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STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
FIRE BRIGADE - GENERAL.

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Closed 30th Sept 1960

Fire Brigade.

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BOMMER, H.J. Hnr.  
PERRIN, N.  
MIDDLETON, S.  
PUCK, W.  
LUXTON, E.P.

CENTRAL STATION

EVANS, M.E. Captain  
DAVIS, P.E.  
SUMMERS, P.G.  
SHOREY, B.  
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HOWATT, F.

TOWN HALL STATION

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MCMILLAN, D.H.  
SOLLIS, J.  
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TOWN HALL STATION.

*D.J. Hardy*  
Town Clerk,

Copies: Superintendent  
Captains  
Station Notice Boards.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, Stanley  
9th. September, 1958

Airmail

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Stanley, 11th. September 58

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The members of the Brigade are fully conscious of their duties towards the public, and in fact have prevented three outbreaks this year by their prompt action and with the use of fire extinguishers, but the continued lack of suitable equipment is undoubtedly hampering the morale of our volunteers.

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During the present financial year we have purchased new hose, spares for engines, couplings etc. and our expenditure over estimates will be approx. \$300.-

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In view of the urgency of this matter your prompt reply with regard to the final decision reached by your Company, will be gratefully appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Town Clerk.

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1 North John Street, Liverpool 2

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The London Assurance,  
1 King William Street,

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*D. Leary*  
Town Clerk.

The General Manager,  
Messrs N. Tremellen & Co.,  
69 Old Broad Street,  
LONDON - E C 2

Sir,

Kindly broadcast the following notice -to Stanley only-  
on Monday 22nd. September (this evening) and to-morrow evening, the  
23rd. September, 1958

Yours faithfully,

The Postmaster,

*D. J. O'Connell*  
Town Clerk.

STANLEY.

STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE NOTICE.

"BY ORDER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE

"A MUSTER WILL BE HELD AT 3PM ON WEDNESDAY 24TH. SEPTEMBER 1958

"AT THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

"ONLY THOSE VOLUNTEERS OF THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION UNIT, ARE

"REQUESTED TO ATTEND"

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**FIRE BRIGADE** - Extracts of Public meeting held in the T/Hall Refreshment Room at 8.15 PM. Friday 29th. August, 1958.

The Chairman of the Stanley Town Council Mr. J. Allan - opened the meeting explaining that Council wished to place the Stanley Fire Brigade on a sound workable basis, advising those present, that Government had already been approached to this effect.

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Main points to be considered for which suggestions were invited:

REORGANIZATION OF FIRE BRIGADE. Establish actual number of volunteers, their respective groups, and request for new members.

PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT. Self propelled Fire Fighting Unit - Protective clothing.

GENERAL - Construction of Ramps - Natural Water Deposit.

VOLUNTARY FIRE BRIGADE. To continue as at present.

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISED FIRE BRIGADE WITH VOLUNTARY SUPPORT. Proposed by Council.

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SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED (Not previously considered by Council).

Mr D.O'Sullivan - Installation of 4 Australian type Water tanks with a capacity of 15,000 gallons each (on Murray Heights) an additional one vicinity Government House.

Messrs. M. Evans, A.L. Hardy & Superintendent. Full time Maintenance Officer.

Mr. A.L. Hardy - Request approach Insurance Companies again, for voluntary contribution to reorganize Fire Brigade.

Miss S. Roberts. Request to join Fire Brigade (Women volunteers)

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VOLUNTARY FIRE BRIGADE. On a show of hands - majority in favour of voluntary Brigade.

Total attendance - 55 - (All members Council - 26 volunteers - 14 new members)

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**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE**

**STANLEY**

1st. September, 1958

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*D. J. Morrison*  
Town Clerk,

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, Stanley  
9th. September, 1958

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Stanley, 23rd. September 58

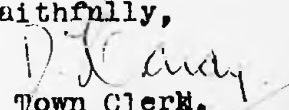
Sir,

At a Stanley Fire Brigade Committee meeting recently held, a suggestion was put forward and approved that the Town Clerk request from the Manager, Falkland Islands Company Ltd, that the Foam Unit at present in the Company's West Store, be removed to a location (under cover) in the vicinity of your main office building.

