/41.

Honorable Colonel Dunt.

No payments have been made direct to
 F.I.C. by the Government. All accounts are
 sent to D.S.T. direct.

A. J. S.T.O.
 14.5.41.

16. Telegram to Shipping, London, of 15/5/41.

AA

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Hon. C.S.,

Figures submitted

"William Scoresby."

Actual Expen: - Average for the years 1928 to 1930 inclusive.

<u>Salaries.</u>	<u>Fuel.</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>Charges.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
		(1)	
(+) £4282. 17. 7.	£3382.15.3.	£8134.3.1.	£15799.15.11

Actual Expen: "Afterglow" Average for years 1922-24 inclusive.

<u>Salaries.</u>	<u>Fuel.</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>Charges.</u>	<u>Total</u>
x £2059.10.4.	£890.7.10.	£2166.13.1. +	£5116.11.3.

(+) Personnel. 3 Navigating Officers, 3 Engineers, 2 Stewards,
1 Cook, 1 Telegraphist, 7 Seamen and 4 Stokers.

(1) Includes Insurance of vessel approx £1900 per annum and £100
for insurance of Personnel.

N.B. The estimated mileage in respect of provision for fuel is not
given in the financial returns available.

x Personnel. 1 Master, 1 Engineer, 3 deckhands, 1 Gunner,
3 Firemen, 1 Cook and Steward, 1 Assistant
Steward and 3 Guards.

+ Includes average of £600 ($\frac{1}{3}$ rd of total cost of overhaul
(£1810) of Afterglow in 1924.

(Sgd.) W. D. A. Jones,
for C.T.
21. 6. 39.

Guards were paid at the rate of £132 per annum. The average
for the years 1922-24 inclusive, was, however, £415.4.1. due
to the employment of relief guards and a Guard "Charge
Allowance".

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

MINUTE.

20th. November 1939

From O.C. Defence Force.

To His Excellency The Governor
and Commander-in-Chief

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the requisitioning of the Port Richard as instructed at the Defence Committee Meeting to-day, and in continuation of the last paragraph of my minute of even date.

It is recommended that the Port Richard be taken over as she stands and the proposed rate of hire is £3.0.0. per day, that is, say, £90.0.0. per month. That her crew should consist of a Captain, ~~Mate~~, Engineer, Cook and four deck Hands. These men to be sworn in as members of the Defence Force for special marine duty and that an allowance of 1/9 per day per man be paid to the ship for victualling. The rates of pay for the crew to be settled according to their ability and qualifications, present occupations and wages, which can only be done when they are eventually selected.

The estimated monthly expenditure is as follows and the figures quoted are provisional.

Captain	£20	per month.	
Engineer	20	„	
Cook	12	„	
4 Deck Hands	44	„	
			96.0.0.
Food 7 men at 1/9 per day 12/3			18.7.6.
Oil at £4 per barrel per month			4.0.0.
Hire £3 per day for one month			90.0.0
Monthly running repairs			20.0.0.
			£228.7.6.

I attach memo of previous cost of running this vessel
2/11

The cost of coal is not included as this is already being bought for Roydur the cost of hire for which is £450 per month. The proposal will therefore mean an approximate saving of over £200 per month.

I have to-day formally requisitioned the Port Richard and hope to have her ready for service by Saturday next.

W. H. Broadbent
Major.

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The FALKLAND & DEPENDENCIES SEALING Company, Limited.

Stanley
Falkland Islands
21st November 1939

Sir,

re S.S. "PORT RICHARD"

Your letter dated 20th November to hand, together with enclosures, contents of which we have duly noted.

There have been some preliminary negotiations with Admiralty representatives in the past concerning the s.s. "Port Richard". The Directors of the Falkland & Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd. have not got the complete records of these preliminary negotiations, as at the time these negotiations were in progress the Secretary and Managing Director of the Company was away from Stanley - working the sealing station at Albemarle.

