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POLICE & PRISONS

MISCELLANEOUS.

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No. 44/28.

Ag. Police Magistrtae.

SUBJECT.

1928

17th Jan.

ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO POLICE BY
INDIVIDUALS ON NIGHT OF 16th JANUARY, 1928.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

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1. Memo from Ag. Police Magistrate, of 17th Jan. 1928.

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have made pleasure in doing as the

Commissioner's orders.

Hon C.S.

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Please.

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Letter from Norwegian Consulate, dated 19 Jan, 1928.

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Letter to Norwegian Consul of 23rd Jan 1928.

Subsequent Paper.

14. L from Norwegian Consul. of 2. 4. 28

15. L from Chief Constable. of 4. 4. 28

Y.P.
Submitted with copy of Gaol Regulations.
I understand your Excellency has spoken to
Mr Halkett on this subject.

W.H. 13
5. 4. 28 A.C.S.

A.C.S

Yes. They can be released. I have seen Mr Halkett
re necessary precautions.

5. 4. 28.

A.H.

Chief Constable.

For info,

W.H. 13
5. 4. 28 for C.S.

Hon Col Sect.

Sir,

four prisoners. Norwegians
have been released from Prison
at 12 noon today.

all their effects from the Norwegian
Consul was handed over to them by
me, they were all correct.

I have warned these men to be very
careful and avoid getting into further
trouble.

all Licensed Distillers have been
warned about these men. They were
visited by the Ag Col Surgeon at 12 noon
and had no complaints

D. Sullivan
Gaoler

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Despatch to S of S. No 105, of 4th April, 1928
S of S Despatch No. 93 of 11th June, 1928.

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MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From.... Ag. Police Magistrate.

Date..... January 17th 1928

To Hon. Col. Secretary.....

Police v. Gunlack Elefsen, Haakon Brun, Ola
Olsen and Leo Johannesen
Seamen belonging to the s.s. "ULLSTAD"

Reference
Numbers.

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Hon. Col. Sec,

At the hearing of a charge of riotous behaviour and assaulting and resisting the Police preferred against the above mentioned persons, The Honble H.H.R. Gresham and the Chief Constable brought to the notice of the Court the assistance given to the Police by the undermentioned persons:-

Mr. A.W.N. Vincent, J.P.
Captain J.K. Nethercoate.
Mr. Edgar Enestrom.
Mr. Doolan Williams.
Mr. Leslie Hardy

I would also add the name of the Honble H.H.R. Gresham who sustained an injured hand while assisting the Police.

2. The Honble H.H.R. Gresham added that the Police did their utmost to keep down a very serious disturbance and that they deserved every credit for the manner in which they dealt with the situation. The Police who bore the brunt of the trouble were:-

The Chief Constable.
Senior Constable Hooley
Constable E. Swain.

3. The other persons who assisted acted

in a very public spirited manner in going so freely to the assistance of the Police. There can be no doubt but for their timely assistance the disturbance might have become very serious indeed.

4. I suggest that the thanks of the Government be conveyed to the persons mentioned and that the Police be informed that they acted in a very creditable manner.

M. Srinivasulu Reddy

Ag. Magistrate



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NORWEGIAN CONSULATE,
Port Stanley,
19th January, 1928.

Sir,

I beg to make an appeal on behalf of the Master of the s.s. "ULLSTAD", that the four men now in gaol for riotous behaviour be released just before this vessel sails (which she expects to do about the end of this month), as it is inadvisable for her to leave port unmanned, particularly as she is in ballast.

2. The Master informs me that he is willing to pay any fine decided upon in lieu of the balance of the term of imprisonment, in order to get his vessel away with her full complement.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for NORWEGIAN CONSUL.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Y. E. Schittel. I understand that
Y. E. is not prepared to accede to the
application and I have told Mr. Graham
so verbally.

2. Mr. Graham however wishes to
know what Y. E. may see fit to

P. No

Unwise the matter. He does so with

at his capacity as Honorary Counsel and

also as a member of the Leg. Co. and

as J. P.

Jud

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Hon C.S.

I regret my decision has been

given and cannot be altered.

