

SEALING

(Armed Guards)

NAT/SEA/2 # 17

1923.

C.S.

No. 116/23

H. E. The Governor

SUBJECT.

1923

JASON ISLAND GUARD

5th February

Miscellaneous communications respecting:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

*Minute from H. E. the Governor of 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1923 — Encl (1)*

*Harbour Master*

*In report please*

*ttttt 8/2/23*

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

Submitted.

Report attached.

*Encl. (2)*

*Colin E. Hooley*

Harbour Master

10/2/23

*Y.P.*

*Submitted*

*In acknowledgment would have done better to have expressed his zeal for writing? He may be informed by the Harbour Master that the communications have been referred to him and should have been addressed to him in the first instance?*

*ttttt w/p 10 Feb 1923*

Subsequent Paper.



Harbour Master

Accordingly

13/2/23

The Hon. Secy.

Noted & returned herewith.

2. J. Macrae will be informed accordingly.

Colin Estocelle

Harbour Master.

13/2/23.



January 9<sup>th</sup> 1923.

To Governor of the  
Falkland Islands.

I'm aboard on the  
above date. Went up to  
the Guard Stut with  
Mr Hamilton & Police  
Constable Swan. Mr  
Hamilton inspected  
fire arms, & asked  
the Guard, in charge  
any complaints Sydney  
Gledall, answered  
none immediately Mr  
Hamilton left turn  
round & tells me he  
wrote. Get up on a  
morning I asked why  
he had ~~so~~ said



(2)

no complaints to Mr  
Hamilton & turn round  
& tell me the mans  
faults instead of telling  
Mr Hamilton, ~~this~~ Lies  
the man name is  
J Turner, I see,  
nothing wrong with the  
man only a case of  
a little unfriendliness  
towards him. But why  
say no complaints to  
Mr Hamilton & then turn  
round & tell me at  
when he leaves the  
Island.



(3)  
I told him, he should  
have acquainted Mr  
Hamilton, I told  
them it is no use  
~~and~~ unless they pull  
together.

With no feeling  
towards any of the men  
or looking forward  
for no gains only a  
point of Duty as I  
think it is Best you  
should know. As the  
man in charge is coming  
in I remain your  
humble servant,  
J. Macdonald.

Please excuse Writing



(4) January (9)

Sir I have asked the  
man J Turner if he  
had any complaints to  
make them to Mr Hamilton  
He says let it drop.

I see no difference  
in the man to any of  
the others. I told S. Glidd  
one man is as good  
as another & the man  
stays on I will see he  
gets up. I told him  
that you insisted on  
the Guard going out when  
the nights were fine &  
at Day break.

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January 14<sup>th</sup>

Sir

I do not wish  
you to discharge Iglooda  
on my Report because  
the man worked hard  
with me while landing  
the Equipment for the  
Post. I have no ill feeling  
towards the man. Only  
I told him he should  
Report properly not say  
more when he means yes  
I told him he should  
have told Mr. Hamatta  
the truth as he is in  
charge up till now.

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20 January 1923

To His Excellency  
the Governor of The Falkland  
Islands,  
Sir. Should I Glad all  
go to the Coast there is  
an Hotel in Port Lockroy called  
the White Horse where I should  
& the Redman, staying Glad  
Having sailed in letters with the man  
or sailed with them, you might think  
it worth while having him with  
if he should go to Montevideo  
there is the International Ladies  
Home where a lot hang out,  
so the obone man was always  
talking about these men during  
is 3 months here. Your thought Sir  
& Macnachie



• January 21<sup>st</sup> 1923

Sir

On my passage out  
I was talking to the Cook  
of the Afterglow he  
asked me if we got  
any 3 lb tins of Lard  
on the Guard. I told him  
three. 3 lb tins He says  
there was a box of lard  
in the Store, but, He  
says he never got any  
aboard the Afterglow  
& it is ~~in the~~ not in the  
store but in the Dock  
now I never let yard  
anything I said if I  
was asked anything



Don't  
send  
the  
log

(3)

January 21, 1923

Sir

I should like to know if you allow any member of this Guard to keep a copy of the log, & take it into town to his private house this man J Gledall keeps one & had it in town with him. I cautioned the man about also Fb. Austin. When he was here he said C. Hotley gave him orders to keep it. I don't think it is proper thing for any member to carry a copy of an Guard log, to town into private houses.

