C. S. O.

DEF/POL/3#3

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(Formerly)

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SUBJECT :

POLICE AND PRISONS DEPARTMENT

[redacted]

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.	
0049	Visiting Justices of the Prison – Appointments Reports
0786	Police Department Staff.

To: Hon. Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

From: Chief Constable.

Date.- 14th March, 1948.

Subject. Situation Report.

In the short time I have been in the Colony, I have not been able to assess, with the accuracy I should desire, the various needs of the Police Department, its efficiency or its shortcomings. I would, however, like to submit for your information my first impressions on the situation generally.

Strength. 1 Chief Constable.
1 Sergeant.
3 Permanent Constables.
1 Temporary Constable.

I consider that no change should be made for some time. I will not detail my reasons for this at the moment but would say that I strongly recommend the retention of Sergeant's rank by Sgt. Norris and payment of the charge allowance already provided for in the 1948 Estimates. As I cannot recommend that any permanent appointments be made for the time being, this immediately affects the case of Special Constable Goss whose application for an early decision by Government is submitted separately.

Availability. The efficiency of any Police Force is dependent, in the first place, upon the availability of its manpower. While I appreciate that many additional duties may fall naturally on the Police, I very much deprecate any attempt at tying down police officers to perform duties wholly outside their normal scope especially where a time factor is concerned. I have particularly in mind the ringing of the Work Bell and Locking of the P.W.D. Yard Gates daily. The fact that only one constable is usually on duty at any time means that this constable has to be away from police duty to attend to these tasks. All Stanley knows that say from 7.15 am to 7.30 am daily, at least, no constable patrols the East End. The consequences of all this should need no explanation. I have no objection to the lodging of the keys of any property at the Police Station but the responsibility of locking the gates should, in this instance, rest with that Department. Inso far as the Work Bell is concerned, satisfactory arrangements could easily be made whereby this could be operated from the telephone switchboard. I therefore recommend the immediate discontinuance of these duties. The alternative of course is augmentation of the Force. Before expressing any opinion on the association between Police and the Volunteer Defence Force, I should like further information on Government policy.

Equipment. 1. Buildings. I feel that your attention should be drawn to the necessity of isolating the police station from the telephone exchange. While it is generally convenient to have the Exchange next door (for emergency purposes such as switching on the Fire Alarm etc) I think that, pending rebuilding, steps should be taken to render the police station soundproof.

There should be easier means of access to the police cells from the station. The charge room should connect directly with the cells and not be separated by a corridor and open ground as at present.

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2.

The convenience on this open space should be replaced, as soon as possible, by a flush lavatory.

I understand that certain alterations to the Prison premises have already been suggested and I should like to consider these suggestions with all concerned. Certainly the Jail premises are extremely antiquated and need almost entire rebuilding. I would submit that this is a matter to be considered urgently.

I am entirely opposed to the use of police cells as a temporary (?) refuge for vagrants. The presence of two vagrants recently necessitated the detention of a remand prisoner in the jail proper. As a remand prisoner has many privileges, it is only right that the prisoner serving a sentence should be able to do so without embarrassment by such things as smoking on the part of the remand prisoner. In this particular case too, the remand prisoner was able to effect a "walk out" for a few minutes when the other prisoner re-entered the Exercise Yard, during working hours, to use the lavatory. To prevent a recurrence I had to order the confinement of the remand prisoner in his cell during working hours: the cell is about one third the size of an approved cell in the United Kingdom. Further, with the two men in jail and the two vagrants in the police cells, I had no accommodation immediately available when dealing with three members of a naval shore patrol who were too drunk for duty the other evening. I therefore request authority to terminate this practice of housing vagrants.

2. Uniform. I think some improvement could be effected in connection with the supply of uniform. I feel that there should be alternate issues of serge and cloth uniforms as the men find the cloth too heavy for all the year round wear. An occasional issue of blue mackintosh coats for wear with or without overcoats would also be a great boon at very little extra cost. Heavy overcoats are very difficult to dry and too heavy to wear for every shower. I also advocate the payment of a boot allowance in lieu of boots.

General. I feel that the men are keen and I hope that by gradually introducing approved methods and by giving instruction in all aspects of police work, I shall be able to create a more efficient Force. A prerequisite of efficiency is contentment of course.

Chief Constable.

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YE

1–2 I have discussed more than once with Ch. Const. who furnished this report at my request.

2. 1A I agree. Gore's letter is being dealt with separately. Ch. Const. cannot recommend him for permanent appt. His temporary appt. is being discontinued at end of April. He can then go into the position of establishment i.e. w. the 1949 Draft Estb.

3. 1B I was unaware of this fantastic arrangement. It is being ended.

4. 1C I have told Ch. Const. that O'Sullivan is essential for training. He agrees to make his services available.

5. 1D S.E.T. will advise.

6. 1.E. This is just 'another thing' for E.E.

7. 2.F. S. are there. But we will see what can be done.

8 2 G. see § 3 supra. I

I too.

Or contrad.

found — to my surprise — that 2 such vagrants had been sleeping at the gaol for some time, & having their meals out with friends. C.C. has told Chairman T.C. that they are being turned out (in case T.C. get sympathetic, they are being reminded that it is they who administer P.A.C. funds now).

I knew that it was used for female vagrants.

9 2.H. C.C. is arranging accordingly in next incidents.

10 2.I. C.C. adds notably that he thinks efficiency can & will be considerably improved. I feel sure he will do it.

11. I consider however that Sgt. Norris has done v. well during an unusually long sometimes difficult period of acting!

agree.

A B
24.3

I concur generally in 1-2; there is a lot of cleaning up & tightening up to be done.

MC 25/III

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Ch. Constable.

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You will doubtless raise particular points and here.

CBh
31.3

Hon. bl.

Yes. Thank you.

ABlb
2/4.

MA
ABl
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To:- Hon. Colonial Secretary.

From:- Chief Constable.

Date:- 21st May, 1948. Ref:- 10/17.

Buildings - Police and Prison.

