

J.S.

SECRET.

WAR/W2H/2#6

19 39.

No.

S/29/39

154

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 39.

30th August.

Previous Paper.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

PART - I.

MINUTES.

1-3.

S. of S. Secret Dir. telegram no. 21 of 30/8/39.

Such regulations are necessary  
in war. McH  
C.S.

Y. Submitted with draft  
reply. McH  
C.S.  
31. 8. 39.

Off.

~~Handwritten signature~~

31/8

4.

Telegram to S. of S. No. 66 of 1. 9. 38

Subsequent Paper. 5.

Telegram from S. of S. 39 of 4/9/39

Hon. Secs.

Draft Defence (Finance)  
Regulations for your early  
consideration please.

6-9.

MCH.  
CJ.  
5.9.39.

Hones

The Regulations seem to me  
to cover the necessary ground, in so  
far as the Colony is concerned, please.

W.D. Foot  
8/9/39

See rec 5. Regulations and  
order made in accordance with  
instructions.

Yh

Submitted for signature -

1. Defence (Financial) Regulations
2. Order.

MCH.  
CJ.  
12.9.39.

In Gazette

Copies for Gazette Board re  
Copies for Treasurer.

MCH.

Copies placed in office file

C.S.O. No. S/29/39.

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2....

10. Letter to Manager, Estate Louis Williams, 12.9.39.
11. " " F.I.C. of 12.9.39.
12. Defence (Finance) Regulations of 9.9.39.
- 13-15. " " " "
16. Minute to Registrar-General of 13.9.39.
17. Letter from Estate Williams 14.9.39.

Hon. Secs.

For your recommendation, please. Estate Williams have carried on limited business with S. American Countries and the U.S.A., for many years.

WCH  
C.S.

14.9.39.

Hon. Secs.

I submit that in the first place transactions should be limited, at least, to comply with the requirements of Section 3 (2)(a) of the Regulations, and that applicants should be required to furnish their minimum annual requirements, please

WCH  
C.S.  
14/9/39.

The Manager Estate Williams spoken and asked to give an estimate of his minimum annual requirements.

WCH  
C.S.  
15.9.39.

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JH.  
Mr. W. J. Hutchinson may be  
recognized as an authorized dealer?  
This remittance is required to be  
made for the purpose of meeting  
reasonable requirements of trade  
carried on in the Colony.  
Mr. Hutchinson is purchasing supplies  
which are needed here.  
I recommend approval.

WCH

19. 9. 39

App.

19/9/39

Notes

Notes. Thank you

WCH

19/9/39

Telegram from S. of S. 22/9/39 22

Telegram from S. of S. 25/9/39 23

JH. Submitted. There are no Banks  
here. Financial remittances are carried  
out -

1. By the Col. Treasury by  
means of drafts on the  
C.A's.

2. By the Fhs. Co. Ltd. by  
cheques on their London  
Office.

WCH

24. 9. 39.

HCS

Please reply that there are no  
Banks in the Colony

Htlt/ 29/9/39

24. Telegram to S. of S. 30/9/39
25. Letter from Mr C. Mackinnon 29/9/39
26. Minute from Treasurer 29/9/39

JH  
Submitted. This refers to  
purchase of property by Mr  
C. Mackinnon in Uruguay.

2. I am unable to  
recommend that permission  
be granted for the transfer  
of these funds to  
Uruguay. It is different  
to a trading transaction  
for goods required by the  
Colony.

MCHC.  
As. Treas.  
30/9/39

Does not this come under 3  
(2) (b) of the Regulations?

Htlt/ 30/9

£200

His Excellency spoken.

McH  
CS

30.9.39.

O.T.C. Treasury.

Permission is granted.

McH  
CS

2.8.39.

Letter from Mr. W. J. Hutchins of 3.10.39.

recalled  
3.10.39.

(27)

O.T.C. Treasury.

These payments appear to  
be for trade carried out by  
Mr. Hutchinson. I do not  
understand. X. We cannot  
issue duplicate drafts.

McH  
CS

2.8.39.

Circ Telegram from Soff (Rec. 2/10/38)

Letter from Mr. W. Stead. 5/10/39

(28)

(29)

Hones - Red 29. Submitted.

I understand from Mr. Gleadow  
that he has contributed towards the  
maintenance of his mother for some  
considerable time, & that his inability to  
continue would cause some hardship.  
Would this necessarily be prepared to  
exercise the option in para 3 (i) of the  
Regulations in this case please?

W.D. for CT.  
5/10/39.

1/11

Submitted. I recommend  
that permission be granted.

W.H.  
cl.  
5. x. 59.

App?

11/11/39

Treasury

To note approval.

W.H.  
cl.  
5. x. 59

Stan CS

Payments to the  
individuals concerned in Res 56,  
57 and 58, have been made  
accordingly.

W.H. 6/10/39

P.S.

Mr Hutchinson has been  
informed that drafts cannot  
issue in duplicate, please.

W.H.

30. Letter from Mr. W. J. Hutchinson of 7. 10. 39.
31. Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 6. 10. 39.
32. Letter to W. J. Hutchinson 7. 10. 59.
33. Letter to The Co., Ltd. 7. 10. 59.



U.T. C. Treasury.

To note.

met

CS

7. x. 39.

Hones

noted

edp

9/10/39

Letter from Estate Williams 11. x. 39 34

Treasury.

To see. It would seem that the application has been refused by the Control in the U.K.. In any case an application from a firm operating in the Colony must be made through the Control here. This is a trade transaction carried out before the outbreak of war and would appear one for which transfer of funds should be authorized.

As there is no exchange available locally the I of S. should be asked to arrange the matter.

See L of red 22.

met

CS  
11. x. 39.

Hon. CS

Seen. Thank you.

yes. Please see also Reas.

edp

12/11/39



K.

Submitted. May this matter be referred to the S. of S. stating that there is no exchange available locally and asking that Hambros Bank be authorised to carry out the transaction on behalf of Estate Williams.

MCH

ag. Stevens  
12. x. 39.

If Mr. R. wishes to pay by a cheque we can cable

12/x

(35) Letter to Manager, Estate L. Williams of 13. 10. 39.  
MCH

16. Letter from Estate Williams of 14. x. 39

K.

Submitted. Estate Williams asks that authority be given their London Bank to carry out transactions in U.S. dollars to the extent of 1500 \$ for trade purposes. I consider the firm should pay the cable charges.

MCH

C.S.  
14. x. 39

H.C.

You must I think ask Gtcl-  
Williams to produce evidence to  
your satisfaction of these funds having  
been ordered as stated. There is no  
question whatever of doubling but we  
must all have to be treated alike.  
We can then cable as requested but  
public funds cannot carry the cost

W.H. 16/10/39

Letter to Estate Williams 17.X.39 37  
--- from --- 18.10.39. (38)  
Treasury.

To see particulars forwarded  
by Estate Williams. W.H.

18.X.39.

H.C.

Seen. Thank you. I have  
spoken to you regarding this matter.

19/10/39

Secret despatch from the I. of S.  
23/8/39 and 39-55  
enclosures.

Treasury.

For early consideration and  
your observations on the points  
raised particularly under the first  
part of para: 6.

2. The question of imports

is referred to in para: 4. It appears essential that certain foodstuffs required for the maintenance of the people must be obtained from countries which will not accept payment in Sterling. The imports into this colony from S. America consist mainly of flour, sugar, butter and fruit: fodder and petrol. Under present conditions these articles cannot be obtained from the U.K.

I The question arises of the order sent by Estate Louis Williams on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1939, to Uruguay for Petrol and paraffine. These goods are essential to the needs of the colony. They cannot be obtained from the U.K. If exchange facilities are refused then it will mean that the colony will be deprived of goods necessary for its maintenance.

M.H.

19 X. 39.

Hon. CS.

Submitted.

① This colony is, I suppose, unique in that its export trade is conducted exclusively with the United Kingdom.

In consequence it is dependent entirely on the Imperial Govt to supply exchange for its foreign purchases.

The Imperial Govt, it seems, requires such purchases restricted to a minimum compatible with the Colony's normal consumption of essential commodities; and further that "imports from the dollar & free exchange areas should be discouraged".

② In the circumstances I suggest that the Colony's importations should be confined to purchases of the minimum essentials (as detailed in para 2 of your minute under reply) in Chile, Uruguay and Argentina, and that local importers should be asked to furnish particulars of their requirements for the next 12 months in the form given below:-

| ① Commodity | ② Quantity | ③ Country<br>of<br>Origin | ④ Approximate<br>value<br>in<br>Sterling |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|--|
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|--|

and importations restricted to the limit so estimated. This, I think, should form the basis of the estimate required by para 6 of Res 10.

③ It would seem that the order made by the Est. L. Williams on the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct was more or less in contravention of the Defence (Finance) Regulations in that permission was not granted to incur the exchange liability.

However, in view of the fact that the goods will, in all probability, arrive by "Lafonia" the Administration may perhaps sanction the transaction. In this connection may I refer you to your note of 15/9/39 (Sheet 2 herein) to which no reply appears to have been received.

*[Signature]*  
for Col. Treas  
21/10/39

56  
41.

Circ: telegram 100 of 20<sup>th</sup>  
October 1939 from S. of S.

11.

Recd 40 Submitted. Since the export trade of the Colony is with the U.K. there is no off-set against goods imported from Foreign Countries. In consequence, if essential supplies of foodstuffs and oils continue to be obtained from South America there is no alternative but to ask that exchange be supplied to meet such purchase. This Colony is probably the only British Dependency with no Foreign Export trade. The position in this regard might be pointed out to the S. of S.

2. Importers will be asked to give particulars of their minimum requirements of foodstuffs and oils from Foreign Countries during the next 12 months. They should be informed I think that no licenses

will be granted for the import  
from foreign countries of other  
foods Estate Williams imports  
Radio appliances and other  
goods from the U.S.A.

3. The orders sent by Estate  
Williams requiring exchange up  
to \$1500 U.S.A. have been  
examined. These are in  
order with the exception of  
an order for Petrol and  
Paraffine sent by the firm to  
Maugny early this month.  
Permission should have been  
sought by the firm to  
import these goods which  
I understand will arrive by  
this "Lafonia".

McH  
C.S.

23. X. 39.

Please proceed as in your  
para 2 requiring from each  
importer a statement as early  
as possible of total annual  
requirements of foreign currency  
for essential purchases (and as  
you say)

McH 24/X/39



57 (72) Letter to Manager, F.I.C., & Est. W. Williams of 25.10.39.

58 (73) ——— W. J. Hutchinson of 25.10.39.

59 (74) Letter from Manager, Est. W. Williams 26.10.39.

60 (75) ——— " ———

61 (76) Letter to Manager, F.I.C., & W. J. Hutchinson of 26.10.39.

62 (77) ——— Est. W. Williams of 26.10.39.

63 (78) Letter from Manager, Estate W. Williams of 27.10.39.

64 (79) ——— " ———

65-66 Letter from Fls. Co. Ltd., with enclosure 28.10.39  
~~50-51~~

67-68 Letter from Estate Williams 28.10.39  
~~52-53~~

69-70 Letter from W. J. Hutchinson 28.10.39  
~~54-55~~

Requirements from Foreign Countries  
 annually.

|                    | <u>Indelüft</u> | <u>Leder</u> | <u>Oils</u> | <u>Coal</u> | <u>Timber</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fls. Co. Ltd       | £ 982<br>2802   | £ 982        | £ 1115      | £ 230       | £ 1500        | £ 6631       |
| Estate W. Williams | 6470            | 1200         | 550         | —           | —             | £ 8,200      |
| W. J. Hutchinson   | 150             | 1400         | —           | —           | —             | 550          |
|                    | £ 9,422         | 2,582        | 1645        | 230         | 1500          | 15,381       |

Treasury

Figures received from  
 Impating firms as above.  
 The requirements of Estate  
 Williams as compared with  
 that of the Fls. Co. Ltd.,  
 appears altogether excessive and



quite beyond the normal  
business of Estate Louis Williams.  
It seems to me £12,000 would  
be ample to meet possible  
Foreign purchases.

MCH  
30. x. 59

Notes.

I beg to concur in so far  
as the Est L. Williams is concerned.

It will, I submit, be necessary  
to restrict purchases to South American  
Countries, & to apply <sup>to rep.</sup> for exchange  
in the countries selected - I suggest,  
as previously, Chile, Uruguay & Argentina.  
All purchases from the "dollar exchange  
countries" being prohibited.

EDD 21/11/59

Circular tele: Luno 104 from S. of S. 71.  
28. 10. 59.

Letter from The Coy. Ltd of 59 72.

Circular tele: from S. of S. of 31. x. 59 73 - 74

Y. E.

Submitted. With regard to red 71 I do not consider any  
action will be called for here.

2. A Notice will required to be published regarding the  
requirements set out in red 74 ?

3. With reference to red 55 the undermentioned Importers  
have given the figures shown on sheet 8 as their annual requirements  
of foreign currency for the purchase of essential goods from  
foreign countries.

4. The total of £6,631 required by the Falkland Is. Co., Ltd,  
appears reasonable. The total of £8,200 asked for by Estate Williams

is in my opinion excessive and quite beyond the financial scope of that firm. I consider the amount should be reduced to £4,130 as follows:-

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Foodstuffs..... | £3,000.       |
| Fodder.....     | 600.          |
| Oils.....       | <u>530</u>    |
|                 | <u>£4,130</u> |

5. From the figures given the total exchange required for the purchase foreign of the Colonys essential needs will approximate annually £12,000.

6. I venture the opinion that the S.of S. will require to be informed with reference to red 55 that it is considered that supplies of certain essential foodstuffs, fodder, oils, coal and timber should be obtained from Chile, Argentina and Uruguay and that the estimated annual exchange requirements to cover such purchases amount o £12,000. It might be added that the Colonys export trade is solely with the United Kingdom and in consequence the Colony will require to be supplied with the full amount of exchange mentioned above. It will I think be necessary to enquire whether the exchange will be provided.

7. With reference to reds 36 and 38, I think the application for exchange up to 1500 dollars U.S.A., might be referred to the S.of S. who could be informed that the firm has produced satisfactory documentary evidence in support of the application.

8. With reference to red 59, I do not recommend that exchange be provided to cover fresh purchases of goods from the U.S.A. - a "dollar" country. It does not appear that Radio Receivers are essential and in

any case spares can be obtained from a non-dollar country.

MCH

C.S.

1.11.39

|             |                    |            |     |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|-----|
| Letter from | W. J. Hutchinson   | 1. XI. Sq. | 75. |
| do.         | - do -             | 1 XI. Sq.  | 76. |
| Letter from | J. Summers         | 3. XI. Sq. | 77. |
| do.         | E. G. Rowe         | 4. XI. Sq. | 78. |
| do.         | Estate L. Williams | 4. XI. Sq. | 79. |
| do.         | The Coy. Ltd       | 6. XI. Sq. | 80. |
| Letter to   | The Co. Ltd        | 6. XI. Sq. | 81. |
| do.         | Estate Williams    | - do -     | 82. |
| do.         | E. G. Rowe         | - do -     | 83. |
| do.         | Estate Williams    | - do -     | 84. |
| do.         | - do -             | - do -     | 85. |
| do.         | - do -             | - do -     | 86. |
| do.         | The Is. Co. Ltd    | - do -     | 87. |
| Telegram to | S. of S.           |            | 87A |

This paper is required for a  
despatch covering the  
Defence (Finance) Regulations.

