

L I V E S T O C K .

(Misc.)

C.S.

193 7.

No. 162/37.

Agricultural Adviser.

SUBJECT.

193 7.

12th August.

SUPPLY OF TUBSAC TO STOCK OWNERS IN STANLEY.

Previous Paper.

1024/21

MINUTES.

(1)

Minute from Agricultural Adviser of 12/8/37.

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Minute to Agricultural Adviser, 12/8/37.

PH 12/1/37

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Minute from Harbour Master of 14/8/37.

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" to " " " " 14/8/37.

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Letter from Mr. George O. Hansen of 14.10.42

H.O.A. Hon. Col. Sec. would be glad of your observations and/or recommendations on red (5)

Shly J.C.S. 14/10/42.

J.C.S.

(7)

I see no present solution to this problem. The barracks in the block plantations is short & so poor to cut at present but Hansen has been advised that he may cut at any time free of cost provided that he cuts in the area specified by my former. He has requested carters in Stanley to cut for him on these terms. They are largely employed by the army at present.

Subsequent Paper.



If labour were available two or three men could be placed on an island & the tussock that they cut could be collected by some launch or the helio. but labour is not available.

Last season the Dept chartered a schooner & handled the problem but the present schooner owners are not willing to be chartered. They could be requisitioned but still there is the problem of labour to cut the tussock.

Tussock is necessary for the support of horses & cows about the town. If not available the milk supply must inevitably fall.

JLH  
24/10/42

(18)

D/ag he discussed this. Transport could be got over - possibly by chartering "Indiana", but it is impossible at present to find the 2 or 3 men necessary for cutting. You have agreed to see Hansen & to help him out with 1 or 1 1/2 tons of hay or possibly swedes. The labour situation may be better shortly.

LB  
29/10 -  
(19)

Wet! - Indiana cannot be chartered without labour Hansen had already availed himself of our offer of swedes which he had neglected to make use of for 2-3 weeks & took affront when fee of cost. On the face of it there seems no point in seeing Hansen but it will be done.

JLH  
31/10/42

Letter to G. Hansen, Esq., of 2/11/42.

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Letter from Mr. L. J. Cletheroe 1st November 1943.

11.

D/Ag.

(12)

I will have Catherode told verbally that we are busy on the problem until held an official reply until the situation is clearer. Do you agree?

K.B.  
2.11.45

M.C.S.

(13)

I agree that the position is serious for the carters. Unless a suitable boat can be provided there seems no solution. The horses must have fibre or roughage & this is usually provided in Stanley by Hay or Tussock.

It is a debatable point as to whether the Govt is obliged to provide tussock. Previously it has been provided by private enterprise.

D.R.  
4/11/45.

14. Letter from Secretary, F.I.S. Reform League, of 17. 1. 45.

Meeting arranged for 10.00 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>.

2.2.45. 7.15.45.

19.1.45.

Note

(17)

The following called in me this morning. D/Ag. present.

J. Allan. Chairman F.I.R.L.

B. Bonner. - (Sec.)

A. Petterson

G. Hansen.

W. Hill's.

Stockton's Committee representatives

\* Telephone.  
W. Stone.

They stated that efforts to arrange for tussock supplies independently or through the Company had failed. The Company's charges were far too high. A temporary arrangement with the Harbour Dept. had come to an end. No tussock was coming into town, the need was urgent. They appealed for Government help.

I explained that tussock having always been won off by private enterprise, Govt. was most reluctant to intervene. In view of the

fact that no solution had been found for 2 seasons  
that the solution was admittedly serious, we might  
consider temporary help but nothing permanent.

2. Stockowners were willing to pay 8d per bundle instead  
of 6d<sup>as</sup> at present.
3. They agreed to work out figures showing cost  
per bundle under F.I.C. terms. (see 16a). 1/6 per bundle.
4. I agreed to investigate cost of hiring alert with a  
without scow, but made it clear that foot could  
not provide labour for cutting.