See 1 & 2.

As I indicated soon after my arrival, I consider that the present prison accommodation is very unsatisfactory. I therefore submit the following points for your consideration:-

1. Lighting. Electric light is fitted throughout the Jail, including the padded cell. All the wiring and bulbs are exposed and accessible to prisoners. As an urgent and temporary measure, the Supervisor E & T has had the lamp flexes shortened in the cells so as to render it as difficult as possible for any prisoner or inmate with suicidal tendencies to take hold of the electric light wires. The situation really requires burying of the cables and the provision of proper cell fittings for lights in the cells. These fittings would have to be obtained from the United Kingdom and I recommend that authority be given the Supervisor E & T. to indent for these accordingly. There are, in all, nine cells and with the passages I think that 12 of these special lamps should be ordered.

2. Women's Quarters. These comprise two small cells and one larger room known as a day cell. There is also a still larger room which is used as a general store room. They are all situated on the first floor of the building above the Men's Quarters. Access is obtained by a ladder through a trap door in the floor above the Men's Quarters and there is also a door leading from the landing in my private quarters. There are no conveniences whatsoever on this floor.

I have no objection to the presence of a door leading from the landing as this would be a convenience to the Matron but it should not be used by the female prisoners or any other attendants. This leaves only the moveable ladder for use from the Men's Quarters and this, of course, is totally unsatisfactory. A fixed ladder at this spot would also be unsatisfactory.

The only conveniences available for women prisoners are those in the main exercise yard with a small wash basin at the entrance to the passage leading from the yard to the Men's Quarters. These then are obviously unsatisfactory.

There is no separate exercise yard for females.

3. Men's Quarters. These are divided by a door so as to allow of two temporary lock-up cells on the Police Station side and quarters for prisoners proper on the other side. The lock up cells are so small and dark that they should be condemned.

In the Prison itself, there are two cells wide enough and barely long enough to take a narrow single bed. These are too small for a prisoner's health mentally and physically and should be condemned.

Between these two cells is a padded cell even narrower. It should be condemned immediately.

Beyond these is the day cell which is large enough and airy enough but it has a window which opens to the outside of the prison and there is nothing to stop anyone passing small articles in to the prisoner or vice versa. This should be rectified immediately too.

4. General. All meals have to be carried right through the length of the private quarters before being taken into the

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prison. If there is a female prisoner, the food has to be carried either up the private stairs or up a shaky ladder through the trap door from the Men's Quarters. This is most unsatisfactory.

While I would willingly submit my own suggestions for improving what I consider to be really deplorable conditions, I would respectfully suggest that a committee be appointed forthwith to investigate these conditions and to submit its own recommendations in the matter. I could further suggest that this committee might include the Visiting Justices, the Magistrate, Executive Engineer and possibly myself.

Chief Constable.

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EE

Re. see 6-7 -, re inspecting the prison speech.

S.6

C

acs

Recalled 17.7.48 to file 8 pl.

WH 17.7.48

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To:- Hon. Colonial Secretary,

From:- Chief Constable.

Date:- 12th July, 1948. Ref:- 10/17.

Buildings - Police & Prison.

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Further to my memo. of 21st May, 1948, I have to report that H.E. the Governor inspected the Prison buildings on the 5th instant. I informed him that I had already submitted a report and that it was your intention to go into the matter after his departure for the U. K. H.E. then suggested that the committee should make their inspection and submit recommendations by his return.

2. As I understand that the Executive Engineer has also received instructions to examine the premises, may I please be informed whether the committee mentioned by H.E. is the committee I suggested in my memo. of the 21st May and whether you wish me to take any further steps in the matter.

Chief Constable.

K. I.V. 7 B. pl.

MC 14.7

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A.

E.E.

The file was retained for your Mine. Re. the action ~~to~~ on 7 & the C.C. What you are doing.

20.7

H.L.S.

B.

I inspected the prison on Thursday 26 August (the Chief Constable having been occupied otherwise) The alterations required are extensive and until such time that plans can be drawn up it is impossible to make recommendations & estimates. Mr Lees will be working on this immediately he has completed proposed plans for the Met. Station

EJB 27/8/48.

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A.

E.E.

Be discussed. I agree with B & G. You are getting plans out as soon as you can. Meanwhile it is no use asking the building Parties etc. (cf. 7) to inspect the building.

31.8

B.

H.S.

I will submit the completed drawings, when such is the case to the C.C for his suggestions. Then I will prepare the estimates of cost. Meanwhile as you say it is of little use for anyone to make further inspections.

2/9/48.

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Ch. Constable.

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S.C.S.

Mem.

3.9.48.

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Y.E.

8-10 f.

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Seen mc 8/IX

31/12/48

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To:- Hon. Colonial Secretary.

From:- Chief Constable.

Date:- 5th January, 1949. Ref:- 10/17.

Buildings - Police and Prison.

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Reference my memo. of 12th July, may I respectfully ask whether anything can be done yet to improve the conditions at the Prison ? I consider the installation of sanitary fittings (w.c. and washbasin) in the Women's Quarters to be an urgent matter and understood that His Excellency agreed to this before his visit to England.

2. The Executive Engineer made an inspection of the premises about July but suggested that the drawing up of plans be deferred until Mr. Lees had completed plans for some other building.

3. I reported on the bad conditions generally in March and again in May of last year.

Chief Constable.

Copy to E.E., P.W.D.

E.E. investigating and will undertake work as soon as possible.

K.A. 15/2

PA

5/2 K.A.

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H.Aq. C.S.

1. Work of more urgent priority will delay this project for some time.

CJB 17 Feb '49.

HA Feb 20/49

EXTRACT FROM MEMO. BY H.H. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT 28/10/49.

(Original filed at 16 in 0398/III - Medical Report 1948)

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Page 4. Prisons. Quarters noted as far from satisfactory. Extract to relevant file and let me see papers please.

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EXTRACT FROM 1948 MEDICAL REPORT.