It was felt that you would agree to this suggestion, but that your cooperation would also have to be requested in respect of its installation and removal to a new site.

Should you think it advisable that the future site be firstly agreed upon between your goodselves and the Stanley Fire Brigade, the Superintendent Mr A.L. Hardy M.B.E., will contact you personally to this effect.

Yours faithfully,

  
Town Clerk.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company Ltd.,  
Stanley.

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DUTIES OF FIRE BRIGADE MAINTENANCE OFFICER

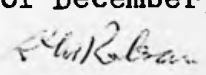
The Town Clerk in representation of the Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade and the Maintenance Officer of the Fire Brigade Mr Louis M. Robson, have agreed on the following duties to be carried out by the Maintenance Officer.

- 1.- Running & upkeep of Fire Engines.
- 2.- Care & Maintenance of Fire Hoses, fire boxes etc.
- 3.- Check level of and keep filled Hospital Reservoir -also tank near Glasgow Rd.
- 4.- Check operation of Fire Hydrants.
- 5.- Repair as required hoses used on Public Jetty for Watering Ships.
- 6.- Refill as required Fire extinguishers.
- 7.- Check all ladders and have them repaired when necessary.

AS WITNESS our hands this 2nd. day of December, 1958.

CHAIRMAN

  
TOWN CLERK

  
MAINTENANCE OFFICER

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

TC/63

Stanley, 28th. August, 1958

To all members:  
Stanley Town Council.

Sirs,

Fire Brigade.

For your guidance I submit in synthesis, report of meeting held in Colonial Secretary's Office on Monday 25th. August 1958 requested by the Stanley Town Council to explain to Government the actual situation of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

Those present were: Mr S.G. Tress the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary-The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Stanley Town Council, Messrs J. Allan and E.F. Luxton respectively, Mr D.J. Clark the Town Clerk and the Chief Constable.

Both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Council gave an outline of the present position to Mr Trees, pointing out the lack of equipment and the general disorganization of the Fire Brigade. Mr Clark stressed the importance of organizing the Brigade and suggested that Government form a nucleus from its own personnel, to place the Brigade on a sound basis. This staff could fill key positions in the Fire Brigade and would be responsible to Government, and any other matters could by agreement be administered by the Stanley Town Council.

Mr Trees pointed out that he could not at present commit Government but did promise his support for financial aid from say: £3000 to £5000, suggesting that Council call the Public meeting it had in view and then prepare a detailed report that he would put to the Legislative Council, for their consideration at a meeting to be held in November.

Matters not fully discussed: The acquisition of a Self propelled Fire Fighting Unit - Purchase of Hose- Construction of Ramps-Repairs to Fire Engine Sheds - a natural Water deposit between the Met: & W/ Station.

The Acting Colonial Secretary visited all the Fire Stations on Thursday morning the 28th. August, together with the Chairman, Town Clerk, Superintendent and Maintenance Officer.

A Public meeting will be held in the T/Hall R/Room at 8 PM. Friday the 29th. August.

Yours faithfully,

*D. J. Clark*  
Town Clerk.

Stanley, 22nd. October 58

Dear Sir,

. The Stanley Town Council has for some time been discussing the need to purchase, a staff suitable for drying out hose after Fire Brigade practices etc.

Dr Slessor before leaving on his vacation had suggested that Council try and obtain one locally, rather than have to purchase one in the U.K.

At a Fire Brigade Committee meeting recently held one member thought that the discarded mast ex the schooner "Weddell" would serve for this purpose, and I was directed to request if you could consider its sale, to the Stanley Town Council.

Yours faithfully,

*D. E. Smith*  
Town Clerk.

The Manager  
The Falkland Islands Company Ltd,  
Stanley.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

27th October 1958

Your Ref: TC/16-4

The Town Clerk,  
Stanley Town Council,  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd instant,  
offering to purchase the discarded mast ex the Schooner  
"WEDDELL".

We regret we cannot accept this offer, as the  
Manager of Weddell Island has asked us to ship the mast  
to the Island in order that it may be used as a wireless  
aerial mast.