MCH

8. XI. Sq.

Secret Despatch to S. of S. of 8.11.39.

(88)

R.

Resubmitted with my minute  
of 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. On considering  
this matter further I find that  
the Colony can only obtain certain  
foodstuffs such as flour, butter,  
bacon etc. from the Argentine.  
This applies to fodder.

2. Including goods such as  
gas oil and petrol required by the  
Col. Govt. and provisions required  
by S.M. Ships, I estimate the

Annual requirements at  
£ 15,000: -

|      |                      |                 |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Omit | → Purchases from the | £ 6,000         |
|      | Argentina            |                 |
| Say  | £ 10,000 → Uruguay   | £ 7,000         |
|      | 2,000 → Chile        | £ 2,000         |
|      | → Brazil             |                 |
|      | <u>£ 12,000</u>      |                 |
|      | Total.               | <u>£ 15,000</u> |

I think it essential that we should know at the earliest possible moment the amount of foreign exchange the M.H. Govt. is prepared to make available to the Colony for its foreign purchases in order that an account can be opened against which authorized purchases can be recorded and the expenditure kept within the limits of the exchange provided.

MCH

8. 11. 39.

Are you quite satisfied that the goods<sup>etc</sup> purchased from the Argentine cannot be obtained from any source not included in the list of countries covered in (48)?  
There is no apparent difficulty

about payments to the other  
countries mentioned.

Before replying will you please  
discuss this point with the  
manager & J. C. Australia e.g.  
might be able to fill our flour  
requirements at no higher or little  
higher cost than Argentina.

~~W.H.H.~~ 9/11/39

YH

I have discussed the matter  
with the manager J.C. who  
also informed me regarding  
Correspondence from his London  
office on the subject of food  
supplies. He informed me -

1. That flour can still be  
obtained from the UK.
2. That the Company's requirements  
from S. America are obtained  
from Maclean and  
Stapledon, Montevideo, and  
are not ordered from firms  
in the Argentine.
3. It would be difficult to  
obtain supplies from Australia  
owing to uncertainty of  
transport. The Coy hopes  
however to make successful  
arrangements for obtaining  
certain supplies from  
South Africa.
4. Butter can be obtained in  
Montevideo but is more expensive

than the Argentine product.

5. Further such as  
Maire and Holland may present  
some difficulty but Captain  
Roberts thinks that their  
agents in Montevideo will be  
able to supply this line.

6. In the circumstances  
it would appear that no  
exchange is necessary for the  
Argentine. Importers might be  
informed that no exchange  
will be provided to cover  
purchases from the Argentine  
in the U.S.A. and that  
they must obtain their  
requirements from Uruguay,  
Brazil or Chile.

MCH  
14. XI. 39

Yes please and if they require  
further they can be given all the  
information they need or that we  
have



14/4/39

can owing to the  
demand in stocking

or Canada

should

Telegram from S. of S. of 6. 11. 39.

Letter to Managers, E. H. W., F. I. C., & W. J. Hutchinson,  
15/11/39.

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(90)

Letter from Estate Williams and  
enclosures. 13. XI. 39. (91-94)

Letter from Manager, E. H. W., of 16. 11. 39. 95-96.

Letter from Manager Mr. Coy.  
16. XI. 39. 97.

Letter from Estate L. Williams  
23. XI. 39. 98

Authority to Mr. Co. Ltd  
24. XI. 39. 99

Letter from Estate L. Williams.  
24. XI. 39. 100

Mr. the Governor Seen with  
this file and the Imports  
and Exports Restriction file  
this day.

MCH  
27. XI. 39.

Telegram to S. of S. of 27. XI. 39. 101.

Treasury. To note, In the meantime  
drafts required by Mr. Hutchinson  
and Estate Williams may be issued.  
The former to a total limit of £100  
and the latter to a total limit  
of £524.

MCH  
27. XI. 39.

Stanes

Noted. Thank you.

WJH  
29/11/39



- 103 Letter to Estate Williams of 27th Novbr.  
 104 do. do. 27th Novbr.  
 105 Letter from do. 27th Novbr.  
 106 Letter to do. 29th Novbr.  
 107 Letter from do. 29th Novbr.  
 108 Authority to Estate Williams to remit by means of a cheque drawn on a London Bank the sum of £380 to the Argentine in payment of supplies.

109 Secret telegram from S. of S. of  
8. XII. 39

Managers Fl. Co. Ltd  
 Managers Estate Williams  
 informed by me regarding  
 red 109. MCH  
 C. S.  
 8. XII. 39.

110-111. S. of S. Circular Note (2) of 8. 9. 39.

112-113. " " 8. 9. 39.

114-117. " " 29. 9. 39.

118. S. of S. Circular Despatch 12. 10. 39.

119 Telegram 114 from S. of S. 13. XII. 39.

Treasury.

To see reds 110 - 119.

MCH  
 C.S.  
 18. XII. 39

Hones

Seen. Thank you.

18/12/39

120-121

Secret telegram No 134 of  
19. XII. 39.

Treasury.

In consideration. Please  
indicate local action, if any,  
required - see para: 7.

McH

CS

2. 1. 40

Hon. CS.

Submitted.

① Virtually the instructions in para 7  
of Red 122 are in operation here already.

② It would, however, be as well if  
the Managers of the F.I.C. & E.L.W. were  
made conversant with the contents of  
the paragraph above referred to, please

evdg  
3/1/40.

Letter to Managers: F.I.C., a Est. L. Williams of 8/1/40 (122)

" from Managers F.I.C. 9/1/40 123

" " L. Cletheroe 11/1/40 124

" " L. Hardy 11/1/40 125

Treasury.

Reds 124 and 125 referred  
please.

McH

11. 1. 40

Hon. CS.

Submitted.

Red 125 appears to refer to a purely  
Naval or semi-naval transaction, and is,  
I suggest, no concern of this Govt until or unless  
permission is sought by the Naval Authority.

② I presume, in the case of Red 124,  
the case here is required to be in the prosecution  
of Mr Cletheroe's homeage business.

evdg  
12/1/40

C.S.O. No. S/29/59

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 13

Uruguay is not one of the countries mentioned in the Foreign Exchange list.

Treasury

Re: 126 and 127  
referred please. Regarding  
125. S.M.S. "Cumberland" may  
not come here again. I  
see no objection to meeting  
these comparatively small  
payments. Further particulars  
of the transaction (ref 125)  
will be sought from Mr  
L. Hardy.

MEH

15.1.40

Since writing above I have  
seen Mr L. Hardy. He states  
he imported no goods from  
Uruguay but being an old  
friend of the Captain Manager  
of "Cumberland" he promised  
to pay on his behalf the  
etc for goods purchased in  
Montevideo for S.M. Ship.

MEH

CS

15.1.40

Honed

Seen. Thank you  
with regard to Refs 126 & 127

these applications appear to be in respect of normal trade in essential commodities, and I would recommend that both items should be covered by drafts ~~issued~~ drawn on the C/OA

② With reference <sup>to Reg 125</sup> I would respectfully point out that a cheque drawn on the F. & Co Company requires to be accompanied by Form E. The transaction referred to is, I submit, in contravention of 3(b) of the Defence (Finance) Regulations 1939.

*W. J. H.*  
15/1/40

Permission granted to W. J. Hutchinson to remit £50; C. & Allan £35 and L. Cletcher £18 to Uruguay. 128  
*MCH*

Red 125 although not in conformity with 3(b) of the Defence (Finance) Regs 1939 appears on the explanation given by Mr Leslie Hardy to be a straightforward transaction. Permission is given under 129 the Regs. 16.1.40  
*MCH*

Permission granted to Estate Louis Williams to remit Argentine and Uruguayan Currency. 17.1.40 130  
*MCH*

Mrs Napier of Carcass is applied personally to have up to £300 paid to her in Buenos Aires. She stated that she had been ordered by the S.M.O. to proceed to that place for medical treatment. She spoke to Dr. Kennard and he confirmed this.

Mrs Napier explained that the money was wanted for medical fees. She had no idea what treatment would cost but she wanted to have enough to meet the cost.

*MCH*

Authority to F. & Co Ltd of 22.1.40 22.1.40 131

131-134.

S of S. Secret Circular of 14/11/39.

135

Application from Estate William

9. 2. 40

136

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E. G. Rowe 9. 2. 40

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W. J. Hutchinson

14. 2. 40

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Mr. H. Cletheroe of 14. 2. 40.

For Financial Secretary.

139

S of S. Circular Despatch of 1 11 39

140-141

Notice (2) of 3 11 39.

Hon. CS.

The applications filed  
at Reas 135 136 137 & 138 do not  
contravene the Defence (Finance)  
Regulations, and may, therefore,  
be sanctioned.

*[Signature]*  
J.B.

15/2/40

142

Permission issued to Estate William

143

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E. G. Rowe

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W. J. Hutchinson

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Mr. Cletheroe

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Letter from Th. Coy 19. 2. 40.

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Permission to " 20. 2. 40.

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Form E 1. from Richard Hills

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Letter from R. Hills 20. 2. 40

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Permission to R. Hills

151

Letter from J. Summers of 18. 2. 40

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Letter from Estate William 22. 2. 40

## Financial Secty.

Referred for consideration please.  
It may now be possible to modify  
previous decisions. Please see  
para: 8 of my minute on sheet  
9 and minutes on sheet 11  
and also letter refd 90.

2. The Manager Estate Williams  
saw me yesterday and alleged  
that other persons were importing  
from U.S.A. I informed him no  
application had been made here  
for exchange to be provided to  
cover purchases from the U.S.A.,  
except from his firm.

WCH  
cl

2.1.2.40

H. G. S.

Provided that the manager, Estate  
Williams, can assure Govt. that the spare  
parts and valves, now required, are for the  
pump field repairs to R.T.G. Victor Radio Receivers  
already imported into the Colony and that he  
is unable to purchase such parts from  
within the Empire. I am of the opinion that  
the permit might be granted.

2. Which I am in agreement that the R.T.G.  
Victor Radio Receivers may be the best suited  
for this Colony. I am unable to recommend  
the approval of further importations at the  
present time.

3. I respectfully suggest that the Manager, Estate Williams, be informed, in writing, in accordance with para. 2 of your minute dated 23.2.40. In the meantime I propose to investigate the matter of the alleged impositions with a view at least to avoiding any breach of the Agency Regulations.

*W. Smith*

F.S. 24.2.40.

(155) Letter to Manager, E.H.V.I., of 26.2.40.

(156) Letter from Estate Williams 26.2.40

F.S.

Import license might be issued on lines of form - red 46 in S/43A/39. Please see letter from Estate Williams.

*MLH*

*Cl.*

28.2.40

N. t. S.

With great respect I submit that the answer given in (157) is not satisfactory. It appears that the applicant has not properly investigated the possibilities of



of obtaining the articles required, from within the Empire, nor does he intend doing so. If the licence is granted and the matter is eventually queried by the Colonial Office, we might have considerable difficulty in satisfying the authorities. Under these circumstances I recommend that the licence be refused.

2. In para. 3 of my minute dated 24.2.40, and the further reference made in (157) to the question of importations from the U.S.A., by some other firm in Stanley, I have to report that the matter has been investigated and I have been assured by the Customs Officer that the importation in question was from the United Kingdom.

3. Before taking action in accordance with your minute dated 28.2.40 I await your further directions on the matter, please.

W. S. Smith.  
F. S. 5. 3/40.

C.S.O. No. 5/29/39

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 16

F.S.

I agree. The Customs as the Authority for the issue of Export and Import licenses should inform applicants as in the first part of your minute and that the application cannot be granted.

2. The second part of the letter will be replied to from this office.

WCH  
CS

5.3.40

L. G. S.

Action taken accordingly, and I enclose herewith a copy of my letter.

L. G. S.

5.5.40

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Letter to Manager, Estate L. Williams 7/3/40.

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S. of S. Secret Circular of 17/1/40

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" " " Note of 23/1/40.

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Letter from Manager, Estate L. Williams 11-3-40



2. Will Yk. be pleased to  
appoint the F.S. to be the  
Competent authority for carrying  
out the Regs.

met  
cl  
14.3.40

I approve above change

~~met~~ 14/3/40

180.

Letter from Estate Louis Williams.  
12.3.40

F.S.

To note. a public Notice  
will be required. Will you  
please put up a draft.

Re: 17 and 180 might be  
replied to by you.

met  
cl  
15.3.40

H. L. S.

Noted.

181

2. Draft Notice submitted for  
consideration.

3. Re: 179 and 180 will be  
dealt with.

met

F.S. 19.3.40.

Notice to issue.

met  
cl  
19.3.40

Government Notice No. 24 of 20/3/40

(181)

McH  
Ch.

J.S.

Thank you. File returned.

McH  
Ch.

20.3.40

J.S.

Noted. Thank you.

2. Peds 179 and 180, have been dealt with in the relevant survey file.

McH  
Ch.

McH

25.3.40

Unnumbered Circular Series of  
28<sup>th</sup> March 1940 from J.S.

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To J.S.

McH  
Ch.

30.3.40

J.S.

Seen and noted.

McH

25.3.40

Y/E.,

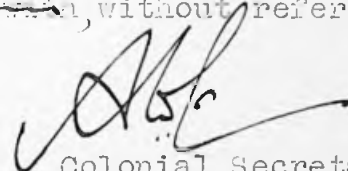
In reference to Red 181 I would respectfully advise its cancellation and the following substituted therefor.

+ Sections 3 & 4

"Under Section 2 subsection 1, of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Financial Secretary or officer acting for him for the purposes of enforcing and carrying out ~~of~~ these Defence (Finance) Regulations."

2. The reasons for my suggestion are (a) Section 3 (i) of the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, does not authorise the appointment of a Competent Authority excepting for specified sections, i.e. those and in which the expression Competent Authority occurs; /no such expression is to be found in the Defence (Finance) Regulations. (b) The appointment is better made to the Office and not personally to the Officer.

This question has arisen over the proposed purchase of "Winchargers" by Messrs Estate Louis Williams, a routine matter, <sup>for which</sup> ~~such~~ as the original appointment was made ~~to deal with~~, without reference to yourself.



Colonial Secretary.  
22. 4. 40.

*I do not think that the appointment of Mr. Smith as competent authority is not quite valid legally, though it would have been preferable not to use a term in technical use under other Regulations. The same is clear enough: by virtue of the Finance Regulations it is a delegation of authority*



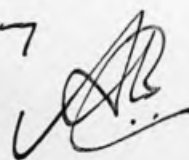
For the avoidance of doubt however  
would it not suffice for the powers  
to be delegated to the Treasury in terms  
(I wish the powers as in the U. K.  
had been vested in the Treasury in  
the first place)

Unless you have further advice to  
the contrary any further notice might  
well read "It is hereby notified that  
that with the Government has been  
pleased to delegate to the Treasury  
all such powers as may be exercised  
on His M<sup>ty</sup>'s behalf under the  
provisions of the Defence (Finance)  
Regulations 1939 and any subsequent  
amendments to the said Regulations  
Government Notice No. 24 of the  
20th of March 1940 is hereby cancelled"

~~ttttt~~ 23/4/40

A.C.S.

Action as above, + notify Mem. W. H. M.  
+ Treasury

 23/4/40



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184. Government Notice No. 38 of 23. 4. 40.

185. Letter to Estate L. Williams — — —

Treasury.