J Macomachie,



(2)

January 21st

I ~~could~~ would not be  
blamed for stuff  
which was never handed  
over to the Post. I look  
upon this as a duty  
toward His Excellency  
& one toward the  
Guard not to be  
marked against us what  
we don't receive

J Macnachie



DATE.....



From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

Will you please request Harbour Master to  
report on matters referred to in accompanying  
letter from Guard in charge at Stephens Lagoon.

*[Handwritten signature]*

5 Feb 1923



The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

I beg to report as follows:-

1. S.Gleadall has made no report to me concerning anyone of the Guard not obeying the orders of the Guard in Charge. It is possible that J.Turner did not understand the Routine and dire necessity of constant observation, upon taking up his duties at the Post.
2. The Guard have typed Instructions which directs that " All Reports or communications in connection with the duties of the Guard shall be directed to the Harbour Master at Stanley."
3. E.R.Gleadall ( J.Gleadall ) is at the present in Stanley. I am not of the opinion that he would participate in any illegal action in connection with Sealing in the waters of the Colony.
4. On the establishment of the Seal Protection scheme, Lard was purchased for cooking purposes at the request of H.Austin, then the Guard in Charge. Upon the withdrawal of the Guard in Charge from the Jason Is it was ascertained that fats saved, from time to time, was more than sufficient for the use of the guard, fats obtained fromutton. consequently the further provision of Lard was held over.  
A case containing 12 tins of Lard was in the first instance purchased and 4 tins supplied to the Jason Guard , these together with other provisions were signed for by H.Austin, then guard in charge, and dated the 28th April 1921.  
The remaining 8 tins are in store.
5. The Log Book referred to was the private property of a member of the Guard, S.Gleadall. At the time of a visit to the Jason Is I was permitted to read this book. I was not of the opinion that this diary contained anything of an Official confidential nature nor would it have been of practical use to any person or persons, except that it seemed to show that the Island was well patrolled.



6. It would appear from the letters ( contained in one ) of J.Machonachie, marked confidential and addressed to His Excellency the Governor that he

- 1 Criticises the Guard in charge ( S.Gleadall )
- 2 Alleges that stores are charged to the Jason Guard and dealt with otherwise than for the Guard.
- 3 Does not consider my action in reading a private diary, possibly thereby acknowledging the right for it to be kept, as in order.

7. In reference to the above I would suggest that:-

1 J.Machonachie should have reported only upon his personal knowledge when he had carried out the duties of Guard in charge, in connection with the report re J.Turner.

2 J.Machonachie is not in a position to state what ~~stores~~ are in store.

3 That he is not an authority to state what he considers I should or should not acknowledge by action.

4 That he has ignored the Instructions issued to the Guard and dated the 22nd February 1922 in directing communications relating to the duties of the Guard, direct to His Excellency the Governor.

8. Further it would appear that there is an amount, to a more or less degree,, of illfeeling existing between J.Machonachie and S.Gleadall, in my opinion the fault lies with the first named.

9. S.Gleadall has carried out his duties with willingness and shows good initiative, being a considerably younger man than J.Machonachie, his activeness has, to my knowledge, led to disagreeableness between the two men.

The report of H.Austin, late Guard in Charge, though at the time not borne out by the verbal statements of either J.Machonachie or S.Gleadall, in conjunction with these ~~let~~ letters, tend to the conclusion that these two guards do not work in full comradeship, essential for the well being



of the Guard in general.

IO In my opinion S.Gleadall has in every way proved himself capable of maintaining his position.

Colin Estocley.

Harbour Master

10/2/23