(Original filed at 16 in 0398/III -MedicalReport 1948)

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X Prisons and Asylums

The Prison has been inspected at intervals. The few prisoners were inspected regularly.

The male quarters only have been in use during the year. Both male and female quarters are far from satisfactory.

There are no asylums in the Colony. No certified cases were sent to the United Kingdom during the year.

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C.S.

Ref H 8-10. Any progress on drawing a estimates?

9/6/49.

E.E.

H.H.

min pl.

K.b.

9/11

H.C.S.

No progress has been made in this direction owing to the Lees having been fully occupied on the compilation of the furniture register. Nor can I visualise the work being commenced before 1952 Byff 9 Jan 1950

Cathedral Sustentation Fund

Stanley

12th July 1952

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No Copy

Sir

In reply to your communication of 8/7/52.

I am authorised to accept your kind offer to execute the necessary repairs to the division fence Deaney/Gadd.

I am also instructed to accept the terms, as is usual, regarding party fences. I.E. 50% of cost to each party.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation in this matter.

I am

Sir

Yours faithfully

A.M. Hannaford.

Hon Secretary

Cathedral Sustentation Committee

The Superintendent

Ff Works.

P.W.D.

Stanley

H.E.S

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Please file on Gaol property.

c/re. P.W.D.

A.G. 12/8/52.

0690.

Chief Constable's Office.
Port Stanley.
30th January, 1955.

To:- The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat.

Sir,

Subject:- Chief Constable's Quarters.

I respectfully ask you to do something about my kitchen chimney, living room and bedrooms.

During my absence on United Kingdom leave, my kitchen was painted and a new Rayburn stove installed, for which I am very thankful.

Nothing however was done about the defective kitchen chimney, with the result that when it rains, the whole of the top of the stove becomes coated with a brown treacley substance, which runs down the chimney onto the stove.

This, as you can well imagine, sets up a horrible peaty smell, which fills the house with smoke and even percolates throughout the whole of the living rooms and bedrooms.

I am afraid that if nothing is done to the chimney it will ruin the top of the Rayburn stove and the tile surround.

I have had to put up with this state of affairs since 1951 and very respectfully suggest that this chimney should be repaired prior to the inclement weather setting in.

The rain still comes through the sitting room windows and runs down over the cills onto the floor, despite the fact that I have personally re-putty'd both windows and painted same.

The rain also penetrates through one of the bedroom windows and runs down through the bedroom ceiling into the living room in three places.

Nothing has been done either to the living room or bedrooms during the last six years and they are very much overdue for decorating.

Trusting that you will give this application your usual kind consideration and take the necessary action to see that at least the kitchen chimney is attended to.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
[signature]
Chief Constable.

19.
Sir. When do you expect to get round to this?
[signature]

20.
HCS
This chimney in question has been inspected and new gallows are required this will be done when the new roofs are fixed according to the priority list
[signature]

21. 4/2/55.

22. HCS Pls so advise
[signature]

C/Constable
[signature] 22/2.

H. C. S.

Chimney of kitchen taken down & rebuilt. Other work still progressing.
Thank you.

H.L.G.S. 24/2/55.
C.C.

Pa.
S
24/2

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Chief Constable's Office.
Port Stanley.

6th May 1958.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.
Secretariat.

Female cells.

Sir,

I took up my appointment as Chief Constable on the 15 th. April 1958 and as one of my other appointments was Prison Officer I inspected the prisoners and the prison buildings on the 16th April 1958.

I was so surprised at the accommodation for female prisoners that I submitted a report to the Senior Medical Officer regarding the total absence of washing and toilet arrangements.

On the 30th April 1958 Dr Ashmore attended this Station and inspected the two prisoners, the prison buildings and the clothing which was issued for the use of prisoners. Dr Ashmore stated he would submit a report.

The clothing for both male and female prisoners is so old that it is falling to pieces and I suggest that this, together with the mattresses supplied for the use of prisoners be destroyed.

With regard to the female cells, the only entrance and exit from them is through a small trap door in the ceiling of the male cells. Entrance is gained by climbing an ordinary step ladder. Once in the cells the female has no toilet, but I am informed that when a female is in the cells, it is usual to provide her with a bucket in which to urinate. The only other alternative is to retrace her steps down the ladder and use the toilet in the Prison Yard, which is also used by the male prisoners. No doubt in the past it has been the custom for females to use my bathroom, but as I have a wife and small child this is impracticable.

Bathing facilities are such that at the present time one prisoner refuses to bath as it is too cold. The present arrangements are that the copper is lit and the hot water poured into a small tin bath in which the prisoner stands. They either bath in the copper house or carry the water to their cell. This arrangement also applied to females.

As Prison Officer I can only state, the present arrangements for female prisoners isantiquated, unsanitary and totally unsuitable for the accommodation of females.

I suggest that there is sufficient room in the excersise yard for new female cells to be erected.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Chief Constable.

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A.C.S.
If Dr Ashmore's report is not in by the 20th would you pl. give him a reminder. X above report.

Jill

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A/S.M.O.
as convenient, pl.

9/5/58

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21/5/58

27.

H.C.S.

My apologies for the delay in submitting my report.

I endorse the statements in the letter to you from the Chief Constable (6/5/'58), and also those of No.6, Sections 3 and 5. There is nothing further to add to the correspondence on this matter, except to refer back to No.10 B. and 15. Apparently the matter was allowed to be dropped for the time being, as in 15 it is stated that work could not be visualised to commence before 1952.

Personally, I consider that the whole question of rebuilding should be taken up again.

ag SMO 11/6/58.

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Ag. SMO
C.C.

fs. 24-27. I'm afraid we have no funds (and very little labour) to effect the necessary alterations in the 1958/59 financial year. The matter is not being allowed to drop, however, and an estimate of costs will be obtained for consideration with the 1959/60 budget.

12/6/58

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H.C.S.

Seen, thank you 12/6/58
ag SMO

H.C.S.

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Seen thank you.
12/6/58.

1/2/59

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H.C.O.

fs. 24-30. while the alterations are desirable they will probably prove costly and we can't afford the expenditure in 1959/60. To be fwd. for consideration in 1960/61?.