Yours faithfully,  
for THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED,  
WORKS STORE.

*R. Harrison*



Stanley, 29th. October

58

Sir,

On behalf of the Stanley Town Council and subject to His Excellency the Governor's approval, I am directed to respectfully submit a petition to Government, for a grant of £3.000.

2.- The purpose of said grant is to enable the Town Council to effect the following necessary repairs and purchase of equipment, for the Stanley Fire Brigade:

a)	Repairs: 4 Fire Engine Sheds	£ 750
b)	Purchase: Land Rover & trailer pump unit	1400
c)	" Fire Hose	300
d)	" Portable refills	200
e)	" Miscellaneous (accessories etc).	350

3.-

At the recommendation of the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr S.G. Trees, a Public meeting was held on the 29th. August 1958; subsequently at Town Council & Fire Brigade committee meetings, Fire Brigade requirements came under discussion, and until finally, yesterday, the above recommendations were approved.

4.-

The Stanley Town Council trust that Government will accede to our request, which we humbly submit for your consideration.

I am,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*M. J. Eady*  
Town Clerk.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Stanley.

Stanley, 2nd. March, 59.

Sir,

At a general meeting held to-day by the Stanley Town Council consideration was given to the Stanley Fire Brigade, and after an ample discussion it was proposed that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Colonial Government and respectfully request that Government kindly accede to receive a delegation composed of the following members: Mr R.L. Robson (Chairman of the Stanley Town Council) Mr A. Livermore, Mr D.J. Clark and Mr A.R. Biggs.

2.- It was generally agreed that no practical and/or satisfactory solution can be found for the Fire Brigade and that Government should be advised to this effect.

3.- A meeting it was felt, will enable Councillors to explain the actual situation of the mentioned organization, considered of the utmost importance and vitally urgent.

4.- There was a consensus of opinion at the Council meeting that the Stanley Fire Brigade could be served more efficiently if it were under the supervision of Government, and that therefore, and by mutual consultation at the proposed interview, something concrete may be achieved.

Grateful for your attention at the earliest convenience,

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*D. J. O. Sudy*  
Town Clerk.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.

## STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE

(Copy of Minutes)

At Town Council's request a meeting was held in the Colonial Secretary's Office on Wednesday March 4th. 1959-Present were: Honourable Colonial Secretary, Messrs R.L. Robson, Chairman Town Council, D.J. Clark, A. Livermore, A.R. Biggs & Town Clerk.

Meeting commenced 2PM.

Chairman. -explained to Honourable Colonial Secretary members wish to discuss present situation Stanley Fire Brigade informing him that Mr Clark would act as spokesman for the Town Council, in this respect.

D.J.C. Gave detailed exposition of present organization. The belief held by Council after a public meeting held on 29th. August 1958, when Mr A.L. Hardy was appointed Superintendent and J. Booth as instructor, that the Fire Brigade was in capable hands, and everything would work out satisfactorily.

Unfortunately and contrary to what members thought, only two fire practices were held in the last six months, both of which were completely unsatisfactory, and it was felt by Council that an outbreak of fire could have serious consequences in view of the lack of organization of the Stanley Fire Brigade. Apart from this it was impossible to impose any strict ruling in the case of a voluntary force and many members may not be on call in the event of an emergency. Consequently Council suggested that a nucleus of the Fire Brigade should come under Government control.

H.C.S. Expressed his first reaction to this suggestion which in his view would be a destructive step, if Government should have to take back the Fire Brigade.

D.J.C. Council are not anxious to hand back Brigade to Government but do wish to find a satisfactory solution.

H.C.S. Enquired as to Superintendent's attitude. Mr Livermore explained Superintendent had expressed that in his opinion the Brigade be handed to Government, he not wishing to serve Council unless a full time Maintenance Officer was engaged.

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Purchase of Self contained Fire Unit considered.

D.J.C. In favour one Central Unit and one large Fire Engine (cost £6/8000)

H.C.S. In view of main Stanley labour force held by Government and the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., suggested present 4 (four) Units be absorbed in to two. The Fire Brigade to be administered in two sectors, one controlled by Government and one under the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., supervision. The Honourable Colonial Secretary favoured the purchase of a small Land-Rover type self contained fire engine. (£2200/2400)

H.C.S. Finally recommended Messrs Robson, Clark interview Manager Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., and see if agreeable to above. Another meeting would then be held to discuss this matter further.