They must serve their Full sentence

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fully but on full consideration

the Govt is not prepared to

accede to the request for

the release of these four

Christians prior to the

suspension of their full term

of service

Jud

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23rd January, 28.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th of January, 1928, appealing on behalf of the Master of the s.s. "Ullstad" for the release before the departure of his vessel of the four members of the crew undergoing sentence in Stanley gaol, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that after full consideration of the matter, His Excellency is not prepared to accede to this request for the release of these convicts prior to the expiration of their full term of sentence.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

THE NORWEGIAN CONCUL,
NORWEGIAN CONSULATE,
STANLEY.

44/28.

25th January, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the conduct of the Police on the occasion of the arrest of the four members of the crew of the s.s. "Ullstad" on the 16th of January has been brought to His Excellency's notice and that His Excellency has learnt with considerable satisfaction and pleasure of the very creditable manner in which the Police dealt with the difficult and unusual situation.

2. I am to add that the members of the Force who, besides yourself, have been particularly mentioned as deserving of credit in this connection, are Senior Constable S. H. Hooley and Constable E. Swain, and to request that you will inform these officers accordingly.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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The Chief Constable,

STANLEY.

Colonial Secretary.

44/28.

25th January, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that it has been brought to His Excellency's notice that you in conjunction with other members of the public gallantly assisted the Police in the arrest of the four members of the crew of the s.s. "Ullstad" who created a disturbance on Ross Road on the evening of the 16th of January.

2. I am to congratulate you on the very public spirited manner in which you acted on this occasion and to express the thanks of the Government for your assistance so opportunely rendered at no little risk of personal injury.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable,

H. H. R. Gresham,

STANLEY.

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Colonial Secretary.

A. W. N. Vincent, Esq., J.R.,

STANLEY.

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Colonial Secretary.

Captain J. K. Nethercoate,
Stanley.

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Colonial Secretary.

Mr. E. Enestrom,
STANLEY.

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Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. D. Williams,
STANLEY.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Mr. L. Hardy,

STANLEY.

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Stanley. Falkland Islands.

30th January, 1928.

No. 44/28

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, and, will be glad if you would convey to His Excellency my appreciation of his thanks for any assistance I may have afforded to the Police during the disturbance on Roas Road.

I am,

Sir,,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. Gresham
Manager.

The Honourable.

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

No.44/28

30th January 1928

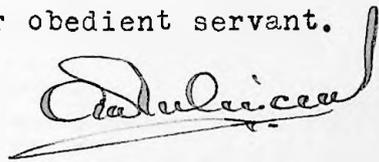
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant and shall be glad if you will convey my thanks to His Excellency for his appreciation of any assistance I gave the Police during the disturbance with members of the crew of the s.s."Ullstad".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
30 JAN. 1928

Stanley,

28th. January 1928.

Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter of today in reference to arrest of members of the crew of the S.S. "Ullstad".

I beg you to convey my thanks to His Excellency the Governor and to say that I consider it an honour to assist in a small way in such emergencies that may arise from time to time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. H. H. H.



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NORWEGIAN CONSULATE,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
2nd April, 1928.

Sir,

With reference to the 4 Norwegian Seamen ex s.s. "Ullstad" now in gaol convicted of a violent assault on the Police and certain civilians in Stanley, I beg to say that it is highly undesirable, in the interests of the Community, that they be released on the expiry of their sentence. It appears to me that there is a grave likelihood of their again becoming disorderly under the influence of liquor, and that serious results might ensue.

2. I therefore beg to request that the Government issue a ^oDeportation Order in order that they may be detained under Police Supervision until the next Norwegian Whaling Factory sails from Stanley for Norway.

3. Their effects, handed over to me by the Captain of the "Ullstad", will be delivered to the Police Authorities at any time suitable to them before the deportation of the prisoners.

4. Should the Government decide to issue a Deportation Order, the whole matter will of course be reported by me to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Oslo.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



H. H. R. Gresham

NORWEGIAN CONSUL.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.



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Col Sect
sir.

Police & Prison
Department

four Norwegian Prisoners
Gundlach Elifsen, Hakon Brun, Ola Olsen.
Leo Johanson, were sentenced to three
months hard labour on 17 Jan 1928 for assaulting
the Police.

These men have worked well and have
been of good behaviour during their time in
Prison.

