

C.S.

Officers and Officials

Whaling

Appointments.

1923

No. 659/23

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

191 1923.

8th Sept.

Previous Paper.

677/22

Appointment of Whaling Officer and Assistant Whaling Officer, South Shetlands, 1923-1924.

MINUTES.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER, 1923. M.P. 567/23.

Please send up a new jacket for the appointment of a Whaling Officer and Assist. Whaling Officer S. Shetlands this year.

(Itld.) H.H.H.

7th Sept. 1923.

*Submitted
D.H.H.
Diefsee
8 Sept 1923*

I wish the Major to proceed to the South Shetlands this year with Mr. Riches as Assistant Whaling Officer. Please pay Mr. Hamilton and to the Treasury. I have already spoken to the Major 10 Sep 6 '23

Subsequent Paper.

*75/24
D/7/24*

Hon Treasurer,
Magistrate South Shetlands }

Passed to you accordingly,
G.R.H. 1/3
Dir Sec
10th Sept 1923

Mr. Hamilton,
Magistrate South Shetlands,

I have informed Mr. Riches
accordingly. Papers passed to you, please.

W. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer
11th September 1923.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted and returned please

J. Hamilton
Magistrate
S. Shetland

— 11/9/23 —

Minute from Col Treasurer of 12th Sept: 1923 — Encl ①
Letter from Mr S. H. Riches of 12th Sept: 1923 — " ①a

J.P. Submitted
G.R.H. 1/3
Dir Sec
14 Sept 1923

An application similar to that
now made by Mr. Riches was sub-
mitted by Mr. Bennett in 1921 and
was not approved by the
Governor. No reason is given for
reconsideration or for the establishment
of a precedent.

Mr. Hardy's case was different as he was only in temporary employment.

In addition to the allowance of £50, which has in all past years been held to cover incidental expenditure as well as remuneration, the Government pay the whaling company entertaining the officer 7/6 a day for board and lodging.

I regret that it is not possible to grant the application.

15 Sept '23

Hon Treasurer.

To note. Will you please so inform Mr. Riches. C.R. 17

Di. C. Sec.

17th Sept 1923

Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Riches has been informed accordingly.

2. In as much as the sum of £50 provided on the Estimate under "South Shetlands" for "Allowance to Whaling Officer, has already been expended this year a Special Warrant will I think be found necessary.

3. With regard to the sum of £60 provided on the Estimates under "South Shetlands" for "Assistant Whaling Officer", Special Warrant No. 21 for a sum of £21. 18. 8d was taken out to meet excess expenditure

under

this Sub-head.

4. It seems to me that if Mr. Riches is to proceed South during the coming Whaling Season, as Assistant Whaling Officer, that the whole of the salary to be paid to him, should be met from Dependencies funds, and that a further Special Warrant to augment No. 21 of 1923, should be taken out to ~~meet this~~ meet this.

5. The ordinary salary payable to Mr. Riches under IV. "Treasury & Customs" as Asst: Customs Officer, is at the rate of £14. 11. 8d, per month.

6. With regard to Mr. Riches application, I regret that it is not possible to grant his request, and I may say that I had no wish to create a precedent, as I was under the impression that when Mr. Bennett went South, both in 1921 and in 1922, he went to the South Shetlands on these occasions as "Whaling Officer", and not as "Assistant Whaling Officer". In view of the difference in the emoluments received by these two officers, I had hoped that it might have been possible for an allowance for an outfit, from £10 to £15, to be allowed each year, to the Asst: Whaling Officer.

Arthur Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.
18th September 1923.

Y.P.
Submitted.

Ed. H. B.
Officer
19 Sept 1923

The term Assistant Whaling Officer is misleading as the office is not one recognized by law, but Riches' appointment should be that of "Whaling Officer". As such he has all the powers which can be exercised by Mr. Hamilton. As the latter is the senior officer Mr. Riches will naturally ~~be~~ act subject to such directions as Mr. Hamilton may give him.

No sufficient ground has been put forward for reconsideration of past practice in the remuneration of Government officers employed as Whaling Officers.

Please resubmit Mr. Riches' paper with regard to the length of his service.