H.C.S. Maybe at a later stage and after consultations with the Finance Committee, the question of a Central Fire Station and the purchase of a large Self contained Fire Engine could be considered.

The meeting closed at 4.15 PM.

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A meeting to continue considering matters relating to the Stanley Fire Brigade, was held in the Colonial Secretary's Office at 4.30 PM Friday 6th. March 1959. Those present were: Honourable Colonial Secretary, Messrs. R.L. Robson, D.J. Clark, A. Livermore, A.R. Biggs and the Town Clerk.

The Chairman of the Town Council Mr R.L. Robson, informed the Honourable Colonial Secretary that both Mr Clark and himself had interviewed Mr A.G. Barton, Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd., in respect of the proposed new set up of the Fire Brigade as indicated by the Honourable Colonial Secretary, and that Mr Barton had accepted to cooperate.

It was then agreed that the Falkland Islands Company take over and maintain two engines & equipment on the East Section of Stanley, and that Public Works Department would do likewise on the West Sector. One engine in need of repairs was to be taken the following day to the Public Works Dpt. Garage, to be attended to.

The T/Clerk handed to the Hon. Colonial Secretary a list of members of the Stanley Fire Brigade indicating their respective living quarters, East & West of Dean Street.

H.C.S. Enquired if the present Superintendent would be prepared to continue as such in the proposed new organization, if not, he would like to propose the Chief Constable to act in this capacity.

It was decided to call a Committee meeting and obtain the Superintendent's views.

H.C.S. Considered Town Council should continue to finance Maintenance etc. This was agreed to.

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The new organization would have two maintenance men, but otherwise generally is to remain the same.

Other points mentioned at these two meetings were condition of Fire Stations, hoses, ladders, equipment in general etc,

The Hon. Colonial Secretary handed the T/Clerk for members perusal, illustrated pamphlet re: Fire Engines.

Meeting closed at 5.15 PM.

On Saturday 7th. March at 10.30 AM a Fire Brigade Committee meeting was held in the Town Council Office when the Superintendent was invited to attend and in the presence of Mr A. Livermore, Mr A.R. Biggs and the T/Clerk - Mr. Robson gave Mr A.L. Hardy an outline of the meetings held at the Colonial Secretary's Office and asked him if he would continue to act as Superintendent under the new composition of the Fire Brigade.

At the Superintendent's request and with the Hon. Colonial Secretary's permission, Messrs R.L. Robson, A.L. Hardy and A. Livermore, interviewed the Hon. Colonial Secretary in his Office at 11 AM the same morning.

The Town Clerk was later advised by the Chairman Mr R.L. Robson, that Mr. A.L. Hardy had accepted to continue acting in the capacity of Superintendent. A portable trailer pump would be put at the disposal of the Fire Brigade (ex-Naval Wireless Station). The Chairman also advised the T/Clerk that an agreement in writing is still to be reached between Government and the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd re: the Stanley Fire Brigade.

Town Clerk  
(Sgd) D. Hardy  
10th. March, 1959.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,  
Stanley, 25th. March, 1959.

*D. Hardy*  
(Town Clerk.)

Stanley, 13th. April, 59

Sir,

At the last general meeting held by the Stanley Town Council, on Wednesday 8th. inst. Mr. A. Livermore advised members that the Standing Finance Committee were to meet very shortly and he was requested to ask what financial contribution Council were prepared to allocate in respect of the upkeep of the Fire Brigade.

2.- Members agreed that Council could not commit themselves to any figure until and unless the Chairman's position to represent Council is clarified.

3.- Copies of meetings which took place at the Honourable the Colonial Secretary's Office on the 4th. 6th. & 7th. of March 1959 respectively, were submitted, and the Chairman was requested to interview the Honourable Colonial Secretary regarding the final decision reached with reference to the Stanley Fire Brigade.

