

C.S.

POSTAL & TELEGRAPHIC
Mails. (W. Falkland.)

1928.

No. 241/28.

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C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

1928

13th June.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIRE OF PEBBLE ISLAND STEAMER
"GENTOO".

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Letter to W. A. G. Barton, Pebble Is. 1
12 June 1928

Telegram from W. A. G. Barton 27th June 1928 2.

Y. G. Submitted.

I arranged with W. Barton in the first place that the 'Gentoo' should bring in mails intended for despatch by 'Corvica' as well as take out mails in 'Cornwall'. The subsequent cancellation of the first part of this arrangement seems to have led W. Barton to doubt whether the 'Gentoo' service would be required at all but I thought I had made it clear to him that the vessel would still be required to take

Subsequent Paper.

out the Cornwallis mails calling at
Port Purvis and Hill Cove.

1. Mr Cantt is the only passenger
I know of. The call at Port
Howard will be very convenient for
him.

GRH
27. vi. 28

Off the Job

Please Captain proposed

arrangement and state that the
itinerary proposed will suit very
well.

2. Besides W (at Hill Cove?)
Cantt I know that Miss Jessie

Benn wishes to return to Hill Cove.

3. Necessary notification is
please, at to Postmaster.

Informed
Miss Bell
28. vi. 28

Informed
Mr Roberts
28. vi. 28

27. 6. 28 J. G.

3 Telegram to W.A.G. Barton 28th June 1928

Colonial Postmaster

To write.

G.M. Co.

28. vi. 28 for C.S.

Hon Cal Secretary

Noted

H. Chy

Postmaster

3/7/28

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Let to N.G. Barton, Esq., of 7th July 1928

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Telegram from Mr Barton, of 3.7.28

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" " " " " 5.7.28

9-10

Let from Mr A.G. Barton, of 30.6.28

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Telegram to Westers, Fort Day, of 10.7.28

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" " Mr A.G. Barton, of 10.7.28

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" " Mr A.G. Barton, of 13.7.28

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" " " " " 18.7.28.

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" from Mr Barton of 17.7.28.

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" to Mr Barton of 19.7.28

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" from Mr Barton of 20 July 1928.

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" to " " 22 July, 1928

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" to " " of 16th Aug 1928

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" from " " of 16th Aug 1928

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" to " " of 17th Aug 1928

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" from " " of 17th Aug 1928

Telegram from Wm. Boreby" 7 Aug -> 20

Off. J. Sack.

Please see Capt. Dwyer

and let me have a report as to
the circumstances of this incident.

JWS

8.8.28.

Letter from Manager, Pebble Island of 24 July 1928	23-25.
Minute from H.E. the Ag. Governor of 7 Aug 1928.	26.
Copy of Red (26) sent to Captain Plummer.	
Telegram to Manager, Pebble Island of 5 Sept. 1928.	27.

ES

Off. J. Sack.

Just after here with is with

to reds 25-23. When was this

letter received? And why has no action

been taken on it earlier? This is not

the way to encourage co-operation!

* on this subject
?

2. Has any letter from the

Manager, Pebble Is., been received since

Aug. by the mail that arrived yesterday?

3. The amount paid 23 shall
 be paid in full to the F.I. Co.
 at the sum of £ 21 received
 from the Manager of Teak Wharf
 Metchin.

4. Expenditure in this connection
 is chargeable of course against
 Head D. 6 " Carriage of Mail "

Yours
 12. 9. 28.

- 28 Telegram from Manager Pebble, 7. 9. 28.
- 29 Telegram to - do - do - 8. 9. 28
- 30 Telegram to Westin Fox Bay. 8. 9. 28.
- 31.32. Letter from Manager Pebble 12. 9. 28.

Y.S.
 I regret having overlooked Mr. Barton's letter
 of the 24. 7. 28 which was received here on the
 7th August, while the H.M.S. Colombo was in harbour.
 I had not, myself, seen the letter until now and
 am unable to ascertain why it has been lost sight
 of.

Letter from Mr. Barton received 11. 9. 28 submitted. Recd 31-32

[Signature]
 12. 9. 28

Off^{ce} Sat.

Dear you. Revised

draft letter to W. Boston herewith
authorizing payment to the P. & G. by.

for Ocean Pass. of the total amount
of £ 159 1^s 0^s - 1.8.

£ 165 2^s 0^s less £ 6 1^s 0

on account of the one additional
day's at ten at a half of miles'

steaming occasioned by the breakdown

that in the circumstances is a

fair, scarcely a fair charge against

this post.

2. I have spoken to Mr.

G. J. Felton in the matter of

the recovery of the £ 21 at

97	6	0
67	16	0
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646	5	2 6
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(4)

Have now agreed as a special
 care at an act of grace
 that the cost of the trip to
 Feet Lake to bring in the body
 of a child for post-mortem
 examination at burial shall be
 borne by Govt.

JWS

12.9.28

Hon. Secy. Treasurer }
 Local Auditor } To see

H.S. for C.S. 18.9.28.

Local Auditor

Order Passed by

H. Chey

H. Mea
25/9/28

33-34 Letter to B. G. Bartin, Esq., of 13th Sept. 1928

35. ~~~~~ of 28th Sept. 1928

36-37. Letter from Capt. J. G. Bowen of 10 Aug 1928.

Returns to
C.S. direct by
request. 10/26

Hon. Col. Gen.

Noted A. M. Stran

Local Audit

15 Oct. 1928

Letter from Mr. A. G. Barton. 21/10/28

38-41

Y/E.

Submitted -

A. G. Barton

6/11/28

Office Sect.

Draft letter in reply to

V. Parker, please, for fairness

at for necessary action accord.

J. S.

7. 11. 28.

Letter to A. G. Barton, Esq. of 22-11-28.

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Vouchers for hire of *Gentoo* on following dates passed to Treasury :-

5-20 July	£ 97. 6. 0
3-19 August	67. 16. 0
10-21 September	58. 14. 0
	<u>£ 223. 16. 0</u>

C. J. G.
1/10/28.

Off. i/c Sect.

Copied from M.P. P/10.

Off. i/c Sect.,

Mr. Coutts may now be informed through the Hon. Col. Surgeon of the result of the correspondence with Dean Bros. in the matter of the cost of his wife's passage by m.v. "Gentoo", i.e. re. 35 and at "A" on re. 39 and 40 in M.P. 241/28 attached. As he has already paid the account I think that the simplest course will be for him to apply direct to their Manager for a refund.

