

C.S.

POLICE.

1920.

Tresspass.

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No. 550.

Stipendiary Magistrate.

SUBJECT.

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29th July

Previous Paper.

Report on Public Danger occasioned by horse belonging to Mr. W. Hutchinson.

MINUTES.

Chief Constable.

Please take the action you consider necessary.

G.K. O'z
for C. S.
31/7/20.

*Hon Col Secretary
Action will be taken accordingly*

5/8/20

W.S. b. b

Subsequent Paper.

Stanley,

July 27th. 1920.

Sir,

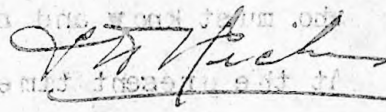
I am somewhat reluctantly compelled to bring the following particulars-in the public interest-to your notice, more so as they are matters affecting the Police who must know and should act in the matter.

At the present time there is a strong public feeling at the way one of the local carters - Hutchinson - is allowed to work an un-broken horse in a cart about the Town, This horse to my knowledge and also in my opinion is far from being under control being worked without a bit in its mouth, (I have been informed by one of the Constables that the Chief Constable is aware of these facts)
Some three weeks ago this animal started off from the East Jetty with a load, two men, one on either side being in charge, by the time it reached the Public Jetty it was travelling at the rate of 20 miles per hour with both men clinging to the leads, at this time one of the men stumbled but immediately regained his footing, and at this moment it looked as if the whole lot was going over into the gardens of the Jubilee Villas, but these were avoided and the horse brought to standstill at the Church.

The latest exploit of this horse happened this morning when it suddenly became un-manageable and dashing into the brick wall at Mr. Houston's house tore the brickwork away and sent the cart spinning on one wheel for some distance up the road, afterwards bolting with the carter clinging to it, but being without a bit in its mouth

mouth one shudders to think what would happen had there been perambulators or children about the road, or even standing near this brick wall when this cart dashed into it.

Another instance of a similar character is that of Mc.Gill's horse bolting with the cart tipped up, through being unattended and left un-tethered, from Fitzroy Road, down Villiers Street and then up the front road to Packe's Slaughter House before it could be stopped, this sort of thing cannot go on indefinitely, therefore I consider it my duty to report the facts before something serious happens.



The Police Magistrate

Stanley.

Police Station

Stawley

29.7.20.

To Chief Constable

Stawley.

Sir. With reference to Mr Riches complaint,
I beg to submit following:-

The day that Mr Riches considered the horse to have bolted from the East Jetty, the horse was controlled by two men and was well managed and under good control. This horse if well managed is not, in my opinion, a public danger when in the cart, but when allowed to get into the town and trespass, is a source of danger to everyone. This horse has been in the hands ^{of the police} on two occasions, and was found to be docile when handled.

There is no local law to govern carters, or horses being left unattended, or correctly driven etc.

Runaways occur in every town in the world, and naturally have always been one of the "Public dangers", the best of horses being liable to bolt.

I agree.
MCH
29.7.20.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Sir

with reference to your minute of the 27th inst and also Mr. Riches report.

The Horse in question has been working in the Town for the last month, some three weeks ago, this Horse came up Ross Road with a load of Tursec at a fair speed, but at the time was under care & control, there being a man on either side of it with a reins. I saw this ~~also~~ with Sgt Barnes, since then the horse has been working about the Town, the same as any other horse.

no later than the afternoon of the 26th ^{inst} at 4.15 p.m I saw this Horse with Mr. Hutchinson in the cart passing down Ross Rd at a walking pace.

from information the horse bolted yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, the wheel of the cart coming up against the wall of in front of the Managers & J Co's residence.

Mr. Riches reports that the Horse is not under care or control, that is not so, as the Horse has not on any of the two occasions got away by itself, it has been controlled.

This horse has not been trained to a bit.

The Police have received no complaints from the public, as to this horse being a dangerous horse in the Town.

Mr. McGills Horse bolted up Ross Road some three months ago, not because it was unattended, but when ^{the carter was} felling the cart with wood, a piece fell on the horses back

naturally the horse took fright & bolted.
This horse has been used as a cart horse
in the town from eight to ten years.

Mr. McGill was warned on that occasion by
the Police. & a note made in the Police occurrence
book

Mr. Hutchinson's horse has been a source
of trouble to the Police under the
Trespass Ordinance, it was impounded
on two occasions & Mr. Hutchinson was
warned.

As a preventative I would suggest
that Mr. Hutchinson be requested to
work his horse outside the Common
fence for a couple of months

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

W. P. Sullivan
Chief Constable.

report from Seryt Barnes attached

To the
Police Magistrate

MINUTE

Honble Col.Secty,

Attached correspondence submitted. The Report by Mr.Riches should not have been addressed to me but to the Chief Constable.

2. The Cart horse complained of by Mr.Riches has been properly trained and cannot, in my opinion, be classed as a dangerous animal. The owner is perfectly aware that he is liable for any damage or injury the animal may cause. This is really a matter for the Police to deal with and to take action if necessary - perhaps you will be good enough to inform the Chief Constable accordingly.


S.M.

29.7.20.