4.- A Fire Brigade Committee meeting was held this evening in the Town Council Office and the Town Clerk was advised to enquire from Colonial Government if the Stanley Fire Brigade is:

- a) to be administered by the Stanley Town Council,
- b) run jointly by Government and the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,
- c) to operate under Government supervision.

5.- I respectfully submit the above as instructed, and will be grateful for a reply which will be presented to the Stanley Town Council as soon as possible, at an extraordinary meeting to be held for this purpose.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*D. H. Smith*  
Town Clerk.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Stanley.



Stanley, May, 4th.

59

Sir,

The Chairman of the Town Council wishes me to convey to you his personal appreciation and those of the members of Council for your many years of whole-hearted cooperation and loyal service to the Stanley Fire Brigade.

The splendid work carried out under your supervision during the recent outbreak of fire at the Secretariat, is an indication of what can be achieved under the direction of a competent and enthusiastic Superintendent.

In regretting your resignation, please accept Council's sincere thanks for your very valuable assistance, towards this most important public service.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*D. Hardy*  
Town Clerk.

A.L.Hardy Esq. B.E.M.

Stanley.

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TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,  
Stanley, 4th. May, 1959.-

Sir,

The Chairman of the Town Council has advised me that the Fire Brigade Committee has been pleased to appoint you to be Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

Salary attached to the post is £25.- per annum and the appointment to be effective from 1st. inst.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*D. G. Sudy*  
Town Clerk.

Mr Morris Evans,  
Stanley.

## Stanley Fire Brigade.

A meeting between the Government Standing Finance Committee and members of the Town Council was held at 4.30PM, on Tuesday 28th. April, 1959.

The Following were present: The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. Denton-Thompson, the Chairman of the Town Council Mr. R. L. Robson, Council members Messrs. J. Allan Deputy-Chairman, A. L. S. Biggs, J. D. Williams, A. R. Biggs, Dr. R. S. Slessor and Mr. A. Livermore. Finance Committee members Messrs. M. G. Creece, Hon. L. Gleadell & Mr. A. L. Hardy-Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

The meeting was presided by the Hon: the Colonial Secretary, who invited all present to have an informal discussion on several matters relating to the Fire Brigade, making it clear at the outset that Government are not anxious to assume responsibility for the supervision of the Fire Brigade, and requested that the Superintendent put forward his main problems.

The Superintendent stated that the recent fire which took place at the Secretariat had the advantage of favourable winds and tides, and also the fact of the building's close proximity to the sea front, otherwise he thought that this building would not have been saved. In wishing to bring the Fire Service up to-date he recommended:

- 1) A permanent Caretaker
- 2) Hydrants to be lifted and cleared.
- 3) A Fire Box for each hydrant, and sufficient hose lengths to reach from box to box.
- 4) Stand-pipes and connectors for each hydrant.
- 5) Fire extinguishers and refills.
- 6) 2 Water Tanks (one in the vicinity of Hodson Villas and one between Meteorological & Wireless Station.)

Finally he suggested that:

- a) The Engines had not been overhauled after the recent fire., and,
- b) Council had no money to finance any of his recommendations.

Each point was then dealt with separately:

Mr Livermore advised those present that as far as he knew there were no hydrants buried but if this was the case he would undertake to clear the hydrants to the level of the footpaths and have them painted white.

Mr Creece suggested that this work be done by a Caretaker, and felt there should be a permanent man for this job. Both the Hon: Colonial Secretary and the Chairman of the Town Council, agreed.

The Superintendent pointed out that all the existing hose should be renewed, the new hose to be fitted with instantaneous couplings.

Dr. Slessor mentioned that 4 miles of hose would be required.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary recommended that action be taken in this respect and enquiries to be made as to costs of hose, stand-pipes etc.

The Superintendent suggested that all fire extinguishers should be uniform and after discussion it was agreed to order a light standard type.

The question of the suitability of having water tanks for fire protection was discussed and as it was agreed in principle that these were necessary it was finally decided that enquiries should be made for the tank which is at present being used for fuel storage at Albermarle.

It was agreed that any major repairs to engines should be serviced by a garage.

The Superintendent recommended a practice to be held monthly. At present he did not see how this could be done. There was nobody or anywhere to dry out hose.