2. In a similar case in future an officer travelling on duty may be allowed to take his wife with him free of charge on any vessel in the service or employ of the Govt. provided that no extra expense is occasioned thereby to the Govt. e.g. when the s.s. "Fleurus" is on charter for a voyage round the Colony no charge would be made for the wife's passage but the officer would be liable for the cost of victualling on board.

(Itld.) J.M.E.
23.12.23.

Hon. Col. Ingerson,

Will you please inform
his agents accordingly?

A. D. J.
J. J. C.
29/12/28.

Harold Lee.

Mr. Britts has been informed
accordingly.

A. D. J.
31/12/28

Extract of letter received from Mr. A. G. Barton 2/1/29 44

Telegram to Mr. A. G. Barton 5/3/29.
" from " " 6/3/29.
" to " " 6/3/29.

P. H. J.
29/1/29. ✓pro 29. 1. 29.

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P. H. J.
7/3/29

Telegram to Mr. Barton 14/6/29

48.

Held up until reply to Red 48
is received.

A. D. J.

Telegram from Mr. Barton of 16/6/29
" to " " " " " " " "

49.

50.

Col. Postmaster

to see.

A. D. J.
19/6/29

Hon. Col. Secretary

Wdct

H. Ches Postmaster
20/6/29

~~PA~~
21/6/29.

51. Minute from Postmaster 13/8/29

52. Letter to Mrs. Barton, 16/8/29.

Col. Postmaster,

to see.

~~PA~~
for C.S.
19/8/29.

Hon. Col. Secretary

Seen

H. Ches Postmaster
20/8/29

~~PA~~
21/8/29.

53-4 Letter from Mrs. Barton 19/10/29

C.S. Please settle this account from
mail service. Wt. G.H. 28

Ag. C.S.
30-X-29

Sou. C.

Dear Broo, in Reas. 9 and 10
agreed that the Charges for the hire
of the "Glenora" should be \$5 a day
plus 2/ for every mile steamed.

For the voyage from Pebble Hill Cove
Pebble, 68 miles; they have charged
3/ per mile.

Vide Red 49
#B

A.S.
C.C.
8/11/29.

1/6. Submitted. It was at first intended
the "Glenora" should go to Hill Cove
with Capt. Conitt. Your Excellency however
kindly arranged that she should go to
Pebble instead as this afforded a
convenient opportunity for Mr. Barton
returning.

2. If Your Excellency approves I will
charge Mr. Barton with the cost of the
special call of "Glenora" namely \$30
and withhold payment of his account
until the counter charge is paid.

A.S.
C.C.
19. XI. 29.

Hon. C.S.

Please. Explain in covering letter.

A.H.

19.29
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55-56.

Letter to A.G. Barton, Esq. 27/11/29.

PA

27/11/29

Letter from A.G. Barton Esq., of 6th January 1930

G.S. Submitted with a draft reply

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14. 2. 30

Hon. C.S.

Thank you.

It explains

position exactly. A.H.

14.30
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Letter to A.G. Barton, Esq. 17/2/30.

PA. 18. 2. 30.

G.S.

G.S.

Submitted,

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31. 3. 30.

Mr C.S

The payment of £20-4-0
to Messrs Dean Bros is
approved in accordance with our
conversation to-day, but in future
any special privileges in connection
with S.S. Flemons they may require
must be arranged on a strictly
business footing.

A.H.

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Letter to A.C. Barton, Sep. 1. to 30.
Copy of voucher in payment of
as mentioned in ledgers.

65.

66.

P.F.
7/4/30

241/28.

12th June,

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to refer to our telephone conversation of to-day and to confirm acceptance of your offer to place your steamer "Gentoo" at the disposal of the Government as required on payment of the sum of £5 in respect of each day or part of a day the vessel is so employed plus a charge at the rate of 2s. in respect of each mile actually steamed.

2. I am also to confirm the arrangement then made that the "Gentoo" should proceed to Stanley about the end of June and return to the West immediately with the mails received ex. H.M.S. "Cornwall".

3. I am to thank you for the ready manner in which you have met the Government in this matter which His Excellency much appreciates. I am to add that the arrangement would be of still further assistance if some reduction of the daily rate of £5 charged could be made in respect of such occasions as it may be necessary to detain the vessel for short periods in Stanley as freer use could then be made of her, and to ask you kindly to consider whether such reduction would not be possible.

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Manager,

Pebble Island,
West Falkland.

I am,
sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. H. [Signature]
for Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. A.G. Barton, Pebble Island.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 27th June, 1928. Time: 9.00

Received: 27th June, 1928. Time: 11.00

SECRETARY,
PORTSTANLEY.

Do the arrangements for Gentoo to bring out West mail still hold good propose Gentoo leaves here Sunday or Monday next returning via Port Howard and Hillcove stop can also call North San Carlos please reply also informing me if there are likely to be passengers.

BARTON.

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241/28

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Mr. A.G. Barton, Pebble.

Despatched : 28th June, 1928. *Time* : 13.00

Received : 192 *Time* :

BARTON

PEBBLE ISLAND

Res 2 Your telegram 27th arrangement confirmed
proposed itinerary very suitable three passengers
for West.

SECRETARY.

241/28.

7th July, 28. (6)

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 30th of June, 1928, and to confirm the proposed itinerary of the m.v. "Gentoo" on her present voyage, namely, from Pebble Island to Port Stanley and from Port Stanley to San Carlos North, Port Howard, Pebble Island, Hill Cove, and return to Pebble Island. His Excellency would be glad if the m.v. "Gentoo" could call in addition at Carcass Island, as you so helpfully suggest.

2. I am to confirm also the verbal arrangement made in regard to the chartering from time to time of the m.v. "Gentoo" by this Government for the primary purpose of the carriage of mails to the West Falkland, namely, that the Government shall pay to your firm the sum of £5 (five pounds) for each day, or part of each day, on which the vessel is actually employed on Government business and in addition the sum of 2/- (two shillings) for every mile of the vessel's run while employed as aforesaid. All Government passenger will be carried free of charge on voyages made under this arrangement.

3./

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Manager,
Pebble Island,
WEST FALKLAND.

3. I am to express regret that any misunderstanding should have arisen in this connection and to explain that it was desired only to make it clear that the Government would not be able on these terms to bear the expense of any protracted stay of the vessel in Stanley such as might have occurred had the vessel, as originally proposed, come in from Pebble Island on or about the 23rd of June and waited before departure from Stanley on the return voyage until the 3rd of July or thereabouts.

4. I am particularly to state that it is in no way desired to dispute the rates which you have put forward and which are thought to be most reasonable.