2 I agree with the Treasurer that ~~and~~ the whole of Mr. Riches' salary is properly payable by the Dependencies and provision can be made accordingly in the 1924 Estimates but for the two months or so to the end of 1923 Mr. Riches will continue to be paid solely by the Colony for his substantial appointment.

H.H.H. 21 Sept. 23

Z.E.

M.P. 567/23 attached

GR. 13

Di' C' Sec

25 Sept 1923

To Treasurer for info please.
I am dealing separately with
the question of Mr. Riches' possible
service. Please ask the Treasurer to

send
Mr. Riches to

[Handwritten signature]

27 Sept 23

see me before he goes.

Hon Treasurer,

For info

GR. 13

Di' C' Sec

27 Sept 1923

Hon:Col:Sec;

Noted. Mr. Riches has been instructed
to find out what time will be convenient for His
Excellency to see him.

2. Might I suggest that during Mr. Riches' absence
down South, that a sum at the rate of £14. 11. 8d,
per month, be **ADVANCED** to Mrs Riches, (the amount
that Mr. Riches desires paid to his wife), and ~~that~~
on his return to Stanley in 1924, that Mr. Riches
~~th~~ be paid salary in full, chargeable to Dependencies,
during his absence, when he will then repay whatever
amount has been advanced to his wife ?

[Handwritten signature]

Colonial Treasurer.

28th September 1923.

Z.E.
Submitted,

I also put up a draft letter to
Mr. Riches.

GR. 13
Di' C' Sec
Oct 1923

The Treasurer proposes with respect to payment approved: the advance should be from Dependence funds

ttttt 1/10/23

Letter to Mr. S. A. Riches. 3/10/23 Encl. (2)

Hon Treasurer.

To order.

Di/Sec

23 Oct 1923

Hon:Col:Sec;

Imprest Warrant for payment of this advance, submitted herewith.

K. H. Thompson

Colonial Treasurer

25th October 1923

E. G. Submitted

Di/Sec

27 Oct 1923

ttttt 29 Oct. 23

Hon Treasurer.

Imprest Warrant No 18/23

herewith.

Di/Sec

30 Oct 1923

Hon. Col. Secretary.

Imprest warrant no 18. for £12.18.4

with drawn copy filed herein
J.V.K.

for Col. Treasurer

31st Oct. 23.

Note.
Mr Riches left for South Shetlands
in the 'Ronald' on the 3rd Nov^r 1923

Government notice of 14/11/23. Encl. (4)

Minute from Col Treasurer of.

30th April 1926 - " (5)

4/6.

By Imprest warrant No 18/23
your Excellency authorized an
advance of £72. 18/4 on 3 months
salary from Dependence Funds.
If 6 months salary is repaid from
Dependencies the vote will be
depleted by £89. 10/7. + £50 allowance
leaving a balance of only £12. 10/7.
for Whaling Officer's salary at
end of present year.

G.M.S.
D.C.S.
2 May 1924.

Paragraph 2 of my minute of the
21st September was omitted in subsequent
minutes.

The Treasurer may charge part of the
Whaling Officer's salary to the Colony this
year and the need for a P.W. can be avoided
6 May 24

Hon Treasurer,

Vouchers herewith under Dependence
for salary of Mr Riches Jan to April
1924 and vouchers for payment of
allowance of £50 under same vote.
Will you please prepare vouchers
under Head Treasury for Mr
Riches' salary for Nov. and Dec
1923.

A.P.L. 1/2

D. C. P.

C. W. P.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Vouchers withdrawn. The
total advance of £87-10-0
has been repaid on Treasury
receipt 3013 of this date date,
made up as follows:-

Dependence:

S. Sheppard - Whaling Officer
Salary Jan - April £58-6-8
at £175 p.a.

Treasury Customs

Assist. C.O. salary for
Nov. and Dec
1923 at £175 p.a. 29-3-4

£87-10-0

Amounts advanced to
Mr Riches Nov. 1923 - April 1924 £87-10-0

A. Francis Harker

7 May 1924

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No. C.S.678/22

MINUTE.

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

12th September 1943

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From Colonial Treasurer

To

Stanley.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I beg to submit the attached application from Asst:Customs Officer Richers for some assistance towards warm clothing required by him when he proceeds South with the Whalers in the coming Season (C.S.659/23).