(I subsequently saw 4<sup>1/2</sup> kees & 200 lbs. The alert costs £2 per  
day, including all accessories. It can be spared for  
an average of one trip (all day) per week until  
end of March when supplies on the Tassac Islands are  
fully but exhausted. Alert cannot work Kirtney Island.  
If foot scow is used - charge £2:10:0 per day.  
Alternative is for stockowners to buy a scow, alert alone  
- charge £2.)

5. Stockowners suggested selling the Penguin for future  
use as a Tassac boat. I said I would submit  
this suggestion & if approved, would fix an  
upset price.
6. It was also suggested that if private enterprise  
could be restarted next season, a monopoly should  
be granted with a maximum controlled price  
& a minimum guaranteed output.

KB  
19.1.45

Letter to Secretary, Stockowners' Committee 22/1/45

A.28

(17)  
Mr. Kell's note that Paloma & Indira have been  
getting Tassac & that there is now a surplus. So we  
can sit back.

Is there a notice (1923?) fixing the price of  
Tassac?

KB  
20.2.45

Govt. Notice at red 11,  
M.P. 1026/21 refers.

(18)

~~D.A.G.~~

See (11) on 1026/21 h/w. This advice is still in force & perhaps it should be amended. If you think so, can I have a draft?

RB

21.2.45

~~J.F.L.~~

(19)

Sorry about the delay. This has just been found among some of the papers I had obtained for research purposes. See draft herewith

J.F.L. Draft herewith  
24/7/45

(20)

~~J.F.L.~~

Too late now - & it has been charged & accepted for over 6 months. The licence is the operative document & a licence is not really necessary. It has no legal force.

RB

25.7/45

J.F.L.

21. Minute from Director of Agriculture of 3/8/45.

(22)

~~J.F.L.~~

As the chances of getting a ship down are rather slim the supply of tarmac for the dairy land has become a matter of urgency & first importance. I should be glad if you would consult with D.A.G. direct & give all the help you can. He would also appreciate a few men for cutting. See (16) for a previous suggestion about the use of the alert.

RB 11/8/45

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

I discussed this problem with D of A. yesterday & have today arranged with a man <sup>who is willing</sup> in P.W.D. to go out in the Albat (with one or two more to help) once a week. They will be off pay from P.W.D for this day & will cut at 7<sup>d</sup> per bundle contract rate. & will be paid by the Ag. Dept. The only snag appears to be the amount that can be brought in each time. D of A says a minimum of 300 bundles but the whole boat will only hold 100.

C.W. E.  
10. VIII. 49

Since writing the above I have spoken D. of A. who considers the cost at 7<sup>d</sup>. too high & he will send out his own men.

C.W.

plm

memo. from Agric. Off. of 13. 7. 49

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E.E.

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I should appreciate your views on (24)

K's

20/7.

Aq. C.

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1. This question is bound up in future policy of Penelope.
2. If, during the winter both Penelope and Philomel are available for inter island communication then the problem is simple
3. If not then the Harbour Department will require more staff (The Government Engineer Mr Kelway will retire on the return of the Jones - mechanic and the present Coxswain is master of the Philomel.
4. Reading through this file I note the reluctance of Government to accept the commitment in the past. Must it be accepted now?
5. How much tressae will be required and how often must it be brought in - does it rot etc. Perhaps A.O will advise

C.W. 21 July 49.

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A.O. How do you fit discuss with K. and bring to points of agreement.

K's  
22/7.

H.C.S.

- Have discussed with E.E. & we agree on the following points.
1. Have there been such a dearth of private craft around town to do this type of work before.
  2. That the matter be left until the Daismen or others apply for help.
  3. That should they do so supplies preferably be fetched from Kidney Island, as is no danger of supply running out there.
  4. The Economics of Tanook cutting cannot stand a boat lying off whilst it is cut. So men must be left to cut some the green nature of which makes it necessary to bring in supplies weekly.
  5. The Hut on Kidney can be made suitable for habitation, which is important in view of the necessity of leaving men out there.
  6. The "Islet" is not large enough to bring in an adequate supply at one weekly trip.
  7. The William Islands having no water (drinkable) on them be left for private enterprise so being nearer people are more likely of their own volition to fetch from there & so reduce the government's commitments.