5.. In the present instance the m.v. "Gentoo" arrived in Stanley early on the morning of the 6th of July, and arrangements were made for the mails to be shipped that same day so that the vessel should be ready to sail at the latest early on the morning of the 7th of July, 1928. It is proposed therefore, if agreeable to you, to pay for this delay in Stanley for the period of twenty-four hours from the morning of the 7th of July, and that the expense of any further stay in Stanley should fall on your firm. With this exception the Government will then be liable for payment to your firm for this first voyage at the rate of £5 a day from the time of the departure of the m.v. "Gentoo" from Pebble Island to the time of her final return to Pebble Island plus the total mileage run at the rate of 2/- a mile. I shall be glad to be notified of your concurrence in this proposal in due course and to

receive /

receive an account of the amount payable for settlement by me through the Falkland Islands Company in Stanley, or otherwise as may be most convenient to you.

6. I am further to state that four Government passengers will be carried on this occasion, namely, Mr. J. M. Coutts, M.M., Dental Surgeon, and Mr. Bruce Bonner, Dental Mechanic, to Hill Cove, and Mr. C. L. Daillie, Supplementary Itinerant Teacher, and Mr. Shackles to Port Howard. Passages are also being provided, it is understood, for Mrs. Coutts and for Miss Jessie Bell of Hill Cove, but as these ladies will not be travelling as Government passengers it will of course be open to you to collect from them such fares as you consider appropriate.

7. I am to express to you His Excellency's appreciation of and thanks for the ready way in which you have come to the assistance of the Government in this important matter of inter-insular communication, and to say that I trust that the arrangements now concluded will be found satisfactory in their working. If at any time any difficulty should arise in this connection I am to ask that you will not hesitate at once to bring it to His Excellency's notice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. A.G. Barton, Pebble.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 3rd July, 1928. Time: 19.00

Received: 3rd July, 1928. Time: 14.45.

SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY

Gentoo leaving Wednesday if sea goes down.

BARTON

CODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From.....Mr. A.G. Barton, Pebble.....

To.....The Colonial Secretary.....

Despatched: 5th July, 1928. Time: 9.00.

Received: 5th July, 1928. Time: 10.51.

SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY.

Gentoo sailed this morning at 8.30 should be ready to leave Stanley Saturday night or Sunday she has only few items of cargo to wait for will you please inform me when she sails.

BARTON.

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DEAN BROS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

30/6/28

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your radio message of the 28th.inst.confirming the itinerary of M.V."Gentoo"for the forthcoming trip,as proposed by me in my radio message of the 26th.inst.

This itinerary at present stands as follows:- Pebble Is. Port Stanley-Sancarlos North-Port Howard-Pebble Is.-Hill Cove,and return to Pebble.

Since suggesting this itinerary it has occurred to me that the Government might like the vessel to call at Carcass Island, as it is so seldom a vessel calls there. Should you wish this call to be made will you kindly inform me in writing by Captain Bowers?

I am instucting Captain Bowers to call at the Colonial Secretary's Office to receive any further orders,also to get the names of the three passengers,who,I understand from your radio message are to be taken to the West Falkland.

It may be necessary for the vessel to make a short stay in Stanley for the purpose of loading a few items of cargo that are required,including fuel oil that is coming on the P.S.N.C.vessel "Bogota". This delay,if any,will not be charged against the Government nor on any other occasion under similar circumstances.

With reference to the telephone conversations I had with MR.G.R.L.Brown prior to my departure from the East Falkland, I must say that I regret that the terms under which the vessel is to be engaged,should have been misunderstood.

DEAN BROS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

(contd.)

These terms, which, I understand, are to be confirmed in writing by you, allow for a flat rate of £5 (five pounds) per day, or part of a day, while employed on Government business, plus a charge of 2/- (two shillings) for every mile steamed by the vessel. All passengers, nominated by the Government will be carried free.

The first arrangement made by you was for the vessel to take mails in from the West to connect with the "Loriga" on or about the 23rd inst. and to wait for the mails by H.M.S. Cornwall, leaving Stanley on or about August 3rd.

This arrangement would have necessitated a delay of some ten days or more, during which time the crew of the vessel would have been entirely idle. I am sure you will understand that it is quite impossible for me to cancel, or even to reduce the charge of £5 per day under such circumstances. This charge is based on the cost of wages, victualling, insurance, wear & tear, etc. The steaming charge of 2/- per mile represents actual fuel consumption.

Trusting that the present arrangements are in every way satisfactory,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton
mgr. for Dean Bros.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley

CONFIRMATION.
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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Westers, Foxbay

Despatched: 10th July, 1928. *Time:* Telephoned. 5 p.m.

Received: 192 *Time:*

WESTERS

FOXBAY

Gentoo sailing at 1 a.m. 11th for Port Howard
Hill Cove Pebble and Carcass with mails.

SECRETARY.

CONFIRMATION.

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CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Mr. A.G. Barton, Pebble

Despatched: 10th July, 192 8. Time: Telephoned.
5 p.m.

Received: 192 Time:

BARTON

PEBBLE

Gentoo sails at 1 a.m. on the 11th for San
Carlos North, Port Howard Pebble Hill Cove and
Carcass.

SECRETARY.

CODE.

241/28.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Mr. A.G. Barton, Pebble Island.

Despatched: 13th July, 192 8. Time: 12.40

Received: 192 Time:

BARTON
PEBBLE

Grateful if arrangements can be made for Gento
to come into Stanley from Hill Cove and Port Howard
about July 25th. Please telegraph.

SECRETARY.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE. (14)

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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18/7/28.

To BARTON

PEBBLE

PLEASE CANCEL MY TELEGRAM OF 13th JULY. WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE INSTEAD FOR GENTOO TO COME TO STANLEY
VIA HILL COVE AND PORT HOWARD SO AS TO ARRIVE BY 8th AUGUST

SECRETARY

Time

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From BARTON PEBBLE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched: 17th July, 1928 Time: 16.30

Received: 19th July, 1928 Time: 10.55

With reference to your message of the 13th inst., I regret to inform you that owing to expected oil not forthcoming it will be impossible for me to send the Gentoo on the trip you propose. If you can inform me of the reasons for calling at Port Howard and Hill Cove I may be able to arrange our motor boat to call at Hill Cove and Port Purvis for Port Howard on or about the 26th at half the Gentoo rates transferring passengers and cargo if any to the Gentoo at Pebble the Gentoo will then leave for Stanley immediately I hope that these proposals will meet with your approval.

Barton

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE. (16)

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

19th July, 1928

SENT.