R. 2/2/59

Supt. Pris.

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Would it be possible and what would it cost to provide the female cell with sanitary facilities?

2.2.59.

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PCS

I have erected the Jail O.A a Toilet and wash Basin Could be fitted in one of the cells

I estimate the cost to be Materials £35-7-11
Labour. £23-0-0
Total £58 7-11

16/2/59.

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Supt. Pris.

Any funds - e.g. misc. works. This is not a comm charge against repairs and maintenance.

12.2.59

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HCS

I will do this job as soon as the plumbers are off the road work. Cost will be met by Minor Works

AGL
16/2/59

B.U. 21 Rank.

P.J.T.T
7.3.59

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HCL

Work will be started this coming week

AGL
15/4/59

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Supt. P.W.S.

Noted. Thank you.

Could you cast around in your mind whether or not we could do something economical to extend the office side of the Police Station so as to give the Chief Constable a dining room. - We can discuss on Saturday morning if we meet - if not then next Saturday.

P.J.T.T
16.4.59.

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HCL

Funds have been provided and I expect to start the new offices early August

AGL
23/7/59

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Sch. Brisbane

To note pl.

24/7/59

A.C.S.

H.O

Noted.

27/7/59.

26/7/59

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MEMORANDUM

5th February, 19 62

Police Station,

Stanley.

The Hon., Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Prison Buildings.

94 in 0049

In reply to your Memorandum No. 0049, of the 31st January, 1962.

1. I agree with the suggested improvements made by the visiting Board of Justices on the 9th June, 1961.

2. The damage to the two Prison Cells has been repaired, and the two cells are in use again.

(Sgd.) D. Williams
POLICE SERGEANT.

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I wonder whether PWD are taking any action on 1 if not they should do so.
(INTLD) DM 7.2.62

Copied TB
Original in 0049.

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S.P.W.,

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Would you please report on action taken regarding the recommendations of the visiting Justices at 85.

0049

(Intld) HLB
8.2.62

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MEMORANDUM.

22nd February, 1962.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

From: The Superintendent of Works,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Prisons inspected by visiting Justices 85.

(A). There is no necessity for two lavatories downstairs. The male prisoners have the use of the two already existing in the enclosed yard. The females have the use of the one installed in a cell on the first floor which accommodates the female prisoners.

(B). A staircase can be constructed outside and the existing trap-door closed up.

(C). The small cell on first floor can be used as storeroom and access to stairway leading into enclosed yard.

(D). The padded cells can be stripped of padding and remain as a storeroom if needed.

I will put in an estimate for storeroom and stairway leading to female quarters, also existing storeroom to be redecorated for use as cell-cum-dayroom.

R Pitton
Supt. of Works.

RSC.
I went into this.
It is now found out.
1. That lavatories are NOT needed in to lockups
represented to us. True there is often a mess by
man being drunk but this is not the remedy

SPW & PS Williams agree on this
We could discuss on Wednesday.
Do you agree?

S 26/2/62

Hon. Col. Sec.
I agree
R.B
27.ii.62.

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We should now write to Mr Lusher as above

S 1/3/62.

Ref: 0049

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10 March, 1962.

Dear Mrs. Luxton,

You will remember that when we inspected the prison we considered that two lavatories should be installed downstairs partly on the suggestion of the then Chief Constable. The question of the lavatories has been gone into further, there is no necessity for a lavatory for the convicted prisoners since they are not confined to their cells except at night and they have access to the lavatory in the yard. It was suggested to us that there was a necessity for a lavatory for the lock-ups. It would be necessary to have one in each lock-up to be any use and this would be very expensive. In fact buckets are provided at present and this should be adequate. The trouble is generally caused not by the absence of lavatories but by the fact that the prisoners in the lock-ups are intoxicated. Mr. Bennett and I have been considering this matter in consultation with the Public Works Department and Sergeant Williams and we now think that we should not press for the lavatories, I wonder whether you will agree. The other recommendations will be given effect to.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders.

Mrs.C. Luxton, J.P.,
STANLEY.

RHDM/LH

Reply at 105

BU 22.3.62

BU 29.3.62

BU 16.4.62

Acknd 19.4.62 ~~165~~ 49

Ref. 0049.

Box 165
Malvina House
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands
South Atlantic

10th April 1962.

Dear Mr. Manders,

Thank you for your letter re the prison improvements. I note that you consider the addition of two lavatories unnecessary at present, but perhaps at some future date at least one could be installed inside the building. I am glad the other recommendations will be given effect to.

Yours Sincerely

[illegible] Luxton.

Home S.

In accordance with Section 9(2) of the P. & P. Ordinance, Cap. 51, Visiting Justices shall inspect the prison at least four times annually.

I wonder whether you would wish to carry out such requisite inspections on occasions when there are no inmates, but if so perhaps you would like the file bound quarterly.

51 19.4.62

24/4/62.

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We have entered in file

53 BU 1.7.62

BU 1/10

BU 1/1 on his return.

Here entered

Superintendent of Police
Police Station, Stanley.

28th December, 1962.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

Improvements: Gaol House.

1. I submit for your consideration the undermentioned improvements to the accommodation provided for the Superintendent of Police.

2. Proposal.

(a) The room now used as a Police Store upstairs to be converted to a bedroom. For the accommodation of the Prison Matron or or visitors as the occasion may arise. There are only two bedrooms provided for the Superintendent and his family.

(b) A bath to be installed in the room upstairs now equipped with lavatory and handbasin. At present the bathroom/lavatory provided for the house is situated downstairs in a most inconvenient place. In order to reach this from the bedrooms it is necessary to pass down through the hall, the sitting room the kitchen, and finally a lobby.

(c) A partition and doorway to isolate the passage-way leading to the remaining female cell and day-room.

3. Works Requirements: For 2 (a) above.

(i) Remove shelving used for the Police Store.

(ii) Redecorate walls and ceiling. Cover wooden floor with Lino.