Mr Livermore undertook to do this work provisionally and offered to erect a mast (within fifteen days) to dry out hose. The site agreed for the erection of the mast was the N. West corner of the Town Hall.

Maintenance Officer. Members of Council were not in favour of engaging a full time Maintenance Officer. It was felt that the work did not justify the services of a full time man.

The Superintendent maintained it did.

Mr A.L.S. Biggs & Dr. Slessor, suggested that <sup>any</sup> the necessary work could be undertaken by the Public Works Department, and the job, paid for by Council.

It was finally agreed to obtain the services of a full time Maintenance Officer in view of the Honourable Colonial Secretary's promise that Govt. would consider increasing their annual grant to Council for this purpose.

Mr Williams then asked the Honourable Colonial Secretary if Government would consider taking over the Fire Brigade as this was one of the services which were handed to council w-ith no sources of revenue to finance it. Rates would have to be increased considerably. He also stated that the Fire Engine Sheds were in a very bad condition and in urgent need of repairs.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary did not favour Government taking over but offered to meet the capital cost of Fire Brigade requirements and asked the Town Clerk to give him the figures on recommendations agreed to at the meeting.

Mr Robson asked Mr Livermore to assist the Stanley Fire Brigade until a full time man is engaged.

The Superintendent offered his verbal resignation to the Chairman of the Town Council and asked the Colonial Secretary that Government consider the introduction of a sprinkler system for the new Secretariat building.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

*D. J. C. Smith*  
Town Clerk.

29.4.59

Meeting of Fire Brigade held 8<sup>th</sup> May 1959.

The following proposals were made: —

1. Breathing apparatus should be ordered ✓
2. Oilskins and boots should be supplied to all engine men, (at least 8 men) ✓
3. Ramps be made in the sea wall (at least 2) 1 on Victoria Green and 1 to the West of the Town.
4. Practices to be held in Firm's or Employees time (all practices)
5. In the event of night fires, the street lights be put on.
6. All ladders around the town to be examined and reconditioned, fire boxes likewise ✓
7. Chains to be put on lorry during hard frosty weather or when roads are dangerous ✓
8. Spare petrol cans be filled and left in each station, (if necessary in locked cupboards.)



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9. First aid kits be supplied and placed in truck attending at the scene of fire as well as on ~~all~~ fire pumps.

W. G. Grand

TC/16-4

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,  
Stanley, 11th. May, 1959.

Sir,

At a Town Council general meeting held with to-day's date, members have been pleased to approve the Fire Brigade Committee's recommendation to appoint you to be Assistant Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade, at a salary of £1.10.0 per month, the appointment to be effective as from the 1st. inst.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*D. K. Brady*  
Town Clerk.

Mr Ernest F. Luxton,  
John Street,  
Stanley.

TC/16-4

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,  
Stanley, 12th. May, 1959

Sir,

I am to advise you that at a Town Council general meeting held on the 11th. inst, it was agreed that other arrangements are to be made with regard to the post of Maintenance Officer, and I therefore have been instructed to inform you that your services will not be required as from the 15th. June 1959 onwards.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you very much indeed for the considerable help given by you to the undersigned during your term of office.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*D. G. Cady*  
(Town Clerk.)

Mr L.M. Robson,  
Maintenance Officer,  
Stanley Fire Brigade.  
Stanley.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this letter, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

1st June, 1959.

JB/SM

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter TC/16-4 of the 30th April, on the subject of the Stanley Fire Brigade and to inform you that a minimum grant of £500 by Government to the Stanley Town Council to meet expenditure connected with the improvement of fire fighting facilities and equipment has been approved. I am, however, to say that in view of the budgetary position it is unlikely that a further capital grant will be forthcoming during the 1959/60 financial year.

In the Government's view, the grant of £500 should be spent on the following priorities:

- (a) new hose lengths and connections.
- (b) the repair of the hospital reservoir.

