

C.S.

PORT & MARINE.

(Lights)

1921.

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No. 426/21

Governor.

SUBJECT.

1921

3rd May.

Previous Paper.

ERECTION OF LIGHT ON SEA LION ROCKS, question of:

C. S. 226/09.

MINUTES.

Copied from C.S. 226/09.

H. C. S.

Will you please refer to Colonial Engineer for report as to delay in erection of and as to present condition of light which is now in Customs Shed.

(intd) J.M.
3rd May, 1921.

Colonial Engineer,

For the favour of your report.

(sgd) W. A. Thompson,
A. C. S.
4th May, 1921.

The Hon. Col. Secretary,

Arrangements were being made with Capt. Grandi in August 1914 to take out the material to the Sea Lion Islands as soon as possible. Owing to the outbreak of war the work was not proceeded with.

2. In 1915 it was proposed to utilise the Light imported for the Sea Lion Islands at Point William. (See Minute by H. E. Governor Young to the Legislative Council at a meeting held on the 29th November, 1915.)

3. The suggestion for a Light on Point William was, I think, made by the Nautical Assessors at the enquiry on the wreck of

the/

Subsequent Paper.

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R. M. S. "Oravia".

4. Particulars regarding the proposed Light on Point William will be found in M.P.s 175/13, 235/14, 342/14 and 54/15.

5. The material for the Light has been re-packed ready for shipment: the packages having been made as small and light as possible.

6. The gas holders should still be fully charged and I have every reason to believe that they are. The safety seals are as they were on arrival and have not been broken.

(intd) R.I.D.

C.I.

11th May, 1921.

H. E. the Governor,

Submitted with C.S. 175/13, 235/14, and 342/14, referred to by Colonial Engineer. C.S. 54/15 (S. of S. No. 127 of 21/12/14) cannot at present be traced in C. S. C.

(sgd) W. A. Thompson,
A. C. S. 12/5/21.

H. C. S.

This is a question of navigation and I shall be glad to have the advice of the Harbour Master upon it. It should be considered separately from question of "Light on William Point" which will be discussed in 342/14.

2. The points to be determined are:

- (1) Whether a light is required on Sea Lion Rocks.
- (2) Whether a light on Sea Lion Rocks would be a help to:
 - (a) Whalers operating in South Shetlands.
 - (b) Navigation generally.

3. It would be convenient if minutes from 3rd May, 1921 onwards were extracted to a fresh paper which will contain Harbour Master's report.

(intd) J. M.
29th May, 1921.

Harbour Master,

For the favour of your report please.

W. A. Thompson
A.C.S.10/6/21.

Hon. Col. Secretary

I beg to report that it appears very doubtful if a light on Sea Lions Island would be a help to navigation and I would suggest that this matter be left over for further consideration until such time that information may be obtained from the Whalers.

Taking into consideration the long period of time this proposed light has actually been in Stanley and the improbability of the Sea Lions Light being so urgently required, I would respectfully suggest that the Light, now in Stanley, be erected on William Point, at the entrance to Port William, as soon as is possible

Colin G. Mackay

Harbour Master.

H.E. the Governor,

11/6/21

Submitted.

2. The Harbour Master suggests the erection of a light on William Point. I fear that when the time arrives to erect such a light that it will be found rather difficult to select a spot near the end of this point for a foundation, owing to the great depth of the peat banks about there, or near the place where the present beacon stands.

B. Thompson
A. C. S. 14/6/21.

H.C.S. sun.

2. Light on William Point is being discussed on 342/14: ~~reference to the fact that~~
this paper should deal only with Sea Lion Rock.

See minute in 342/14.

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