No note for necessary action.

J.D.  
for S.  
23/4/40.

Hence.

Noted & necessary  
action will be taken accordingly  
J.D.  
25/4/40

(186) Excerpt from letter from Estate L. Williams of 25. 4. 40.

187 S. of S. Telegram No. 42 of 4/5/40.

188 Circular Telegram Saving of 3. 40.

189 Telegram Circ. No. 53 from S. of S. of 11. 5. 40.

190 Circular Telegram Saving of 11/3/40.

191 Circular Telegram Saving of 12/3/40.

192-193. Circular Telegram Saving of 20. 3. 40.

Hence.

I would recommend  
that the procedure outlined in  
Red 189 be adopted here.S. of S.  
J.D.  
14/5/40

Your Excellency,

The points raised in Red 189 are in the main inapplicable here. Nevertheless I would recommend that a telegram be despatched to the S.of.S. on the following lines :-

"Your telegram Circular No.53. This Government is prepared to adopt procedure outlined as far as it is applicable here".

*L. V. ish.*  
Financial Secretary.  
22/5/40.

H. C. I.

Please send proposed telegram if  
you concur in the terms  
*TTTTT* 22/5/40

R.C.S. Telegram as above, pl.  
*AD* 24/5/40

Telegram No. 60 to S. of S. of 25. 5. 40. 194

Letter from Chilean Consul of 28/5/40. 195. P.A.  
Consul for Chile seen + so informed  
*AD* 30/5/40

Serial 1 in respect of 195. (Red)

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Handled. Red 196 submitted. The Original  
Duplicate, <sup>already completed</sup> have been issued to the  
Consulate for Chile  
*AD* 17/6/40.

CLOSED See Serial 11.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched:* 30th August, 19 39 *Time:* 01.45

*Received:* 30th August, 19 39 *Time:* 11.30

CIRCULAR No. 21. SECRET. Reply urgently required.

Measures will be taken in this country immediately on the outbreak of war to control the purchase of and export of foreign currency in order to conserve exchange of resources of this country. It is equally important to conserve exchange of resources in Colonial Empire where currency with trifling exceptions is on sterling exchange basis.

Treasury cannot allow free circulation of money between this country and any individual dependency if it is open to any persons in the dependency concerned to export sterling or turn it freely into dollars and thus lead to evasion in the United Kingdom of exchange control regulations and to a drain on sterling.

Below is a summary of the most important parts of draft Defence (Finance) Regulations which have been prepared here for immediate introduction upon outbreak of war. Copies of draft are already on their way to you under cover of air mail despatch.

Please send telegraphic acknowledgment of receipt of this telegram together with assurance that on outbreak of war your Government is willing to bring into force regulations on the lines of and no less stringent than those summarised below. Unless such an assurance is received in the United Kingdom the Treasury would not be able to permit transfer of money between this country and the dependency in question.

Should you be in doubt on any point especially pending the receipt of despatch referred to above please refer to me.

Summary/.

Summary begins.  
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Summary begins.

1. (1) Except with permission granted by or on behalf of Treasury no person other than an authorised dealer shall in the United Kingdom buy or borrow any foreign currency or any gold from, or lend or sell any foreign currency or any gold to, any person not being an authorised dealer.

1. (2) Defines authorised dealer which in case of Condition of authorization would be British bank or banks authorised on lines laid outmost.

(1) Except Treasury no person other than the United Kingdom buy or borrow any money from, or lend or sell any foreign currency, any person not being an authorised dealer.

1. (2) Defines authorised dealer which in case of dependency would be British bank or banks authorised on that behalf by yourself. Condition of authorization would be bank would conduct its operations on lines laid down to conserve exchange to utmost.

(a) take or send

(2) Defines authority of person not to be granted by bank to conduct its operations on lines of exchange to utmost.

2. (1) Subject to any exemptions which may be granted by order of Treasury, no person shall, except with permission granted by or on behalf of Treasury - (a) take or send out of the United Kingdom any bank notes, postal orders, gold, securities or foreign currency, transfer any securities of United Kingdom elsewhere, or (b) draw or negotiate any bill of exchange or promissory note, transfer any security or acknowledge any debt, so that (a) right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment in the United Kingdom is created or transferred as a consideration - (i) for receiving a payment, or acquiring property, outside the United Kingdom or (ii) for a right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment, of acquiring the United Kingdom or make any payment, as such consideration.

2. (2) The preceding paragraph shall not restrict anything, within the scope of his authority or on behalf of the Treasury, to restrict the doing of the Treasury.

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ment, of acquiring the United Kingdom of  
such consideration.

2. (2) The preceding paragraph shall not restrict  
doing of anything, within the scope of his authority,  
person authorised by or on behalf of the Treasury to  
foreign exchange, and shall not restrict the doing of  
which is certified by or on behalf of the Treasury  
necessary for the purpose - (a) of meeting reasonab  
nts of a trade or business carried on in the u  
f performin

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Despatched: 1st September, 1939. Time: ...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time: ...

No. 66. Secret. Your Circular telegram No. 21 Secret received. On the outbreak of war this Government will bring into force regulations on the lines of and no less stringent than those summarised in your telegram.

~~SECRETARY OF STATE.~~

Red 3

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DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

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ORDER BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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GOVERNOR.

Under the authority of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order the exemption from the provisions of regulation 2 of transactions under regulation 3 (i) (b) with any part of the Empire except at Newfoundland, Hong Kong and Sudan.

By Command.

Colonial Secretary.

4th September, 1939.  
3/29/39

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DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

*Governor*

Under the authority of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, U.K., 1939, the Governor is pleased to make the following regulations:-

I. These Regulations may be cited as the "Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939".

2. (1) Except with permission granted by or on behalf of the Governor no person other than an authorised dealer shall in the Colony buy or borrow any foreign currency or any gold from, or lend or sell any foreign currency or any gold to, any person not being an authorised dealer.

(2) Authorised dealer means those commercial firms in the Colony authorised by the Governor to transact business direct with countries other than the United Kingdom and other parts of the British Empire.

(1)  
3. Subject to any exemptions which may be granted by order of the Governor, no person shall, except with permission granted by or on behalf of the Governor -

(a) take or send out of the Colony any bank notes postal orders, gold, securities or foreign currency, transfer any securities from the Colony elsewhere, or -

(b) draw or negotiate any bill of exchange or promissory note, transfer any security or acknowledge any debt, so that (a) right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment in the Colony is created or transferred as a consideration -

(i) for receiving a payment, or acquiring property, outside the Colony or -

(ii) for a right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment, or acquiring property in the Colony or make any payment as such consideration.



(2) The preceding paragraph shall not restrict the doing of anything, within the scope of his authority, by any person authorised by or on behalf of the Governor to deal in foreign exchange, and shall not restrict the doing of anything which is certified by or on behalf of the Governor to be necessary for the purpose -

- (a) of meeting reasonable requirements of a trade or business carried on in the Colony,
- (b) of performing a contract made before the day ~~in~~ these regulations came into force or,
- (c) of defraying reasonable travelling or other personal expenses.

(3) Require any person leaving the Colony, defined as a traveller, to declare and produce any foreign currency in his possession and to surrender any that he is not authorised to export, and give powers of search and seizure.

(4) Authorize movement of foreign currency between various parts of the Colony.

(5) Authorize search of goods and seizure of any foreign currency so found.

4. Residents in the Colony who are or become entitled to sell gold, or procure the sale of gold, shall cause that gold to be offered for sale to the Government or to a person designated by the Governor at such price as may be determined by the Governor provided that there shall not be an obligation on any person to offer gold for sale if (a) he satisfies the Governor -

- (1) that all persons interested in the gold are not resident in the Colony, or -
- (2) that gold is required for the purpose of performing contracts made before the day on which the regulations come into force, or -
- (3) that gold is held for the purpose of meeting reasonable requirements of trade or

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or business carried on in the Colony otherwise than  
by way of dealing in gold, or (b) if he is in  
respect of that gold exempted from this regulation  
by the Governor.

By Command.

Colonial Secretary

Stanley, 9<sup>th</sup> September 1919.  
S/29/39.

S/29/39.

12th September, 39.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your information the accompanying copy of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, together with a copy of an order relative to the Regulations.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W.H.*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

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S/29/39.

12th September, 39.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your information the accompanying copy of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, together with a copy of an Order relative to the Regulations.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*WCH*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

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DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

ORDER BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

(Sgt.) H. HEINER-HEATON  
Governor.

Under the authority of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order the exemption from the provisions of Regulation 2 of transactions under Regulation 3 (i) (b) with any part of the Empire except at Newfoundland, Hong Kong and Sudan.

By Command,

(Sgt.) M. O. George Hackett

Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY,  
9th September, 1939.

M.P. S/29/39.

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DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

Governor.

Under the authority of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, United Kingdom, 1939, the Governor is pleased to make the following regulations :-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the "Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939".

2. (1) Except with permission granted by or on behalf of the Governor no person other than an authorised dealer shall in the Colony buy or borrow any foreign currency or any gold from, or lend or sell any foreign currency or any gold to, any person not being an authorised dealer.

(2) Authorised dealer means those commercial firms in the Colony authorised by the Governor to transact business direct with countries other than the United Kingdom and other parts of the British Empire.

3. (1) Subject to any exemptions which may be granted by order of the Governor, no person shall, except with permission granted by or on behalf of the Governor -

(a) take or send out of the Colony any bank notes, postal orders, gold, securities or foreign currency, or transfer any securities from the Colony elsewhere, or -

(b) draw or negotiate any bill of exchange or promissory note, transfer any security or acknowledge any debt, so that (a) right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment in the Colony is created or transferred as a consideration -

(i) for receiving a payment, or acquiring property, outside the Colony or -

(ii)/

- (ii) for a right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment, of acquiring property in the Colony or make any payment as such consideration.

(2) The preceding paragraph shall not restrict the doing of anything, within the scope of his authority, by any person authorised by or on behalf of the Governor to deal in foreign exchange, and shall not restrict the doing of anything which is certified by or on behalf of the Governor to be necessary for the purpose -

- (a) of meeting reasonable requirements of a trade or business carried on in the Colony,
- (b) of performing a contract made before the day these regulations come into force or,
- (c) of defraying reasonable travelling or other personal expenses.

(3) Require any person leaving the Colony, defined as a traveller, to declare and produce any foreign currency in his possession and to surrender any that he is not authorised to export, and give powers of search and seizure.

(4) Authorise movement of foreign currency between various parts of the Colony.

(5) Authorise search of goods and seizure of any foreign currency so found.

4. Residents in the Colony who are or become entitled to sell gold, or procure the sale of gold, shall cause that gold to be offered for sale to the Government or to a person designated by the Governor at such price as may be determined by the Governor provided that there shall not be an obligation on any person to offer gold for sale if

(a) he satisfies the Governor -

- (1) that all persons interested in the gold are not resident in the Colony, or -
- (2) that gold is required for the purpose of performing contracts made before the day on which the regulations come into force, or -
- (3) that gold is held for the purpose of meeting reasonable requirements of trade or/



or business carried on in the Colony otherwise than by way of dealing in gold, or

- (b) if he is in respect of that gold exempted from this regulation by the Governor.

By Command,

(Sgd.) M. C. Craigie-Halkett.

Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY,  
9th September, 1939.

M.P. S/29/39.

No. S/29/39.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

13th September, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Registrar-General,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to enclose herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, a copy of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, together with a copy of an Order relative to the Regulations.

*McH*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

ESTD 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

14th September 1939.

Sir,

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letter No.S/29/39 dated 12th inst., concerning the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

We hereby apply for permission to continue dealing in foreign currencies as heretofore, particularly the following:-

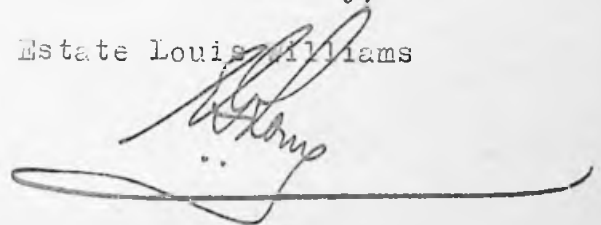
Argentine pesos  
Uruguayan pesos  
United States dollars  
French francs

Most of our transactions in foreign money are in connection with payment for goods which we import - occasionally we exchange a little money for customers.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY". RADIO.

*Stanley.*

14th September, 1939.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. S/29/39 dated 12th September, 1939 enclosing copy of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, together with a copy of an Order relative to these Regulations, for which I thank you.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*W. J. Grace*

For Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

**RECEIVED.**

| Number | Office of Origin | Words | Handed in at | Date    |
|--------|------------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| 114    | Montevideo       | 12    | 16.05        | 18.9.89 |
| To     | 1c Hutchinson    |       |              |         |
|        | Stanley          |       |              |         |

cable 100 pounds to Carntyne Buenos Aires through company

Hutchinson

Time

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Stanley,

19th September, 1939.

Sir,

I have received a telegram from my father who is at present in Montevideo to telegraph him one hundred pounds (£100) from his monies in the Treasury. I understand that my father requires the money to pay for goods purchased in South America for export to the Colony. I trust that permission may be given to me to effect this transfer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*E. J. Hutchinson*

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer,  
STANLEY.

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

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19th September, 19 39.

From The Colonial Treasurer,

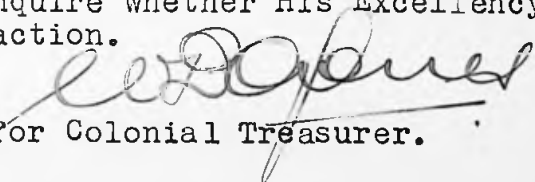
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter received from Mr. E.J. Hutchinson, Stanley, applying for permission to withdraw the sum of One hundred pounds for transfer to Buenos Aires in payment of goods purchased there for importation into the Colony.

In view of the restrictions imposed by the recently published Finance Regulations I beg to enquire whether His Excellency the Governor will permit this transaction.

  
for Colonial Treasurer.



(22)

No 150. From London. Etat. Words 300 cde. Time 0140.

22nd September, 1939.

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands, Immediate.

Circular No. 61 Secret. My Circular telegram No. 21 Secret. Exchange Control Officer. If you have not already done so you should introduce forthwith Regulations on the lines of Regulation 4 (Acquisition by the Treasury of certain Foreign Currencies etc) of Regulations enclosed in my despatch 24th August, Circular Secret. In the first instance Regulations should be made to apply to the following currencies viz. United States and Canadian dollars, Belgas, Swiss Francs, French francs, Guilders, Argentine Pesos, Swedish Kroner and Norwegian kroner.

2. This Regulation will apply only to persons resident in Dependencies and therefore in order to cover cases of exports belonging to persons not resident it should be made a condition of grant of export licence to any of the above countries that payment should be made in currency of the country in question and that sums received should be surrendered either to local Government or the United Kingdom Treasury, as may be most convenient, in exchange for sterling.

3. The local authorised dealer will be supplied by London correspondent with a list of prices at which to give sterling for above currencies and the latter will be cabled weekly of any changes in that list. You will no doubt lodge currencies so received with local bank and Treasury will arrange that Bank of England will buy from you at above price any currencies you require.

