

C.S.

Postal & Telegraphic

Misc

No.

251/29

1929
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SUBJECT.

Sof 241.

1929.

13th May

Previous Paper.

Broadcasting Circuit
Interference with

MINUTES.

① Minute from Sof 1. 13/5/29.
Colonel Engineer,Can caretaker Town Hall throw
any light on this, please? *G.R.H.*
15.5.29

Hon Col Sec

The caretaker cannot throw any light on this, I have made enquiries in other directions also, but cannot get any information. Might I suggest that the police be asked to patrol the building on their rounds. The Town Hall is open practically 24 hrs a day, and I submit it is impossible for the caretaker to remain on duty the whole time. The building used to be locked during silent hours, but since the telephones and

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telegraph offices have been put into
the building. It is essential to admit
the Public

C. Roberts
C.E. 21-5-29.

C.E.

Submitted.

I will refer matter of suggested
patrol to Ch. Constable,

GRB
Ag. CS
23.V.29

Hon. C.S.

no patrol in the world can stop
this sort of thing. One day the
police may catch one of these
people in the act and then the
magistrate should make an
example.

RM.

(2329
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Magistrate,

to see.

GRB
Ag. CS
25.V.29

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen.

M.

Pravie Kalketti
magistrate

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2A Sept 28/29

To see.

Mr. 13

Ag. CS

31. 8. 29

Hon. C.C. Sec.

Sir,

The Town Hall used to be locked at four daily when it closed to the Public & after that hour any officer entering or leaving locked the door after him.

I would suggest that this might be re-introduced, that is to say that out of office hours nobody would be able to enter the Town Hall without knowledge of one officer in charge of a key. The only difficulty is that of the call office but that would be easily overcome. The number of telegrams handed in after 4 p.m. is small & the electric bell on the C.T.O. window could be extended to the porch door on the West side to admit people wishing to send telegrams.

The T & T Department is only vacant between the hours of 12 midnight & 7.30 a.m. so that access to T.H. could be had by an authorized person at any time outside of these hours if they were not in possession of a key - by ringing the bell.

Additionally bolts might be fitted on the insides of all doors & could be fastened

from the inside leaving only one door to be supervised.

I also request that Yale or similar locks may be fitted on all doors belonging to this Department & the present keys handed-in.

J.N.
3/6/29

Colonial Engineer.

For your observations please,

J.N.B.
Capt. S.

5.11.29

Hon Col Sec.

- (1) I do not think that the Supt of T & T's solution to this problem is a workable one.
- (2) At the present time the Hall is booked nightly for rehearsals, band practices and dances from 4.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m.
- (3) I think it quite unworkable to keep the Town Hall locked, unless a door keeper is kept, and I submit this expense is unwarranted.
- (4) I also submit that provided Heads of Depts take reasonable care, there is no need to incur unnecessary expense, in fitting new locks and keys to the doors.
- (5) I submit that any trouble in the Town Hall is caused by unauthorized persons entering the Hall, and not by persons who have legitimate business to attend to.
- (6) The locks on the doors are of good quality, but no lock in the world will stand against a skeleton key.
- (7) I submit that all keys whether for inner or outer doors should be called in, and returned to the Colonial Engineers office for registration, I will then see that no unauthorized person is issued a master key.
- (8) I have for some time been uneasy about the keys

of the Town Hall, as I have had it reported to me, that the Supt of T & T has had office keys converted to skeleton keys, and that members of his staff are also in possession of these keys.

I submit that this is entirely wrong as they are likely to get into the wrong peoples hands.

I have called the attention of the Supt T & T to this matter before, but have been unable to get definite information on the subject.

(9) I submit that the calling in of all keys, and the destruction of any skeleton keys, should be carried out at once.

Immediate

C. Robert.

C.E. 6-6-29.

Supt of T & T.

For your remarks on para 8 of C.E.'s minute above, T & T matter must be given your immediate attention.

M.R. to

A.G.C.S.

7. VI. 29.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have two Keys which have been converted to fit all doors of my dept. as no Keys were available when asked for. One is in my possession & one in Mr Byrons. I would prefer to hand these in & be issued with a proper set of Keys for the Dept. [M.R.] 7/6/29

Submitted. The issue of skeleton
keys to any subordinate official is
deplorable. It was one of these keys
that was found in the possession
of Blyth. GR. 13
Ag. C.S.
7. vi. 29.

John C.S.

I approve of C.E.'s suggestions but if
S of T has one skeleton key and Mr.
Bygon the other how could Blyth have
one? Does it mean there are others
in existence besides these two? Mr.
O'Sullivan should make enquiries and
report.

(729)
6 M.

Colonial Engineer,

For note and to pass to Chief
Constable for report please.

GR. 13
Ag. C.S.
8. vi. 29.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

C. Roberts

C.E. 8-6-29.

