

Lighthouse

1919

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C.S.

J. J. Liddell

No.

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Chief Clerk, C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

1919

10<sup>th</sup> February

Previous Paper.

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Dowdall's report on conduct of  
J. J. Liddell, Assistant Lighthouse  
Keeper.

MINUTES.

N.E.

Enclosed minute to ~~the~~ Principal  
Lighthouse Keeper submitted for approval.

app<sup>d</sup> S.J.  
11.2.19

W.D. tabs.  
11.2.19.

Minute to Principal Lighthouse Keeper, 11.2.19.

Letter from Principal Lighthouse Keeper 15.2.19.

Mr. Beane can be informed that in  
consideration of his request I will approve  
payment to Liddell to end of current month  
as his being satisfied with his work to that  
date:

S.J.  
for

17.2.19

Subsequent Paper.

Wait

Minute to Mrs. Pease, 18. 2. 19.

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H.E.,

A few days ago the Principal Lighthouse Keeper rang me up from the Lighthouse and informed me that he had sent to his house in Stanley by the last ~~the~~ stores trip some vouchers for delivery to the Harbour Master and a pay sheet to be handed, as I understood, to this Office. He had spoken to the Assistant Lightkeeper Liddell, now on leave in Stanley, and had instructed him to procure the papers from his (Mr Pearce's) house and deliver them at the proper quarters. Liddell refused to do so with impertinence, saying that it was none of his business and that the papers should have been sent to him and not to Mr Pearce's private house. Mr Pearce asked that I would see Liddell and endeavour to have the papers delivered. I saw Liddell on Friday and requested him to be good enough to carry out the Principal Lightkeeper's instructions without undue delay. He replied that it was none of his business and that he did not think he would do so. I then told him to bring all the papers to me at the earliest possible moment, and left it at that. This morning seeing Liddell in the porch of this office I asked him if he had got the papers for me. He replied that he had not. I then told him to let me have them by one o'clock without fail. He said he had taken the vouchers to the Harbour Master but that the white pay sheet was still at Mr Pearce's house and there it remain, that the matter was none of my business and that he cared nothing for anything I might think or say about the matter. I asked him finally whether he did or did not intend to bring me the paper as instructed by the Principal Keeper and as subsequently *requested* by me, and was met by a flat refusal. His conduct was impertinent and insolent to a degree and I find no difficulty in believing the Principal Keeper when he says that Liddell treats him with insubordination and disrespect. I believe Liddell is under notice to leave the Lighthouse service shortly. Mr Pearce requested that should I be unable to obtain satisfaction from Liddell I would report the matter to Y.E., and in any case

(over)

I think I should have considered it my duty to do so.

*The Board*

10. 2. 19.

Liddell is about to go, but when I do not remember - Mr. Pearce has I understand engaged T. Mills in his place - It would be well if Mr. Pearce were to report the position.

Sent Mr. Pearce copy of this paper - I am not prepared to authorize payment of any further sums to Liddell on account of the Board of Trade, in view of his conduct, as reported to me.

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1919.

Douglas Young,  
Esq.

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MINUTE.

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

11th February, 1919

To Principal Keeper

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed by the Governor to forward to you the attached copy of a minute received by His Excellency from Mr Goddard and of His Excellency's reply.

I am to request you to be good enough to furnish the report asked for in the Governor's minute, and to note His Excellency's direction with regard to the payment of further sums of money to J. J. Laddell, Assistant Lighthouse Keeper.

for Colonial Secretary.

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Cape Pembroke Lighthouse  
Falkland Islands

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16.<sup>th</sup> February - 1919.

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To,

His Excellency  
H. Douglas Young. C.M.G.  
Governor. &c. &c.  
Falkland Islands

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Sir,

I received your letter to day  
"Relief day" of the 11.<sup>th</sup> Inst with  
Mrs. Goddard's report against Assistant  
Keeper Liddell. I received some Shipping  
Fee Forms to sign, sent down by Mr.  
Liddell from Captain Smith, Mr. Sully  
and myself signed these Forms and I  
addressed the envelope to Captain Smith  
and put the letter in my clothes bag for  
safety the same as I have always done  
in the past. Mr. Liddell rang me up on  
the Phone on Monday morning and voiced  
his views, I hung the Phone up and  
spoke to Mrs. Goddard on the matter,  
Mrs. Goddard's statement is quite  
correct. I wish to be quite straightforward  
and state that in the Lighthouse Service  
at home letters are sent to the Keeper  
on shore, at the same time it seems  
rather strange that Mr. Liddell should  
object to fetch a letter from my home  
in his last month at the Lighthouse,  
further Mr. Liddell was not in the

Lighthouse Service at home. With regard to the white pay sheet, when I first came out here in March of 1902 and for a short time after the white pay sheet was posted to the Board of Trade direct from the Treasurer, I then received orders that I was to post the white pay sheet myself and I have done so ever since, the Keeper on relief at Port Stanley when he draws the wages is handed the white pay sheet, the white pay sheet is left at my home with my wages and one of my girls post it, I keep some addressed envelopes at home with John Pearce wrote in the left hand corner of the envelope as I was at the time instructed to do, and so I have gone on ever since, to be generous perhaps Mr. Liddell forgot to hand in the white pay sheet at the time he paid my wife my wages, but he should have taken it to my home as soon as he found out that he had it. I gave Mr. Liddell notice that he was to leave the Lighthouse on the last day of February, he finished at twelve o'clock midnight on that date and leased the Lighthouse next morning the 1st of March, Thomas Mills will take duty then at the Lighthouse, the first of next month falls on Saturday "Store day" so that no extra expense will be put on the Board of Trade in the changing of Keepers.

I told Mr. Liddell when I returned to the Lighthouse on the 15.<sup>th</sup> of January to take a months notice from the end of the month, Mr. Liddell was then going to Stanley on his relief. The relief day is rather a busy day and I am writing this letter on Saturday evening "to day" I could not stop the relief on my own, so the relief was carried out as usual, I am in hopes of getting this letter to my home to-morrow. I have put Mr. Liddell on watch and on work "what else could I do" I respectfully ask your Excellency and Mrs. Goddard to allow Mr. Liddell to work his month out and to pay him a full months wages, this month will soon be out and with the work that I have in hand just at present it will suit me very much better to keep Liddell on and finish this work before I start training Thomas Mills.

I have been chipping, scraping, tarring, painting the landing stage, berrie and so on, the winch has got to be done yet and I am putting Mr. Liddell on that job and I should like to get another job done also before the end of this month, so that I trust your Excellency will grant my application, as I want to get this work done, work must stop for a time while I am training Mills and the summer is getting on, it is for the benefit of the Lighthouse that I make this application,

Trusting that my application will be  
granted.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant

John Pearce

Principal Keeper

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MINUTE.

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18th February, 1919.

To Mr. J. Pearce,

Principal Keeper,

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

With reference to my minute of the 11th instant I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in consideration of your request His Excellency will approve payment of wages &c., to Assistant Keeper Liduell to the end of the current month on your being satisfied with his work to that date.

T.V.G.

for C. S.