(iii) Introduce a skylight in ceiling to provide adequate daylight.

For (2 (b) above.

Hot water piping from Rayburn Stove Boiler in kitchen for supply to bath and handbasin.

For 2 (c) above.

Plywood panel partition and door mid-way along passage, up to ceiling.

4. Conclusion.

One cell and the Day-Room upstairs would remain for the rare event of a female prisoner serving a sentence. It should be noted that only one female has occupied a cell over the past 15 years. The outside staircase previously recommended would provide the the necessry access.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. W. Gray.

Superintendent of Police.

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I think all these things should be done except that the actual second bath can hardly be called a necessity. However the providing of hot water upstairs seems very desirable and if the bathroom can be installed at the same time without much cost or difficulty it seems worth considering. It would seem that all this might be done at the same time as the improvements to the gaol which were recommended about a year and a half ago by the Visitors and have not yet been started.

0049 ~~attached~~

Please submit the file about them. — now from 44 herein.

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SPW Please see 44, 54 & 55

Please refer on the possibility of who ~~[illegible]~~ doing all the work that has been suggested

[illegible] 8/1/63

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H.C.S. This work is in hand and will be completed as labour becomes available.

L Picton.
8/1/63.

Seen [illegible]
NFA who doubt SP will remind me if it gets delayed
[illegible] 9/1/63.

P.A.

12T
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MEMORANDUM

7th June 1965 19

From Superintendent of Police

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Colonial Secretary

19/6

SUBJECT :-

Prisoners Amenities

Please see attached letter from Prison Chaplin, Rev.E.Thornley.

2. I agree in principle with the suggestion but I feel strongly that the provision of the 'Box' should be strictly a privelege to be earned by a prisoner who is serving a sentence longer than a month for a criminal offence. In the case of detention for civil offences I believe it would be beneficial to provide the amenity.

Superintendent of Prisons

BuF

~~12/A~~
58/A

The Deanery

Port Stanley.

4th June 1965

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19/6

Dear Sir

In the course of my visits to the prison as Chaplain it has occured to me that the provision of a rediffusion box in the cells for the benefit of prisoners would be a beneficial means of relieving the boredom of the evenings Whilst I am aware that punishment must include the deprivation of many social amenities, I cannot but feel that this rovison could make a real difference in the efficacy of a prison sentence

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Eric Thomsley

The Superintendent of Police
Port Stanley

Ref: 0690

59

22nd June, 1965.

Dear Reverend Thornley,

58/1 Thank you for your letter about amenities for prisoners which was addressed to the Superintendent of Police.

Both the Superintendent and myself agree that the provision of a 'box' is a reasonable privilege which can be earned by a prisoner who is serving a sentence longer than one month for a criminal offence. In view of the lack of a deterrent for petty crime here we do not think that a 'box' should be provided for sentences of one month and less.

In all cases of detention for civil offences a 'box' would be a beneficial amenity.

The Superintendent of Police will arrange for the provision of a 'box' next time a prisoner of suitable sentence length or type appears in the prison.

WHT.

Reverend E. Thornley,
STANLEY.

TB

Copy to S/Police.

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MEMORANDUM.

10th, FEBRUARY 1967.

From: Officer in Charge Police.
STANLEY.

To: The Colonial Secretary.
STANLEY.

b/f.

SUBJECT: Subsistence of Prisoners.

During the year 1966/67, several persons were arrested and detained in the Prison. The times varied according to when the person was arrested. In one case a person was detained over the weekend. During the time they were in custody I supplied them with meals at my own expense. This amounted to £4. 10. 0. the price per meal being 7/6d.

The cost of purchasing food and having it stored at the Prison, would be very expensive and there would also be a lot of wastage, such as; porridge, vegetables, etc.; due to dampness.

In the event of a person being sentenced to prison for a period of time, food would be purchased in the normal way, and expenses incurred would be charged against the Government.

With regards to the expenses incurred by myself in supplying meals for prisoners who have been remanded for one and two days, I request that authority be given in order that I receive payment for the same, and if the above arrangement is agreeable, to continue.

61

Peck.
Officer in Charge Police.

A C.J.
May I have your observations please?
Reply at 64

22.2.67

L. S.,

The idea is sound but the rate of 7/6 per meal seems to be on the high side. Several years ago we paid this rate to Mrs Williams for providing meals when there was no Gaol Matron but the rate included the "labour" element. Mrs. Peck is already paid to cook for prisoners in that she is paid as Gaol Matron.

I suggest a rate of 5/- (which for the type of food supplied to prisoners - please see the Prison Regulations (1966) should be adequate, and that it should be paid for not more than three days. For prisoners inside for more than three days the usual procedure should be followed.

L.G.
24/2/67

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I agree. S.I.
27/2

0690

28th February 67.

To: The Officer in Charge Police,

From: Colonial Secretary, STANLEY.

Copies: Treasury, Audit.

Subsistence of Prisoners

I refer to your memorandum of the 10th February 1967 regarding the cost of supplying meals to persons arrested and detained in prison for short periods.

Authority is given for the payment to you of 5/- per meal supplied to such prisoners provided detention does not exceed three days. The usual arrangement will be followed in cases where the prisoner is detained for longer periods.

(Sgd.) H.L.Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE 31 OCT 1967 FALKLAND ISLANDS

MEMORANDUM

31st October, 1967.

To: The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

From: Officer in Charge Police.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Prison - Accommodation.

Recently the Police have been approached by persons coming into Stanley from the Camp after breaking their contract with their employers, and requesting accommodation at the Police Station.

The employers of these farm labourers have given the men the idea that if they cannot find lodgings in the Town, that the Police will supply them with accommodation. This has ~~been~~ always been wrongfully interpreted by persons living in the Colony, that, if they cannot find a place to live, that the Police will lodge them in the cells.

Only yesterday, I was informed that a family was coming into Stanley to live, that they have no accommodation to move into on their arrival, so they will come to the Police Station and live. They were informed that this was not possible there being no proper facilities to cater for a family.

