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Treasurer

SUBJECT.

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27<sup>th</sup> January

Previous Paper.

Clearance of vessels at Fox Bay, W.B.  
Since resignation of late Magistrate &  
Deputy Collector.

MINUTES.

Hon Treasurer.

Thank you for the information  
herein contained -

I expect to hear from the Sec of State  
by the next mail, expected next month, about  
the appointment of Magistrate stationed at  
Fox Bay. Consideration of matter might  
stand over until then.

28. 1. 19

*[Signature]*  
Cor

Hon: Col: Sec

Noted.

*[Signature]*

28. 1. 19.

Subsequent Paper.

B.U. 28.2.19.

*[Signature]*

To stand over till mail expected  
end of this month. *[Signature]*  
10.3.19 *[Signature]*

H.E.

Brought up -

Thurs. tabs.

7.4.19.

B.U. 3.4.19

A.S.P.

The Secretary of State has appointed a Magistrate for West Falkland. He may be expected to arrive by next mail from England - Mr J. E. Hamilton F.Z.S.

See of States despatch No 19 of 31 Jan 1919 -

This can wait.

D.  
28.4.19.

H.E.

Brought up -

Mr Hamilton returns from South Georgia in a day or two.

Thurs.

29.1.20.

P.A.

*[Signature]*

Jan 29/20

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



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MINUTE PAPER

Departmental Number.

From The Treasurer

Date 27th January 1919.

To The Colonial Secretary

SUBJECT.

Fox Bay as a Port of Entry in the Colony.  
Section 1 of the Customs Ordinance 1903.

Reference Numbers. } C.S. 524/13.

Might I venture to draw attention to Notice No.40, published on page 106 of October 1913 Gazette, in which the public were informed that Mr. J. I. Wilson, (the Deputy Collector at Fox Bay) had resigned his appointment on the 30th September last, since when no instructions would seem to have been issued regarding the clearance, (inwards and outwards) ~~of~~ by the Customs Department, of vessels at that port.

Under the provisions of the Customs Ordinance 1903, s:1, it would seem that it was contemplated that a Collector or Deputy Collector would be stationed at a Port of entry in the Colony.

At the time when Mr. Wilson resigned, a state of war existed, and there was then very little likelihood of a vessel arriving at Fox Bay from parts beyond the seas (s:6 of the Ordinance). Since then hostilities have ceased, and I am inclined to think that it will not be long before things will be back to normal.

I venture to submit the following for the information of the Governor, regarding Fox Bay as a port of entry in this Colony:-

In 1882, vessels were apparently allowed to enter inwards

inwards at Fox Bay, provided the masters made due report to a Justice of the Peace. (Customs Ordinance 1882, s:10).

In 1885, this privilege would seem to have been withdrawn and under the provisions of Ordinance No. 3 of 1885, vessels arriving from parts beyond the seas, desiring to proceed to any Place in the Colony, were required to take an Officer of Customs, and pay a fee of 10/s per diem.

In 1889, Fox Bay was declared a port of entry, under s:2 of the Customs Ordinance 1889, and it would seem that the then Assistant Colonial Surgeon was appointed an Officer of Customs or Deputy Collector, at that place.

In 1895, this arrangement was reported on by a Commission as not being satisfactory, and a Magistrate and Deputy Collector, (Mr. Hurst) was appointed.

In 1902, it would seem that it was not thought necessary for an officer of such standing to be stationed at Fox Bay, and Mr. Hurst was recalled to Stanley. The duties connected with the Customs Department being performed by the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, with the assistance of a Police Constable. An arrangement somewhat similar to that pertaining in 1889.

In 1915, Mr. J. I. Wilson was appointed Deputy Collector &c, for the West Falkland and adjacent islands, (Notice No 99, page 96 of June 1915, Gazette)

  
Colonial Treasurer.