

C.S.

Boats &c.

J. B. Luchtenborg

1919

SHI/NAV/1 # 2

No. 587

C. S. Office

SUBJECT.

1919

22nd August

Previous Paper.

27/19

Mrs J. B. Luchtenborg applies to purchase the boat and shed left on Sea Lion Islands by the Government in preparation for the erection of the AGA light.

MINUTES.

H.E.,

A day or two ago Mrs Luchtenborg, the widow of the late J. B. Luchtenborg, of Sea Lion Island, called at this Office and asked whether the Government had any further use for the shed erected on Sea Lion Island in preparation for the installation of the AGA light and for the boat which was left there, and if not whether she might purchase them. She did not know the value of the shed or boat and I have not been able to find them out. The only reference to the shed I can find is in Governor Allardyce's minute of the 3rd November, 1911, in M.P. 266/09 attached. The boat is that which the F.I. Transport Company were asked to bring in from North Arm (M.P. 27/19 attached). Mr Houston states that the boat is still at North Arm, is in good order, and that he twice requested Captain Thomas when on the "Falkland" to bring the boat in but on each occasion Captain Thomas was unsuccessful in doing so.

Subsequent Paper.

TWP

22. 8. 19.

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I asked for these papers (M.O. 27/19)  
this morning - Write to the Falkland  
Islands Transport Coy with ref to letter  
N° 27/19 of the 14<sup>th</sup> January last and say I shall  
be obliged if they will let me know the  
circumstances under which the request therein  
made has not up to the present time been  
given effect to.

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Letter to manager, I. I. Co., 25. 8. 19.

Letter from manager, I. I. Co., 26. 8. 19.

N. E.

It does not appear from Governor  
Amand's minute of 3. 11. 11 in M.P.  
226/09 attached, that the boat  
was "left to its fate".

Th.P.

26. 8. 19.

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to see that without any reference being made to the Govt. the request made by the Govt. in their letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> January last should have been approved by him on statements alleged to have been made by persons not acquainted with the facts.

Inform him that it appears from the papers on record that the Govt. boat in question was not "left to its fate" as he has been informed, but that when owing to weather conditions it was necessary to leave the boat on Sea Lion Island, the boat was "safely drawn up and covered over". Add that (also Mr. Duchtendorf, or any one else had no authority to make use of the boat.

Prior to the written request of January last the Govt. had previously asked for the Govt. boat to be brought in to Stanley by the S.S. Falkland  
from

from Sea View Island, but for some  
reason unknown to the Est<sup>ts</sup> the  
request has met with no response.

27. 8. 19 <sup>WJ.</sup>  
— <sub>Co</sub>

Letter to managers, F. S. Co., 27. 8. 19

N.E.

May I meanwhile make any  
communication to Mrs Luchtberg  
with reference to her offer to  
purchase the boat & shed?

I cannot find anything in the  
p.p. giving any information as to  
the nature or size of the shed.

WJ.  
28. 8. 19.

M<sup>rs</sup> Luchtberg can be informed that  
the boat is not for sale, and that the  
Est<sup>ts</sup> does not propose to dispose of the  
shed at present.

28. 8. 19 <sup>WJ.</sup>  
— <sub>Co</sub>

Letter to Mrs. Luchtberg, 29. 8. 19.



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587/19.

25th August, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No 27/15 of the 14th January I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency will feel obliged if you will be so good as to let him know the circumstances under which the request therein made, that the s.s. "Falkiana" on her next trip to North Am should bring back to Stanley the Government boat left there, has not up to the present time been given effect to.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Falkland Islands Company, Limited,

Stanley.

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The Falkland Islands Coy., Ltd.,

Stanley, 26th August, 1919.

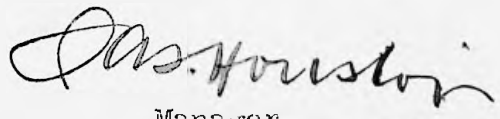
Sir,

In reply to your letter, No. 587/19, dated 25th instant, I shall be glad if you will kindly inform His Excellency the Governor that, on receipt of your previous letter, I requested the Master of the s.s. "Falkland" to bring to Stanley the boat in question. He informs me that at the time representations were made to him by persons acquainted with the facts relating to the condition of the boat when Mr Luchtenborg took charge of it, which he says was left to its fate, by the Government, in consideration of which he left it at North Arm. As Agent for the Transport Company I will see that it is brought to Stanley first chance, which should be in the course of two or three weeks.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

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27th August, 1919.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and to inform you that His Excellency is somewhat surprised to see that without any reference being made to the Government the request made by the Government in my letter No 27/19 of the 14th January last should have been ignored by you on statements alleged to have been made by persons unacquainted with the facts.

2. I am to inform you that it appears from the papers on record on the subject that the Government boat in question was not "left to its fate" as you have been informed, but that when owing to weather conditions it was necessary to leave the boat on Sea Lion Island it was "safely drawn up and covered over". I am to add that neither the late Mr Luchtensborg nor anyone else had or has any authority to make use of the boat.

3. Prior to my letter of January last the Government had already asked that the boat might be brought into Stanley by the s.s. "Falkland" from Sea Lion Island, but for some reason unknown to the Government this request met with no response. The Governor notes that you are good enough to say that you as Agent for the Transport Company will see that the boat is brought to Stanley by first chance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company,  
Limited,  
Stanley.



for Colonial Secretary.

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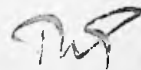
Madam,

With reference to your call at this Office a few days ago during which you enquired whether the Government would be prepared to sell to you the shed erected on Sea Lion Island and the boat left there in connection with the erection of the beacon light, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the boat is not for sale, and that the Government does not propose to dispose of the shed at the present time. The Government however has no objection to your making use of the shed and keeping it in repair until such time as it is removed or disposed of.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Mrs J. B. Luchtenborg,  
Stanley.