2. I believe some such outfit was allowed last year to the Asst: Whaling Officer, Mr. Hardy. C.S.678/22.



Colonial Treasurer.

Stanley,

September 12th, 1923.

M.P. 659/23.

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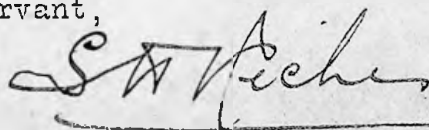
Sir,

With reference to the acceptance by me of the post of Asst. Whaling Officer at South Shetlands during the coming season, I beg to ask if you will bring before the Hon:- Colonial Secretary the fact of my not having suitable clothing for a five, probably six, months stay in the Antarctic regions, and if I have to go to the expense of acquiring the same locally, will run me into something like £12 or £15.

In 1919 when I was last down with the Whalers, the Governor gave me three clear months warning, which enabled me to send to England for these articles, which cost me slightly over £11, therefore it is reasonable to suppose that the same articles will run into anything over £15, if purchased locally, this sum alone - without mentioning other expenses incurred by the Whaling Officer - will make a big incroad into the £50 allowance to that officer, I would therefore ask if you will also bring this to the notice of the Colonial Secretary, with a view to some financial assistance in obtaining suitable clothing.

I have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient

Servant,



Asst. Customs Officer.

Hon;-Treasurer & Collector,
Stanley.

659/25.

2.

3rd October,

25.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be a Whaling Officer at the South Shetlands during the Whaling Season 1923/24. While so employed you will in addition to your usual salary, receive an allowance of £50.

2. You should communicate with Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Magistrate, South Shetlands, who is this season proceeding with the Whaling Fleet, and receive from him the necessary instructions regarding your departure from Stanley. You will, while employed as a Whaling Officer, carry out your duties subject to such instructions as Mr. Hamilton may from time to time issue, and you should make all reports direct to him.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

Mr. S. H. Riches,
Assistant Customs Officer,
Stanley.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. **18**

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IMPREST (ADVANCE) WARRANT.

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(sgd) H Henniker-Heaton
acting — Governor.

Date 29th October 1923.

TO THE HONOURABLE
THE TREASURER.

a. Strike out
superfluous
words.

You are hereby authorized and required to issue to the ^a { Person — } described in the subjoined Schedule, the amount entered against ^a { his, its, their } respective designation, to be accounted for, in the manner and at the date specified.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Person Account.	Purpose for which Issued.	Amount.			Particulars and Dates for Accounting and Repayment.
		£	s.	d.	
S.H. RICHES, ASSISTANT WHALING OFFICER, SOUTH SHETLANDS. (C.H. 659/23.)	To be paid to Mrs Riches, wife of the Assistant Whaling Officer South Shetlands, during his absence from Stanley, at the rate of £14.11.3 per month. 5 months at £14.11.3 p.m.	2	7	13	To be repaid by Mr Riches upon his return to Stanley when he draws his salary as Assistant Whaling Officer.

Signature of the Officer submitting the Schedule for Warrant

Anthony
Colonial Treasurer.

Date 25th October 1923.

(Imprest Warrants are to be prepared in triplicate. One copy to be filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, one in the Treasury, and one to be furnished to the Audit.

4.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

14th November, 1923.

His Excellency the Acting Governor has been
pleased to appoint :

MR SEDNEY HERBERT RICHES

Assistant Customs Officer, to be a Whaling Officer with
the South Shetlands Whaling Fleet for the season
1923-1924, with effect from the 3rd of November, 1923.

By Command,

G. R. E. Brown,
for Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

No.

is requested that, in any reference to this letter, the above Number and the date may be quoted.

30th April 19 24

From... Ag. Col. Treasurer...

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

M.P. No. 659/23

Hon. Col. Sec:

The total advance to date against Mr. S.H. Riches on a/c of salary as Whaling Officer South Shetlands amounts to the sum of £87-10-0 i.e. 6 months salary at rate of £175 p.a.

2. Will you kindly let me have an Adjustment voucher to authorize the charge of £87-10-0 against DEPENDENCIES Personal, S. Shetlands, Whaling Officer, to cover the amount outstanding in respect of the above mentioned advance.

Ag. Col. Treas.