4. The intention of the arrangement is to secure for Colonial Dependencies the Foreign Exchange necessary for absolutely essential purchases and to place the rest at the disposal of H.M. Government for the conduct of the War. The exact procedure will vary according to local circumstances, but in cases where substantial purchases are notable the most convenient arrangement will probably be to retain say two months' requirements for local issue in connection with approved import licences and to transfer remainder to this Country. In the other cases a smaller margin will be sufficient. If sufficient exchange is not available locally at any time for essential purchases it will be made available from here.

5. I recall to your notice under Regulation 1 all exchange transactions in the Territory under your administration must take place through an authorised dealer and is not open to residents of Dependencies to deal in foreign exchanges direct with other centres. Please draw attention to all Banks in Dependencies to this.

WDAJ

Secretary of State.

Not yet  
received  
1/11/39  
Red 55

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Secretary of State for the Colonies,

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 25th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0400.

*Received :* 25th September, 19 39. *Time :* .....

Circular telegram No. 73. Defence Finance Regulations.

Please telegraph names of authorised Banks appointed in territory under your administration. This Information is required as small points of practice are likely to arise which can be best settled by Bank of England getting in direct contact with Head Office Bank in London.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Governor

*To* Secretary of State

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*Despatched :* 30th Sepbr 1939 19 *Time :*

*Received :* ----- 19 *Time :*

Your telegram No. 73 of 25th September there are no  
Banks in this Colony.

GOVERNOR

Stanley.  
Falkland Islands.  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Dear Sir,

I beg to make an application for the withdrawal, from my savings account, the sum of two hundred pounds, to transfer to Montevideo, Uruguay, to meet a business obligation, which was transacted in Montevideo, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1939.

Yours faithfully,

Colin MacKinnon

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

S/29/39

MINUTE.

29th September, 19 39

From The Colonial Treasurer,

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter received from Mr. Colin McKinnon, applying for permission to withdraw the sum of Two hundred pounds for transfer to Montevideo, Uruguay.

In view of the restrictions imposed by the recently published Finance Regulations I beg to enquire whether His Excellency the Governor will permit this transaction.

  
for Colonial Treasurer.

Port Stanley  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1939

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Sir  
I have the honour to request that  
you will grant permission for me  
to ~~present~~ drafts for the following firms

Messrs Molinos Rio. de. la. Plata S.A.

Buenos Aires  
draft value £50-0-0 for flour etc  
already received.

Messrs Trucco Troncoso & Co.

Montevideo.

X draft value £79-0-0 being the  
amount due to this firm for twenty one  
pounds ten shillings for F.I. notes  
received in Monte Video.

£30-9-9 for 1 tomb-stone already under  
construction. £18-10-0 for the  
enclosed acct.

I am Sir  
Your humble servant  
W. J. Hutchinson

P. A.

It is also requested by these firms  
to have drafts in duplicate during  
the war.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE.

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched:

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Time:

No. 28. Received: 3rd October,

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Time:

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CIRCULAR TELEGRAM NO.83. CONFIDENTIAL.

Following Defence Finance Regulations not included in the draft sent to you has been enacted in the United Kingdom which you may find convenient to copy.

" Without prejudice to any special provision contained in these Regulations the Treasury may, for the purpose of securing compliance of these Regulations, give to any person directions requiring him within such time and in such a manner and to such persons as may be specified in the directions, to furnish such information as may be so specified, and produce for inspection any relevant books, accounts or other documents "

Secretary of State.



Stanley,

5th October, 1939.

Sir,

I beg to request permission to remit money to my mother, (resident in Chile,) who is partially dependent on me. The annual sum will not exceed £20, and I should be grateful if I may be allowed to do this by draft on the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

*M. G. Leach*

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer,

STANLEY

Port Stanley.  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1939.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.  
Sir

I have the  
honour to request that I will be  
granted a permit to pay through  
the I. I. Co's agents at Montevideo  
the following accounts:

151. pesos 23 cent due to the  
Inns Hotel Avenida 18 de Julio 937  
amounting to about £20-0-0 from  
Mr. J. E. Smith of Johnson's Harbour.  
Also.

80 pesos about £10-0-0 for  
suite furniture for  
Mr. Beattie (Work Inspector)

I am Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
H. J. Hutchinson

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.

REGISTERED 1902.

*Stanley*

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

6th October, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, I beg to advise you that we have been requested to make a payment of approximately £1 on behalf of Mr. D.M. Honeyman, Darwin, in settlement of an account for radio valves purchased in Montevideo.

I beg to apply on Mr. Honeyman's behalf for permission to make this payment.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*J. J. Creece*

for Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

32  
Ref.No. S/29/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, October 7th 1939.

Sir:

With reference to your letter dated this day, I have the honour to inform you that the payments of the sums of £20 and £10 respectively through the Agents of the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd, at Montevideo have been sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

McH  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. HUTCHINSON,

STANLEY

33  
Ref.No. S/29/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, October 7th 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 6th of October, 1939, I have the honour to inform you that permission is granted for you to make the payment referred to in your letter on behalf of Mr. Honeyman.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

WCH  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,

Stanley.

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

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GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
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CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

11th October 1939

Sir,

Messrs RCA Manufacturing Co. Inc. of Camden,  
New Jersey, U.S.A., shipped to us the following goods:-

|   |              |                  |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Invoiced 27th April 1939                  | Radios etc.  | \$ 593.14 USC    |
| " 28th " 1939                             | Radio valves | 22.72 USC        |
| Shipped from New York on 4th May 1939     |              |                  |
| by Messrs Karr, Ellis & Co. Inc. per s.s. |              |                  |
| "Argentina" to Montevideo, Invoice for    |              |                  |
| freight and charges being                 |              | <u>55.23 USC</u> |

Total United States currency involved in this \$ 671.09  
transaction.

Owing to one of our local mail connections having  
been suppressed, the goods did not reach us until the 12th  
to 14th July 1939.

Ordinarily we would have arranged a remittance in  
settlement about the first week in August, but owing to the  
necessity of concentrating funds on more immediate require-  
ments we did not find it practicable to order a remittance  
to Messrs RCA-Manufacturing Co. Inc. until the 4th inst.  
when we cabled to Hambros Bank Ltd., our London Bankers,  
as follows:-

"Cable remittance RCA Manufacturing Company,  
Camden, USA, Six hundred and twenty dollars. "

On the 6th inst. the following cables were received and sent  
to Ham-bros Bank Ltd.:-

"Your fourth, necessary know for application  
exchange purpose remittance Camden. "

" No.78 Payment goods shipped last May. "

and this morning we were surprised to receive a further  
cable from Hambros Bank Ltd. reading:-

" Your sixth, application refused. "

We cannot understand why we should be prevented  
from paying for goods shipped to us before War broke out,  
and in order that we may be enabled to pay this just debt  
of ours, we hereby apply for a permit to be granted us  
locally so that we may be able to purchase the exchange  
required - adding that the purchase of such exchange  
must be made in London as there is no means of purchasing  
dollars locally because all of the Colony's exports are  
shipped direct to London.

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

s/29/39.

13th October,

39.

Sir,

Red 34.

With reference to your letter of the 11th of October, 1939, regarding the sum of £ 671.09 United States currency which you wish to remit to the United States in payment of a trade transaction, I have the honour to inform you that as there is no exchange available locally the Secretary of State for the Colonies can be asked to arrange for the necessary authority to be given your Bank in London to carry out the transaction.

2. A telegram can be sent if you are prepared to pay the cost.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*hush*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

14th October 1939.

Sir,

We are in receipt of your favour dated 13th inst.  
(S29/39) contents of which we have noted with attention.

We are pleased to note that the Colonial Government  
can arrange, through the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies, for the necessary American dollar exchange to  
be placed at our disposal.

We also note that this can be done by cable if  
we are prepared to pay the cost.

*No grounds  
for appeal.*  
We appeal against this decision, as to cost of  
cabling, as we consider that in the present emergency  
such extraordinary expenses should not fall upon us -  
we have already to face an exchange loss of about .68 cents  
per £ (amounting in the RCA-Mfg.Co. transaction to  
£22.-) plus extra cable charges of our own.

However it is not only \$671.09 American dollars that  
we require, as we have other transactions pending in that  
currency, for goods ordered by cable in July last  
(mostly food-stuffs ordered by us more particularly in  
view of the Government's indications to stock up in view  
the impending 'emergency') and therefore our more or less  
immediate requirements in American dollars amounts to  
approximately \$1.500.- United States Currency.

We therefore hereby apply that the Colonial  
Government request the Rt. Honourable the Secretary of  
State for the Colonies, by cable, for the necessary  
authority to be granted our Bankers in London, Messrs  
Hambros Bank Ltd. to carry out transactions for us in  
American dollars up to a total of \$1.500.- United  
States currency.

As to cost of cabling, we would prefer not to  
have to pay it, but if we have to pay it, it will,  
of course, gravitate against the landed cost of the  
goods still coming forward from the United States.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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Reference No. S/29/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, October 17th 1939.


Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 14th October, 1939, requesting that authority be granted to your Bankers in London, Messrs. Hambros Bank, Ltd, to carry out transactions for your Firm up to a total of \$ 1,500. dollars U.S.A., I am directed to request that you will produce evidence of goods being ordered up to the amount mentioned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

  
Colonial Secretary.

THE MANAGER,

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS,

STANLEY.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

18th October 1939.

Sir,

We are in receipt of your favour Ref/S/29/39  
of yesterday's date.

*Red 37*

We confirm having delivered to you personally this  
afternoon a complete list of the payments which we have to  
meet in the immediate future in United States dollars, this  
list amounting to approximately \$1.602.27 U.S. currency.

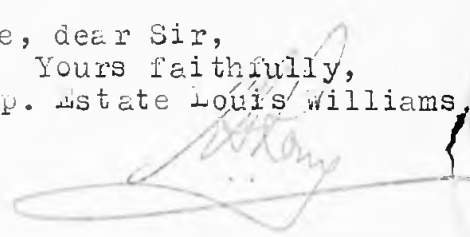
We have also exhibited the corresponding evidence  
for each transaction.

We therefore trust that our request of 14th inst.  
to the effect that our Bankers in London be permitted  
to make transactions in United States dollars up to  
\$1.500.- for our account, will be authorized, and the  
necessary instructions cabled to London.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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S/29/39.

25th October,

39.

Sir,

*Recd 10.11*  
With reference to my letter S/29/39 of the 12th of September, 1939, transmitting for your information a copy of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, I am directed by the Governor to request that you will furnish a statement as early as possible of your total annual requirements of foreign currency for essential purchases from Foreign countries of food-stuffs, fodder, coal, petrol and kerosene.

2. I am to add that subject to any exemptions which may be granted by order of the Governor, no permission or exchange facilities will be granted for the importation from Foreign countries of goods other than those indicated above.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*WCH*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

8/29/39.

25th October,

39.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will furnish a statement as early as possible of your total annual requirements of foreign currency for essential purchases from Foreign countries of foodstuffs, fodder, coal, petrol and kerosene.

2. I am to add that subject to any exemptions which may be granted by order of the Governor, no permission or exchange facilities will be granted for the importation from Foreign countries of goods other than those indicated above.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. J. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

URGENT.

26th October 1939

Sir,

With reference to your S/29/39 of 25th inst.  
and more especially to paragraph 2 thereof, we hereby  
apply for an exemption to be granted us by order of  
His Excellency the Governor, so that we may be permitted  
to import a certain small quantity of :-

RCA-Victor Radio Receivers

Spare valves and other parts for the above  
in view of the fact that we have booked a number of  
orders from various people both in Stanley and in the  
Camp for delivery to them of such radio receivers, such  
bookings having been effected before any notification  
had been issued as to import or exchange restrictions.

The exchange value involved will amount to approximately  
£160.--,-- this to include both new receivers and spare  
parts for existing sets.

As we are in urgent need of making our arrangements for  
the shipment of these Radio Sets, in order to give  
satisfaction to our customers, we beg that this application  
may be favourably resolved with the greatest urgency that  
existing circumstances might permit.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER**ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS**

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A.I.**PORT STANLEY**  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

26th October 1939.

Sir,

*Red H2.*

We beg to own receipt of your favour S/29/39 of yesterday's date, and in reply thereto beg to say that, under existing circumstances, we estimate our requirements of foreign exchange, for the next twelve months, will amount, approximately, to £8,000.-, but if certain usual supplies are curtailed from England, we might need up to £10,000.- foreign currency.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E.E. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

S/29/39.

26th October,

39.

Sir,

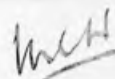
With reference to my letter No. S/29/39 of the 25th of October, 1939, I have to request that you will be good enough to furnish the following particulars regarding your requirements of foreign exchange :-

Commodity.  
Quantity.  
Country of Origin.  
Approximate value in sterling.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,  
STANLEY.



S/29/39.

26th October,

39.

Sir,


With reference to your letter of the 26th of October, 1939, I have to request that you will be good enough to furnish the following particulars regarding your requirements of foreign exchange :-

Commodity  
Quantity  
Country of Origin  
Approximate value in Sterling.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

~~WINDWARD COAST TRADING CO., LIMITED~~, Estate L. Williams.  
STANLEY.

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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

27th October 1939

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 26th inst.  
No. S/29/39, we beg to tabulate our requirements  
as follows:-

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <u>Commodity.</u>                     | Radio receiving sets.<br>Spare parts for same.<br>Spare valves for same.                                     |
| <u>Quantity.</u>                      | Radio sets - Twenty (20)<br>Spare parts (Various small items)<br>Spare valves - One hundred and twenty (120) |
| <u>Country of Origin.</u>             | United States of America.  |
| <u>Approximate value in Sterling.</u> | £160.--<br>(One hundred and sixty pounds).   |

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
E.E. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

Same as 59

S/29/39.

27th October,

39.

Sir,

With reference to my letters S/29/39 of the 25th and 26th October, 1939, and to your letter of the 27th of October, 1939, I have to inform you that it is essential that you should furnish details of your annual requirements of foreign currency in the following form :-

| <u>Commodity.</u> | <u>Quantity.</u> | <u>Country of Origin.</u> | <u>Approximate value in sterling.</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Foodstuffs.       |                  |                           |                                       |
| Fodder.           |                  |                           |                                       |
| Coal.             |                  |                           |                                       |
| Petrol.           |                  |                           |                                       |
| Kerosene.         |                  |                           |                                       |

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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REGISTERED 1902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley.*

28th October, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letters dated 25th and 26th October, 1939, No. S/29/39, I enclose a statement showing our annual requirements of foreign currency for essential purchases from foreign countries of foodstuffs, fodder, coal, petrol and kerosene.

