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NAVAL AND MILITARY  
(Naval Depot)

1927.

No. 134/27.

Manager F.I.Co. Ltd.

SUBJECT.

1927

20th March.

REPORTED TRESPASS AT NAVAL OIL FUEL  
DEPOT STANLEY.

Previous Paper.

560/24.  
794/24.

MINUTES.

Letter from Manager F.I.Co. of 20th March 1927.

g.2. Schmitt. After investigation I can see no case for prosecution by the Police: no felonious purpose is alleged against Messrs Robson and Ross at the Chief Constable informs me that absolutely no notice of any kind was posted at the Naval Oil Depot to warn persons against trespass or trespassers.

2. It is open for the F.I.Co. as Agents to the Admiralty to bring a private action in the Courts for trespass but such action is unlikely to succeed unless the trespass is accompanied by damage.

Subsequent Paper.

3. As a safeguard in the future it would be well that the mass of proof should be thrown on to the person entering at the Cabin but he was not there with the intent to commit a felony - This might be done by the display of notices to the effect that any person found at the vessel out without a permit will be deemed to be there for an unlawful purpose, but I would deem to be of no value in law.

4. I do not think that the present case is complicated by Mr. Hove's possible alien reticence: Mr. Michael Pether is a J.P.

5. I submit a draft letter in reply to the Manager of the F.I. Co.

JW

22.3.27

Ad. This is a most unusual request viz. an appeal for legal advice. In my opinion it is merely the fact that it is made on behalf of the Admiralty that justifies anything but a formal and non-committal reply.

2. I attach an amended draft

Ad.  
22 March, 1927

Letter to Manager. F.I. Co. Ltd. - 23.3.27.

Dr. from Manager L.I. Co. - of. 24. : 3 : 27.

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2.

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being in this n.l.  
p. 26/3

G.E. Submitted. I will cause the notice<sup>x</sup>  
to be displayed on the Govt notice boards  
as requested, at I will inform the  
Manager, F.I.Co., as Custodians, Admiralty Oil  
Fuel Depot, that this has been done.

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26.3.27

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26 March, 1927.

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Letter to Manager, F.I.Co.Ld. - 28.3.1927.

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29.3.27.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS FLEETWING PORT STANLEY VIA RADIO.

*Stanley*

20th March, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to the letter, dated the 17th September, 1924, addressed by the Officer in Charge of the Naval Oil Depot to the Colonial Government, I beg to advise you that the Caretaker yesterday reported the presence of an unauthorized person at the Depot. Acting on this information the Police Authorities were immediately requested to institute enquiries and it is understood that two persons landed at the Depot, namely, Mr Michael Robson and Mr Ernesto Rowe, without permission either from the Colonial Government or from this Company. The latter we understand is an alien.

2. I shall be obliged if you will acquaint <sup>us</sup> as to the view the Government take regarding this trespass in order that it may be incorporated in our Quarterly Report to the Admiralty at the end of this month.

3. Copies of correspondence and Public Notice relating to trespass on the Admiralty land are enclosed for your information.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. A. Fresham*

Manager.

C O P Y .

Officer in Charge of Works.

H.M.Naval Depot.

Port Stanley.

17th September, 1924.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS - Admiralty Oil Fuel Installation.

Sir,

With reference to conversation re. your custody of the R.N.Oil Fuel Depot I enclose herewith copy of letter dated 17th September, 1924 addressed to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, with copy of Public Notice prohibiting ingress of unauthorised persons to the Admiralty property at Navy Point.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed ) A.A.P. Neave.

Officer in Charge of Works.

The Manager.

Messrs The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Port Stanley.

Encl:-

Copy letter - 17/9./24.

" Notice.



134/27.

23rd March,

27.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant asking that you may be acquainted, in your capacity as agents for the Admiralty, with the views of this Government in regard to an act of alleged trespass on Admiralty property at the Naval Oil Depot by Mr. Michael Robson and Mr. Ernesto Rowe on the 19th of March, and to inform you that on the information available His Excellency is advised that no case lies for the immediate prosecution by the Police of the persons named. It remains open to you, however, as agents for the Admiralty to bring a private action for trespass in this connection before the Courts of the Colony.

2. I am to add that enquiry has shown that no notices as to trespass are displayed at the Naval Oil Depot at present and to suggest that your position in the event of the recurrence of an incident of this nature might be strengthened by the prominent display of warning notices at the entrances to the property/

The Manager,

The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,

STANLEY.

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property to the effect that admission is strictly prohibited except under permit and that any person found there without a permit will be deemed to be there for an unlawful purpose.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JMS' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

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*Stanley*

March 24th

1927

No. 134/27.

Sir;

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 23rd instant, and to say, that this Company does not propose to take action in the Courts in the present instance. We will cause notices to be displayed, however, on the Admiralty property as suggested.

2. I shall be obliged if the enclosed Notices may be posted on the Government Notice Boards as before.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. A. Fresham*

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

STANLEY.



N O T I C E.

THE LANDING OR ENTRANCE OF THE PUBLIC TO  
THE ADMIRALTY PROPERTY AT NAVY POINT IS STRICTLY  
PROHIBITED AND ANY UNAUTHORISED PERSONS DISCOVERED  
ON THE SITE WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE LANDED FOR AN  
UNLAWFUL PURPOSE.

(Signed) H. H. R. GRESHAM.

Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
Custodians, Admiralty Oil Fuel Depot.

Stanley,

24th March, 1927.

134/27.

28th March, 27.


Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th inst., I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the copies supplied of your Notice of the 24th of March, 1927, relating to trespass on Admiralty property at the Naval Oil Depot, have been posted on the Gazette Boards.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
Custodians, Admiralty Oil Fuel Depot,  
STANLEY.

17th September, 1924.

FALKLAND ISLANDS - Admiralty Oil Fuel Installation.

Sir;

With reference to the custody of the R.N. Oil Fuel Depot by Messrs The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd, it is necessary to prohibit ingress of unauthorised persons, and I shall be glad if you will be good enough to notify the Police Authority accordingly.

I have also to request that the attached Notice dated 17th September, 1924 prohibiting the landing of such persons may be publicly displayed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A.A.P.NEAVE

Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

Encl.

3 copies of Notice.

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(Signed) A.A.P.NEAVE.

Officer in Charge of Works  
17th September, 1924.