John P. Collins

D.O. 26/VII/49.

PA. K.G. 21/7

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Broadcast Notice from A.O.

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A.O.

29 any luck, re?

B.W. 15/8/52

H.B.S.

Pres. 7.3.

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There have been no inquiries.

I propose leaving it until say June & then rebroadcast. The content of 29 this file to in your file on Kidney Island.

John P. Collins

D.O. 26/19/III/52.

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B.W. 15/6

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32 Memo from H.M. of 16.5.52.

33 " " Hon. A.O. of 16.5.52.

A.O. <sup>11.</sup> 34.  
Do see 32 in 33 b4c. p.

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H.C.S. 35. <sup>195.</sup>  
seen Thank you.

John P. Blair 20/V/52.

A.O.

36 Memo from Hon. A.O. of 19.5.52.

37 Memo from H.M. of 19.5.52.

38 Memo To Hon. A.O. of 21.5.52

b.v.  
28/5/52.

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See 38 - this matter has  
not been cleared up a file  
may be p.a.?

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28/5.

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27/5

PA  
<sup>195.</sup>  
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40 Memo from Acting Harbour Master of 23.6.52.

41 Memo to Acting Harbour Master of 27.6.52.

42 Telegram from Capt. "Vengyan Bay" of 1.7.52.

43 Letter to Cmdr. HMS Vengyan Bay of 2/7/52

PA  
27/6



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No. I confirm that the regular arrangements for Kussac cutting as last years ~~the~~ may be made this season except that we will only guarantee the cutters 2 days work a week - which work you will find unless an other more pressing jobs present themselves.

H.C.S.

seen.

John P. Blair 16/VII/53  
A.O.

*[Signature]*  
15/7

*[Signature]*

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

MINUTE.

12th August, 19 37

From Agricultural Adviser,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable Acting

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to advise that Cutters are unable, owing to weather conditions, to supply Government and private Stock Owners in Stanley with Tussac. The Agricultural Department has been fulfilling all orders as received, from the Rookery Point Plantation, but this source of supply is nearly at an end, owing to prolonged and abnormal winter conditions.

Your permission is now sought for authority to obtain a load of tussac from the Islands, with the G.L. "Penguin" and scow.

The Department can supply men for cutting and loading - The matter is extremely urgent and I would like to make use of first fine day for the purpose - today if possible.

It is purely a matter of providing fodder for hungry stock until such time as cutters are again able to resume normal running.

I understand the 'Penguin' is at the moment under steam.

*Stanley*  
Agricultural Adviser.

Copy sent to Harbour Master.

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No. 162/37

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MINUTE.

12th August, 1957.

*From* Mon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* Agricultural Adviser,

Stanley.

with reference to your minute of to-day's date I am directed to inform you that provided the Harbour Master after consultation with the Government Pilot considers conditions safe to use the G.L. "Penguin" in the manner suggested arrangements may be made to secure a supply of Tussock Grass as recommended by you.

2. A copy of this minute will be sent to the Harbour Master.

M. J. Stewart

Acting Colonial Secretary.

M I N U T E.

14th August, 1937.

To, The Honourable.

From Harbour Master.

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Submitted, The Tugmaster, Mr A. E. Ratcliffe, reports that while at the islands in Port William yesterday the work of boating tussac to the "Penguin" was greatly impeded by a large sea leopard which appeared to be ferocious.

It continually accompanied the boat to and fro, bumping the sides and snapping at the oars, causing some uneasiness.

Weather permitting, a trip will be made to the tussac islands again on Tuesday the 17th of August, and in the event of a recurrence of this, Mr Ratcliffe requests permission to destroy this animal by shooting.

*J. Ellman*  
Harbour Master.

No. 162/37.

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MINUTE.

17th August, 19 37.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Harbour Master,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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With reference to your minute of the 14th of August, 1937, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that should similar attacks by a sea leopard be made on the men obtaining tussac the action suggested by you may be taken and the animal destroyed by shooting.