In addition to the above I am to advise you that Government is prepared to undertake responsibility for the following:

- (a) the maintenance and periodical overhaul of the fire fighting engines. No charge will be made for permanent establishment labour, but spares and replacements will be charged for.
- (b) the putting away of fire hoses after fire practices on the understanding that the fire fighting crews will themselves put the hoses out to dry. It may be necessary to make a charge for the labour involved but this should not amount to very much.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

Town Clerk,  
Town Council Office,  
Stanley.

c.c. Colonial Treasurer  
c.c. Public Works Department

STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE

A meeting was held in the Town Hall at 2.40pm. on Thursday the 4th. of June, 1959.

The following were present: Chairman, Mr. R. L. Robson, Supt. Mr. M. Evans - Asst. Supt. Mr. E. F. Luxton, Messrs A. Mercer & C. Reive (Posts and Telegraph Department)

Recommendations submitted and approved:

List of Fire Brigade authorities and location of Fire Stations to be given to the Telephone Exchange.

The following numbers to be given to the respective Stations:

CENTRAL STATION	No. 356
EAST STATION	357
T/HALL STATION	358
TANK STATION	359

STATION AND MEMBERS NUMBERS TO BE PLACED IN EACH STATION.

Stations to be placed on one line when the alarm is sounded, allowing direct communication between stations.

BROADCAST - Broadcasting ~~in~~ Department to announce all outbreaks of Fire.

SYRENS - Enquire as to possibility of connecting the Exchange alarm with that of Mr. Syd. Summers.

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE. - Install telephone for Unit Capt. R. B. Hansen.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER. Supply Fire Extinguisher to Exchange.

FILM SHOW - Thank Superintendent Education for Fire Fighting film show given on the 15th. May, 1959.

The meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

5.6.59

*J. E. Gray*  
Town Clerk.

Stanley, 5th.JUNE, 59

Sir,

The Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade as asked me to convey to you his personal thanks and those of the members of the Brigade for your kindness in putting at their disposal the "Fire Fighting" films, which were shown by you in the School's continuation Class Room on Friday the 15th.May.

Mr Evans has told me that the films were very instructive and were therefore much appreciated by all those present.

Allow me to express Council's sincere appreciation for your most willing and generous cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

*J. J. G. Gandy*  
Town Clerk.

Mr.J.Swann,  
Superintendent Education Department,  
Government School Office,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to refer to your No.0594 of the 1st. June 1959.

1.- Your letter was read at our last general meeting which took place on the 10th, inst., and the members of Council are sincerely grateful to Government for their grant to the Fire Brigade of £500.-

2.- The above will be spent in the following manner:

£. 360.- Purchase Fire Hose  
90.- " Fittings and connections  
50.- Repairs -Hospital Reservoir

3.- Council are committed to spend a sum above their estimates for this item, during the present year, and the undersigned will in due course submit in his estimates a considerable increase in expenditure for the upkeep etc. of the Fire Brigade during the next financial year, commencing January, 1960.

Your promise in respect of maintenance is already having practical results, not only in the care of engines, but also in other repairs etc. to deficiencies which were badly in need of attention. For this, please accept our thanks.

4.- It is a sad fact that two essential services which for too long have been left in a state of deplorable abandonment, happen to be Council commitments.

If, with justice we do feel proud of services such as the Hospital, Water Filtration and Power & Electrical plant etc, it is all the more regrettable on the other hand, that both the Cemetery & Fire Brigade have been so shamefully neglected.

5.- I mention this (and in doing so I express the feelings of all members) because, Council will further need the help of Government on another item of expenditure, i.e. our Sanitation service, which represents 25% of our rates revenue, that is to say just under £800.

There exist at present 70 properties with no water closets. 30 of these are in Davis, Fitzroy & John Street. Obviously this constitutes an anomaly, and more so, if we consider that commercial firms such as the "Globe" Store "Falkland" Store, Penguin Shop "Kelper" Store and others, Stanley House (garden) Government House (garden) - are still using this service.

This matter has been discussed at Council meetings, and unfortunately shelved. The Town Clerk will press for the total elimination of this service. But, unless and until it is entirely dispensed with, it will continue to remain a superfluous financial burden to Council. The laying down of sewage pipes would have to be undertaken by Government, in one or two outlying streets. Measures could then be taken to compel property owners to install water closets, and, I therefore on behalf of Council, respectfully beg that Government do everything in its power to assist us eliminate this nuisance. Such a step will undoubtedly redound in favour of the community.