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241/28

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To BARTON

PEBBLE

Thank you for your telegram of 17th July. Please see my Telegram of 18th July. In addition to collection of west mails for despatch by Colombo it is desired to bring in Coutts wife and dental plant from Hill Cove and Shackle boxer from Port Howard. Grateful therefore if you will arrange auxiliary service by motor boat as suggested. Please telegraph confirmation and also proposed dates of call at Hill Cove and Port Purvis and departure from Pebble Island.

Secretary

Time

CODE.

W.P.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. A. G. Barton, Pebble Island.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 20th July, 1928 *Time* : 16.00.

Received : 21st July, 1928 *Time* : 11.00.

SECRETARY,
FORTSTANLEY.

Your two messages of 19th July received I understand dental plant is fairly bulky and as there are to be at least three passengers from Hill Cove it would be necessary for our motor boat to wait for very favourable conditions. I have been informed that there is some possibility of the schooner Belleville going to Stanley about 1st August and I hope to be able to procure some of the oil which she brought from England for us therefore I suggest the following amended programme Centoo ready to leave Hill Cove for Saunders Island and Pebble 4th August Dental work necessary at both places motor boat will call for Shackle at Purvis early morning 5th Centoo leaving midday for Stanley.

BARTON.

CODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Mr. A. G. Barton, Pebble Island.

Despatched : 22nd July, 1928. *Time* :-

Received : ... 192 *Time* :

BARTON
PEBBLE

Thank you for your telegram of the 20th July stop
I agree entirely proposed arrangements stop Shackle
is not coming Stanley this occasion but mails will
have to be collected from Port Purvis.

SECRETARY .

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE. (17)

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY GOVT	29	1120	6

To

BARTON

PEB

NOTHING KNOWN HERE OF WHEREABOUTS OF GENTOO STOP AM
MAKING SUCH INQUIRIES AS ARE POSSIBLE AND WILL INFORM YOU
AS SOON AS I LEARN ANYTHING DEFINITE
SECRETARY

(File copy to C.S.O.)

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
34	PEBBLE ISLE GOVT.	16	09000	6

To SECRETARY STANLEY

GENTOO LEFT 1230 am Sunday grateful for any information as to her whereabouts.

Barton.

("am" in text queried for "pm")

Telephoned 11.10 6/8/28.

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Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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7th.

To

BARTON,

PEB.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SCORESBY READS GENTOO REPORTS ALL
PASSENGERS ON BOARD AND ENGINE TROUBLE REPAIRED SCORESBY AND
GENTOO PROCEEDING STANLEY INDEPENDENTLY STOP NOON POSITION
THREE MILES NORTH CAPE DOLPHIN ENDS

SECRETARY

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
40	Govt Pebble	62	13.30	7th.

To

SECRETARY

PORT STANLEY.

YOUR MESSAGE RECEIVED WITH THANKS AT MIDDAY TODAY HAD JUST PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED BY SCORESBY THAT GENCOO HAD REPORTED ENGINE REPAIRS COMPLETED AND PROCEEDING TO STANLEY WITH ALL PASSENGERS ABOARD STOP AM INSTRUCTING CAPTAIN BOWERS TO REPORT TO YOU ON ARRIVAL AT STANLEY PLEASE MAKE WHAT ENQUIRES YOU THINK SUITABLE GREATLY REGRET THE ACCIDENT AND THE INCONVENIENCE TO PASSENGERS.

BARTON.

Time 11.10 8/8/28 F.A.B.

Pebble Island,

West Falkland,

24/7/28

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The Falkland Islands Government,

Port Stanley

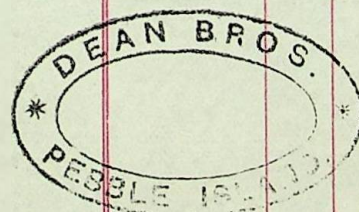
Dr. to Messrs. Dean Bros.

For services rendered by M.V. "Gemtoo" at the agreed rate of £5 per day, and 2/- per mile steamed, while employed on Government business.-----

	Days	Miles
July 5th. Left Pebble Island for Stanley	1	102
" 6th. Arrived Stanley, loading mails etc.	1	
" 8th. Left Stanley for Teal Inlet	1	55
" 9th. Left Teal Inlet for Stanley	1	55
" 11th. Left Stanley for Port Howard	1	104
" 12th. Left Port Howard for San Carlos North	1	26½
" 13th. Left San Carlos for Pebble Island	1	31½
" 14th. Left Pebble for Saunders Island, & Hill Cove	1	35½
" 19th. Left Hill Cove for Carcass Island, and back to Saunders Is. to anchor for night	1	45
" 20th. Left Saunders Is. for Pebble. Finished. Crew ashore.	1	18½
	<u>10</u>	<u>473</u>

10 days @ £5 £ 50 : 0 ; 0
473 miles @ 2/- £ 47 : 6 : 0

£ 97 : 6 : 0



Please credit this amount to Messrs. Dean Bros. Account at the Falkland Islands Company's Office.

DEAN BROS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

24/7/28

The Hon.the Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

Ref.No.241/28

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th.of July 1928,which refers to the arrangements for the chartering of the M.V."Gentoo" by the Government,and I am able to say that the arrangements,and conditions,are now clear in every way.

With reference to Section 5 of your letter,I note that the Government is willing to pay for 24 hours delay in Stanley ending at midnight on the 7th.of July,which is perfectly satisfactory to my firm. Any further delay in Stanley,until the departure of the vessel would not be a charge on the Government.

The Master of the vessel informs me however that he received orders from you to proceed to Teal Inlet on the afternoon of the 8th.July,in order to bring in the body of a child for examination.This he did,though he was not able to leave owing to tides, and light,until about midnight,returning to Stanley at 8.30 on the evening of the 9th.July. I do not know who is liable for the expense of this special trip,but I propose,as the Master received his orders from a Government official,that the expenses should be included in the Government account,and that you will deal with the matter as you think best. The charges on this trip amount to two days @ £5 per day,and 110 miles steaming charges at 2/- per mile

DEAN BROS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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being a total of £21.

With reference to Section 6 of your letter, I note that four passengers were carried on behalf of the Government.

The vessel's itinerary was carried out as proposed, with this exception, viz. calling at Port Howard before San Carlos North, in order to land the bulk of the passengers as soon as possible.

Three days delay was incurred at Hill Cove, when the vessel was employed on my firm's business, leaving immediately afterwards for Carcass Island, where, incidentally, they had not had a mail for two months.

I would like you to express to His Excellency the Acting Governor my firm's appreciation of the compliment he is paying the vessel by employing her on Government business, which enables me, in some measure to fit in Station work as well, and I trust that any delay caused by this work does not seriously interfere with the Government's requirements.

