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No.

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Treasurer

(SUBJECT).

1916

22<sup>nd</sup> June

Draft Custom Rules - Confidential  
character of proceedings in Ex. Co.

Previous Papers.

Open M.P. Cs. 577/16

(MINUTES).

Hon. Treasurer /  
Minutes of the Governor <sup>of 24.6.16</sup> on the  
M.P. sent in by you, and transmitted by me to  
His Excellency at your request, referred to you,  
(Paper made Confidential by the Governor -)  
for your explanation -

C. J. Conolly  
24.6.16.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,

In wording the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph  
of my Memorandum of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst; I had no intention to  
divulge what had been said in Executive Council; Under the  
circumstances it might possibly have been better had I  
commenced the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of my Memorandum with the words  
"It might be said" instead of the words "It has been said",  
seeing that at the last meeting of Council the Overtime  
Pay of the Harbour Master had been compared with Customs  
Overtime Fees.

2. On other occasions Customs Overtime Fees have  
been

Subsequent Papers.

been discussed and compared with Overtime Pay received by every person in this Colony.

3. The discussion in Council reminded me that I had not seen it officially recorded that while the Overtime Fees received by the Customs was paid by the Shipping, the Overtime to the Harbour Master and other Government employees, was paid by Government, and that was why I wrote my Memorandum.

*B. Thompson*

Treasurer.

24th June 1916.

H. E. / Submitted

*C. S. O'Donnell*

25.6.16.

Hon Col Sec.

I have kept this back -

Part 1 above. The suggested "Cunning" of the Treasurer, as contained in part 1 of his above minute is not acceptable to me, and I trust I may never see or hear of any such action on his part in connection not only with what passes in the Executive Council, but also in any of the Treasurer's duties generally. Frankness should stamp the directions of every public officer.

Part 2 has no direct bearing

on

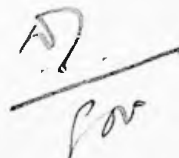
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on the point at issue, and

Para 3 do not in my opinion affect the matter.

The subject matter in my minute of the 24<sup>th</sup> June is in the present instance small, but the principle dominates and is contrary to the oath of an Executive Councillor.

Please furnish a copy of these minutes to the Treasurer.

21.7.16 

Confidential minute to Treasurer  
with copy of His Excellency's  
minute sent 21.7.16.

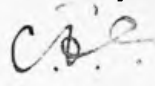


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21st July, 16

Hon. Treasurer

With reference to, your minute of the 24th June,  
Conf. 13., I am directed by the Governor to  
forward to you the attached copy of a minute  
received from His Excellency to-day.

  
Colonial Secretary.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number

From The Treasurer.

Date 22nd June 1916.

To The Colonial Secretary

SUBJECT.

Draft Customs Rules, respecting Overtime Fees.

Reference Numbers. } C.S.577/16.

I respectfully beg to bring the following to the notice of the Governor:-

2. It has been said that Customs Officers are paid in respect of "Overtime" in this Colony, higher fees than those paid to another Official in a senior position, that of the Harbour Master and Government Pilot.

3. As I understood it, Overtime is paid in respect of Extra services rendered.

4. The Harbour Master, as Government Pilot receives a fee of One pound or Twelve and six pence per day or part of a day, from Shipping, should his services be required for the convenience of shipping, beyond a stated time. This fee paid by Shipping under Sections 14 & 15 of the Pilot Ordinance, 1902, and refunded to the Pilot, is not described as Overtime, as in the case of such services rendered by the Customs Department.

5. I would further respectfully point out that should the services of the Harbour Master be required by the Government beyond a stated period, the Harbour Master is entitled to claim from



claim from Government "Overtime Pay", whereas in the case of an Officer of Customs, the latter is not paid Overtime time by the Government in this Colony. The Overtime Pay received in this Colony by the Customs is entirely paid by Shipping.

6 I shall be glad if His Excellency will kindly consider the above in connection with the Draft Customs Rules in C.S.577/16

*A. Thompson*  
Treasurer.

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Hon Col Sec.

With regard to 2 of above -  
I said so in Ex.Co. The Treasurer is now making public, officially by this minute, what took place in Ex.Co. Draw his attention to the oath of an Executive Councillor, and call upon him, for an apparent breach of that oath, for his explanation. As "a true and faithful councillor" can he be trusted.

*Douglas Young*  
Governor

24 June 1916