In consequence these negotiations were conducted through the Hon. L.W.H. Young, Manager of Messrs The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Mr. Young is no longer resident in the Colony, and the present Manager of the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., (Mr. David Roberts) has been unable to find, as yet, the copies of the records.

However, he has given us to understand that there should be:-

" an Admiralty Dormant Contract T.90 in existence under which the rate of hire agreed upon for the hire of s.s. 'Port Richard' of 112.15 gross registered tonnage is to be £110.- per calendar month - bare ship - as set out in a column Six of the schedule thereto.... "

The Directors of this Company are of the opinion that, if that figure has already been agreed to in the past it will no doubt be more or less binding on both sides.

In the meantime the ship has been handed over as required and the final terms of the hire will be easily settled on receipt of confirmation from your Goodself as to the agreed terms in the Dormant Contract.

"A"

Pending the settlement of terms as per Dormant Contract or otherwise, the Directors suggest that the minimum payment to be made for the hire of the s.s. "Port Richard", irrespective of the length of time during which she may be under your orders, should not be less than £150.- bare ship, to cover a period not exceeding 50 days (I.e. £3.- per day) - if this company is entitled to a larger sum in the terms of the Dormant Contract, same to be adjusted in due course.

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INSURANCE.

When working the ship it has been our custom to keep her insured in the sum of £2,500.-

It is exceedingly difficult to determine what might be the approximate replacement value of such a ship in these waters should the s.s. "Port Richard" be either damaged or lost -- her cost to this company bears no relation to her value to the company if and when sealing operations might prove profitable, - the expense of bringing out a similar second-hand vessel all the way from Europe would in itself be a very heavy item.

The Directors, however, rely upon the Admiralty or other Authorities concerned, should the s.s. "Port Richard" be either damaged or lost, either replacing her in these waters or else providing adequate compensation for her eventual replacement whenever normal sealing operations should again be possible.

Please be assured of the utmost goodwill on the part of all of the Directors of this Company in regard to any assistance which may be able to render to His Majesty's Government.

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

for and on behalf of the Falkland & Dependencies
Sealing Company, Ltd.

A.R. Watson

Secretary and Managing Director.

Confirmed

J. Robertson a Director

Edward Crawford Director.

To The Harbour Master and S.N.O.

Stanley

Falkland Islands.

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Harbour Master's Office.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

16th December, 1939.

The Director of Sea Transport.
Board of Trade.
Great George Street.
London. S. W. 1.

S.S. "PORT RICHARD"

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the requisitioning of the above vessel on the 3rd November, 1939, to replace s.s. "Roydur".

Notice and appropriate forms were sent to her owners in accordance with Appendix XV of C.B. 1853/35 (Small craft required for Naval Service in emergency) and it was proposed to requisition her on T.98.

Her owners in acknowledgment refer to a dormant contract but despite long search here I am unable to trace this, I am accordingly forwarding a copy of their letter and shall be obliged if you will advise me on this matter. Forms T.611, T.619 and T.98 in draft are enclosed.

Owing to the length of time that mails are now taking, may I request that an interim payment for hire be made at least for the first month, without referring back here in the first case.


I enclose Return of Small Craft for November, a Certificate of Efficiency, also Bunker Certificate.

For your information, Commadore, S. A. Division has asked Admiralty to commission this ship and a reply is now awaited.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.


Major, Harbour Master.
Acting S. S. T. O.

Secret Paper.

In file

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

MINUTE.

9th December, 1939.

From Colonial Treasurer,

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Treasury observation.

Mr. J. Lanning - Master, H.M.C.S. "Port Richard".

I have the honour to submit the under-noted observation on the voucher presented to the Treasury for payment of wages to the crew of "Port Richard" :-

J.Lanning - Master, Rate £18 per month - Amount payable £5.8.0. covering period 22nd -30th November, 1939.

This Officer holds a pensionable post in the Police Force, and his emoluments include free quarters and fuel. He was paid from Police Votes up to and including 21st November, and still occupies Government quarters. I should be grateful to learn whether it is intended to claim upon the Admiralty for an appropriate pension contribution.