With reference to the forthcoming trip, which His Excellency wishes me to make, I beg to confirm the arrangements made by wireless, which are for the "Gentoo" to call at Hill Cove for the Colonial Dentist, Mechanic, and dental plant, also at Port Purvis for the mails to catch H.M.S. Colombo. The latter part of the business I can do with our motor-boat, at half the "Gentoo" rates as arranged.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
A.G. Barton Mgr.

List of charges appended: —

Off'ce Sect.

Please express to

Lt. - Comdr. Thomas R. N. (Rtd), Commanding

Officer of R.R. "Willia Scowby" by

Left appreciation of the ready at

prompt manner in that he proceeded

at very short notice to the assistance

of the u.v. "futon" that was in

detention off these coasts on the

night of the 6th of Sept, 1828,

at add that I have had much

pleasure in placing his efficient

action in this matter on official

record.

Yours
J. S. 28.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To BARTON

PEBBLE

RETURN OF FLEURUS FROM MONTEVIDEO HAS AGAIN BEEN
DELAYED WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ARRANGE TO
SEND GENTOO TO STANLEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE
MAILS TO WEST.

SECRETARY

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From..... Manager, Pebble Island

To..... The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 7th September,, 1928 *Time* : 8.45

Received : 8th September, 1928 *Time* : 10.27

SECRETARY

STANLEY

Gentoo will leave for Stanley on Monday or Tuesday next to bring out mails for West as required. Owing to pressure of Station work hope it will be convenient for Westers to carry their mails from Port Purvis and Hill Cove only. Please reply early.

Barton

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary

To Westers, Fox Bay, West Falkland

Despatched : 8th September, 1928 *Time* :

Received : 192 *Time* :

WESTERS

FOX BAY WEST FALKLAND

Arrangements have been made for Gentoo to leave Stanley Thursday or Friday next week and deliver mails for West Falkland at Port Purvis and Hill Cove.

Secretary

Pebble Island,
West Falkland,
1.9.28

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The Falkland Islands Government,
Port Stanley

Dr. to Messrs. Dean Bros.

For services rendered by M.V. "Gentoo" at the agreed rate of £5 per day, plus 2/- per mile steamed, while on Government business.

	<u>Days</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Aug. 3rd. Left Pebble for Hill Cove	1	31
" 4th. Left Hill Cove for Saunders Is. & Pebble	1	33½
" 5th. Left Pebble for Stanley- (break-down)	1	16½
" 6th. Repairing engine etc.	1	
" 7th. Left Middle Bay for Sancarlos	1	16
Left Sancarlos for Port Stanley		88
" 18th. Left Port Stanley for Pebble Island	1	
" 19th. Arrived Pebble Island. Finished. Crew ashore	1	110
	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 295
" 5th. Motor-boat "Dawn" left for Purvis, returning with mail, as arranged	1	16
M.V. "Gentoo" 7 days @ £5	£35 : 0 : 0	
295 miles @ 2/-	29 : 10 : 0	
M.B. "Dawn" 1 day @ £2/10/-	2 : 10 : 0	
16 miles @ 1/-	16 : 0 : 0	
	<hr/> £67 : 16 : 0	

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 £ 61 15 0

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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7.9.28

The Hon.the Actg.Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a detailed account of the charges made by my firm in respect of the last trip of the M.V."Gentoo",commencing Aug.3rd.and ending Aug.19th.part of thistime the vessel being employed on my firm's private business.

Provided that these charges meet with your approval I should be glad if you will pay the amount in to Messrs.Dean Bros' account at the Falkland Islands Company's office.

With reference to your radio message received yesterday,asking whether it would be possible for the "Gentoo" to go to Stanley and take out the West mail,I have replied this morning saying I could manage it,provided that you would be satisfied if the mails are landed at Port Purvis and Hill Cove only.

I have now a considerable amount of Station work for the vessel to do,and I do not want to have to send her down the Sound,unless it is absolutely necessary.

Trusting to hear from you shortly whether these proposed arrangements will be convenient,

I am,Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A.G. Barton
M.A.

241/28

15th September,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of July, 1928, and to express to you His Excellency's thanks for your kind confirmation of the arrangements proposed relative to the charter by this Government from time to time of the m.v. "Gentoo" belonging to your firm.

2. I am to acknowledge also the receipt of your letter of the 7th of September, 1928, and similarly to thank you for the ready manner in which you have again met on the present occasion a request at short notice for the despatch of the m.v. "Gentoo".

3. I am to say that you will now have received my telegram of the 8th of September, 1928, in reply to your telegram of the 7th of September, 1928, stating that in accordance with your desire His Excellency has considered it to be sufficient on this trip for the m.v. "Gentoo" to call only at Port Purvis and Hill Cove.

4. I am to add that His Excellency has approved payment in full of the account in the sum of £97. 6. 0. enclosed in your letter first under reference. In regard to the account in the sum of £67. 16. 0. enclosed in your letter second under reference I am to state that His Excellency feels that in the circumstances/

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Manager for Dean Brothers,
Pebble Island, West Falkland.

circumstances of the breakdown of the m.v. "Gentoo" on the trip in question the expense of the additional one day's and ten and a half miles' steaming thereby entailed is scarcely a proper charge against this Government and that in the absence of a further representation from you it is not possible to authorise the payment of the account in an amount exceeding £61. 15. 0. 1.0. less £5 and £1. 1. 0, or £6. 1. 0. in all.

5. I am further to add that His Excellency trusts that you will be able to agree to the adjustment I have suggested and to say that on such assumption payment in the total amount of £159. 1. 0. has been made as requested to the Falkland Islands Company, Stanley, for the credit of your account.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

241/28.

28th September, 28.

Sir,

With reference to the previous correspondence on the subject of the charter of the m.v. "Gentoo" belonging to your firm to this Government from time to time, I am directed to enquire whether you have any objection to the wives of Government officials accompanying their husbands when travelling on duty being carried free of charge on the m.v. "Gentoo" on any voyage on which the m.v. "Gentoo" is running on charter to this Government.

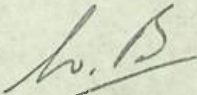
2. I am to say that this concession if you can see your way clear to make it would be much appreciated by all concerned.

3. I am to instance as a case in point that of Mrs. Coutts who recently accompanied her husband Mr. J. M. Coutts, M.M., Dental Surgeon, on a professional visit to the West Falkland under instructions from this Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Manager for Dean Brothers,
Pebble Island,
WEST FALKLAND.