  
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

"HANSEN'S DAIRY"

5.

Register No. 1

GEORGE HANSEN  
Davis St. No.17  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.  
14th October 1942.

Sir,

I have been working a dairy for the past five years or so, and have expanded the fresh milk supply to a very considerable extent, and have built a new clean approved milking stable and dairy.

I sell fresh milk at 4d. per pint, and this price is based on the cost of usual local feeding stuffs, so much local tussac grass and the usual supplementary concentrates such as pollard, oil-cake, corn feed, etc.

Sometimes I have also been able to obtain a moderate amount of oaten hay, grown locally on farms such as Teal Inlet, San Carlos, etc. , but it works out much more expensive than tussac.

Owing to the small boats (cutters) that usually kept me and others in the town supplied with tussac grass, finding it more profitable to work other freights, no Tussac has been brought in from the islands for the past TWO MONTHS, and the supply has been very irregular for the past 12 months or more.

I firmly believe that the supplying of local fresh milk is a first line essential occupation at the present time.

I am , in consequence of the breaking down of the old arrangements by which I could get reasonable supplies of tussac grass, faced with a very difficult situation, which I may summarise as follows:-

- 1) The animals, being deprived of the usual amount of green fodder are not thriving as they should.
- 2) The extra expense of buying local hay (when obtainable) and imported feeding stuffs is cutting into my small margin of profit.
- 3) The extra worry and trouble I am having with my business due to the difficulties may cause me to either curtail my production of milk, or give it up altogether until such time as easier conditions prevail. I may add that I am originally a sailor and ship's cook and getting new employment, at the prevailing high wages, would not be difficult.

I think that it is within the powers of the Government to solve the difficulty over the supply of tussac grass, and hereby appeal to you and ask you to have something done about it. The supply of tussac was an old established local service and should not be permitted to break down.

I even venture to suggest that the Navy might be able to help -- a ship like the "Afterglow" could easily go out to Kidney Island when not engaged on more essential work and bring in 600 bundles of tussac, of which I would be eager to purchase 300 for my fortnight's supply (300 at 6d. would be £7.10.--) the other 300 bundles would easily be placed around the town with other owners of cattle and horses.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind attention, I am,

Your obedient servant

G D Hansen

the Hon. The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley  
Falkland Is.

2nd November,

42.

Sir,

*Red 5*

With reference to your letter of the 14th of October, I have the honour to inform you that the Director of Agriculture has been asked to see you in regard to the provision of food-stuffs for your dairy cattle.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

G. Hansen, Esq.,  
STANLEY.



Stanley.

(11)

1st. November, 1943.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I respectfully beg to draw attention to the serious shortage of tussac in Stanley, & to enquire whether the government can render any assistance in the matter.

The neat-carting season is just commencing & it will be impossible to work the horses if there is no tussac available, since there is no substitute for this particular kind of feeding.

Since the loss of the cutter "Paloma" there seems no likelihood of the situation being relieved by private enterprise, and indirectly, unless immediate steps be taken, a fuel shortage in the coming winter is inevitable.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*L. J. Clethens*





FALKLAND IS. REFORM LEAGUE,  
STANLEY,  
17th January, 1945.

Sir,  
at a General Meeting of the Reform League, a  
complaint regarding the seriousness of food shortage  
for animals and the consequences was laid by the  
Committee of the Stock Owners of Stanley.

After a very lengthy discussion it was decided  
that a meeting be arranged between the Honourable  
the Colonial Secretary, four members of the Stock  
Owners and two members of the Reform League.

The time to be left to the discretion of the  
Colonial Secretary.

I am,  
Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
*M. G. ...*  
Secretary.

Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

TUSSAC PROBLEM.

As the question of tussac for animals was considered very serious and even more serious to the Public for their peat supply, the Stock Owners of Stanley laid the matter before the Reform League.

1. Up until recently the "Alert" with a scow had been used to relieve the situation for working horses <sup>and Saines</sup> and this system had as far as known worked very satisfactory, this being endorsed by Col. Woodgate. Since his departure from the Colony the Officer in Charge Port & Marine refused the use of the "Alert" on the following grounds.