2. Timber is imported by us at intervals from Chile and Brazil and this item has therefore been included on the statement.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*Reg. Greer*  
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

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STATEMENT OF ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE PURCHASE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIALS.

| <u>COMMODITY.</u>    | <u>QUANTITY.</u> | <u>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.</u> | <u>APPROXIMATE<br/>VALUE IN<br/>STERLING.</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <u>FOODSTUFFS:-</u>  |                  |                           |   |
| Bacon.               | 90 cases         | Argentina.                | £ 300.  |
| Butter, fresh.       | 450 cases        | "                         | 1500.   |
| Butter, tinned.      | 30 cases         | "                         | 130.  |
| Ham, cooked, tinned. | 40 cases         | "                         | 140.  |
| Beef, corned, 1-lb.  | 14 cases         | "                         | 9.  |
| do. 20lbs.           | 16 cases         | "                         | 17.   |
| do. 7-lbs.           | 8 cases          | "                         | 10.   |
| Brisket of beef.     | 20 cases         | "                         | 25.   |
| Sausages             | 40 cases         | "                         | 25  |
| Coffee.              | 40 cases         | Uruguay.                  | 360.  |
| Onions, fresh.       | 200 cases        | "                         | 200.  |
| Potatoes.            | 8 tons.          | "                         | 88.   |
| <u>FODDER:-</u>      |                  |                           |   |
| Maize, whole.        | 900 bags         | Argentina.                | 560.  |
| Maize, crushed.      | 50 bags          | "                         | 35.   |
| Pollard.             | 550 bags         | "                         | 95.   |
| Wheat.               | 70 bags          | "                         | 38.   |
| Bran.                | 15 bags          | "                         | 4.  |
| Oats.                | 30 tons.         | Chile.                    | 250.  |
| Petrol.              | 15,000 gallons   | Uruguay.                  | 650.  |
| Paraffin.            | 11,500 gallons   | "                         | 290.  |
| Gas oil.             | 7,000 gallons    | "                         | 175.  |
| Coal, house.         | 70 tons.         | "                         | 230.  |
| Timber.              | Varies           | Chile and/or<br>Brazil.   | 1,500.  |
|                      |                  |                           | -----   |
|                      |                  |                           | £ 6,631.                                      |
|                      |                  |                           | =====   |

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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

27th October 1939.

Sir,

In reply to yours of even date, 8/29/39,  
it is, of course, impossible to give an exact estimate  
of our possible requirements for the coming twelve months  
either in regard to quantities, sterling values, or even  
possible countries of Origin, for the following reasons:-

## Quantities.

This factor will be governed largely by competition.  
If we manage to maintain our prices lower than other  
importers, and it is our intention to keep prices as low  
as possible - of this we have already given several  
pointed examples since the war broke out - then the volume  
of our imports will be larger.

Quantities will also be liable to be subject to  
rationing or other restrictions in possible countries of  
supply.

## Sterling Values.

Two unknown, unpredictable factors will influence  
final values.

- a) The rates of exchange ruling as between  
sterling and the exporting countries.
- b) Fluctuations in first cost, and extra  
expenses in the handling of goods, par-  
ticularly if transhipped.

## Countries of Origin.

We have old established connections in three countries  
from which we can obtain supplies. Argentina, United States  
of America, and Uruguay. Should opportunities occur it  
might be possible to get supplies also from Chile.

It is not possible to predict even a month ahead  
from which of these countries any particular goods may be  
best procurable.

At present we are obtaining our main supplies of fodder,  
flour and fruit from Uruguay, whereas last year most of same  
came from Argentina, and at any moment the prevailing  
prices or conditions may influence us changing back to our  
Argentine sources of supply.

For the present petrol and kerosene is sent us from  
the United States, but if an opportunity became available

for a shipment to be made from Argentina -for instance if a P.S.M.C. ship were to call here from Bahia Blanca- we should immediately get a supply of Petrol and Kerosene from our old sources of supply there - the same would apply to Bacon and Fruit, which we are <sup>at</sup> present importing from Uruguay.

However we make the following Tentative schedule:-

| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Quantity</u>                                      | <u>Countries of Origin.</u>            | <u>Approximate value in Sterling.</u> |
|------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Foodstuffs       | As much as our resources will permit us to purchase. | Argentina<br>United States.<br>Uruguay | }<br>} £6.470.--<br>}                 |
| Fodder           | 100 Tons.  | Argentina.<br>Uruguay.                 | £1.200.--                             |
| Coal             | Nil  |  |                                       |
| Petrol           | 4.000 gallons  | United States                          | £ 330.--                              |
| Kerosene         | 2.500 "  | ditto.                                 | £ 200.--                              |
| Total.           |  |  | <u>£ 8.200.--</u>                     |

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

Port Stanley.  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1939

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.  
Stanley

Sir,  
With reference to your letters of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Oct ref no. 8/29/39 relating to purchases from foreign countries, I am unable to state my total requirements for the year of food stuffs and fodder. For at the present time I have a large supply of flour which will probably last for 8 to 9 months. At the present time I have a fair quantity of Maize, Oats, & pollard in stock.

As near as I can estimate I will need within the next 12 months.

200 bags Maize valued at present in English currency at approximately £120.-0-0

400 bags pollard at approximately £120.-0-0

400 bags Oats at approximately £160.-0-0.

These figures are based on present



exchange in Argentina.

I will probably import foodstuffs from Uruguay to the value of £150. 0 0 within the next 12 months such as canned peas. beans tomatoes Tomato juice canned beef Ham Bacon. Jellied meats. These goods will only be imported if the rate of exchange does not drop any lower.

I am Sir  
Your humble servant  
W. J. Hutchinson

J. S.

Coal, Paraffin, and Petrol I only deal with through Mr J Miller from Chile.

Copy  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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No. 286. From London

Words 203

From Secretary of State.

Dec WHRS.

To H.E. The Governor Falkland Islands.

IMPORTANT

|              |              |       |        |       |
|--------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Despatched : | 28th October | 19 39 | Time : | 02.25 |
| Received :   | 28th October | 19 39 | Time : | 1100  |

Circular No. 109. Secret.

In a number of Colonial Dependencies a Defence Finance Regulation regarding securities has been introduced on the lines of a similar regulation in force in the United Kingdom and it applies to all Residents in the Dependency concerned. If this is so in the Territory under your administration please take action on the lines indicated in the following paragraphs.

2. Please exempt from the scope of this Regulation all persons of Canadian or of non-enemy foreign nationality provided that they do not possess British nationality. No public announcement should be made that you intend doing this and generally speaking you should only take action to exempt any individual if he applies to you. You may notify the representative of any foreign Government (or of Canada) in the Territory under your administration confidentially. In reply to any enquiry addressed by him to you<sup>STV</sup> that you would be prepared to grant such exemption if application were made; the above applying provided that the individuals held securities prior to the introduction of the Regulation in question. I counsel further -more that it apply only to individuals and not to companies or partnerships.
3. Canadians and foreigners should not be called upon to surrender income accruing to them by way of interest or dividends on the exemption of the securities.
4. Canadians or foreigners resident in the Colony who have had continuously in their possession since before the date of the coming into force of the relevant Regulations a balance in specified foreign currencies need not be required to surrender the balance which they held on the coming into force of the Regulations. A balance in foreign currency arising otherwise than the above must however be surrendered.

Secretary of State.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.

REGISTERED 1902.

*Stanley*

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS: FLEETWING PORT STANLEY VIA RADIO.

31st October, 1939.

Sir,

Permission is hereby requested to remit the sum of  
£ 8. 13. 6. by sterling cheque on London to:-

The Director of Consulates,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
MONTEVIDEO,  
Uruguay.

This sum represents a customary remittance in respect  
of Uruguayan Consular fees collected here during the month  
of October.

I would mention that this will be the last of such  
remittances until further notice, as the office of vice-  
consul in the Falkland Islands has been suspended by the  
Uruguayan authorities in accordance with a decree of  
September the 5th prohibiting the functioning of foreign  
Nationals as Uruguayan Consuls and Vice-Consuls in  
belligerent countries.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. M. Duck*

Manager.

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The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 325

From Secretary of State, London

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 31st October 19 39 Time : 21.10  
Received : 1st November 19 Time :

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Nil  
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Circular No. 110. My Secret Circular Despatch of August 22nd. Defence Finance Regulations. Cases have been brought to my notice of transfer of sterling from the accounts of residents in Colonial Dependencies to accounts of non-residents made without evidence being provided that the transactions concerned are permissible ones. Matter is of such importance that I wish to invite the attention of all Colonial Governments to the first paragraph section 6 of the Draft Notice to Banks and Bankers conducting business in the United Kingdom enclosed in my despatch under reference. Control similar to that of the United Kingdom of transfers to non-residents in sterling and/or local currency should be exercised in each Colonial Dependency by use of local Form E 1 and you should bear in mind how the United Kingdom control affects their local Colonial control and vice versa. Three types of cases are likely to arise:- (1) Transfer of local currency by local residents to non-residents. This requires local Form E 1 only. (2) Transfer by local residents to non-residents of sterling held in a bank in the United Kingdom by local residents. This requires a United Kingdom Form E 1 which neither paying nor receiving United Kingdom bank can give without particulars from drawer or payee and in default thereof considerable delay of payment may occur. This can be avoided by drawer obtaining local Form E 1 from local branch or correspondent of his banker in United Kingdom and attaching it to the cheque. United Kingdom banks will accept local Form E 1 as enabling them to complete United Kingdom Form E 1. (3) Transfer By United Kingdom resident to a non-resident of local currency held in a bank in a Dependency by United Kingdom resident. Drawer should

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No. 325

From \_\_\_\_\_

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similarly obtain and attach United Kingdom Form E 1, which local bank should accept as basis for completing local Form E 1.

Throughout foregoing "non-residents" means residents outside sterling ring, i.e. in non-Empire countries excluding Egypt, the Sudan, and Iraq, or in Canada, Newfoundland, or Hong Kong.

Please make position clear to authorised banks and to the public. Detailed explanatory memorandum will follow by Air Mail.

Post Manly  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1939

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I have the honour to request that I  
will be granted a permit to obtain a  
draft value £50-0-0 for goods  
already received

I am, Sir,  
Your humble servant  
W. J. Hutchinson

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Port Stanley  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1959

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Sir  
I have the honour to request that I  
will be granted a permit to obtain  
a draft value £50-0-0 to import  
goods from Messrs Swift Montevideo  
as follows.

sausages. Mixed tins.  
Cured Beef Peaches.  
Canned Beans & peas.  
Tomato Juice Tomato Ketchup  
Veal Loaf Brisket of Beef  
Bacon Tinned Ham.

I am Sir  
Your humble servant  
H. J. Hutchinson

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Woodbine Bakery  
Stanley

3rd November 1939.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

I respectfully request permission to remit by draft on the  
Crown Agents, the sum of £20. in favour of Messers Juan Peluffo, of  
Montevideo, for the purpose of importing fresh fruit, eggs, and  
provisions.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*John T. Summers*



"Waverley House"

Port Stanley

Falkland Islands.

4th November 1939.

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Sir,

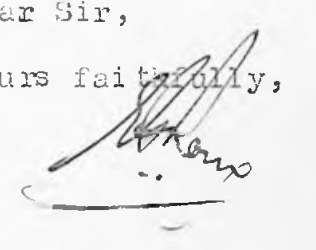
I hereby apply for a permit to post the sum of £10.- (Ten pounds) in Bank of England notes to my mother, Mrs. Maud Minnie Rowe, resident at San Luis 3389, Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina.

I have to explain that when my father died in 1924 I undertook to provide my mother with approximately £1,000.- Argentine paper pesos per annum, in order to supplement the small pension which she draws.

Until the recent regulations came into force I have been able to send the money at odd times, either by cheque on Buenos Aires, or London, or by posting currency notes, but under the existing conditions I think that posting currency notes will be best way in which to continue my stated contribution, and I hereby apply for an official permit to send, now £10.-

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

*Permission*

*granted  
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# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

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GENERAL MERCHANTS

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RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

URGENT.  
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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

4th November 1939.

Sir,

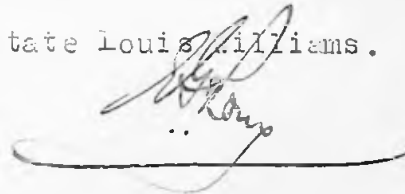
We find that in order to comply with the  
Defence (Finance) Regulations operating in Great Britain,  
and by which our banking account in London is controlled,  
it is necessary for us to fill in certain forms, known as  
Form E.1. and Form C., to accompany certain cheques to  
be issued by us in settlement of certain goods purchased in  
Foreign Countries.

We therefore hereby urgently apply for a supply of  
each of these forms to be furnished us for our immediate use.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley*

6th November, 1939.

Sir,

Permission is hereby requested to remit the sum of  
£ 39 by cheque on our Head Office to Messrs Fox Films de la  
Argentina, Buenos Aires on behalf of Mr. L. Hardy.

This remittance represents a regular payment for  
cinematograph films hired from the above firm.

Please advise me if this and future like remittances  
may be made on his behalf.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. J. Duck*

Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

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REFERENCE No. S/29/1939

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley,

November 6th 1939.

Sir,

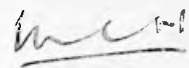
I have the honour to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter dated the 28th October last transmitting a statement showing your annual requirements of foreign currency for essential purchases from foreign countries of foodstuffs, fodder, coal, petrol and Kerosene.

2. It is noted that timber is imported by you at intervals from Chile and Brazil.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,

Port Stanley.

REF.No. S/29//9

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley,

6th November, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 4th instant, I am directed to inform you that printed copies of the forms you mention are not yet available. Typed copies of forms E.I. and C. are transmitted herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. H. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams,

Stanley.

63  
Ref.No. S/29/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, 6th November, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 4th instant, I am to inform you that permission is granted to you to remit on this occasion only Bank of England Notes to the value of £10 to your mother resident in the Argentine.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. H. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

H.G. ROWE, ESQ.,

WAVERLEY HOUSE,

STANLEY.

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Reference No. S/29/1939.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley,

6th November, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 14th and 18th of October last requesting that authority be granted to your Bankers in London, Messrs. Hambros Bank, Limited, to carry out transactions for your firm in American dollars up to a total of 1500 dollars, U.S.A., I am to inform you that your request has been transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. The documents you exhibited in support of your application are returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams.

Stanley.

85  
Ref.No. S/29/1939.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, 6th November, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the  
26th and 27th of October last, I am to inform  
you that a license cannot be granted for the  
importation of goods from the United States of  
America.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. M.*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams,

Stanley.



Ref.No. S/29/1939

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, November 6th 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 27th October last transmitting an estimate of the possible annual requirements of your firm of certain goods from Foreign Countries, together with an estimate of the Foreign currency required annually.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. Williams*

Colonial Secretary.

THE MANAGER,

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS,

STANLEY.

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Reference No.S/29/1939.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
STANLEY,

6th November, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 31st of October and this days date, I have to inform you that the sum of £8--13--6 may be remitted by sterling cheque on London to the Director of Consulates, Uruguay, and the sum of £39 in a like manner to Messrs. Fox Films de la Argentina.

2. Since remittances to Foreign countries will be controlled by the amount of foreign exchange made available by the Government of the United Kingdom to this Colony for its foreign transactions, further remittances required must be referred to this Office for authorization or otherwise.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. C. H.

Colonial Secretary.

THE MANAGER,

THE FAULKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LIMITED,

PORT STANLEY.

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TELEGRAM

To Secretary of State.  
From H.E.the Governor.  
6th November 1939.

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Secret No..... Estate Louis Williams of Stanley  
have requested that Hambros Bank,Ltd,may be authorised  
to carry out transactions in U.S.A.currency up  
to a total of fifteen hundred dollars. The firm has  
produced evidence that the amount is due to  
American firms for goods ordered or supplied  
before the outbreak of war. Request that necessary  
authority may be granted.

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To Cythner Office  
met

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th November, 1939.

Sir,

*Reds 3x5.*

With reference to your Secret Circular telegram of the 30th of August and the 4th of September, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of regulations made by me on the 6th of September, 1939, under the Emergency (Defence) Act, United Kingdom, 1939, and the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

I have the honour

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 47

From The Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 6th November 19 39 Time : 23.20.