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m. v. *Gentoo*.
Port. *Stanley*
10. 8. 28.

To His Excellency
The Governor of Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency.

I beg to submit this report on the accident to the above named ship on Sunday Aug 5th 1928. At 2.0pm the engine commenced to give trouble & then stopped. We endeavoured to restart but I am sorry to state that the engineer was not in a condition to cope with the emergency.

The vessel was got under sail & White Rock made but the wind hauling to the S.W. we made for San Carlos, only to find off Fannings Head that we could not weather it. The ship was then "wore" & stood up to C. Dolphin.

After 4 hours I saw she would not clear C. Dolphin as the wind was then hauling to NNW so decided to make

for middle Bay, & anchor.

All preparations we made for such and at 4.30 am Monday morning we anchored in 7 fathoms S.E. of kelp patch. At 10.0 am the mate, Mr & Mrs Coult's went ashore for assistance.

At 7.15 pm enough air for starting was pumped up & at second attempt we were successful at 10 pm we proceeded to San Carlos & arrived at 2.30 am on Tuesday.

The cause of the stoppage was the governor on fly wheel jamming. This has been seen to. With regards to the engineer at the time of stop he was in a state of intoxication. On resuming his duties he worked for 24 hours without a break, & worked well.

I am Your Excellency
Your obedient servant

J. Bowers.
-master
M.V. Santos



Pebble Island,
West Falkland,
6.10.28

The Falkland Islands Government
Port Stanley

Dr. to Messrs. Deam Bros.

For services rendered by M.V. "Gentoo" at the agreed rate of £5 per day, and 2/- per mile steamed while on Government business.

	Days	Miled.
Sept. 10th. Left Pebble for Stanley	1	
" 11th. Arrived Stanley	1	105
" 18th. Left Stanley for anchorage in Salvador Waters	1	48
" 19th. Left anchorage for Pebble Island	1	61
" 20th. Left Pebble for Saunders Is. & Hill Cove	1	37
" 21st. Arrived Pebble. Finished. Crew ashore.	1	36
	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 287

6 days @ £5 = £ 30 : 0 : 0
 287 miles @ 2/- 28 : 14 : 0

 £ 58 : 14 : 0

DEAN BROS.



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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

October 21st.1928

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th. September. With reference to Section 4 of this letter, I note that His Excellency does not consider that the extra expense incurred by the breakdown of the m.v. "Gentoo" is a fair charge on the Government.

I have naturally gone into the matter of the breakdown very thoroughly, and I have been definitely informed that the vessel would have broken down in any case, owing to water getting in to one of the principal working parts. There is no doubt that other circumstances aggravated the breakdown to some extent, but I am not in a position to say to what degree.

As no enquiry was held in Stanley, and nothing was proved to show there was anything beyond an ordinary mechanical breakdown, I must respectfully ask you to convey to His Excellency my request that he should reconsider his decision with regard to this matter.

Any delay caused by a mechanical breakdown is, in my opinion, a fair charge on the Charterers, in this case being the Government.

The terms and conditions of charter, which were agreed upon between my firm and the Government, do not allow a very big margin of profit, and could only have been agreed upon at that figure, on condition that I was allowed to fit in my own work in Stanley.

I have been able to do this to a certain extent, and though it has been a matter for regret that there has been some delay in leav-

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.



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leaving Stanley, owing to inaccessibility of cargo and other reasons, I must point out that this same delay has on two occasions been of benefit to the Government. I refer to the first and last trips of the m.v. "Gentoo", out from Stanley. If the vessel had had no other business in Stanley beyond fetching out the West mail, she would have been ready to leave the day after she reached Stanley. On both these trips there was rough weather immediately following her arrival, and she could not have left in any case. If the vessel had not been waiting for cargo, these days delay would have been a charge on the Government.

I have made no charge for any delay at this end caused by waiting for favourable weather, though I have had the crew standing by for two days before leaving.

I trust therefore that His Excellency will see my point of view, and that he will consent to the account for the trip in question being paid in full, i.e. £67/16/0.

I have also received your letter of the 28th. September, and note that you would appreciate the concession if wives of Government officials could be carried free of charge, when travelling on duty. I note that the case in question is that of Mrs. Coutts, who recently accompanied Captain Coutts on a professional visit to the West Falkland.

I must refer you to your letter of the 7th. July, Section 6, in which you informed me that passages had been arranged for Mrs. Coutts and Miss Bell, but that these ladies would not be travelling as

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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Government passengers. I was therefore entitled to collect from them such fares as I considered appropriate.

If it had not been for this information in your letter, I should not have attempted to collect any fare from Captain Coutts, in respect of Mrs.Coutts' passage, and I showed Captain Coutts the paragraph in your letter.

I took it for granted that wives of Government officials would be carried free of charge, and I take this opportunity of informing you that in the future, wives and children of Government officials, travelling on duty will be carried free of charge.

I enclose a detailed account of the charges incurred in respect of the last trip of the m.v. "Gentoo", commencing September 10th finishing Sept. 21st.

I would also like to add that in the event of the Government requiring the services of the vessel at any time during the next six months, I may be given plenty of notice. I must also inform you that I may not be able to undertake any work, owing to pressure of ordinary farm business. At the same time I shall be glad to assist the Government whenever I find it can be fitted in.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

A. G. Barton

The Colonial Secretary

for Messrs. Deam Brothers

241/28.

22nd November, 28.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st of October, 1928, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that while His Excellency is still uncertain as to the entire fairness of the additional charge due to the break-down of the m.v. "Gentoo" falling on this Government His Excellency does not wish to dispute the matter further, the more as this Government is greatly obliged to your firm for its willing help at a time of emergency during the past winter, and has been pleased therefore to approve of the payment in full of your account for the voyage in question, namely, £67. 16s. Od.

2. I am to thank you for your kind concession in consenting to carry free of charge in the future the wives and children of Government officials travelling on duty.

3. I am to add that His Excellency has been pleased also to approve of the settlement of your account for the voyage from Pebble Island to Stanley and return to Pebble Island during the period September the 10th to September the 21st, 1928, in the sum of £58. 14s. Od.

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A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Manager for Dean Brothers,
Pebble Island,
WEST FALKLAND.

4. I am further to add that in the event of it becoming necessary to call upon you during the coming season notice will be given you as asked as long as possible beforehand. I am at the same time again to thank you for your renewed offer of assistance in this connection.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. B.

for Colonial Secretary.