In accordance with Gaol regulations
Rule 21 these men have earned their
remission of three days per month.
Should His Excellency approve these men
will be released at 12 noon on Saturday
the 4th inst.

I am sir

Your obedient servant
P J Sullivan
Chief Constable

4-4-28

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

4th April, 1928.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 105.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the evening of the 16th of January, 1928, a disturbance arose in the main street of Stanley, Ross Road, which might easily have assumed considerable proportions. The origin of the disturbance was an attempt by two Norwegian seamen from the collier s.s. "Ullstad" to establish relations with two young girls, maid-servants of Mr. H.H.R. Gresham, Member of the Legislative Council and local Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, whose house abuts on the street in question. The advances made were not welcome to the girls who were pursued, however, by the seamen on to Mr. Gresham's premises. Mr. Gresham was himself not at home at the time but on being informed by telephone at a neighbouring house came at once to find that the seamen had taken alarm and had decamped. He proceeded after them, accompanied by Mr. A.W.N. Vincent, J.P., and overtaking them some distance along Ross Road apprehended them and on their identification by the girls, gave them in custody. On their way to the Police Station they became insolent and aided by certain of their/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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their colleagues from the collier endeavoured to break loose and escape. A free fight in the public road then ensued in which not without injury on either side three Norwegians including one of the original offenders were eventually overpowered by the Police and by civilians who had come to the assistance of the Police. In the gathering darkness it was not possible to make a complete round-up of the eight or ten assailants and the several original offenders were ultimately arrested on board the s.s. "Ullstad" on the following day. In due course these four persons were brought before the Magistrate and were sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, which sentence they are at the present moment undergoing to the advantage of several works of public utility and amenity.

2. I would state that great credit is due to the Police for the fearless manner in which they contended with the superior numbers with which they were faced. In particular I would mention the Chief Constable, D.J. O'Sullivan, the Senior Constable, S.H. Hooley, who was badly kicked about the mouth and middle, and Constable E. Swain. In regard to the civilians special remark should be made of the help given by Mr. Gresham who sustained a severely bruised thumb of which he has not yet recovered the use, by Mr. Vincent, by Capt. J.K. Nethercoate, the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones, and by Mr. L. Hardy, the local Scout-master. Fortunately no knives were drawn in the

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course of the fight so that with the exception of Mr. Gresham's thumb no serious injury has resulted.

3. I think that the sequel to the affray may be of interest to you as showing the varied incidents which go to make up the round of life and of duty in this Colony. Considerable resentment was felt naturally enough by the crew of the s.s. "Ullstad" at the outcome of the attempted rescue and talk ran high of an organised assault on the Police and on the gaol. The Captain himself represented that he was uncertain of what would happen if the prisoners were not released and stated that in his opinion the crew might go to the length of mutiny and refuse to put to sea. I can assure you that I was not for one moment influenced by considerations of weaknesses and declined absolutely to consider the release of the prisoners before the expiration of their sentence. I held that it was necessary to teach the crew of this vessel a lesson such as might serve as a salutary warning to the crews of other vessels and I could not on any account permit the administration of this Colony to be dictated to by an unruly ship's company of foreign nationality. I did not, however, think it wise wholly to ignore the threats and I prohibited therefore in consultation with the Master of the vessel, who stood loyally by the Government, the crew of the vessel from landing during the time she lay in port. I caused furthermore an emergency picket of the

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Defence Force to be ready on the alarm being raised to assemble under arms at the Police Station to repel any resort to violence.

4. I am glad to say that the noise of these precautions proved sufficient to deter those who may have harboured designs of nefarious intent and that at the time appointed on the 20th of January, 1928, the s.s. "Ullstad" left Stanley without further trouble and without the four members of her company implicated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble,

obedient servant,

ERIC L. HODSON.

THE R
L.

DUPLICATE



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 93.

DOWNING STREET.

11 June, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 105 of the 4th of April last relative to an affray in the main street of Stanley in which certain Norwegian seamen were concerned.

I recognise that the circumstances were exceptional and not without difficulty, but on my present information the sentences of three months imprisonment imposed on the offenders appear to err on the side of severity having regard to the character of the offence.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Signed) L. S. AMERY.

GOVERNOR,

ARNOLD HODSON, ESQ., C.B.O.,

&c., &c., &c.

*Recd.
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