I would propose that in future persons engaged on a contract to the Colony, should they break their contract and come into Stanley to await their departure from the Colony, their employers should be made to find alternate accommodation for them. Employers in the Colony have been aware of this for a number of years.

The Prison building is in a disgraceful condition at the present, no toilet facilities, inadequate ventilation, no proper bunks, wiring in a dangerous state, no communication with the Station and inmates, etc., these are just to mention a few of the faults of our Prison. The sooner something is done to improve conditions in the Prison the better.

Officer in Charge Police.

Reply

3 November

To: Officer-In-Charge,
Police,
STANLEY.

From: Colonial Secretary,

Prison Accommodation

I refer to your memorandum of 31st October. 65

You have no need to tell me that the prison building is in a disgraceful condition, and I would remind you of a conversation I had with you a long time ago when you were told to get a price from the Superintendent of Works for the work to be done and to report back to me. I am still waiting.

If, and when, families or other persons come into Stanley and there is no roof to shelter them then humanity must take precedence. This is nothing new and is something you, as Officer-in-Charge Police, have to cope with.

Each problem must be dealt with and solved as it occurs and ever since my arrival here in 1963 it has been my impression that a solution has been found in every case. This is not to say that I like the idea, but as Civil Servants we have to cope with problems as they occur and attempt to solve them dispassionately.

A circular letter to farms might be helpful. Please discuss.

(W.H. Thompson)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

pmc.

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67

8th January 68

To: Superintendent of Public Works

From Colonial Secretary

STANLEY

Copy to: Oi/c Police.

Hard Standing at Police Station.

Please price this, keeping the specification to the basic minimum, for inclusion as a Special Expenditure in the 1968/1969 Estimates.

(W. H. Thompson)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

AR.

68

13th June 68.

To: Superintendent Public Works,

Ag. Supt. Power & Electrical

STANLEY.

From: The Colonial Secretary

Completion of alteration to gaol

You will now give this priority. The job must be completed soon. It has taken over seven weeks to produce a situation where we still only have one incomplete cell available.

(W. H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

AA.

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No. PWD 041.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE 26 JUN 1968 FALKLAND ISLANDS

MEMORANDUM

26th June, 1968.

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Completion of alteration to gaol.

Received this morning memo of urgency of incomplete gaol, which has immediately been taken in hand, I do however feel it necessary to comment on this as it does appear that the information your office appears to be receiving is rather a bit unorthodox as I have received complaints of a different nature concerning that job.

The O. i/c Police and myself agreed on what remains to be done with the gaol and various other works, and at my request he produced a list which apparently is a copy of work agreed on a very long time ago, but this list was not received in this office until the 12th of June last, and your Memo 13th June.

The list received from O. i/c Police was in fact quite astonishing, and can be classed as major works, there are 27 items requested, and when I arrived here there were two apprentices employed on them, and as a result of complaints from the O. i/c indirectly through his constables I removed them and replaced them with a Tradesman and apprentice, unfortunatly due to the recent high death rate in Stanley this man has also had to carry out duties for the deceased which naturally came first.
As for the living, I cannot agree that in following in the wake of the O. i/c and his requests for work here and Camp areas is going to help this Dept. in previous and more essential priority requests, and I would like to ask the C.S. for a revision of the work demanded for instance why does such a small establishment require 3 bathrooms, four hand basins, six toilets, and many other items which I feel is a personal objective rather than a constructive nature.

T.W. Rogers

Supt. of Works.

S.P.W. Received on my desk today. How right you are to raise this issue: undoubtedly wires have got crossed. Please discuss with me & I will lay down a firm directive.

W. 3/7

8th July, 68.

To: Officer-in-Charge Police,

From: The Colonial Secretary

STANLEY.

Copy to S.P.W.

Repairs and improvements to Gaol and Police Station

I have discussed your request for minor works with the S.P.W.

You will recall that £480 was voted for the job. Your 27 requests do not divide into £480.

The works to be completed against the £480 (and upon which the figure was estimated) are:

Cell ceilings,
Cell floors,
Mesh on cell windows,
All windows to be made to open, wherever possible
Bulkhead lighting,
x Basic improvement to cell walls.

The items 5, 6, 8, 9 (but see x above) 10, 11, 12 14 on your sheet dated 11th June 1968 were not included in the estimate.

The items 1 to 8 in the same paper, under the heading 'Police Station' were likewise not estimated for.

The items on the work requisition in respect of the Police House will be examined and dealt with, as may be necessary, in due course.

I will visit the gaol and the Police Office together with the S.P.W. and direct what the next steps are to be. Please arrange a suitable time.

(W. H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

AA.

29.7.68.

No. PWD 041.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

MEMORANDUM

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2nd September, 1968.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE 5 SEP 1968 FALKLAND ISLANDS

To: The Colonial Secretary, STANLEY.

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- POLICE STATION.

Ref to request for estimate on Police Stn. Heating extension and showers = £120.

I think the O. i/c. Police has a point in question about his lack of facilities for any confidential conversations he has from time to time and has asked may advice. I have suggested that by an adjustment of partitions he could gain privacy and also most other requests he has sought recently such as an improved counter, filing arrangements, and duty room. I have drawn him a layout which he said is ideal, this would involve a further £150 - £200.

As there does not seem to be any great need at the present time perhaps I could put both items for consideration in next years estimates. say £300.

Supt. of Works. [signature]

Reply at R

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7th Setpember, 68.

To: Superintendent Public Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary

STANLEY.

Copy to Oi/c Police.

71 Police Station
Your PWD 041 of 2nd September refers.

I agree.

Please show the first item as

Provision of bathing facilities in the Gaol £120.

The second item is not so important and, if battle has to be done for money, priority should be given to the gaol item above.

(W. H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

AA.

7th April, 69

Officer in Charge,

Colonial Secretary

Police Force

Township and prisoner security

In accordance with wishes expressed by members of the Legislature you are directed to do your utmost to man the station during all hours of the night. I realise that you may find it necessary to alter your duties.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

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No.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

MEMORANDUM

29th July, 1969.

