

# SECRETARIAT

(Formerly)

1617

114/II.

SHI/CUS/1#21

1617.

BONDED WAREHOUSE AND CUSTOMS SHED.

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## CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

114/II

0284 / 2 / III

'Same title'

Estimates of Expenditure 1950. Customs Department.

Yes I wished a note on the subject of  
P.C. bulk food storage for discussion  
with Mr Young. I cannot trace any  
specific correspondence on the subject, though  
it has been <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~noted~~ on several occasions  
and I believe was discussed when Mr Young  
was last here.

Yes and we  
also discussed  
on London.  
Add to 'WL'  
please.

2) Our main contention is that they  
should have sufficient reserves to ride  
us over the periodic embargoes placed  
by the Argentines and protect the public  
(or food in the case of subsidies) from consequent  
shortages & expense.

Even if we switch to another source  
it takes 2 or 3 months to organize &  
we get little or no warning of the  
embargo.

They would  
be wise to do  
so

3) The P.C. should I think also  
consider cold storage for mutton &  
other perishables.

4) At (63) (66) (78) (80) (81) (85) 5/40 they  
toyed with the idea of the Canada Inquiries  
but finally turned it down.

Since then it has been indicated  
to us that they cannot build stores  
until they have completed the road  
diversion past their office.

Division to  
be surveyed as  
soon as Mr. Blacklock  
is available.

INC 13

136



08

Reverse.

2 I discussed with Mr. Young. They are going to put up new storage and will make us an offer for the old dunn shed which will cost us a lot of money to put in order and will be surplus to our needs. We could lease them the ground on which it stands.

3. Their intention is to hold six months supplies from the Coast but they are still interested in drawing on S. Africa if this can be contrived: what is the latest from C.O. on that issue? I think it is being pursued through CRO?

mc  $\frac{20}{1.54}$ .

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

22nd January, 1954.

Sir,

We understand that Government will consider disposing of the building known as the Customs Shed situate between the Globe Hotel and Ross Road East, and will either sell us the Freehold or grant a lease of the land on which it stands.

2. We much appreciate this offer and trust that it may be possible for an early decision to be arrived at as our need for additional storage is most pressing.

3. We should, of course, prefer to purchase the Freehold not only of the land on which the building stands but of the triangular section lying between Philomel Street on the West, Crozier Place on the South and Ross Road East on the North which is of no value to anyone except the owner of the building which it encloses.

4. Whilst we would have to utilise the building for storage purposes as soon as agreement has been reached we would proceed with its reconditioning with as little delay as possible.

We therefore request Government kindly to advise us if they will

- (a). State a price for the disposal of the building as it stands and the Freehold of the land on which it is situate,
- (b). As (a) but to include the surrounding area detailed in our third paragraph,
- or (c). Grant a lease of the building by itself or with the surrounding area, if so, the period for which it would be granted and the annual rental to be charged.

5. If Government, as Lessors, did not wish to renovate the building this could be covered by the terms of the lease and the rental to be charged.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

*A.G. Parkin*  
Manager.

*buf*

*Reply at 5.*

Y.F.

(3)

Yes - I did not discuss the land; Mr. Young asked me later and I said that I would look into it but could give no immediate P.P. accordingly submitted for instructions, reply as that aspect.

This goes beyond Y.F.'s minute at (2) and in addition asks us to state the price accordingly submitted for instructions.

2) Correspondence re supplies is at (74) 0211. If SA are cooperative (to prices reasonable) we may be able to divert so there for some commodities even without customs or embargos.

@ 25/1

For discussion at awareness; there is no doubt that they (and consequently the public whom they serve) need the additional storage badly which is why I suggested it -

the 26 1-5/11

Y.F. we discuss. Neither P.A.S. nor P.W.S. need this shed. I think we should sell it. Also as regards the 2 land asked for - this would seem the an obvious adjunct to the building for further storage development & I think we should sell this also.

3) I would make one reservation regarding the land - if we sell it before the new road diversion is surveyed we would not pay any disturbance compensation if the line went through this piece of land -

I think not. 1 as it may well do.

4) Y.F. stated you would have another look at the land before making a final decision.

Yes: please arrange for CM to visit it with me on my return from Darwin.

@ 27/1

B

the 28 1-5/11

Bo. on his return from Darwin.

