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No. 903

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SUBJECT.

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Use of the rifle range on Government property by the Navy.

20th September

Previous Paper.

C.A. 386/20

MINUTES.

*For consideration on Executive Council.*  
*sent W.T.*  
*21. 9. 20*

H.E. the Governor,

No action would appear to have been taken in regard to this matter. I regret that my attention was called this before today.

*A.C.S.*  
 A. C. S. 28/4/21.

*H.E.S.*

*Ship companies do in practice use the range on Sappers Hill. H.M.S. Weymouth did so recently. There can be no objection to this.*

*2. It is probable that questions will arise, at an early date, relative to lands in vicinity of Stanley in occupation of Admiralty when fuller information is available as to transfer of Naval W.T. Station. The case for land referred to in para 3 of letter of 24 Sept 1920 can be considered at same time.*

Subsequent Paper.

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Enclosure to despatch No. 106 of 20th September, 1920.

C.E. in C.39898/20/28a.

Admiralty,

8th September, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th of March 1912, No. 6119, relative to the Naval property at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that it has reported that, the Naval Range at Navy Point has not been used since 1910, but that Ship's Companies have by arrangement with the Commanding Officer, Falkland Islands Volunteers, used the Range on the south side of the Harbour which is on Colonial Government property, the fittings for which were handed over by the request of the Governor for the use of the Volunteers in 1912.

2. It is anticipated that the use which will be made of the Range by the Navy in the future will not be large, but that probably a total of some 240 marines per annum will require the use of it, and My Lords will be glad to know if the Colonial Government are prepared to permit of this use considering that maintenance of this Range is chargeable to the Government and it is understood that certain repairs are required.

3. I am to add that My Lords will also be glad to know whether, as it is unlikely that the Range at Navy Point will again be required, it is considered that an additional rent could be obtained from the Falkland Islands Company for the use of the land, for which they at present pay £15 a year, if the restriction regarding firing was removed.

I am etc.,

(Sgd). V.W. Baddeley.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.