To: The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

From: Officer in Charge Police.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Renovations of Police House.

On the 2nd June, 1969, the Public Works Department commenced work in my house. The nature of the work to be carried out was; lining the ceiling and walls, alteration to the domestic water system, fit a new cupboard on the east wall, erect a partition across the west end of the kitchen, line the scullery and fit a bench and cupboard, and to fit a new top to the kitchen table. The table and tops of the cupboard in the kitchen, and the bench in the scullery were to be covered by formica.

So far, most of this work has been done, but there is still work which has not been completed, this includes the kitchen table, 5 drawers in the kitchen, shelves in another cupboard, cupboard and ~~shelves~~ benches in the scullery, and the lino to be finished in the bathroom, and kitchen. Three doors leading off the kitchen, have a space of a full half inch between the bottom of the doors and the floor.

For the past nine weeks, my family has had to rely on living in our sittingroom, cooking in the prison among prisoners, and having to wash up afterwards. The sittingroom affords no privacy between ourselves and the prisoners because the seperating wall between the two has never been bricked up, only a wooden partition seperates them. Having to live under these conditions for so long has proved to be extremely difficult to say the least, when one considers that under normal conditions, life is never easy with a large family.

I ask that some consieration be given to this house in completing the work as quickly as possible, at present no one is working in the house, and my family is not able to move back until the work has been completed.

Peck.
Officer in Charge
Falkland Islands Police Force.

Record

Discussed with S.P.W. who is taking necessary action. Mr. Peck has been informed.

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September, 1969.

We recently had an instance where the wires became crossed between our police and Scotland Yard and I would be grateful for your help in obtaining the information sought in this letter so as to enable us to avoid a similar occurrence in future.

The situation was that a British male citizen using the name Michael Thomas VIRGO, who holds British Passport No: 48510 issued at London on the 3rd of April 1964, in the name of Michael Thomas EDMUNDSON, was convicted of breaking and entering and sentenced on the 11th of July, 1969, to two months imprisonment. During the process of checking VIRGO's antecedents (apart from the passport being in a name different from that by which its holder was known here, the document had certain other suspicious features) Scotland Yard advised our police to get in touch with Interpol. As our channel of contact with Interpol is through Scotland Yard and not direct some confusion was caused and time lost. Also during these transactions there emerged the question (though time did not then permit of any examination of it) whether telegraphic enquiries about and information on the background and antecedents of suspects and undesirables should be conducted in plain language.

The purpose of relating the foregoing is not to ask for any investigation of the particular incident but to fill in the background to a request to you to advise me of the exact channel our police should follow when they wish to make enquiries of the kind referred to; and also to advise me whether it is correct for such enquiries, which by the nature of things have frequently to be carried out by telegram, to be conducted in plain language.

You may also consider it advisable to ascertain whether it would be useful, and in order, for our police authorities to be given a named contact in Scotland Yard to whom enquiries of a particularly urgent nature could be directed or who could be invoked when normal channels appeared (as seemed to be the case in the instance which has given rise to this letter) not to be operating smoothly.

A. St.J. Sugg, Esq., C.M.G.

Reply at 83

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MEMORANDUM

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE 4 NOV 1969 FALKLAND ISLANDS

31st October, 1969.

To: The Colonial Secretary.
STANLEY.

From: Officer in Charge Police.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Insurance-Third Party Risks.

For some considerable time I have been concerned about what would happen should an accident occur when (i) the Police are taking a person for a driving test, (ii) when a person is being conveyed to and from in Police transport when in lawful custody, (iii) or when they have been arrested and being conveyed to the Police Station.

At the present moment, the Police Land rover is only covered by the normal Third Party Policy, this only covers death or personal injury, to the Third Party.

Driving tests are carried out in the occupants own vehicles, these are normally covered by Third Party Risks, and in some cases Full Third Party, which covers damage only.

Reference to (i) above. Experience has proved that persons undergoing a test are more likely to have or cause an accident, due partly to nerves, over confidence, or failing to pay full attention to the Instructors directions and instructions. If the Officer taking the test was seriously injured, perhaps crippled for life, only the Medical fees would be paid by the Insurance Company. I believe the Workmens Compensation Ordinance would cover him for the loss of earnings. This is certainly unsatisfactory to my mind.

Reference to (ii) above. Should the Police be involved in an accident when conveying a Prisoner to a working site, and the prisoner is is injured, he would not be entitled to receive any payment at all.

Reference to (iii) above. An Officer is justified in arresting a person with reasonable suspicion. Conveying him to the Station by the Police Land rover, he is injured through an accident involving another vehicle. He would not be entitled to make a claim under the Third Party Policy, would he be entitled to an award under the Workmens Compensation Ordinance?

I feel that this problem should be cleared up with very little delay. I myself carry out the driving tests with a few exceptions, and I feel very reluctant to take any more until I am safeguarded against all injuries.

See 80, 85

Officer in Charge
Falkland Islands Police Force.

A.S.C. Your comments will be welcome. I assume Govt. will carry the risk.

2 Pl. numbers to come in 2nd half of November.

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77

Col. Sec.,

I agree, Gov. would carry the risk, in the absence of any other provision.

In the U. K. county councils and police authorities are even exempt from requirement of third-party insurance or security.

DLB.
21. XI. 69.

Colonial Treasurer.

In my experience it is normal for Government to carry the risk in the circumstances refered to by Inspector Peck. R.S.C. is of the same view.

2. Have you any comments before I reply accordingly?

J. A. Jones.
Colonial Secretary.

24th November, 1969
JML

C.S.

The Police Officers are covered (to some extent) by the Pensions Ordinance

L.C.
29/11/69

C.T.

May we discuss — after Battle Day?

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Mr

Reg. 23 of the Regs. laying disability. Death in the main Ordinance.

2 The Pensions Ordinance & its Regulations make provision for the payment of pension to a widow and of disability pension to an officer killed or disabled in the course of his duty.