29th January,

54.

3  
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 22nd of January, 1954, on the subject of the sale of the Government Customs shed and surrounding land and to state that before reaching a final decision His Excellency would like to visit and inspect the site with you after his forthcoming visit to Darwin.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. CAMPBELL

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

BU #12/54N  
4/2/54  
P20 see (5)  
Q  
4/2

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Q.

Seen . I will visit with Mr. B. when I am  
recovered from present indisposition.

2. Incidentally I imagine the steel frame-work of  
this building is wellnigh quite a bit? It is only the  
iron sheathing which is in poor condition. We do not  
propose to give the building away and ~~the~~ <sup>we</sup> should let us  
have an approx. valuation of the frame-work having regard  
to its replacement value

MC 4  
00

Sw

① - ⑥

7

Can you please let me have the valuation  
mentioned in ⑥ as soon as possible.

S. R.

HEC

I estimate the value of the stock at £250

A. G. L.

20/2/54



CS

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I have consulted  
SIW in regard to value  
of steel framework of  
old drill hall which he  
assesses at £500: there  
is also the value of the  
freehold of the area they  
have asked for. I think  
possibly £1000 for the  
whole? Please discuss  
with HCT.

I will go and see it  
with Mr Barton.

MC<sup>10</sup>/ii

OS

Old debt shed

Have you discussed yet with

CT  
SW  
RSC

?

I want to let Mr. B. know

ME 18

ii

ye matter is with C.T.  
who has been engaged with  
the Commission. He can  
also try to discover what  
authority, if any, we require to

before disposing of the land.  
 The sections pertinent sections  
 of the old Ordinance appear to  
 have been omitted from the 1949  
 one which has been further  
 amended by the deletion of Sec 18.  
 Sec 19 only refers to 'public  
 purposes':

Q. 18 18 2

Why was § 18 deleted? I do  
 not recall the correspondence leading up  
 to this. I do not think that  
 provision of storage for FIC can be  
 described as a "public purpose really!"  
 But I want to get this tied up  
 without undue delay.

Ans.

Do not own land at Abbeville  
 a "Reserve"? If it is I see that we  
 cannot lease it for more than 3 years.  
 If it is not what is it really? Wood Creek  
 Land under lease presently. It is always

referred to as "The Abbeville Reserve."  
 We are here often & may be made to know  
 with regularity. The 19/11

C.I

Attached refers to the old custom shed situated on a triangular piece of land some 100 yds south east of the Public Jetty. The area is about 1/2 acre.

How would the land assess by comparative standards?

Under the old law a minimum price was £100 an acre but the new Ordinance is in fact silent on the whole question of sale of land by Govt and I am investigating.

~~Leaving out the~~ One might reasonably assume that the whole area or most of it will be built on shops, offices etc., & there is no question of a residential house & garden.

Q  
MR

Y<sup>rs</sup>

(8) - (11)

I am dealing with the land question on the subject file.

2) As regards price, Gov. at (7) has come down to £250 for the building.

3) As regards land ~~both~~ C.T., RSC + I find it difficult to make recommendations. The minimum should be £50 for the 1/2 acre but it is a valuable site.

4) RSC has put out a comparative schedule at cover which doesn't help very much and I feel that £500 might be excessive.

5) Could we not ask RSC to make an offer?

I intended that they should do so but we must be clear in our own minds

23/2

MC 24/11

Above

But we have not yet asked Sir W.?

Y<sup>rs</sup> Draft etc. at cover. Should we first await a reply from Sir Webb about power of sale before issue?

Y<sup>rs</sup> If app<sup>d</sup> I suggest it might be wise for RSC to have a final scrutiny to see if the area is correctly described

24/2

Note undertaken a.p.W. status file to see if...

Y<sup>rs</sup>

Above

I have asked Sir Webb on the appropriate Land Rule

2) Albermarle is Crown Land - not a reserve & I am sending the file back to you.

(Yes, I know that but have always heard (and seen) it referred to as The Albermarle Reserve.

25/2

MC 26/11



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RSC

(1)-(12)

Pre consider draft at cover + let  
we know if it is in order.

20/2

Hon. Col. Sec.

boundaries of the  
May I suggest that the land which Government  
intends to dispose of, are marked by some authorised  
person, in order ~~that~~ to ascertain the correct area.