- normal again next week*
- a. Due to pressure of work,      b. Scow in an unfit condition.      c. Col. Woodgate had left word behind that the system had been abused. — *no. 91 was only a temp. arrangement. KB*

2. The Stock Owners have held meetings to consider the matter and in this connection the Falkland Is. Co. Ltd., had been approached as to the hire of a lighter and the use of the "CLEO" The figure returned was considered too high.

The figures can be quoted by members present.

3. The Reform League after careful consideration of all the facts laid before them passed a resolution,

"The whole question should be placed before the Colonial Secretary at a meeting at which representatives of the Stock Owners and Reform League would be present."

(16a)

T U S S A C

"CLIO" & "PENGUIN".

Costs per bundle.

1. Cutting & loading at island.		4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
2. Landing Stanley		$\frac{1}{2}$ d
3. Carting		1d
4. "Clio" (£4 per day for 500 bds.)	say	2d
5. Clerk.		1d
6. "Penguin"		?
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		9d +
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*no.*

"CLIO" & LIGHTER.

1, 2, 3 and 4 above		8d.
Clerk.		1d
Lighter and insurance on "Clio" & Lighter		<u>19d.</u>
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4d.

162/37.

22nd January,

45.

Sir,

With reference to our interview on Friday I should be grateful if you would lay the following before your Committee.

2. The Government is reluctant to take any step which might be interpreted as an acceptance of responsibility for the provision of tussac or which might lead to the taking over of this service by Government. Tussac has always been provided by private enterprise and in the view of Government it should continue to be so provided.

3. I fully appreciate, however, the serious position which now exists and am prepared to give what assistance is possible as a purely temporary measure to meet the needs of the present season only.

4. I should be grateful if you would inform your Committee that the motor launch "Alert" can be made available for an average of 1 whole day trip per week at the discretion of the Harbour Master within the limits of Port Williams at an inclusive charge of 5/- per hour with a maximum of £2 for a whole day. It will remain the responsibility of the stock-owners to provide a scow or other suitable vessel capable of being towed by the "Alert" (the "Penguin" is too heavy) and to provide the labour. It will be understood that, while every care will be taken, Government can accept no responsibility for the vessel towed and that the first care of the Coxswain of the "Alert" must be for the safety of his own launch.

5. It is felt that the above charge for the "Alert" is sufficiently low to enable attractive wages to be offered for cutting with tussac selling at 8d per bundle. Transport costs will be approximately 1d. It is understood that neither of the two scows offered by the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd., are being sent South.

6. In this connection I would suggest the possibility of your Committee forming a properly organized co-operative society or association in order to provide funds and an established body with which the Government could deal.

7. Your suggestion that for future needs the "Penguin" should be sold or otherwise made available is under consideration.

8. In my absence will you kindly deal direct with the Director of Agriculture in this matter?

I have the honour to be,  
sir,  
Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

SECRETARY,  
STOCKOWNERS' COMMITTEE,  
STANLEY.

DRAFT.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

24th. July, 1945.

Whereas by Government Notice dated 1st. March, 1922 His Excellency the Governor intimated the conditions under which the Government relinquished its right of royalty on each cargo of tussock delivered in Stanley, and whereas it fixed the price of a 20-lb. bundle at 6d., and whereas representations have been made that more tussock would be forthcoming if the price were raised to 8d. per 20-lb. bundle and the public have requested that the price be so raised the Governor is pleased to order as follows:-

That while the difficulties of supply continue condition 1 of the licence in above mentioned order shall read as follows;

1. That every bundle of tussock grass shall weigh not less than 20-lbs. and shall be sold at not more than 8d. per bundle.

That the remaining conditions be as at present.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary.

No. 18/3.

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



MINUTE.

21

3rd. August, 19 45.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

From The Director of Agriculture,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Further to my minute of 11th. July.

I have to report that the whole of the animal fodder in town will be issued within 10 - 12 days at normal rates. We have already cut the cows rations by about 1/5 and I am instructing all rations to be cut by a further 1/3 as from today.