Chief Constable.

To you accordingly

C. R.
C.E. 8-6-29.

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Letter from Mr. Constable Hooley.
22 June 1929.

G.E. Submitted. The keys in the possession of Mr. Bennett and Mr. King were I understand held by the authority of the Colonial Engineer. I shall refer again to Mr. Roberts for his report and recommendations. The distribution of keys must be so arranged that no key can give access to an apartment the holder is not entitled to enter. I am afraid this will mean the fitting of many new locks. The position at present is very unsatisfactory.

G.H. 13
A.G. 15.
22.11.29.

14th C.S.

The principle is quite wrong. For instance why does Mr. Bennett want a master-key? To 14th Mr. Roberts for report and on.

Hon. T. Roberts,

Referred-Phase.

S.R. 18

Aj. C.S.

24. VII. 29

Hon Col Sec

Skeleton keys have been called in, and
are at present locked in my safe.

All other keys have been inspected, registered
and signed for in a key book at this office.

The doors of Post Office, Treasury, Registrar's Office
Court room and Telegraph Office, have been
fitted with Yale locks.

I submit that the key question is now
under proper control.

C. Roberts

C.E. 5-7-29

V.C. Submitted.

S.R. 18

Aj. C.S.

5. VII. 29

Hon C. S.

I am glad to hear it.

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6.29
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P.A.
6/17/29

3. Minute from the Supt. Tels & Tels. of 25/7/29.

Magnificent

Will you please say to what
Red 3 refers and what has been done
in the matter. S.P.B.
Ayl.S.
3. VIII. 29

Hon. Col. Sec.

A. L. Blyth was
charged with stealing a sum
of £1-1-9 from the Telephone
Exchange and was duly
punished. The sum was not
recoverable as accused had
spent it.

2. I have asked the
Supt. Constable to see Mr.
Braserton, to ascertain whether
he will repay the sum.

Mr. Brian Harkiss

Magnificent.

I understand you have
something further to report in this
connection. S.P.B.
Ayl.S.
7. VIII. 29

Minute from the Magistrate of 7/8/29

4-5.

PA,
8. VIII. 29
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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

13/5 19 29

From

Suplt. T. & T.

To



THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

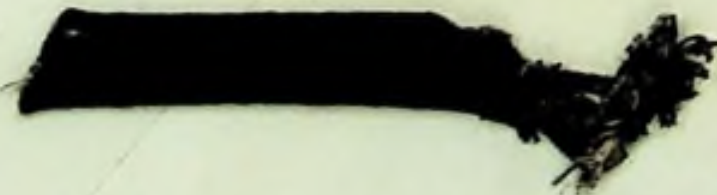
The attached piece of wire has been maliciously cut in The Town Hall. As it happened it was in the Broadcasting Circuit but had it been in a lighting circuit considerable trouble might have been caused. It was done between Saturday night & Monday morning, please. J.H.D. 13/6/29



Exhibit No 1.



WATSON & CO. LIMITED
100, QUEEN STREET, SINGAPORE.



Police Station
Stanley

2)

22-6-29.

Sir

I am directed by the Chief Constable to inform you he has made inquiries in respect to keys belonging to the Town Hall, and find that the following skeleton keys are in possession of the following persons, Capt Weathercoats, Mr. Dugan.

Mr. Butler & Mercer, also a B. King and Mr. Bennett, these keys were cut by Authority, also one key found in possession of the youth Blyth. but now in possession of Police Magistrate making a total of 6 keys.

- (2) There were 3 Master keys for the Town Hall, the Colonial Engineer has 2 in his possession, the 3rd key was kept at Government House, this key I understand was lost by Col. Beattie. I do not know if Col. Beattie left any record as to the loss of this key. I would suggest that all keys belonging to Town Hall be called in by the Colonial Engineer, and issued out again. so a correct record can be kept.

The

Honourable
Colonial Secretary
Stanley

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Supt Constable Hoolley
for. Chief Constable

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25 / 7 / 19 29.

From *Suff 747*

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.



The cash removed from the drawer in the exchange resulting in a charge and conviction has not yet been returned .

May this amount be returned at earliest convenience as it is required for payment into revenue.

J. H. Whitworth

No.

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August 7th 1929

From Magistrate

To The Honble

The Col. Secretary.

~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY~~

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The Hon. the Col. Secretary,

The sum of £1-1-9 has been paid by Mr. Braxton on behalf of A.J. Blyth, being the sum taken by Blyth from the Telephone Exchange. I attach receipt 6312 for the sum in question.

M. Craig Harker
Magistrate.

No. 6312

FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT,

7th Aug 19 29

Received from Sen^r Const. Hooley

the sum of One Pounds

One Shillings nine Pence,

on account of Recovery of Telephone Monies
through Court

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