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11th December 69

To. Officer in Charge of Police

Stanley

From: Colonial Secretary

Insurance-Third Party Risks

With reference to your memorandum of the 31st October it appears that the position is covered by the Pensions Ordinance and its Regulations which make provision for the payment of a disability pension to an official injured in the course of his duty and of a pension to a widow of an official killed in the course of his duty.

J. A. Jones
Colonial Secretary

JML

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MEMORANDUM

16th, December, 1969.

To: The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

From: Officer in Charge of Police.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Insurance - Third Party Risks.

79

With reference your memorandum dated the 11th, December, 1969, the provisions made under the Pension Ordinance and Regulations are inadequate in this type of job. I feel very concerned because, should I sustain injuries which would prevent me from working for possibly months, I would be without a house, and my family would have many hardships to face, particularly if it occurred in the summer months. I make mention of myself but, if I am unable to take a driving test another officer is detailed to do it, and the same dangers apply to him.

X An insurance policy paid annually to cover risks in this job is urgently required, on a similar way as the Pilots, because the danger in each of the jobs is always there.

In paragraphs 5 & 6, of my memorandum of the 31st, October, raises another serious problem. I feel that this matter also should be looked into to find ways and means of safeguarding persons being conveyed in the Police vehicle.

Reply at 85

Beck.
Officer in Charge
Falkland Islands Police Force.

81

C.T.

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Grateful for your comments, particularly

Govt. X.

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C.S.,

I think Dept of Police is putting an incorrect interpretation on the Civ Service insurance. The policy, in my opinion, is for Govt protection against claims based

by the pilots, or the need to pay pension for longer than usual to enabled pilots or their dependants should they be killed.

It is not my impression that the proceeds of any insurance policy would be paid to an injured pilot if he was awarded a pension under the Ordinance. He might, of course, take legal action for a larger sum if negligence on the part of the employer could be proved: in the event of success on his part he might not continue to receive a pension.

There are various processes by which compensation for injury or death can be made. The law provides for pensions but this is not necessarily final.

Pension Ordinance

An insurance policy offers no security to the Officer: it is a form of security for Govt. This is true ~~in~~ whether the officer is an air pilot or policeman. I doubt the usefulness of the air service insurance scheme, and do not recommend extending the idea to the Police.

Reference paras 5 to 6 of 76 I feel it will be time enough to consider the first point when it arises and re-state that Govt officers are safeguarded against the risks they take in the conduct of their duties.

L.G.
20/IX/69

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London S.W.1

HGF 14/8:

20 November, 1969

Dear John.

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May I refer to your letter to me of 3 September in which you asked for advice about communications between your police and the police here.

2. [The substance of your letter was put to New Scotland Yard who said that there appears to have been some misunderstanding in the past about contacting Interpol. They gave me the following details in order to assist you in any future communications your police may wish to have with them.

1) All Correspondence (including anything for Interpol) to be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, New Scotland Yard, Broadway, London S.W.1. where upon receipt it will be referred to the appropriate department(s).

2) Telegraphic communications to be addressed to "MODULUS, London, S.W.1."

Concerning the question of the use of the 133 Government Telegraphic Code, raised in the letter from Government House. It can be said from enquiries made that this code is very rarely used in Police communications addressed to New Scotland Yard. This is no doubt due in part to the present day air mail postal service.

As to whether the code or plain language should be used in telegraphic communications, it is suggested that this must be left to the discretion of the sender. It may be considered the code should only be used when essential and not as a matter of routine. The time saved in decoding would of course allow for a quicker reply.

3) With regard to the suggestion that your police be given a named contact, Scotland Yard say that for a variety of reasons this would not be possible but that by directing enquiries as suggested in (1) and (2) above, the same result would be achieved.]

4) I hope this gives you the information you want.

Yours ever
John Sugg.

(A. St. J. Sugg)

J. A. Jones Esq., OBE,
Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY,
Falkland Islands.

S/C FVR

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1st January 70

CONFIDENTIAL

You will recall that in September I wrote to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in an endeavour to obtain clarification about your channels of contact with Interpol, etc. I have now received the following answer:

"The substance of your letter was put to New Scotland Yard who said that there appears to have been some misunderstanding in the past about contacting Interpol. They gave me the following details in order to assist you in any future communications your police may wish to have with them:

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With regard to the suggestion that your police be given a named contact, Scotland Yard say that for a variety of reasons this would not be possible but that by directing enquiries as suggested in (1) and (2) above, the same result would be achieved."

I am afraid this does not really get us much further and we can only hope that existing arrangements, which should work, will work more satisfactorily in future. No doubt you will let me know whether this proves to be the case.

J. A. Jones
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. T. Peck,
Officer in Charge of Police,
Stanley.

JML

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85

5th January, 70

To: Officer in Charge of Police.

From: Colonial Secretary.

Insurance - Third Party Risks.

80

With reference to your memorandum dated 16th December last, the position is that the law provides for the payment of pensions in the
76 circumstances to which your memorandum of the 31st Of October referred. An insurance policy of the kind you mention would provide no additional protection for the individual. The purpose of such insurance is to protect the government against claims lodged by the pilots in the event of injury or to meet lengthy pensions payments to their dependents if they are killed. Thus if a pilot was disabled and awarded a pension under the Ordinance the proceeds of the insurance policy taken out by government would not be payable to him. It would theoretically be possible for a pilot in these circumstances to take legal action seeking from government a larger sum if government could be shown to have been negligent: were he successful in such an action it is possible that he might not continue to receive a pension.

2. Briefly, an insurance policy of the kind to which you refer offers no security to the individual: it is a form of security for government.

3. With regard to your paragraph 5 of your memorandum of the 31st October it would again be a question of government liability which, according to the circumstances, might or might not be for a decision in the courts. The proper time to consider it will be when a specific instance arises. As regards paragraph 6 of the same memorandum, government officers are, as I have already stated, safe-guarded through the Pensions Ordinance against the risks they take in the course of their duties.

H. A. Jones
Colonial Secretary.

JML