

C.S.

LEGAL

MISCELLANEOUS

1929.

No. 258/29

A. R. Hoare. Esq.

SUBJECT.

1929

7th June, 1929.

RECOMMENDATION THAT JUVENILE OFFENDERS
SHOULD BE SENT TO ENGLAND FOR PUNISHMENT.

Previous Paper.

at Reformatory by Borstal Institution in England.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from A. R. Hoare Esq., of the 7/7/29.

7/8. Submitted. I agree with Mr. Hoare in his suggestion. There are cases where the punishment meted out to juvenile offenders locally is useless.

*W.H. 13
A.R. 13
8. VI. 29.*

*Has C.S.
to Hon Treasurer for his views?
Have we any acts of Parliament which bear on the subject? Send my draft despatch to Hon Treasurer etc.*

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Hon Treasurer.

*Accordingly. W.H. 13
A.R. 13 10. VI. 29*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Sec.

I am unable to agree with Mr. Hoare's suggestion relative to sending juvenile offenders to a Reformatory or Borstal Institution in England.

2. Examination of Police Court records shows that there are comparatively few juvenile offenders in this Colony and further that it is extremely rare for the same offender to appear twice. Experience has shown that a juvenile offender once punished has turned out a good citizen - I know several such cases here.

3. To deal with cases such as that mentioned by Mr. Hoare, I consider it would be sufficient if a Reformatory could be set up locally. The Gaol is seldom used and it might be possible to declare some part thereof as a Reformatory, if and when required. The services of the Gardes and Matron could then be utilised.

4. The method of dealing with juvenile offenders and the power to send such offenders to Reformatories or Industrial Schools is dealt with in the Children Act (U.K.) 1908. Prevention of cruelty to children is also provided for in the same Act.

I recommend that the Act or so much thereof as may be applicable to local circumstances be brought into force in this Colony.

M. Ganjin Kather,

Treasurer &
Police Magistrate

13.6.24.

Despatch to L.G.S. No. 139 of 21st June, 1924.

1/3. Submitted. I regret the Magistrate's minute has not been submitted to Your Excellency earlier, due to the paper being retained for the typing of the despatch.

2. I think there are difficulties in the way of Mr Craque's suggestion. A local reformatory would require to be an institution separate from the Gaol. There is the question of the child's education which forms an important part of reformatory regime.

3. The provision of means of dealing with cases of the kind in the U.K. would, I consider

act as a deterrent to irresponsible
behaviour on the part of boys
who at present have little to
fear them or whipping.

G.R. 17
A.P.S.
22. VI. 29

Am C.S.

It can do no harm to have the
power of sending a boy to a
Reformatory. of course it would never
be done unless it was absolutely
necessary and as a last resort.

The local jail would not answer
the purpose at all.

All.

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Hon. Mr. Cranquh-Hallatt,

To send

G.R. 18
A.P.S.
22. VI. 29

Hon. Col. Sec.

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M. Gumpin. Forward
26. 6. 29.

P.A.
29/6/29

3-4. Despatch from S. of S. No. 135 of 27 November, 1929.

Y.S.
1. Submitted.

2. Magistrate to see. No further action seems necessary.

GR 13
for CS.
5.2.30

AM
5/30

Magistrate.

To see

GR 13
for CS.
6.2.30

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen.

W. George Hather

10.2.30

P.A.
11/2/30

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From..... A.R. Hoare

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Date..... 7th June 1929

To..... Hon. Colonial Secretary

Reference
Numbers.

I have the honour to inform you that while I was lately acting as Magistrate a case came before me of revolting cruelty to a sheep. The two boys concerned had been convicted only six months before of cruelty to ducks. In sentencing the boys I stated that I should recommend that the Government should send such cases - and juvenile offenders in general where deemed advisable - to England for a period of years in a Reformatory or Borstal Institution.

2. I now put forward the matter for consideration.

A.R. Hoare

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

21st June, 1929.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 139.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will forward me particulars of the Reformatories and Bostal Institution in England and the approximate cost they charge for one boy per annum.

2. This request is made at the instigation of the Magistrate who informs me there is a youth in Port Stanley who appears to be incorrigible. As we have no institutions of this sort it is an extremely difficult matter to deal with.

3. At the same time I shall be obliged if you will supply me with any Acts of Parliament which bear on this subject with a view to bringing in the necessary legislation if it is necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIDNEY WEBB, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 135

Downing Street,

27 November, 1929.

Sir,

Recd 2.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 139 of the 21st June regarding the youth in Port Stanley who appears to be incorrigible and to inform you that I have been in communication with His Majesty's Prison Commissioners on the subject.

2. It is, of course, clear there will never be enough lads of this description in the Colony to justify the establishment of a special institution. On the other hand, however, it is very undesirable that he should be committed to the local prison for adult offenders.

3. In view of the fact that transportation from one Colony to another is no longer legal, it would probably be difficult to justify the compulsory transfer of a youth from the Falkland Islands to the nearest Colony that possessed a suitable Reformatory or Training School.

4. His Majesty's Prison Commissioners have suggested that probably the best procedure would be for some suitable person corresponding to a Probation Officer in this country, to persuade the lad to sign on with some ocean-going steamer calling

GOVERNOR

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ARNOLD HOBSON, ESQ., C. M. G.

etc., etc., etc.

calling at Port Stanley. It is always possible that if a lad is removed from his surroundings and companions, he may make a better start in a new life. If he acts on this suggestion and should land in this country, the Prison Commissioners have expressed their willingness to take care of him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) PASSFIELD.