Received : 19 Time :

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Unnumbered Circular Secret. My telegram No. 109 Circular Secret. If the Defence Finance Regulations in the territory under your administration provide for use to be made of securities of specified classes I assume that copies of returns are now complete. If not already done please send in future by air mail at the earliest possible moment.

2. In sending returns please include full particulars of each individual holding, including name and country where the security is deposited, and the number of holdings for reference.

You should also eliminate (?) all holdings in respect of which exemption has been granted, whether in accordance with my telegram circular under reference or in the light of other special circumstances.

3. So far as possible please ensure that the Register is in its final form by exempting doubtful (?) cases and where proper. Any holdings under consideration with a view to exemption should be marked accordingly.

S/29/39.

15th November, 39.

Sir,

With reference to my letter, No. S/29/39 of the 25th of October, 1939, regarding the provision of foreign exchange for essential purchases from foreign countries, I am to inform you that no exchange can owing to the demands on sterling be provided to cover purchases from the Argentine, the United States of America or Canada, and that goods required should be obtained from Uruguay, Brazil or Chile.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. J. Hutchinson*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

*Reds 57 & 58*

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

Estb'd 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

13th November 1939.

Sir,

Argentine & Uruguayan Exchange  
requirements.

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We attach a complete schedule of the Invoices payable by us in Argentine and Uruguayan currencies corresponding to goods imported by us, and some transshipments charges payable in Uruguayan currency; the total estimated value in Sterling being £649.18. 5

This list does not include certain goods invoiced to us at Montevideo in Sterling, and for which the suppliers will have made, presumably, their own arrangements regarding exchange, and for which we have simply posted our cheques on London.

Although some of the invoices listed by us are dated August, they all correspond to goods which have been placed on sale here since the commencement of hostilities.

Of the £649.18.5 exchange required by us we have already procured £125.--.-- as shown on the bottom of the statement, and we now seek authority to purchase further drafts from the Colonial Government, for the balance of £524.18.5

We do not think that we shall be able to purchase the whole of £524.18.5 required right away, but in the meantime we shall be pleased to have the necessary authority to do so as and when our local funds permit.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

*The Hon. The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley*

*[Signature]*

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FORM E L.

STERLING TRANSFER TO FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.

Name and address  
of Transferor:

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
General Merchants  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.

Amount

£524.18.5

Say: FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR POUNDS  
--- eighteen shillings and five pence.

Note. Not necessarily required in one amount.

Name and address  
of Transferee:

In drafts on the Crown Agents, London  
to the order of:-  
The Bank of London & South America, Ltd.  
BUENOS AIRES.


Purpose of Transfer:

Vide attached schedule.

We declare that the above-mentioned transfer is not contrary to  
Defence Regulations, 1939. -----

Date: 13th November

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

  
ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS



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List of Goods Imported by Estate Louis Williams  
 payable in Argentine and/or Uruguayan Currency , since the  
 outbreak of War. -----

| <u>Date of Invoice.</u> |   | <u>Argentine Pesos</u> | <u>Uruguayan Pesos</u> |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 18 Aug.                 | Butter<br>M/V Transhipment  | \$ 825.--              | \$ 7.10                |
| 19 Aug.                 | 100 bags pollard<br>100 " maize<br>15 cases bananas<br>20 " oranges<br>1 bag dried peas<br>5 " Wheat<br>1 " Pea-nuts<br>3 cases eggs            |                        | 763.59                 |
| 17 Aug.                 | M/V Transhipment charges<br>on 15 cases Evaporated Milk<br>imported from Holland.   |                        | 13.84                  |
| 18 Aug.                 | ditto. on motor-car parts<br>a/c R.Greenshields, imported<br>from France  |                        | 5.90                   |
| 19 Aug.                 | Insurance paid in Montevideo  |                        | 3.92                   |
| 19 Sept.                | 100 bags Flour<br>100 " Pollard<br>100 " Maiz<br>10 " Sugar<br>10 " Rice<br>2 cases Vermecelli<br>20 cases Oranges<br>5 " Bananas<br>4 " Onions |                        | 1.525.88               |
| 16 Sept.                | M/V Transhipment charges on<br>"Winchargers" and Soap imported<br>from United States of America   |                        | 19.32                  |
| 15 Sept.                | Butter  | \$1.681.48             |                        |
| 15 Sept.                | Apples & Pears  | 490.--                 |                        |
| 16 Sept.                | M/V Transhipment charges<br>on Butter, apples & Pears   |                        | 14.64                  |
| 18 Sept.                | Insurance paid in M-video   |                        | 26.65                  |
| 17 Oct.                 | 50 bags maize<br>20 " wheat<br>47 " "Cebadilla"<br>20 " broken wheat<br>20 cases oranges<br>10 " bananas<br>1 case vermecelli                   |                        | 514.45                 |
|                         | Carried Forward   | \$ 2.996.48            | \$ 2.895.29            |

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|   | Argentine<br>Pesos | Uruguayan<br>Pesos |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Brought Forward   | \$ 2.996.43        | \$ 2.895.29        |
| 16 Oct. M/V Transhipment charges<br>on 100 cases condensed<br>milk imported from<br>Holland. (We are querying<br>this amount as we consider<br>it should be paid by<br>shippers). |                    | 35.20              |
| 13 Oct. M/V Transhipment charges<br>on a marble headstone im-<br>ported from Italy  |                    | 12.59              |
| 16 Oct. ditto. on 74 packages of<br>foodstuffs and 1 of tobacco<br>imported from U.S.A.   |                    | 47.20              |
| 17 Oct. Butter and cheese   | \$ 2.830.90        |                    |
| 18 Oct. M/V Transhipment charges<br>on butter and cheese  |                    | 11.19              |
| 18 Oct. Insurance paid in M-video   |                    | 18.67              |
|   | <u>\$ 5.827.38</u> | <u>\$ 3.020.14</u> |

Estimated exchange based on  
known quotations.

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| \$5.827.38 Argentine pesos at \$16.75 | £ 347.18. 1      |
| \$3.020.14 Uruguayan pesos at \$10.-- | <u>302.--. 4</u> |
| Total exchange required               | £ 649.18. 5      |

LESS the following:-

Draft No.375 purchased from the Government  
of the Falkland Islands, to the order of  
The Bank of London & South America Ltd,  
Buenos Aires, on 8th Nov.1939

£100.--.--

Our own cheque No. X.906585 drawn on  
Hambros Bank Ltd. on 7th Nov. to the  
order of McLean & Stapledon, M-video

15.--.--

Ditto No.906555 dated 7th Sept.

10.--.-- 125.--.--

Balance for which cover is  
required.

£ 524.18. 5

We hereby CERTIFY that the figures given in this  
statement ARE CORRECT, and are the exact figures of the  
invoices involved, and that the goods corresponding to  
these invoices have all been landed in this Colony.

Stanley 13th November 1939  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

# ESTABLISHED 1863 WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

ESTD 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED  
BENTLEY'S  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

16th November 1939.

Sir,

*Red 90*  
We are in receipt of your letter dated 15th inst.  
(8/30/39) contents of which have been noted.

We hope that these restrictions as to the  
provision of exchange are not to be applied retroactively  
and that exchange will be granted us both in United States  
dollars and Argentine pesos for the amounts which we have  
already applied for and to cover purchases made or orders  
placed before the announcement of the restrictions.

Furthermore, as regards the restrictions now  
announced for Argentine exchange, we urgently apply for  
a reconsideration of this matter.

There are certain ESSENTIAL goods which cannot be  
obtained from Uruguay - particularly BUTTER and to a lesser  
extent CHEESE. Unless the local population are to be  
denied supplies of Butter Argentine exchange must be made  
available for purchases of this commodity.

As regards the indication that purchases should be  
made either in Brazil or Chile, this is a complication that  
is decidedly unfair, for the following reasons:-

## BRAZIL.

The principal exports from Brazil are Coffee, Rice, and  
Tobacco. Brazil is actually an importer of flour, so flour  
wheat, broken wheat, pollards etc, cannot be purchased  
there. Maize can be imported from Brazil, but not of the  
small grain variety that is in demand here.

## CHILE.

CHILE.

This country seldom has an exportable surplus of wheat - in fact they generally import both wheat and flour from Argentina. Then again there is not any properly established shipping connection between Main Chilean ports and the Falkland Islands.

It is true that there are occasional opportunities for purchasing goods in Punta Arenas (Chile), but this is a very bad market in which to make purchases - prices in Punta Arenas are already inflated and our experience in dealing with Chilean wholesalers is that they are notorious profiteers, and while it is possible to drive bargains with them personally, it is not possible to get proper attention by correspondence.

Some of their goods are of good quality, but others are decidedly inferior.

URUGUAY.

At the present time purchases can be made in Uruguay at reasonable prices and of suitable quality, but this might be a passing phase, and nothing like so much reliance can be placed on Uruguay as a suitable source of supply as compared with the much larger export market in Buenos Aires.

If supplies are ~~to be~~ maintained and prices kept within reasonable limits we are decidedly of the opinion that a certain amount of latitude should be permitted in regard to supplies from Argentina, and particularly so in regard to Butter.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.

*H. H. Colonial Secretary*  
*Stanley*

*[Signature]*

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley*

16th November, 1939.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. S/29/39 dated 15th November, 1939 informing me that no exchange can be provided to cover purchases from the Argentine, The United States of America or Canada, for which I thank you.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*W. M. Smith*

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

**ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS**  
SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS  
ESTD 1863  
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**PORT STANLEY**  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

23rd November 1939.

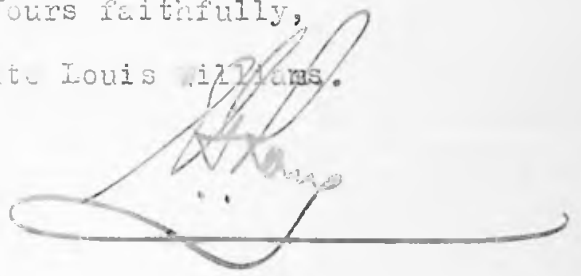
Sir,

We hereby apply for a permit to post the sum  
of \$2.50 United States dollars to The American Radio  
Relay League, Inc., of West Hartford, Conn. U.S.A.  
in order to obtain from them two copies of a book  
issued by them: "The Radio Amateurs' Handbook"  
which we urgently require.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

G.P. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

P.S. The \$2.50 we happen to have on hand here  
having purchased 2 notes and a coin from  
tourists some years ago.

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TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CO., LIMITED,  
PORT STANLEY.

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You are authorised hereby to accept from members  
of the military contingent from the Argentine  
currency of that country which they may wish to  
exchange for local currency.

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, November 24th 1939.

# ESTABLISHED 1863

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

ESTD 1863

## GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

24th November 1939.

Sir,

Today we have been investigating the matter of obtaining spare radio valves from England for use in the RCA-Victor radio sets of American manufacture of which we have sold about 64 to various customers in this Colony.

As we never anticipated that we would be denied permits to obtain spare parts for existing equipment we have not procured price lists of American-type radio valves made or marketed in England, but after considerable scanning of trade journals we have found one indication as to comparative prices, as follows:-

Messrs The Tungsum Electric Lamp Works (G.B.) Ltd. offer their American type 5Z3 radio tube at a retail price of .....15/- each.

We have been selling the identical valve No. 5Z3 as imported from Messrs RCA-Victor Manufacturing Co. Inc. of Camden, N.J., USA for.. 3/11 retail here.

The English price is thus more than 300% higher than our present retail price in Stanley.

In view of this enormous disparity we again appeal that this matter of American exchange may be reconsidered by His Excellency the Governor in order to enable us to procure sufficient valves (and some other small spare parts) sufficient to keep existing radio sets in service.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 27th November, 19 39. Time: 1415

Received: ... .. 19 Time:

SECRET. No. 123. With reference to your Circular despatch Secret of the 23rd August foreign exchange. Argentine is practically sole source of supply of butter, cheese and fodder for needs of local community as in past. The total amount required for these essential foodstuffs is estimated at £4000 a year. I request your sanction for export of sterling to meet this charge. Difficulties have been evaded hitherto by such firms as have agents in Uruguay importing through them making that country nominal source of supply. Colony has no export trade with the Argentine.

Governor.

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November 27th

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th of November, 1939, I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been asked by telegram to approve export of sterling to meet charges for essential foodstuffs such as butter, cheese and fodder from the Argentine.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. C. H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams.

Stanley.

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Reference No.S/29/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley,  
November 27th 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd  
November, 1939, I am to inform you that permission ~~is~~  
granted hereby for you to send \$2.50 U.S.dollars to  
the United States of America.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*McH*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams,  
Stanley.

# ESTABLISHED 1863 WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

ESTD 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

27th November 1939.

Sir,

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letter of even date (3/29/39) and we are pleased to learn that the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies is being asked by telegram to approve the export of sterling to meet certain importations from Argentina.

In the meantime we do not understand the position of our application dated 13th November last (that is of a fortnight ago) in which we gave a complete list of the Argentine exchange required by us to cover essential goods imported by us before any restrictions as to the provision of Argentine exchange were announced to us.

For instance we have not yet been either granted or denied the status of 'authorised dealer' which is dealt with in Paragraph 2, Section 2 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations 1939 (Page 178 Gazette of 2nd Oct.) although we have applied for permission to continue dealing in certain foreign exchange as stated in our letter application of 14th September last.

We are equally uncertain of our position vis-a-vis Section 3, paragraph (2) sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of the same Defence (Finance) Regulations, which state:-

- (a) of meeting reasonable requirements of a trade or business carried on in the Colony.
- (b) of performing a contract made before the day these regulations came into force ~~or~~;

The exchange requirements listed in our said letter of 13th November are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, within the scope of sub-paragraph (a).

And a considerable proportion of the transactions listed in that letter come within the scope of sub-paragraph (b) having been ordered (i.e. contracted for) before the publication of the regulations.

And all of these transactions correspond to dates before the provision of Argentine exchange having been restricted was announced to us in your letter of 15th inst.

We are perfectly certain that no person or firm in this Colony has cooperated more promptly or loyally or with greater alacrity and straightforwardness in regard to the different very necessary measures either proclaimed or indicated from Government sources both before and after the declaration of War.

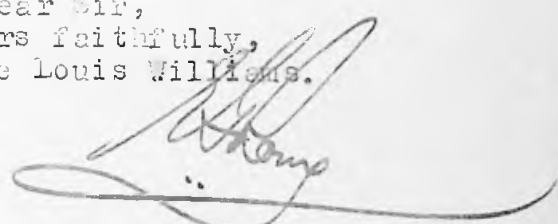
When we were told to increase stocks we immediately took measures to do so.

When we were told to exercise control over possible attempts at hoarding, we again operated.

We have done everything possible to avoid abnormal increases in retail prices.

All these things can be done by us, but we cannot provide our own foreign exchange, and we earnestly await the necessary permits to cover our commitments.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

P.S. We may also add that there was never any hesitation on our part in regard to members of our staff who were automatically called up for Military duty, or for the release of Mr. Lewing as a cipher officer - and we voluntarily arranged that none of them should receive less income while on such duties than they would receive if still in their civil employment.

Reference No.S/29/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley,

November 29th 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 13th and 27th November, 1939, I have the honour to inform you that the Treasury has been instructed to issue to you on application drafts on the Crown Agents to a total value of £524--18--5.