I am unaware of the intended deviation of Ross Road.

I attach a plan which may be of some assistance  
in this matter.

J. B.

Registrar

1. iii. 54.

5th March,

54.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 22nd January and to my letter of the 29th January 1917 and to state that Government is prepared to sell to your Company at an agreed price the building known as the Customs Shed situated between the Globe Hotel and Ross Road East together with the Freehold of the land on which it stands and its immediate surrounds i.e. the triangular section of approximately half an acre lying between Philoasel Street on the West, Crozier Place on the South and Ross Road East on the North.

2. I am to request that you will be so good as to make an offer for this building and the valuable site on which it stands.

3. Before a final settlement is reached it will be necessary to demarcate the exact area which you require and also to take into account the realignment of the road past your Company's offices.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd). C. CAMPBELL.

Colonial Secretary.

45/2  
Bul. 31/3

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

Reply at 15.

15  
**The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.**

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REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



*Stanley,*

19th. March 1954.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

Customs Shed.

14  
We have to thank you for your letter No.1617 of 5th. instant in connection with the disposal of the above building, and agree that the surrounding land being closely allied to the re-alignment of Ross Road had better be discussed separately.

(acquired)  
2. We have not been able to discover the exact age of the building but it is definitely older than the century. Measuring approximately 90 feet by 35 feet it contains 3150 square feet of floor which, as you say, would be valuable storage space if required by the Company. The building itself is decrepit and requires stripping before the extent of rust and weather damage to steel and timber columns can be estimated.

3. We offer Government £1,500 for the freehold site and building with access at either end to public roads. If this offer is accepted we would require almost immediate possession in order to put renovations in hand.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*A.C. Davison*

MANAGER.

*Y.H. will direct whether £1500 to be accepted?*

*[Signature]*  
28/3

*BVF.*

*Reply at 16*

5th April,

54.

Sir,

15. I am directed to refer to your letter of the 19th of March, 1954, and to accept your offer of £1,500 for the building known as the Customs shed and the freehold site on which it stands with access at either end to public roads.

2. It is agreed that the question of the surrounding land is linked with the realignment of Ross Road West and will be dealt with separately. East.

x| 3. The Registrar, Supreme Court, is being asked to arrange the necessary conveyance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copies to: Supt. Works, Public Works Dept.

Registrar, Supreme Court.

Auditor

Colonial Treasurer.

Reply at 17.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

16A  
Hon. Col. Sec.,

In order to proceed, may I have the correct position and boundaries, please.

H. B.  
Registrar.  
10. iv. 54.



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*Stanley,*

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

8th April, 1954.

Sir,

16

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1617 dated 5th April, 1954 advising that our offer of £1,500 for the building known as the Customs Shed and the freehold land on which it stands, has been accepted.

2. Cheque for this sum is enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*J. G. Bence*  
For Manager.

*Land Sale  
Sale of town land*

*R.N. 14368  
of 9/4/54.  
D. J. G. Bence  
9/4/54.*

*A.T.  
re. with cheque.*

*See 20*

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

*W. G. B.  
8/4*

*Rse.  
as a x a (16) R  
S.  
9.4.*

*Bel 9/4*

F

Office 16A

There is an old file wh. may give this?

A

C

13/4.

B

R.C.S.

I have looked in 114/11 without trace. File is all. I also looked in several others without trace

SM  
14/4.

S/W.

C

would you kindly cause the building to be measured ~~in~~ & for the file to be prepared for preparation of lease.

C

15/4. D

File recalled for H.C.S.

3/5/54. SM.

E

HCL Size of building 9 1/2 ft x 35 ft

AGL

G. 21/5/54

F

R.A.C.  
C. P.

W.F.S.  
25/6

Hon. Col. Sec.,

brown grant submitted, pl. May one copy be returned to this office for record purposes.

H.

J.P.B.  
Reg. Gen.  
29. vi. 54.

Send & pay for H.C.S. request  
St. N 28/6

R.S.C.

To withdraw copy of conveyance pl.

W.H.M.S.  
for 2/7/54

Hon. Col. Sec.

copy of brown grant withdrawn, E.g.

H.B.  
~~Register~~  
2. vii. 54.

5th July, 54.

Sir,

17.