6.- Forgive me for deviating from the subject of your letter, but these problems are financially interrelated, in as much as the elimination of this service would considerably benefit both the Fire Brigade & Cemetery.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Honourable,  
The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Stanley.

*D. K. Moly.*  
Town Clerk.

minutes of Minute Books reference meetings held on Monday the 14th.  
December, 1959.-

Fire Brigade Committee meeting.

Requirements, as submitted by the Superintendent of the Glasgow Fire Brigade:

**PURCHASES:**

120 ft. 3/4" hose, including nozzle & tap connections, with portable reel.

- 2 - 2 1/2" inst. Dividing and collecting Branchings
- 1 - 2 1/2" Cellular or foam below, nozzles.
- 2 - 2 1/2" " Hand controlled Branchpipes for throwing a spray or solid jet.
- 6 - Foam extinguishers for electrical or highly inflammable materials.
- 1 - Chimney fire outfit, including nozzle.
- 1 - Life saving sling complete with line & hook.
- 1 - Petrol tank for Coventry/Chimax fire pump.
- 1 - Radiator do.
- 1 - Silencer & exhaust pipe "
- 12- Wheel studs & nuts "

APPEND: Cont. 2234.

1 Self Contained Fire Unit .. " 2000.-

Other requirements

- 2 - Bone ramps (protective)  
1 - Ramp for drying out bone.

### Recommendation

Installation of electric pumps and of jetties and the laying down of permanent water pipes running North/South.

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Mr Biggs recommended use of chains on lorry during winter months and suggested that all practices be held in firm's time.

Mr. Livermore could not agree that all practices be held in firms' time and gave notice that he would object to purchase of a self contained fire unit.

### Secretary Committee meeting.

A suggestion that the Cemetery be extended to the North was objected to by Mr. Allen, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that the only solution would be to extend Eastwards.

Mr. Allan proposed the employment of extra labour for a short period, to carry out some necessary work in the Cemetery.

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TC/16-4

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE,  
Stanley, 1st. February, 1960

Dear Sir,

At the request of the Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade, kindly instruct that the following telephones be installed as soon as possible:

Mr F. Howatt, Unit Captain-Central Station  
John Street.

Mr. H. Bonner, Jnr.       "       East Station  
Fitzroy Road East

Mr R. B. Hansen       "       Tank Station  
Davis Street

I will be very grateful for your attention in respect of the above.

Yours faithfully,

*J. E. Sney*  
Town Clerk.

The Superintendent,  
Posts & Telegraphs Dept.  
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to refer to recommendations submitted at a meeting of the 28th. March 1959, between members of the Standing Finance Committee and the Stanley Town Council held under the Chairmanship of the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

2. I also refer to your favour No. 0594 dated 1st. June, 1959 in respect of financial assistance from Government, to meet expenditure connected with the improvement of fire fighting facilities and equipment.

3. In again thanking Government for their grant of £500, may I respectfully submit for your consideration, a further grant to be included in Government's Estimates for the financial year 1960/61.

4. Council's estimated expenditure for the current year ending 31st. December 1960, in respect of the Fire Brigade, will be approximately £1000, mostly for the purchase of new equipment. I may add that a considerable improvement will be noticeable by March 1960 when the larger part of the equipment purchased, is due to arrive.

5. Although our financial situation has improved since March 1959, and we anticipate that this should better itself when the sanitation service is dispensed with, it does not necessarily follow that Council are in a position to meet immediate expenditure in order to allow the Fire Brigade a reasonable standard of efficiency without undue delay.

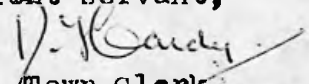
6. It is realised that it would be a criminal folly on the part of Council to postpone attention to the minimum possible requirements of the Fire Brigade. Our commitments as regards purchases for this service should be fulfilled in 1960.

7. I can assure you that this will be realised with Government's financial assistance, and on behalf of Council I earnestly beseech your support, and trust that no further requests will be necessary in future.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Town Clerk.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Stanley.