2. I take this opportunity of acknowledging and thanking you for the ready co-operation and assistance at all times given by you in regard to measures concerning the sale and importation of foodstuffs and other goods.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*M. C. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams.

Stanley.

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

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PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

29th November 1939.

Sir,

We have to thank you for your favour of even date (S/29/39) and are very glad to learn that the Treasury has been instructed to issue drafts to us, on application, up to the sum of £524-18-5, as requested in our application of 13th inst.

We hope to <sup>be</sup> able to take up the major portion of this sum before the next outward mail, in order to remit same to our Bankers in Buenos Aires.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

December 8th 1939.

Messrs. Estate Louis Williams are authorised  
hereby to remit by means of cheque drawn on a  
London Bank the sum of Three hundred and eighty  
pounds (£380) to the Argentine.

*hch*  
Colonial Secretary.

Form E 1. to be used.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From London.

To H.E.

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TENAR

Despatched : 1500/8/12/39 19 Time :  
Received : 2200/8 19 Time :

Secret. Your telegram 123 Secret.

(Purchases) from Argentine Republic. I agree to remission of the sterling with regard to procedure see my circular telegram inaugurating number (or number 22nd) hundred and ten regarding use of forms E1.

Secretary of State.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Circular Note.

136/39.



*Transmitted with the compliments of the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies, for information ~~and distribution~~  
~~re: Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939,~~  
~~and O, 1939 No. 950.~~*

The Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939,  
S.R. and O, 1939 No. 950.

*Colonial Office,*

*Downing Street.*

8th September, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Circular Note.

136/39.



*Transmitted with the compliments of the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies, for information and distribution*  
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Reference Circular Note No. 136/39 dated 8th  
September, 1939.

The Defence (Finance) Regulations Amendment  
Order, 1939. (S.R. and O. 1939 No. 1067.)

The Currency Restrictions Exemption Order, 1939.  
(S.R. and O. 1939 No. 1168.)

The Currency Restrictions (Travellers' Exemptions)  
Order, 1939. (S.R. and O. 1939. No. 1206)

Colonial Office,

Downing Street.

29th September, 1939.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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No. 224 From Secretary of State, London, .....

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 Time: 22.22.

Received: 19 Time:

Immediate.

No. 114 Exports to Argentine. 2. Under arrangements recently concluded between United Kingdom and Argentine, payments by United Kingdom to Argentine for purchases of all commodities are to be made in sterling which is at Argentine Government's disposal for purchase within sterling ring.

3. This arrangement is for three months only expiring on January 25th next and you will be notified if and when fresh arrangements are made.

4. Primary reason for invoicing exports to certain Foreign countries in foreign currency concerned is to ensure that the proceeds of exports are available for the purchases in these countries. The arrangement with the Argentine secures the same object by another method and necessity for invoicing exports to the Argentine in pesos therefore disappears for the time being. It is in fact, ~~the~~ most desirable that facilities should be given whenever possible to Argentine to use their sterling balances by purchases from sterling countries as otherwise the accumulation of such balances may give rise to a further problem in the future. Until further notice therefore invoices in sterling should not be regarded as reason for refusing export licences for the Argentine.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 391 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 19th December 19 39 Time: 20.58.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 134 Secret With Reference to my Telegram No. 110. Defence Finance Regulations.

2. Amendments to the regulations will shortly be issued providing subject to exemption by treasury ~~issued~~ <sup>providing</sup> order permission must be obtained for all payments to numerous residents outside the United Kingdom and for transfers of sterling securities to such persons.

3. By simultaneous treasury orders it will be provided (a) that payments to persons resident in sterling ring are exempted and (b) that payments by residents outside the sterling ring hereafter called non residents are unrestricted.

4. Effect of this is that subject to exemption of payments made by non residents all payments to non residents must be approved by treasury or by persons appointed by treasury for this purpose. Most British banks of importance here and some branches of foreign banks will be appointed. Detailed instructions will be issued to appointed banks as to purposes for which payments of sterling may be made without further reference to control.

5. Procedure in making <sup>e</sup>sterling payments to non residents will remain substantially unaffected, and continues generally as prescribed in my telegram No. 110 Circular. Form E. 1. however becomes an application for permission similar to Form E. instead of a simple declaration comporting with some such regulations.

6. Memorandum giving details of new arrangements and copies of instructions to be issued here will be despatched to you by air mail at the earliest opportunity together with text of proposed amendments to regulations and new forms E. 1. On receipt of these you should take immediate steps to enact ~~xxx~~ similar legislation and to introduce similar procedure with regard to payments made in your dependency. In this country it is proposed

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 391 From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

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the amended regulations and new procedure shall come into force on January 8th, 1940.

7. Pending the receipt of text and detailed instructions you should, as interim measure, instruct your banks (a) that sterling payments to non residents require to be supervised no less carefully than applications for foreign exchange; (b) that the purpose of such payments should be verified by inspection supporting document etc. by bank approving Form E. 1. or instructing London agents to make payments as the case may be, (c) that such payments for the purposes of other than normal trade requirements or reasonable personal expenses should be referred to your exchange control authority who should be guided in this connection by table sent to you with my despatch of 13th November 1939 Circular.

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8. Banks operating in your territory will be advised new arrangements by telegram by their office or agents in London.

9. Instructions regarding transfers of securities to non residents will be issued and will be communicated to you in due course.

10. This telegram is in substitution of explanatory memorandum promised in my telegram under reference.

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8/29/39.

8th January,

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Sir,

I am directed to inform you that intimation has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that amendments to the Defence Finance Regulations, United Kingdom, will shortly be issued.

2. Pending the receipt of the text and detailed instructions, I am to instruct firms carrying on banking business as follows :-

- (a) that sterling payments to non-residents require to be supervised no less carefully than application for foreign exchange :-
- (b) that the purpose of such payments should be verified by inspection, supporting document etc., by firm approving Form E. 1 or instructing London agents to make payments as the case may be;
- (c) that such payments for the purpose of other than normal trade requirements or reasonable personal expenses should be referred to the exchange Control Authority (the Treasury.)

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*M. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.  
The Estate Louis Williams.

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley.*

9th January, 1940.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. S/29/39 dated 8th January, 1940 with reference to amendments to the Defence Finance Regulations, United Kingdom, for which I thank you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Don Mack*

Manager.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



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To

Stanley

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley

Jan'y <sup>11<sup>th</sup></sup> 1940

From

Leslie Clitheroe.

Sir.

Will you grant me permission  
to send £18 to Monte Video - To  
purchase a Cart Horse. as I am  
unable to buy one here.

Yrs Faithfully  
Leslie Clitheroe.

"Kelper" Store

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*Stanley.*

*Falkland Islands.*

II/I/40

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley .

Sir,

I beg to request that I might be allowed to remit to  
Messer's A.B. Macree & Son. Ships Chandlers-Montevideo the sum of  
Twenty Three Pounds , this amount is for goods supplied to  
Canteen Manager H.M.S. Cumberland who had no chance of returning to  
shore while in Montevideo and paying it in person . I should like to  
make remittance through the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.

I am

Sir,  
Yours obediently ,

*L. Stanley*

Stanley 126

12th January, 1940.

Sir,

I beg to make application for permission to send £35 in notes to Montevideo for the purpose of purchasing furniture.

Trusting this application will be granted.

I am,  
your obedient servant,

C. G. Allan,

To,  
The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Port Stanley.

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1940.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary  
Port Stanley.

Sir

I have the honour to request  
that I will be granted permission  
to obtain a draft value £50-9-0  
for companies the Swift Montevideo  
to import Bacon, Beans, Beans,  
Sausages, Baked Beef, Veal loaf,  
Soap etc.

I am Sir,

Your humble servant  
W. J. Hutchinson

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1. M. W. J. Hutchinson  
Permission is hereby granted to M<sup>r</sup> C. J. Allan  
2. M<sup>r</sup> Leslie Cletherox  
3. to remit to Montevideo, Uruguay, the sum of 1. Fifty  
pounds (£50) for purchase of foodstuffs  
fire pounds (£35) " furniture 2. Thirty  
pounds (£18) " Horse 3. Eighteen  
M. H.  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, January 16th 1940.

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FAIKLAND ISLANDS.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

Permission is hereby granted to Mr. Leslie Hardy of Stanley, to remit to Montevideo, Uruguay, the sum of Twenty three pounds (£23) in payment for goods supplied at Montevideo to the Canteen Manager of H.M.S. "Cumberland".

W. C. H.  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, January 16th 1940.

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FAIKLAND ISLANDS

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

Permission is hereby granted to Messrs. Estate Louis Williams of Stanley, to remit from the Colony, Foreign Currency (Argentine) to the approximate value of £39 and Uruguayan Currency to the approximate value of £11.

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Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, 21st January 1940.

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FAKLAND ISLANDS

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

Authority is hereby granted to the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, to arrange payment to Mrs. Napier in the Argentine or Uruguay of a sum or sums not exceeding the total sum of Three hundred pounds (£300). This authority is granted on representations made by Mrs. Napier supported by the Senior Medical Officer that it is essential that she should proceed to Buenos Aires for special medical attention.

*McN*  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, January 22nd 1940.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS  
ESTD 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

9th February 1940.

Sir,

## Argentine exchange requirements.

Further to our letters of 13th and 27th November last, and your reply dated 29th November last (S.No.29/39) we now seek authority to remit the sum of £482.10.9 (by means of our own cheques drawn on our London Bankers, Messrs Hambros Bank Ltd.) to our Bankers in Buenos Aires, Messrs The Bank of London & South America Ltd., in order to provide Argentine currency exchange in cover of the goods imported from the Argentine Republic since the date of the last permit granted us.

The amount of Argentine currency involved, £7848.61 is fully detailed on the attached Form E.1, and we have estimated the rate of exchange in approximately \$17.- Argentine pesos to the Pound.

We shall much appreciate the necessary permit being granted us in good time to post our cheque by the next outgoing mail.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

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WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS,  
S. AMERICA.

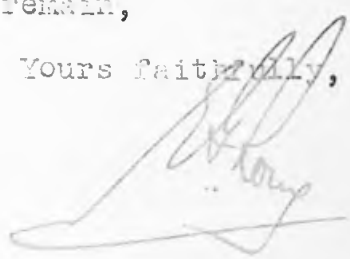
9th February 1940.

Sir,

Further to my letter of 4th November last in  
which I requested permission to send the sum of £10.- in  
Bank of England notes to my mother resident in the  
Argentine in order to comply with my obligations towards her  
sustenance, the time has now arrived when I must make a  
further contribution to her.

I therefore apply for a permit to send her  
a further sum of £10.-, and remain,

Yours faithfully,



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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Port Stanley.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1940

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Sir

I have the honour to request that I will be granted permission to obtain a draft: value £35. 0 0. for Compañia Desvift De Montevideo to obtain the following goods.

To Balance of last acct. £5. 8. 2

Tomatoes. Soap.

Bacon. Cooking margarine etc.

I am Sir  
Yours Humble Servant  
W. J. Hutchinson

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To

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley H

Feb 14 1940

From

Leslie Clethero.

Dear Sir

Will you grant me permission  
to send the sum of £24—to Montevideo  
by the Lafonia for the purchase of  
a Cart Horse for R. Hutchinson.

Yr Sincerely  
Les Clethero

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

DEFENCE (FINANCE ) REGULATIONS, 1939

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Permission is granted hereby to *Messrs Estate Louis Williams*  
to remit the sum of *£432 - 10 - 9*  
to *their Bankers in Buenos Aires,*  
*Messrs the Bank of London and*  
*South America, Ltd.*

*Mt. Craigie-Saunders*  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, February 15th 1940.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939

Permission is granted hereby to *E. G. Rowe Esq.*  
to remit the sum of *Ten pounds in Bank of*  
*England Notes.*  
to *Buenos Aires*

*M. L. Frazer Mackenzie*

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, February 15th 1940.

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FAIRLAND ISLANDS

DEFENCE (FINANCE ) REGULATIONS, 1939

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Permission is granted hereby to *Mr. W. J. Hutchinson*  
to remit the sum of *Thirty five pounds.*  
to *Montevideo* for purchase of  
*Foodstuffs.*

*M. L. Craigie Barker*  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, February 15th 1940.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

DEFENCE (FINANCE ) REGULATIONS, 1939

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145  
Permission is granted hereby to M<sup>r</sup> Les Aetherton  
to remit the sum of Twenty four pounds  
to Monténides for purchase of  
a Cast House.

M. L. Craigie Harkness

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, February 15th 1940.

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★ The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

146  
*Stanley*

19th February, 1940.

Sir,

On behalf of Mr. D. M. Honeyman I beg to request permission to remit the sum of \$18 U.S.A. through our Agents in Montevideo in payment of shipping charges and freight from New York to Montevideo on 1 case wireless set consigned to him.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*Loos*  
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

Permission is hereby granted to the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, to remit the sum of Eighteen Dollars U.S.A. through their Agents in Montevideo in payment of shipping charges and freight on a wireless set.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Colonial Secretary.

20th February 1940 $\frac{1}{2}$

*[Handwritten mark]*

To Colonial Secretary,

Stanley. 149  
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Sir,  
I wish to apply for a permit to transfer the sum  
of £16 5s. 8<sup>d</sup> to  
A. Castel & Co. Montevideo

I am  
Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
R. Hills.

Authorized  
by CH  
20.2.40.

STERLING TRANSFERS TO FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.

Name and Address of  
Transferor

.....*Richard Hills*.....  
.....*Stanley*.....  
.....*Falkland Islands*.....

Amount—

£*16*.....s*5*.....d*5*.....

(words and figures)

Say...*sixteen pound five shillings and eight pence*.....

Name and Address of  
Transferee

.....*At. Grantel & Co.*.....  
.....*Montevideo*.....  
.....*Uruguay*.....

Purpose of Transfer (give  
full details)

.....*Two Tons of wool*.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

I/~~we~~ declare that the above-mentioned transfer is not contrary to Defence Regulation,  
1939, No. .

Date...*20/2/40*.....

Signature...*R. W. Hills*.....

STAMP OF PAYING BANKER.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS

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DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS, 1939.

Permission is hereby granted to Mr.R.Hills  
to remit the sum of Sixteen pounds, five shillings  
and eight pence to Messrs.A.Castel & Co, Montevideo,  
Uruguay.

met  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, 21st February 1940.

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Stanley  
16th February 1940.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,

Dear Sir,

I respectfully request permission to obtain two drafts in  
favour of,

1. Messrs Juan Peluffo & Co, Montevideo, for the sum of £30.

for the importation of fresh fruit and eggs.

2. Messrs Mane & Co, Montevideo, for the sum of £20. for the  
importation of flour.

Yours faithfully,

*John F. Summers*

*Recd 22.2.40  
after mail had  
gone. thru  
Ct.*

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

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Established 1863

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A.B.C. 5th ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

22nd February 1940.

Sir,

We refer to and confirm our letter of 24th November last, of which a copy is attached, and in which we appealed for permission to be granted us to continue obtaining spare radio valves and other spare parts from the United States of America. Up to the present no such permission has been accorded us.

In fact we are still barred from importing anything direct from U.S.A, by the information conveyed in your letter of 8th November last (S.29/1939).

We also refer to our letter dated 28th October last in which we specifically asked for a permit to import a certain small quantity of: RCA-Victor Radio Receivers

Spare parts and valves for the above.  
to an inclusive exchange value of approximately £100.-  
in order to meet the demands we had from customers for such radio sets, many of them booked before any intimation was received by us of the restrictions that have since been imposed and maintained.