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EXTRACT OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM Mr. A. G. Barton,
Manager, Messrs Dean Bros , Peoble Island, dated
3rd January.1929. The original of which is filed
in M.P.53/29.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd
November.1928, I beg to acknowledge your payments
to the Falkland Islands Company, Stanley, in the sums
of £267. 16. 0. and £58. 14. 0. being my Firma's
charges for the services rendered by the M.V. "Gentoo"
to the Government during the months of August and
September last year.....

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

BARTON
PERBLEE

UNDERSTAND THAT GENTOO WILL VISIT WEST POINT THIS VOYAGE
 GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL ALLOW HER TO CALL AT ROY COVE AND
 CHARTRES WITH PARCEL MALES WHICH HAVE BEEN DELAYED IN STANLEY
 PLEASE TELEGRAPH REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

SECRETARY

Time

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ~~XXX~~ Mr. Barton. Pebble.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY. STANLEY.

Despatched : 6th March. 192 9. Time : 0900.

Received : 6th March. 192 9. Time : 1015.

Gentoo only calling at West Point next trip on way to Jasons which will not be until after His Excellency's visit can land parcels Chartres and Roy Cove then if not too late but do not advise your sending them. Will Roberts be able to come for full Moon Tides March 25th if Gentoo can pick him up in Stanley about 20th.

BARTON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3/8/33
<i>To</i>				
BARTON. PEBBLE.				

Your telegram 6th March Thank you for information concerning movements Gentoo stop Now been decided send parcel mail by Fleurus about 13th March stop Roberts will be ready to proceed to Pebble by Gentoo 20th March

SECRETARY

Time

T E L E G R A M .

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From. Colonial Secretary. Stanley.

To. Barton. Pebble.

Despatched. 14th June. 1929. 1515.

Received.

Have you any objection to Gentoo landing West Mail at
Fox Bay en route for Pebble.

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TELEGRAM.

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From. BARTON. PEBBLE.

To. COLONIAL SECRETARY. STANLEY.

Despatched. 16th June.1929.

Received. 16th June.1929.

Re yours of the 14th Agreeable to Gentoo to land West
Mails for Fox Bay also Port Howard if necessary but
vessel must call Pebble first Charge per day commencing
17th charge per mile steamed raised 50 per cent owing
to increase in local freight wharfage etc. Wire me if
you agree

BARTON

TELEGRAM.

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From. Colonial Secretary. To. Barton. Pebble.

Despatched. 16th June. 1929.

Thank you for your quotation. Other arrangements being made.

SECRETARY.

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13th August, 1929.

No.
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

From Postmaster.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I beg to report that the M.V. "Gentoo" left Stanley, presumably for Pebble Island, about 6.30 this morning without mails. No application has been to the P.O. for mails and no information has been supplied as to the proposed time of sailing. The vessel has left without any warning whatever, which, incidentally, is contrary to the provisions of Sect.4 of the Post Office Ordinance 1898.

In view of Mr. Barton's readiness to make complaints regarding mails I have considered it desirable to place the above facts on record.

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Postmaster.

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16th August,

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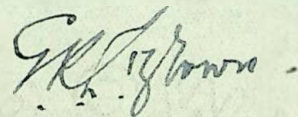
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to forward to you for favour of your explanation a copy of a minute which has been received from the Postmaster regarding the departure of the m.v. "Gentoo" from Stanley on the 13th instant without notice having previously been given to the Post Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

~~Mr.~~ A. G. Barton, Esq.,

Pebble Island.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
WEST FALKLANDS,

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Oct. 19th. 19 29

M The Falkland Islands Government

Port Stanley

Dr. to Messrs. DEAN BROS.

For services rendered by the M.V. "Gentoo" at the
agreed rate of £ 5 per day, and 3/- per mile steamed
while on Government service

		Days	Miles
Aug. 29th.	Left Pebble Island for Hill Cove, with Capt. Coutts and Dental Mechanic,	1	34
Aug. 30th.	Left Hill Cove, and returned to Pebble	1	34
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		2	68
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2 Days @ £ 5 = £ 10 : 0 : 0
68 Miles @ 3/- = 10 : 4 : 0

£ 20 : 4 : 0

DEAN BROS.

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

Oct. 19th. 1929

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley

Sir,

I beg to enclose a detailed
account of my firm's charges in respect of the voyage made by the
M.V. "Gentoo", from Pebble Island to Hill Cove, and return, on the 29th.
and 30th. of August 1929.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton

Manager.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Stanley.

25th November, 1929.

A. G. Barton, Esq.

Dr. to The Falkland Islands Government.

In the sum of £30. Os. Od.

in respect of the special call
of the s.s. "Fleurus" at
Pebble Island on the 28th
August, 1929.

241/28.

27th November, 29.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th of October, enclosing an account of your firm's charges in respect of the voyage by the m.v. "Gentoo" from Pebble Island to Hill Cove and return on the 29th and 30th of August, 1929.

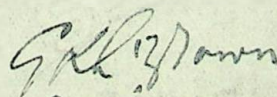
2. The necessity of this voyage, as you are aware, was due to the arrangement for the special call of the s.s. "Fleurus" in order to land Mrs. Barton at Pebble Island. The vessel would otherwise have called at Hill Cove with Mr. Coutts as at first arranged.

3. In the circumstances I am to enclose an account for £30 being the cost of the services of the "Fleurus" in this connection.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
PEBBLE ISLAND.

DEAN BROS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

6th. Jan. 1930

To / The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary

Port Stanley

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 27th. November, enclosing an account for £ 30, being the cost of the services of the S.S. Fleurus in landing Mrs. Barton at Pebble Island on the 28th. August 1929.

In connection with your letter, and the enclosed account you will favour me by calling His Excellency's attention to the following remarks.

1. My letter of the 19th. October was written by me on behalf of Messrs. Dean Bros, acting as their Manager, enclosing an account for £ 20/4/- for services rendered by their vessel.

2. Your letter of the 27th. November is addressed to me personally, and I am charged £ 30, presumably by way of retaliation against my firm's charge.

3. Your letter does not leave it clearly to be understood, whether or not you are prepared to admit the fairness of my firm's claim, on condition that I admit the fairness of the Colonial Government's claim on myself.

4. Referring to Para. 2 of your letter I note

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
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that if it had not been for the special call of the "Fleurus" at Pebble in order to land Mrs. Barton, the vessel would have called at Hill Cove, as at first arranged. Now the Governor gave Mrs. Barton the impression over the telephone, in Stanley, that he was doing her a great favour by allowing the "Fleurus" to land her here.

I considered this was so, myself, until I received your telegram asking if arrangements could be made to take Capt. Coutts and mechanic to Hill Cove, when I realised that so far from being a favour, it was an economy on the part of the Government at my personal expense, as I naturally would be liable for any expenses incurred by the "Gentoo" in this connection.