E. D. Jones
for Colonial Treasurer.

C/18/39.

27th December, 39.

Sir,

With reference to your temporary employment as Skipper of the examination vessel "Port Richard", I have to inform you that as your salary is paid by the Admiralty and not by the Colonial Government you will require to pay the sum of £3 per month in respect of quarters and fuel from the 22nd November, 1939, inclusive.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. H.
Colonial Secretary.

Constable J. Lanning,
STANLEY.

(Thro' the Chief Constable.)

Quoted no
C/18/39

Marine House
Stanley
3/1/40

Colonial Secretary
Stanley Falkland Islands.

Sir
With reference to
your letter of the 27th Dec 1939.

I note your
remarks re my salary and that I am
required to pay the sum of £3 per
month in respect of my quarters and
fuel.

When I accepted the employment
as Master of the Port Richard, I assumed
that my free quarters & fuel would
be part of my salary, the same as
when I was at Landguard Battery.

I should
beg further to point out that my work
with the Police Force still goes on
as I have two prisoners working aboard
the Port Richard under my charge

I trust that you will review the conditions under which I am employed as I consider any payment from my salary for quarters and fuel at my present rate of pay would be unjust
Thanking you in anticipation
Yours.

Your Obedient Servant
J P Launing
Honorable

Thro
Chief Constable

Police Station (19)

3. 1. 40

Sir

I have the honour
to submit for your information
the enclosed letter

I am Sir

your obedient servant

S. H. Hooley

Honourable

Colonial Secretary

1st May 1940.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Stanley.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit that in accordance with Admiralty instructions, I have this day commissioned the Drifter 'Port Richard' as H.M.S. 'Afterglow'. It would be considered a great honour if on some day in the near future when the crew have been properly fitted out with uniforms, your Excellency would inspect them. I would like to express my great appreciation of the assistance given by Major Woodgate in replacing those of the original crew who did not wish to sign on, also of the fact that the majority of the ratings have had to be released from service in the F.I.D.F.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

His Excellency the
Governor,
Port Stanley.

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



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1st May, 1940.

Sir,

I am directed to thank you for your letter of this date informing His Excellency that you have commissioned the drifter "Port Richard" as H.M.S. "Afterglow".

The Governor will be very glad to inspect the crew and visit the vessel at an early date.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Private Secretary.

Commander R.D. Martin, R.N.,
Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Shipminder, London, (Christy (Shipping))

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 1st May 1941. Time: 2228.

Received: 2nd May, 1941. Time: 1030.

Following for Sea Transport Officer, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

H.M.S. "Afterglow" late "Port Richard" United Kingdom owner denies knowledge of payment of hire made by you. Please confirm with cash details.

SHIPMINDER.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Ministry of Shipping, London.

Despatched: 7th May, 19 41. Time: ..

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red 13.

Your telegram 1st May following from Sea Transport Officer begins. Falkland Islands Company (for Sealing Company) have been paid for hire of vessel as follows :-

23rd November, 1939, to 22nd February, 1940, at £110 per month, 23rd February to 22nd March, 1940, at £28 per month total £358. Accounts 23rd November, 1940 to 22nd March 1941, despatched last month. Accounts 23rd March to 22nd November, 1940, being forwarded this month. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Shipminder, London.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 13th May, 1941. Time : 0915.

Received : 13th May, 1941. Time : 1100.

Recd. 14.

H.M.S. "Afterglow". Reference to your May 8th. Amount
£358 first four months hire paid by this Department confirm
amount of payment made by you at Port Stanley stating total
paid to date to whom accounts have been sent.

SHIPMINDER.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Shipminder, London.

Despatched : 15th May, 19 41. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Recd. 15.

Your telegram 13th May H.M.S. "Afterglow" no payments have been made direct to Falkland Islands Company by this Government locally. All accounts have been despatched to Director of Sea Transport direct.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.