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19 44.

No. 80/44.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,

SUBJECT.

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18th May.

Asks for increased Police protection  
in the Town of Stanley.

Previous Paper.

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1. Letter from E. G. Rowe, Esq., of 18. 5. 44.
2. Letter to Manager, E. L. W. of 27. 5. 44.
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# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

Established 1860.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

18th May 1944.

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5<sup>TH</sup> ED.  
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The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

We hereby apply formally for the police protection in the town of Stanley to be increased.

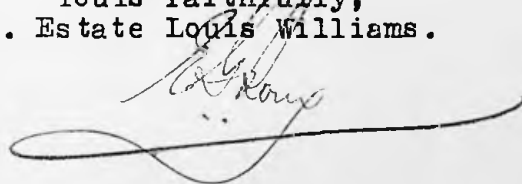
We shall not recount the various incidents of an alarming nature that have taken place lately as you are fully cognisant of same.

Our own experience is that certain doubtful characters are on the prowl and on more than one occasion we have noticed that unauthorised persons have made some attempt to gain access to some of our properties.

Mrs. Louis Williams reports that only last night she heard someone prowling around Waverley House after midnight, and on more than one occasion lately I have myself heard noises that would indicate unauthorised persons on the prowl.

It is quite evident that one policeman, well past middle age, is not sufficient to guard Stanley under existing circumstances.

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



80/44.

27th May, 44.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 18th May, and to inform you that steps have been taken to strengthen the Police patrol at night and in addition the street lights are being kept on throughout the hours of darkness.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MANAGER

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5th June 1944.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

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Many thanks for your note of 27th May last (No.80/44) informing us that steps had been taken to strengthen the Police Patrol at night, and that the street lights would be kept on throughout the hours of darkness.

You may have already heard that in spite of these extra precautions, we again had an unwelcome visitor just before 12 midnight on Sunday 28th May.

Just about the time the writer was about to retire the cook came to him with a report that "there was a man in the backyard, tapping at her window". This intrusion was investigated forthwith and the intruder fled, by scaling a 6-foot corrugated iron fence that exists behind the Waverley House wash-house and adjoining Mrs. James Robertson's kitchen garden.

The Police were telephoned for and P.c. Browell came to investigate and the man's retreat through Mrs. Robertson's garden was traced, but not his method of approach or entry into the Waverley House back-yard.

It would appear that he must have scaled the 78" fence from Philomel Street, in the full glare of the street light only 25 yards away! as both gates giving normal access to the backyard were either locked or bolted.

It is quite evident to us that the strengthening of the patrol, as so far designed, is not enough, and without adequate numbers of policemen actually on night duty the extra lighting achieves nothing.

We have had a conversation with Chief Constable, Mr. Swain, on this subject and we wish to repeat what we have said to him: That is, in our opinion it is high time that 3, 4 or even 5 new policemen should be enrolled in the force, young active men whose mere presence on duty would act as a deterrent to miscreants in general. Such a strengthening of the police-force would in no way detract strength from the Defence Force, as they would naturally still have to take their turn for military training and be available as soldiers in the event of any need.

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

PORT STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley,  
23rd May 1945

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The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

POLICE SERVICES.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday forenoon we were informed by Messrs D.R. Watson and S. Shannon (who are putting up a Nissen hut for us) that certain boards being used on the job had been stolen during the night.

So we paid a call immediately at the Police Station. There was nobody there.

We later found P.C. Sullivan (not in uniform and obviously not on duty) on the Public Jetty and informed him about the matter. He said he would go on duty at 2 p.m. and that he would inform Cpt. Sheppard.

This morning Cpt. Sheppard has been to see us and says that he is not yet appointed as Chief Constable, but that he will speak about the matter to the senior constable.

Obviously something is wrong in the organization of the police service as when a theft is committed investigation should be promptly effected.

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Williams".

Ack. form letter 25/5/45