With reference to your letter of the 8th of April, 1954, I am directed to forward herewith Crown Grant No. 517 in respect of a plot of land purchased by you in Stanley.

2. I am to request you to acknowledge receipt of the Crown Grant in due course.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(334) G. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copy at 22.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

B.U. 12/7/54  
M

MEMORANDUM

6th July, 1954.

From

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LTD.,  
STANLEY.

To



16.

Dear Colin,

I have noticed a mistype in your letter No. 1617 dated 5th April, 1954 with reference to the sale of the Customs Shed. In para. 2 you refer to Ross Road West. This should, of course, be East. I have altered our copy.

Yours sincerely,

30P

Amendment to 16 made.

WJ  
7/7/54.



22.  
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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



*Stanley,*

6th July, 1954.

Sir,

20 I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1617 dated 5th July, 1954 enclosing Crown Grant No. 517 in respect of the plot of land on which the Customs Shed stands, for which I thank you.

I am,

Sir,  
your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
for Manager.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

*[Handwritten mark]*

*Byr  
Pa H  
8/7/54*

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



*Stanley,*

4th November, 1954.

Sir,

Our Head Office have decided that it will be more economical to erect a new shed on the site of the Customs Shed recently sold to us by Government than to renovate the old.

The size of the proposed new building is 105 feet by 40 feet.

Will you kindly confirm that the Conveyance which at present covers the actual site of the old Customs Shed would be extended to cover the site required for the enlarged Shed which it is proposed to erect. Your letters dated 5th April and 17th May, 1954 refer.

16 → 22 in 0995

I am,

Sir,  
your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
for Manager.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

*B.V.F.*

*AGS Ask for both  
(he is coming at 9:30 tomorrow)  
with new road  
alignment plan drawn  
up by Bartlett which  
is with him.  
B  
12/11*

*Reply at 24*

13th November 54.

Sir,

23.

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 4th of November, 1954, and to confirm that the conveyance of the site of the Customs Shed will cover your proposed new building of 105 ft. x 40 ft. provided the extensions are to the south and west. To avoid any misunderstanding in the future it would be appreciated if you could mark these extensions on the enclosed plan and return it to this office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

*Reply at 25*

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

*Rec 25/11*

Copy to Superintendent of Works.

25  
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley,

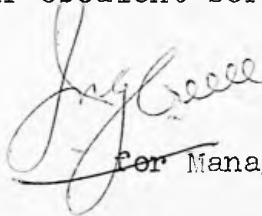
16th November, 1954.

Sir,

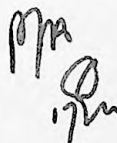
24  
I have to thank you for your letter dated No. 1617 dated 13th November, 1954 confirming that the Conveyance of the site of the Customs Shed will cover our proposed new building provided the extensions are to the south and west.

As requested these extensions are marked on your plan which is returned herewith.

I am,  
Sir,  
your obedient servant,

  
For Manager.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands.

Written at Montevideo

23rd April, 1956

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary  
Port Stanley.

Sir,

When I returned to Port Stanley early in December 1955, - after being abroad for some 15 months (incidentally I had not been away from Port Stanley since October 1950, and had not been to Europe since 1927), I was much surprised to find that the old 'Drill Hall' (later known as a Government Bonded Warehouse) situated on Crown Property in front of one of our properties known as the 'Globe Hotel' and the attached nice dwelling house, had been taken down and a very much larger shed erected on the site.

It would have been my wish to discuss this matter with you (Mr. Denton-Thompson) but after my long absence I had many administrative problems and much accounting to attend to - and then you, unfortunately, had to make a very urgent voyage to the U.K.

The matter had therefore to remain over for your return, and I have therefore ventured to broach the subject to you here in Montevideo - and you agreed that I should address you a formal letter for your kind attention.

It would <sup>seem</sup> that that piece of Crown Property had been transferred to Messrs The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. and that the said company have built the new large shed thereon.

I submit that the negotiations whereby this transfer has been carried out have been conducted 'in camera' without the knowledge of other interested parties such as myself.

I had known for years past that Messrs F.I.Co. desired to obtain possession of land in front of their own properties (i.e. to the East of my property) but that no Governor and no Colonial Secretary would agree to the said company's pretensions.

I certainly never visualised that the said company would lay pretensions to the Crown Land right in front of Estate Louis Williams property (ie. the Globe Hotel site).

