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LEGAL

(Miscellaneous)

1924.

No. 390/24

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Coroner

SUBJECT.

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DONALD J. MCASKILL

2nd June,

Respecting Coroners inquest
on body of:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

*Minute from Ag. Coroner of 2nd June 1924 — Encl ①**Harbour Master**Refused for your observation please**6 June 1924**Harbour Secy.*

The crew of H.M.C.S. Afterglow live on board the vessel, being granted leave of absence, by the Master.

2. The Gunner & The Engineer live permanently on board, and are seldom absent from the vessel after night fall.

3. The Dockyard Gates are locked by the Police every evening, being opened in the morning prior to working hours.

4. I would respectfully submit that a Watchman on board the Afterglow has not appeared necessary but would beg to suggest that a lamp post with a good lamp, to be lighted each evening at sunset, be erected on the Government Jetty at the Extreme North End of Stone work.

Colin E. Keedley.
Harbour Master.
7. June 1924

Subsequent Paper.

Y.S.

submitted that no necessity has been shown for the appointment of a watchman and that Ch. be asked to report on the H.M.'s suggestion for improving the lighting

~~10 June 24~~

10 June 24

Ch.

~~11 June 24~~

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

With regard to a light on the Dockyard Jetty; I would suggest that when the AFTERGLOW is alongside a gangway lantern be lit every night, as the chief danger is when crossing from jetty to vessel. Further that an old pattern street lamp, with duplex burner, be placed to the east of the shed on the hulk, on the roof of the lean-to; the lantern to be fitted with a red sector on the south side and to be so adjusted as to show red when a vessel, approaching from the eastward, were steering inside the jetty. This would, I think, be of great assistance to the crew of the "Penguin", especially on dark nights: The light to be lit when the "Penguin" is running at night and to be lit by one of the crew. Should anyone (i.e. passengers) be desirous to return to the mail boat the light would be an indication that there was still a launch running and a possibility of getting off if the reason for going were considered to be of sufficient importance.

P. N. B. Ascher

Colonial Engineer.

16/6/24.

Harbour Master

Have you any observation to make on the detailed proposal?

ttttt 17 June 24

Hon. Col. Secretary.

Submitted.

I would concur with detailed proposal.

Colin E. Hooley.
Harbour Master.
17.6.24.

Y.S.
Submitted for approval

ttttt 20 June 24

JA 20 June 1924

C.S. accordingly

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The Hon; Col; Secretary.

Noted.

2. Work will be put in hand as soon as possible.

Approved.
Colonial Engineer.

5/7/24.

B.H. 5/8/24

C.S. Will you please refer proposal

ttttt 5 Aug. 24

The Hon; Col; Secretary.

Gangway light is lit when the "Afterglow" is alongside jetty.

2 . The new light on shed has not yet been fixed , it is hoped that it can be done next week.

R. W. Barclay
Colonial Engineer.

7/8/24.

B. U. 14 Aug. 2000

C.S.
Has this work now been completed? It will be useful when the cruiser is in harbour

Attil 15 Aug. 24

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

The light (Acetylene) has been erected. It was tested on the evening of the 3rd of October, with satisfactory results.

The jetty can now be approached by the launch with safety on dark nights, when the light is burning.

R. W. Barclay
Colonial Engineer.

8/10/24.

*C.S. 50 see
for C.S.
9 Oct 1924*

*J.M.
10 Oct 1924*

*P.A.
19/10/24*

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

MINUTE.

2nd. June 1924.....19

From Ag. Coroner

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

CORONERS INQUEST ON THE BODY OF DOBARD J. McASKILL.

I am directed by the Chief Justice to transmit herewith an extract from the above Inquest :

Verdict. Found drowned.....

Rider added by Jury: A watchman should be appointed to the H.M.C.S. "AFTERGLOW" while lying along the Pier.

Edw. B. Birnie
Coroner.