Any assistance that may be possible through the supply of tussock by the Harbour Department would be greatly appreciated.

Director of Agriculture.

Copy to Ex. Eng. & Harbour master  
3/8/45.

To. The Hon. Col. Sec.  
From. The Agricultural Officer.  
e. 13th July, 1949.



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As the Agricultural Department has now ceased to produce hay and oats for the Dairies, I foresee that next winter (1950) in order to maintain the Town's milk supply some thing will have to be done to augment the amount of Tussock run into Town from the William and Kidney Islands.

I do not think much more than <sup>is</sup> at present will be brought by the Indiana and no other private boats appear to be coming along to participate which will mean that this will have to be done by Government shipping. I therefore feel it better to mention the matter now so that in planning Government shipping it could be allowed for.

*John P. Oliver*  
Agricultural Officer.

*A.P. K. 19/5*

BROADCAST NOTICE.

29

Wanted for Tussock cutting.

Due to the anticipated shortage of fodder in town this coming winter Government is willing to run 2 trips <sup>a week</sup> with the Alert taking a scow weather permitting to the William Islands in Port William only.

See 23  
To this end Government is willing to pay 1 or 2 men 6d per bundle put on the boat up to 600 bundles per week for the months July to October inclusive and to put and fetch such men cutting tussock back in town free.

Would anyone interested in this please make application to the Agricultural Officer.

For the enclosure in  
Fishy Island File.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM.

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



May 16th.

19<sup>52</sup>

From Harbour Dept.

Stanley.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

Tussock Cutting.

With reference to the minute from the Agricultural Officer regarding tussock cutting, the Harbour Department are prepared to provide the transport to and from the islands under the following condition.

That in the event of the Alert not being able to pick them up owing to bad weather conditions, the men should have with them on the island rations for at least four days and suitable cover for that period.

*J.H. Miller*  
for Harbour Master.

*See*

*a.o. is arranging return, p.*

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*1952*

From The Agricultural Officer.  
To The Hon. Col. Sec.  
Date 16th May, 1952.

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A

I have this morning received an application from Mr. W.J. Smith in reply to the broadcast for tussock cutters. He thinks he may get Mr. D. Goss to go with him.

He stipulates that he will be willing to go and stay on the islands as long as there is a decent hut on the Top and Lower islands until then to be taken out and fetched back each day.

- Conditions:
1. each man to be paid for his own cutting.
  2. scow to be loaded afloat to avoid loss of bundles.
  3. each man to be paid on the count put on board the boat at the island.
  4. regards bad weather require at least 3 days a week alternative work say in P.W.D. in other words when cannot be put out to island turn to in P.W.D. or other Government Employ.

John P. Glin  
Agricultural Officer.

P.S. He would be willing to start

Copy to Harbour Master.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

B

162/37  
 I presume you  
 would have no difficulty in  
 employing them. I am sure  
 the P.W.D. Sec house can do  
 with some extra hands.  
 C  
 17/5

Hel I will do all I can to help. but cannot  
~~guarantee~~ promise work (if it too wet to cut tussocks  
 it's too wet to work outside) I will endeavor to employ  
 one man if the Officer can employ the other.

19/5  
 ABH  
 17/4/52

To The Hon. Col. Sec.  
From The Agricultural Officer.  
Date 19th May, 1952.



Re: Tussock Cutting.

H.C.S.

It Seems likely that a start will be made this week tussock cutting.

The tussock cutters will have to be paid on a count agreed by the Harbour Department's staff at the island.

After the tussock is landed it will have to be sold on a count agreed between the buyer and the P.W.D. lorry driver who delivers it.

The Harbour proposes to charge Agric. Dept. 1½D a bundle for the tussock landed on the jetty. The P.W.D. to also charge Agric. Dept. for hire of the lorry transport.

There will be discrepancies in the counts, and we would have to make up the bills and payments out on figures supplied by personal of other Departments.

To meet these expenditures will require a Special Warrant.