The Falkland Is. Co. Ltd. own some 2000 square miles of territory in the Colony (mostly farm lands) and they own quite a considerable acreage of town lands in Port Stanley.

The Estate Louis Williams on the other hand does not own any farm land, and its total holding of town land is more or less 5 acres (probably nearer 4 acres in all).

Therefore if any entity had a right to be given an opportunity to acquire the Crown property where the dilapidated old 'Drill Hall' was situated, I submit that Estate Louis Williams should have been offered the first refusal. (Not that I should wish to build an ugly utilitarian shed on such a site).

I submit as antecedents that when the Globe Hotel dwelling house was built it was built before the Globe Hotel itself. And the Crown lands right in front were purposely left vacant - the Government of that day being decidedly averse to the frontage of Port Stanley being cluttered up with

Reply  
31.

buildings .

All the streets in Stanley were much wider than they are today.

At some later date it was decided that the streets were wider than necessary and the layout of the town was re-cast and Philomel street and other streets were allowed to become their present width. The Crown Land by which the width of the streets was reduced was offered for sale to the owners of the adjacent plots, and it was thus that the 'Globe Hotel' building came into being. A wooden structure was attached to the West of the already existing dwelling house (built of stone).

The Government of that day was careful to consider the latent or inherent rights of any property owner to have the right to acquire adjacent Crown Lands.

This nice courteous principle has been forgotten.

Now not only has that been the case , but the Ordinance governing the sale of any Crown Land stipulated that same should be put for public auction - or tender - I have not got the Book of Ordinances before me but the law on the point can be verified quite easily.

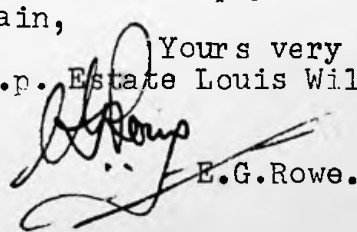
I have reason to believe that the negotiations that have led to the old site of the 'Drill Hall' being disposed of 'over my head' as it were , have been conducted some years back (at any rate before your appointment) almost secretly - I certainly have had no knowledge of the transaction having been advertised either in the Gazette or in any other form , neither has it been discussed in Legislative Council.

I feel very hurt about the whole matter as I have always relied upon the goodwill of the Administration where the interests of my small firm have been concerned, and while I knew that Messrs F.I.Co. laid ~~XX~~ pretensions to acquire and enclose the open space actually in front of their land (offices and old blacksmith's shop) and that their said pretensions were repeatedly rejected by the Administration , I certainly never for one moment imagined that those pretensions would eventually be met and enlarged by a transfer being made of a Crown property right in front of my own property.

I refrain from suggesting any solution to this matter, but I have no hesitation in suggesting that a grave error has been committed and I am the one and only loser. If the Government really wished to improve the site I think this could have been done by the removal of the old dilapidated 'Drill Hall' shed - if the Government wished to turn the site into cash, then it should have come into the open market where I could have had an opportunity to bid for it.

I shall appreciate some reply on this subject at your convenience, and remain,

Yours very truly,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



E.G. Rowe.

W.C.S.

26. The question of <sup>the propriety of</sup> selling the land to the F.C. was investigated at 2, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

W.C.S.  
10/2/56.

Bill 20/2/56

in form RSC - 22/2/56

Hon. Col. Sec.

29

Re. our telephonic conversation of 17. v.

2. Mr. Rowe refers to the repealed Land Ordinance of 1903 and not the law in force at the present time (the Land Ord. Cap. 36. R.E.L.).
3. Cap. 36 is silent on the method by which Crown Land may be disposed of, and leaves it entirely at the discretion of the Governor in Council as to whether Crown Land should be disposed of by auction or private contract.
4. Government disposed of the land in question in good faith, for a specific purpose, (bulk food storage), indirectly for the benefit of the public.
5. Government agreed to sell to the F.I.Co. an additional 1015 sq. feet of land adjoining the old "Drill Shed" site and upon which the new building stands. No Crown Grant has been issued to cover the additional land. May the Registrar General be directed to prepare a Crown Grant in respect of the additional land?

J.P.B.  
Registrar  
21. v. 56.



ACS. / 26-29.