5. If I had been unable to, or refused to comply with your request, the "Fleurus" would, as you say, have gone to Hill Cove, instead of Pebble, which, I think you will agree, would have cost the Government considerably more than £ 20/4/-, that being my firm's charge.

6. Mrs. Barton would then have obtained a passage to Hill Cove in the ordinary way.

7. In this connection I may say that I have already been charged for Mrs. Barton's passage by the agents for the "Fleurus", which I consider fully discharges any liability I may have had in respect of her passage. This fact also proves that Mrs. Barton was not carried as a Government passenger.

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DEAN BROS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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Trusting to hear from you again, shortly, in connection with
this matter,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton.

241/28.

17th February, 30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th of January, 1930, on the subject of the charges for the services of s.s. "Fleurus" and m.v. "Gentoo" and to say that on further reference to His Excellency it is now clear that no special charge for the call of the s.s. "Fleurus" at Pebble Island in order to land Mrs. Barton was intended to be made. I am therefore to ask you to consider as withdrawn the account enclosed in Mr. Brown's letter of like number of the 27th of November, 1929, and to express regret that a misunderstanding should have arisen in this connection.

2. I am to add, however, in regard to the m.v. "Gentoo" that His Excellency is unable to admit your charge for the transport of Captain Coutts and the dental mechanic from Pebble Island to Hill Cove for the following reason.

3. On the voyage on which Mrs. Barton and also Captain Coutts and the dental mechanic were landed at Pebble Island it had been originally arranged that the s.s. "Fleurus" should proceed direct to Hill Cove with Captain Coutts and the dental mechanic. Actually in order to facilitate Mrs. Barton a call was made at

Pebble/

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
 Manager,
 PEBBLE ISLAND.

Pebble Island and the call at Hill Cove omitted, Captain Coutts and the dental mechanic being left at Pebble Island in order to attend there certain patients, employees of your firm, at your own request. If then Captain Coutts and the dental mechanic had been landed at Hill Cove as in the normal course and you had required their services at Pebble Island the cost of the double journey from and to the main West Falkland Island would have fallen upon your firm, whereas in the event it was necessary only for you to transport them for the single journey to Hill Cove. It will thus be seen that in fact a saving of some £20 odd has been effected by your firm.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

DEAN BROS.

Mar.18th.1930

The Hon.the Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th.February on the subject of the charges for the services of the "Fleurus" and "Gentoo" respectively.

While appreciating the fact that the Governor has been pleased to withdraw the account enclosed in Mr.Brown's letter of the 27th.November,I regret that so far as the remainder of the letter is concerned I am unable to agree with you on several of the points mentioned.

I mention the following facts for your consideration.

1. Pebble Island lies on the direct route from Port Stanley to Hill Cove for a vessel going north about.Therefore to land Mrs.Barton at Pebble on her way to Hill Cove would not have delayed the vessel more than five minutes.

2. Mrs.Barton approached Captain Aass personally on this matter,and he promised to land her at Pebble on condition that I could arrange for the "Gentoo" to pilot the "Fleurus" through Tamar Pass. Therefore there was never any necessity for the Governor to be approached in the matter,as Mrs.Barton had made her own arrangements with Captain Aass,and had booked her passage through the vessel's agents

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in Stanley. If His Excellency did arrange a passage for her, it was after she had already arranged it herself.

3. As requested, the "Gentoo" acted as pilot through Tamar Pass on the one day, and out again on the next day. If, as you suggest, the vessel was under contract to the Colonial Government for the voyage from Port Stanley to Pebble Island, on whom do the expenses incurred by the said pilotage fall ?

4. I do not recall ever asking, either verbally or by letter, for Captain Coutts to call here for professional purposes. Captain Coutts being here, various employees did attend for extractions, which however were not urgent, and would in the ordinary way have been extracted by Dr. Craddock on his next visit to the island. One employee requiring further attention accompanied Captain Coutts to Hill Cove and was treated there.

5. If more patients had required further treatment and Captain Coutts had not been here to attend to them, the "Gentoo" would have transported them to Hill Cove at an appointed time, and a double trip, as you suggest would not have been necessary.

Therefore, so far from effecting a saving of £20, my firm has been put to a considerable expense in respect of the pilotage expenses, and the return trip to Hill Cove.

I think you will admit, after due consideration, that the saving is entirely on the side of the Government, which only had to transport Captain Coutts to Pebble and not to Hill Cove as originally intended.

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His Excellency's action in this matter compels me to remind him of the occasion when the "Gentoo" took him to San Carlos in the height of the busy season, on which occasion no charge was made.

I also recall the words His Excellency used to me, in your presence, in June 1928, when he said that the Government would have a lot of work for the "Gentoo", and that I should be able to make the vessel pay for herself at Government expense. In the light of that statement, it hardly seems possible now that the Governor should wish the "Gentoo" to work for the Government for nothing.

I very much hope that His Excellency will see fit to re-consider his decision, and to admit the charge in question.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton

Manager for Messrs. Dean Bros.

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1st April, 30.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th of March, 1930, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in the circumstances as discussed in our conversation of the 31st of March, 1930, His Excellency has been pleased to approve of the payment to your firm of the sum of £20. 4. 0 in respect of the services rendered by m.v. "Gentoo" on the 29th and 30th of August, 1929, and that the necessary voucher is being passed to the credit of your firm with the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, Stanley.

2. I am to say that in the future any arrangements between your firm and this Government in the matter of the employment of m.v. "Gentoo" and s.s. "Fleurus" will be made on a strictly business basis.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Colonial Secretary.

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Manager,
Pebble Island.

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HEAD OF SERVICE (or A/c.) XVI. MISCELLANEOUS. (Other Charges).

SUB-HEAD 10. PASSAGES.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, 2nd April. 1930.

Dr. to THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CO. LTD., ON BEHALF OF MESSRS DEAN, BROS, PEBBLE ISLAND. in the sum of TWENTY POUNDS, FOUR SHILLINGS

being the cost of passage of Dental Surgeon and Mechanic from Pebble Is to Hill Cove by special trip of M.V. "Gentoo" on the 29th August, 1929.

Authority for Expenditure

F.R.138 and F.R.150.

I CERTIFY that the above account is correct, the expenditure incurred under the authority quoted, and that the rate charged is fair and reasonable.

£20-4-0.

[Signature] for Head of Department COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Received from the Colonial Treasury the amount specified in the foregoing warrant; to the correctness of which I hereby certify.

Witness.