May I ask for a ruling on how these matters are to be done so that I may, or whoever else you think should, <sup>will</sup> know what to allow for in the compiling of the A.I.S.E.; or would you consider or prefer the whole to be dealt with as an Advance account.

*John P. Glin.*  
Agricultural Officer.

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MEMORANDUM.



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

19th May, 19 52

To. The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

From. Harbour Master.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- SHIPMENT OF TUSSAC GRASS.

With reference the Agricultural Officer's arrangements for the provision of of winter feeding for livestock in Stanley, there seems to be some confusion as to whose responsibility this is. I have spoken with Mr Oliver, and he informed me that the final decision rested with you.

As far as I can see the Harbour Department's interest in tussac cutting begins and ends with shipping it, and the responsibility for distribution, payment of cutters etc is surely the Agricultural Departments?

The charge that the Harbour Department will make for the hire of the "Alert" is a purely nominal one of 1½d per bundle - approximately 83/10/- per week - and I intended to debit the Agricultural Department with this sum.

*John Lucke*  
H.M.

Copy to: Supt. of Works.  
Harbour Master.

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21st May, 1922.

To: The Agricultural Officer.

From: The Colonial Secretary.

SMALLEY.

Tussac Cullins.

There are a lot of rather vague hints floating round my office on this subject.

2. Please arrange a meeting between Superintendent of Works, Harbour Master, and yourself and tie the matter up.

3. If any decisions are required by me this should be shown in a memorandum supported by the views of the officers concerned.

(SGD) C. Campbell.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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MEMORANDUM.

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23rd. June 19 52

To Hon. Colonial Secretary

From Acting Harbour Master,

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.



SUBJECT :-

Claim on 45 Bundles Tussac.

H.C.S.

The Tussac Cutters, Smith and Goss, have launched a claim against this Department for the cost of 45 bundles of tussac left on the Top Island on the 4th. June 1952 because the Harbour Master had to return to see a Depth Charge detonated. On returning to the Island they found that the bundles had washed away.

What action do you suggest I should take in this matter?

*John P. Bliss*

Acting Harbour Master.

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27th June, 52.

From: Acting Colonial Secretary,

To: Acting Harbour Master,

STANLEY.

Claim on 45 Bundles Tussac.

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Your memorandum of the 23rd June, 1952. The claim if legitimate, is one that should be made against the Agricultural Department, who are responsible for paying the tussac cutters, and I am addressing the Agricultural Officer accordingly.

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe.  
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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A.C.

Above for information, a copy of the Harbour Master's memorandum is attached. If you are satisfied that there was no negligence on the part of the Tussac cutters payment may be made from your vote for Contingencies.

HTL

(INTLD) J.E. B.

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FROM VICTORIAN MAIL  
TO DEPUTY GOVERNOR

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM G.H.M. NEGERS:-

- 1. KUSSAC SITUATION IN TOWN BRITISH AND MILK SITUATION AFFECTED. WOULD YOU CONSIDER IF MAIN GOVERNMENT ASKED FOR SIX VOLUNTEERS FROM YOUR CREW TO ASSIST FOR ONE DAY. REWARDS "EYES".
- 2. AM LOVELY TO DO THIS UNLESS THERE IS NO LABOUR AVAILABLE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

D.T.G. 0112230 JULY

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C.S. I don't like this either. I gathered that labour weather & shipping was the kussac problem rather than labour. In a crisis P.W.D. could no doubt help out.

2) Pse ascertain more details from H/M & advise him that all such requests must in future be routed through you.

Spoken H.M.  
file P.A.

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2nd July, 1952.

Dear Horncastle,

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With reference to your signal addressed to the Deputy Governor, I have spoken to the Harbour Master and he tells me the message he sent to you was meant as a purely personal one to obtain your reaction before he approached Government. I have informed him that the question did not arise as Government would certainly not consider it proper to make such a request.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

Commander R. Horncastle, R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Veryan Bay",  
STANLEY.

a.c.s.  
This letter is for attached file pl?

sent 3/1/52

Yel. &  
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HTL