The fact remains that so far as the law is concerned it would appear that the agreement of Executive Council should have been obtained. From these papers it appears that the matter was never referred to Ex Co. I see, however, that Sir Henry Webb may have been consulted on the appropriate Land file with regard to Government's power of sale in this case (minutes conf. 12)

Can you pl. check to see whether in fact such advice was obtained? - it is important from the point of view of an answer to Mr. Power.

Urgent pl.

L.G.T.  
24/5/56

ACS.

Above. The sale of land upon which the Old Customs Shed stood was gone into and the correspondence is at 134 onward in 0720.

W.L.  
25/5

1617

1st June,

56

Sir,

26

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 23rd April in connexion with the site on which the old Drill Hall was situated and the disposal of the site to the Falkland Islands Company.

2. With regard to the question as to the legal process necessary for the disposal of Crown Land, I would point out that the Land Ordinance of 1903 which contained a stipulation that such land should be sold by Public Auction has been repealed. Section 18 of the existing Ordinance (The Land Ordinance - Cap.36) which provided that Crown lands should not be dealt with or disposed of without the sanction of the Secretary of State was repealed by Ordinance No.2 of 1953, before the question of the disposal of the land in question to the Falkland Islands Company arose. The existing Section 18 (Ordinance No.11 of 1954), which provides for the disposal of Crown lands by the Governor in Council did not come into force until November 1954, or approximately seven months after the land was disposed of to the Falkland Islands Company. Consequently at the time of the transaction powers for the disposal of the site were vested in the Governor under Section 16 of the Letters Patent (p.8 - Vol.11 of the Laws).

3. The site on which the old Drill Hall was situated was not required by Government and the hall was not used. The Falkland Islands Company made application for the purchase of the site and old shed for the purpose of providing more effective accommodation for storage purposes and after careful consideration Government concluded that the Company needed the additional space and that it was in the public interest that the transaction took place.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant

(sgd) A.G. Denton Thompson.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

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10. 4. 53.	Brandon Road.	small bungalow	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre.	£950.
15. 5. 53.	Moody Street	dwelling house	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre	£1,100.
19. 5. 53.	Fitzroy Road.	dwelling house	1 rood 28 perches.	£950.
1. 6. 53.	Brisbane Road.	dwelling house	1 rood 5 perches.	£1,250.
22. 6. 53.	Davis Street	dwelling house	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre	£750.
30. 6. 53.	Villiers Street	dwelling house	24 poles	£2000.
7. 8. 53.	Davis Street	dwelling house and dairy	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre	£1,000.
31. 8. 53.	Villiers Street	small, dwelling house	$\frac{1}{4}$ acre.	£1,100.
9. 9. 53.	Drury Street	small very old dwelling house	24 perches.	£850.
7.10. 53.	King Street	old dwelling house	24 perches	£850.
1.12.53.	Davis Street	very small dwelling house.	1 pole 244 sq links	£550.
10.12. 53.	Drury Street.	dilapidated dwelling	24 perches	£400.
6. 1. 54.	By Met Station.	stone house	10 acres.	£800.
9. 2. 54.	between John Street and Ross Road.	land - no buildings	3,696 sq. <del>yds</del> ft.	£150.
11. 2. 54.	James Street.	semi-detached house bad state of repair	16 perches.	£450.
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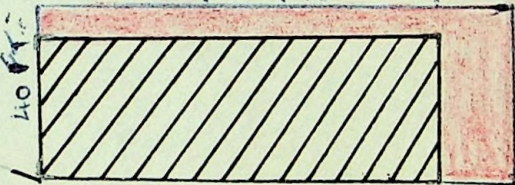
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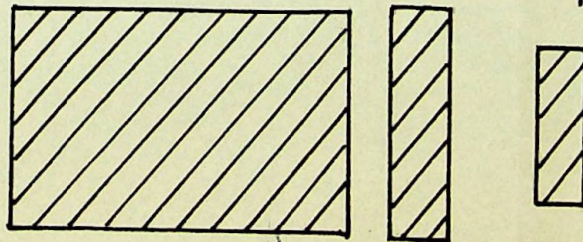
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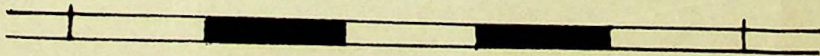
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CROWN LAND



50 YDS



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in red.

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