In this connection, as in all of our dealings since the outbreak of war demanded that private commerce should submit to official guidance and control, we have rigidly observed the orders and restrictions that have been announced to us, it has therefore come as a considerable surprise to us to see that another importer here has obtained goods of United States origin by the last inward mail, while our requests for permits have been denied favourable resolution.

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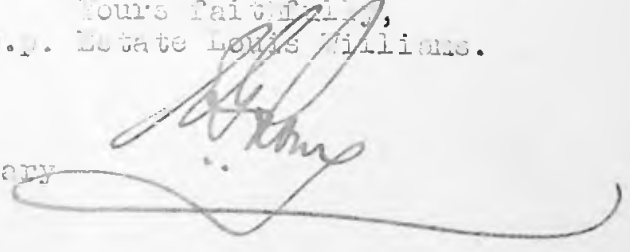
Can it be possible that we have done wrong in asking for permits ? Because we cannot believe that permits have been granted for these importations that we know of and the same sort of permit denied to us. We must in fact suppose that these importations have been effected without permission and possibly if we had acted in the same way we could also have obtained the Radio Receivers that we want from United States factories, and cleared them through the Customs without hindrance.

Actually, what we have done, in view of the permits not being granted us to continue importing the RCA-Victor make of radio sets, is to get sets out from English factories, <sup>are</sup> and we are much disappointed in same because they are not suitably built to give the best results in this very distant and isolated Colony - whereas the American sets are built especially for the South American market and are admirably suited to this locality.

If it were possible to get sets from England that gave identical results here as the American built sets, we would not be inclined to be so insistent in our requests for a permit and we sincerely trust that a permit may yet be granted us, for £100.- worth of sets - a very small amount.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.





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ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

24th November 1939.

Sir,

Today we have been investigating the matter of obtaining spare radio valves from England for use in the RCA-Victor radio sets of American manufacture of which we have sold about 64 to various customers in this Colony.

As we never anticipated that we would be denied permits to obtain spare parts for existing equipment we have not procured price lists of American-type radio valves made or marketed in England, but after considerable scanning of trade journals we have found one indication as to comparative prices, as follows:-

Messrs The Tungsten Electric Lamp Works (G.B.) Ltd.  
offer their American type 5Z3 radio tube at a  
retail price of .....15/- each.

We have been selling the identical valve No.5Z3  
as imported from Messrs RCA-Victor Manufacturing  
Co. Inc. of Camden, N.J., USA for. 3/11 retail here.

The English price is thus more than 300% higher than our  
present retail price in Stanley.

In view of this enormous disparity we again appeal  
that this matter of American exchange may be reconsidered by  
His Excellency the Governor in order to enable us to procure  
sufficient valves (and some other small spare parts)  
sufficient to keep existing radio sets in service.

We are, dear Sir,

S/29/39.

26th February,

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Sir,

*Red 154*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd of February, 1940, referring to permission sought by your Firm on the 24th of November last to obtain from the United States of America spare radio valves and other spare parts for Radio Receivers.

2. Provided that your Firm can give an assurance that the spare valves and other spare parts required are for the bona fide repairs to R.C.A. Victor Radio Receivers already imported into the Colony and that your Firm is unable to purchase such spares from within the Empire, the permission sought will be granted.

3. With regard to that part of your letter referring to the recent importation by another person of goods from the United States of America, I have to state, that no application has been made to this Office for exchange to be provided to cover purchases from that country, other than the application made by your Firm.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

# ESTATE LOGS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

ESTD 1863

## GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

28th February 1940.

Sir,

We are in receipt of your favour dated today, No. 8/29/39, contents of which we have duly noted, to the effect that permission will be granted us to import spare radio valves and spare parts from U.S.A. provided we furnish an assurance that we are unable to purchase same within the Empire.

We can unhesitatingly give this assurance in the following terms:-

That situated at 8,000 miles from Great Britain we are unable to investigate whether the spare valves and spare parts we require are or are not to be found in stock in England, but that from Trade Papers we have in our possession factors are selling in England American made valves and spare parts, and that if we did find a source of supply in Great Britain (probably after months of enquiry and delay) it is more than likely that such spare parts and spare valves would not be of Empire manufacture.

Under these circumstances this firm is unable to purchase such spares from within the Empire.

We therefore now await a license to import spare valves and spare parts from the original manufacturers (Messrs RCA-Victor Mfg. Co., Inc. of Camden, N.J., U.S.A.) in order to furnish bona fide repairs to existing radio sets.

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In regard to the last paragraph of your letter we note that no applications for American exchange have been made excepting by us.

However, according to our method of understanding the existing restrictions, these operate in two distinct planes:-

- a) Importations from USA can only be effected under license (irrespective of the provision of exchange).
- b) For the provision of exchange permits must be sought either here in the Colony, or in England, in order to purchase, remit, or use existing U.S. dollar exchange.

We have been barred from making any importations whatever from USA. by the very concise and definite terms of your letter of 6th November last reading as follows:-

" With reference to your letters of the 26th and 27th of October last, I am to inform you that a license cannot be granted for the importation of goods from the United States of America. "

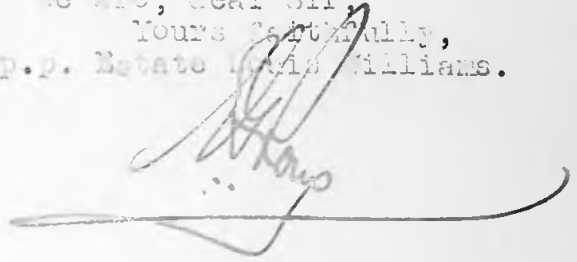
Can it be possible that another firm has been granted a 'license' to import from the U.S.A. (irrespective of the provision of exchange) ?

If they have been granted a license, why has a license, in precise and general terms, been denied us ?

If they have not been granted a license for such importations, how is it possible that they have cleared the goods through the Customs ?.

This is a matter that we need to have cleared up, as we shall naturally take strong exception to being barred from importing from U.S.A. if the same restrictions are not equally applied to others.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

S/29/39.

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Treasury Chambers,  
Stanley,  
6th March, 1940.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence terminating with your letter dated the 26th February, 1940 and addressed to the Colonial Secretary, in regard to permission sought by your firm to obtain from the United States of America spare radio valves and other spare parts for Radio Receivers, I am directed to inform you that the assurance given in your letter under reference is not satisfactory and I am therefore unable to grant your request,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. H. FRITH

Financial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

S/29/39.

7th March,

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Sir,

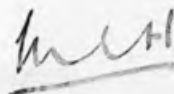
With reference to the second part of your letter of the 26th February, 1940, I have the honour to inform you that the alleged importation of goods from the United States of America by some other firm or person in Stanley has been investigated by the Customs Department.

2. The Customs report that the importation in question was from the United Kingdom.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Red 157.  
The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

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Estb'd 1863.

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CODES USED:  
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A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

11th March 1940.

Sir,

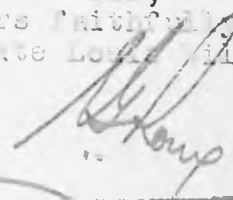
We attach the original of a letter we have prepared for transmission to Messrs Libby, McNeil & Libby of Chicago, U.S.A., whose agency we have exercised here since the year 1924.

You will see that under the present temporary restrictions as to purchases in the U. S. A. we can hold out no hope to them as to the continuance of even part of their trade here.

On the other hand we have information, which we must consider to be genuine, that the restrictions are not being applied in anything like so stringent a manner in the West Indian Islands - vide original letter dated 18th January last from Mr. A.M. Chew, a foreign export agent operating from New York.

We should like to learn whether the Colonial Government here has any objection to our dispatching the enclosed letter to our Principals, Messrs Libby, McNeil & Libby.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

18th March 1940.

Sir,

In due course we received your favour dated 15th March last (18/3/39) from which we regret to note that the assurance given by us is not satisfactory.

Since the exchange of these letters the situation has been somewhat cleared up in regard to Radio Valves, as two sources of manufacture in England have offered to supply us with the Radio Valves which we require.

We are, however, unable to get the necessary spare parts from England (or elsewhere within the Empire) and therefore hereby apply for a permit to import certain non-victor spare parts from the U.S.A. for bona fide repairs to existing Radio Receivers, the value of which will not exceed six.- sterling.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J.P. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Financial Secretary  
Stanley.

*Recd. 2.30 pm.  
13/3/40.*

*H. C. S.*

*Submitted and recommended  
in approval, please.*

*J.P.  
13/3/40.*



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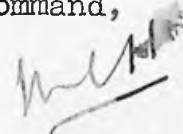
GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
20th March, 1940.

Under the provisions of Section 3 (i) of the  
Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His  
Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

THE HONOURABLE GEOFFREY HAMMOND FRITH, O.B.E.,  
to be the Competent Authority for the purposes of  
dealing with matters relating to the Defence (Finance)  
Regulations, 1939.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.

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A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

19th April 1940.

Sir,

Attached please find a letter addressed to the  
Hon. Financial Secretary as Competent Authority.

As Mr. Frith is at present ill, and we should  
like to have prompt resolution to our application,  
we should like same to be forwarded forthwith to His Excellen-  
cy the Governor for resolution.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

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No. 38.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
23rd April, 1940.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that the Governor has been pleased to delegate to the Treasury all such powers as may be exercised on His Excellency's behalf under the provisions of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, and any subsequent amendments to the said Regulations.

Government Notice No. 24 of the 20th of March, 1940, is hereby cancelled.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary.

M.P. No.S/29/39.

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S/29/39.

23rd April,

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th of April, 1940, I am directed to inform you that the Governor has been pleased to delegate to the Treasury all such powers as may be exercised on His Excellency's behalf under the provisions of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, and that your letter addressed to the Competent Authority on the 19th April relative to the supply of "Winchargers" has been passed to the Treasury for immediate action.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. J.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.

Extract from letter received from Manager, Estate Louis Williams, dated 25th April, 1940.

Sir,

.....  
So long as 'free' exchange rates in the River Plate were within reasonable measure of the 'official' rates controlled by the Bank of England in London, we have been able to cover our position from shipment to shipment without making much difference to our landed costs, but this state of affairs has altered considerably within the past 6 to 8 weeks.

From last known rates in the River Plate the difference between 'free' exchange and the B. of E. official rates was about 4%, and since the invasion of Norway the difference is even greater although we have not yet got precise figures.

As far back as 27th October 1939, we declared to the Colonial Government what we estimated our exchange requirements would be for the next 12 months, but up to the present WE HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED ANY OFFICIAL ALLOCATION OF EXCHANGE, and have all of this time to sell our cheques on London in the 'free' market, either in Montevideo or Buenos Aires (mostly in the latter market) at rates that have not been so favourable to our business transactions as the controlled rates of the Bank of England.

Nevertheless, as already stated, we have managed, in spite of official neglect of our request for exchange, been able to carry on and been able to avoid any violent changes in our retail prices.

But this state of affairs cannot continue much longer. 'Free' exchange rates in the River Plate become less favourable day by day. The price of wheat (which practically governs the price of every other essential article) is rising steadily. The actual rise in Argentine "pesos" is 47% between the 21st August, 1939, and the 24th April, 1940. The Argentine "Peso" has itself hardened in the Buenos Aires 'free' market by not less than 17% during the same period of time, so that the 'sterling' price of our nearest and best market for the purchase of flour and allied essential articles has in effect risen by over 60%.

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We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis William

(Sgd.) E. G. Rowe.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 22

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 4th May

1940

Time: 03.20.

Received:

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Time:

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No. 42 Secret with reference to my telegram No. 114 1939.

Arrangements between United Kingdom and Argentina have recently been further extended and now increased provision for Argentina to accept payments in sterling for imports to Colonies. Until further notice therefore all imports from Argentina should be paid for in sterling in addition to allowing exports to Argentina to be made on sterling basis.

It is not to be understood however that imports from Argentina should be allowed any more freely than ~~heretofore~~ hitherto.

G.T.C.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.  
To the Officer Administering the Government of  
Circular Telegram Series.  
27th March, 1940.

Import licensing. Some guidance may be  
useful as regards the licensing of imports of goods  
from Egypt and Iraq which, although within the  
sterling area, are foreign countries.

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2. In view of most favoured-nation principles  
it is inadvisable to specify in legislation that  
goods from Egypt and Iraq would not require import  
licences. It is even possible to go further and say  
that it may be undesirable to include these two  
foreign countries, even though within the sterling  
area, in an open general licence especially if goods  
coming from them might be imported in quantities  
above those of normal times in replacement of goods  
from other sources from which imports are now  
prohibited.

3. The Import Licensing Department of the  
Board of Trade in this country have limited any open  
general licences they have issued to goods coming  
from the Empire. In the case of France, for which

they will now shortly be issuing a further open general licence, this licence will be confined to classes of goods in which other suppliers have no important interests. Imports from Egypt and Iraq are usually dealt with by issuing licences for them freely, and it is suggested that this would be the most appropriate procedure for Colonial Governments.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Despatched : 25th May, 19 20. Time : ...

Received : ... .. 19 ... Time : ...

No. 50. Your telegram Circular No. 53. This Government  
is prepared to adopt procedure outlined as far as it is  
applicable here.

GOVERNOR.

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CONSULADO DE CHILE

5/29/39  
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Stanley

Falkland Islands

28th May 1940.

No.3/3

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 12th April last and to the reply received from the Financial Secretary (Competent Authority) dated 13th idem. concerning the remitting of funds (visa and other fees) collected by this Consulate and for which I have to make a deposit in American dollars in the Chilean Consular Fees Account of the National City Bank of New York, New York, USA., in accordance with the existing Chilean Consular Regulations.

I shall much appreciate some resolution in this matter as my Chief, the Consul General in Buenos Aires, is awaiting the liquidation of my accounts for the months of January, February, March and April 1940, and will shortly expect my May accounts.

The amount in American dollars that I am due to liquidate to the end of April last is \$162.40 (more or less).

I have the honour to be, Sir

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Consul for Chile.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
(Competent Authority)  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.

*Hon. C.S.*

*With ref: to your conversation of  
this afternoon. approval of the  
above transfer is noted*

*[Signature]*  
29/5/40

FORM E. 1.

STERLING TRANSFERS TO FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.

Name and Address of  
Transferor

Ernesto Guillermo Rowe

Honorary Chilean Consul

Port Stanley Falkland Islands.

Amount—

£.....s.....d.....

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(words and figures)

Say... FORTY POUNDS twelve shillings sterling.

Name and Address of  
Transferee

National City Bank of New York

New York U.S.A.

for credit of CONSULAR FEES account of

Banco Central de Chile.

Purpose of Transfer (give  
full details)

To liquidate Chilean Consular Fees collected by the Chilean Consulate in the Falkland Islands from 1st January 1940 to 31st May 1940. Fees collected amount to \$163.20 United States currency, and \$163.20 is the amount to be deposited in the Consular Fees a/c in New York. The exchange being calculated at the British official rate of 4.02

I/We declare that the above-mentioned transfer is not contrary to Defence Regulation, 1939, No. .

Date... 7th June 1940

Signature.....

Consul for Chile.

STAMP OF PAYING BANKER.

Approved.

Colonial Secretary  
& Competent Authority  
Falkland Islands.