

C.S.

FORT AND MARINE.
GOVT JETTY.

1933.

No. 37/33.

SHI/JET/2 # 1

Harbour Master.

SUBJECT.

1933.

3rd February.

BATHING FROM THE GOVERNMENT JETTY.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute from Harbour Master, 3rd Feb, 1933.

G.P. Submitted. I have discussed

this matter with the Harbour Master

and with ^{the} Chief Controller.

2. To my mind it

presents certain difficulties = any

control must mean interference

with the people's pleasure

Subsequent Paper.

and special detailing of
a constable for the duty.

3. I think the case
will be met if the people
are warned not to use the
"Penguin" for talking at work
to cause any damage to front
property in the Dockyard. Also
they might be warned that they
talk at their own risk.

4. I put up a draft notice
for publication in the "Penguin".

J. J.

7. 2. 33.

Hon. C. S.

I do not agree with the action of the Harbour Master or with his views. If a notice was inserted in the "Penguin" as suggested it would be taken that we are discouraging bathing & swimming. Further in my opinion there is ^{no} risk of damage to Government property to an extent we need worry about. If the action is taken, as suggested, it will be construed as petty interference.

That is the view I would take were I an ordinary citizen

J. G.
4. 2. 33

Harbour Notice.

Please see
and arrange for
the existing notice to be
withdrawn and a further

Spoke H. 1.
8-2-33.
/s

notice to be posted

restoring the previous facilities.

J. C. S.

8.2.33.

H. C. S.

I have posted a notice that bathing is now permitted at the Government Jetty.

2. It was with the object of regulating the facilities that I stopped the practice temporarily until the matter could be considered. Personally I should be very sorry to see bathing or swimming discouraged. When it was impossible to allow people the use of the shed and the launch cabins for undressing - a facility which I readily approved when some one was there to see that nothing was interfered with - I offered Mr. Morales and other persons the use of the washhouse at my house. Since bathing at the Jetty became popular I have repeatedly told the Tugmaster to place as much convenience at the disposal of the bathers as possible.

3. On the other hand I thought it necessary that some supervision should be exercised over the number of people who have been in the Dockyard after hours lately, especially after the occurrence last summer when I was on leave which resulted in a notice being published prohibiting free access to the Dockyard.

4. The following shows trifling damage found after people have been on the Jetty bathing or watching the bathers:

Nut of winch handle unscrewed and handle thrown into the water. Nut missing.

Coal trimming slice thrown overboard at steps.

Tap of watering pipe missing.

Fendoff cut from dinghy.

Deck of launch strewn with crushed crabs and small fish.

Repairs such as these are not costly but sometimes an article is not noticed to be missing until it is required and time is wasted looking for or replacing it.

At the same time I feared that more serious damage could as easily be done which would prove expensive - Therefore I thought it advisable that I should have authority for continuance of the facilities.

J. C. S.
Harbour Master,
8th February, 1933.

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Submitted.

JMS

9. 2. 33.

Hon C.S.

Noted

JMS

9. 2. 33

P.M. JMS

11. 2. 33

② Minute from Hon. Master 4/1/34

JMS

Submitted.

C.S. JMS

5/1/34.

Hon. Col. Lee

Bathing at the Dockyard
jetty may be allowed to
continue as formerly. See
Harbour Master see the
previous correspondence in
this paper.

JMS

6. 1. 34

Harbour master

to see.

C. H.
for C.S.
9/1/34

How to see:

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Chas D
or Bol Linn
Harbour Master
S. I. 33

P. H.
9/1/34

M E M O.

To

From The Harbour Master.

The Honourable
the Colonial Secretary.

3rd February, 1933.

I have the honour to inform you that I have temporarily stopped bathing from the Government Jetty. I have found it necessary to do so owing to the work of painting the launch. Furthermore, I do not think it advisable that ^{unauthorised} persons should be allowed in the Dockyard when there is no one there to supervise.

2. At the same time I should be sorry to see bathing discouraged. During the afternoon up to 4.30 when some one of the Harbour staff is present there is no objection to bathers using the jetty. After that hour and on Saturday afternoons and Sundays arrangements might be made for bathers to ask permission from the Chief Constable who could use his discretion as to who should be allowed in the Dockyard.

3. I shall be glad if a notice is published in the "Penguin" intimating such facilities as are approved.


Harbour Master.

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No.

MINUTE.

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

4th January, 19 34

From The Harbour Master,

To

Stanley.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I shall be grateful to be informed, please, as to whether any action should be taken by the Harbour Department in regard to bathing from the Government Jetty.

With the advent of the warmer weather many bathers are making use not only of the Government Jetty but of the launch "Penguin", this latter being used as a diving platform, resting-place and dressing-room. Bathing has also been taking place during recognised Government working hours.

The question of risk, and the responsibility for accident, loss or damage presents itself. I am unable to say whether all the bathers are able to swim, as in one case only has permission to bathe been sought, and I was not in a position to either grant or withhold this until instructed in the matter.



for Harbour Master.