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Library

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No.

546.

West Falkland Residents

SUBJECT.

1919

16th August

Previous Paper.

Formation of a lending library at
Fox Bay, West Falkland.

MINUTES.

I am not prepared to agree to the formation of a separate Public Library on West Falkland.

About a month ago Mr & Mrs Miller and others were at Government House and complained that the people of West Falkland and the adjacent islands had not been given the right to take books out of the Public Library in Stanley.

I informed them that the matter had been carefully considered by the Library Committee in framing the rules, but that the Committee had not seen their way to make special provision to allow books to be taken out from the Library for long periods as would be the case with residents on West Falklands, but that if Mr or Mrs Miller or anyone else had any suggestions to make in the matter and would put them in writing, I would submit them to the Library Committee who would no doubt be willing to consider them.

I am unable to agree to any public grant of money for the establishment of a separate Lending Library at Fox Bay, or to an annual grant being made for its upkeep.

I am not prepared in any event to ask the Stipendiary Magistrate, who is also Postmaster, to act as Librarian for West Falkland.

Public, Stanley
Library - 288/19.

Subsequent Paper.

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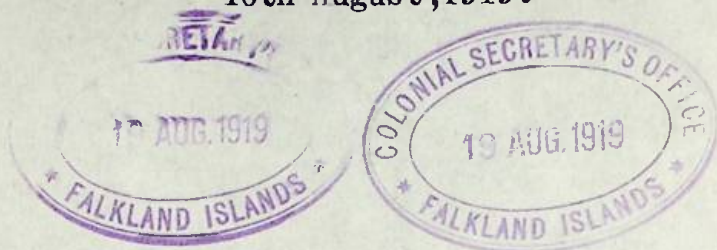
I enclose draft of a letter to be sent to
Mr Miller.

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Letter to Messrs. S. Miller & R. C. Pole, Evans, 3.9.19.

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STANLEY,

16th August, 1919.



Sir,

As we understand from conversation which we have had on the subject with your Excellency that you are willing to consider a scheme, whereby the people of the West Falkland and adjacent Islands can enjoy the benefits of a Lending Library, we therefore have the honour to submit the following suggestions:-

- (a) that a Lending Library be established at Fox Bay, East.
- (b) that for this purpose the Colonial Government be asked ~~for~~ to give a certain sum of money for its formation and subsequently an annual grant towards the expenses of upkeep.
- (c) that this money be augmented by subscriptions from members of the Library.
- (d) that His Excellency the Governor be requested to arrange for the Resident Stipendiary Magistrate or Postmaster to act as Librarian.
- (e) that from time to time books from the Stanley, Library, after circulation for a period in Stanley, be *circulated amongst the managers on the West Falkland* transferred to the Library at Fox Bay.
- (f) that the Library be under the control of a Committee, selected from residents in the West Falkland, who shall frame rules suitable to local conditions.

We have refrained from entering into minute details since we imagine that they are not needed at the moment.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

His Excellency

Sir Douglas Young, K.B.E. & C.M.G.

Sydney Miller

Maurice Buckworth

Abraham Evans

Michael Robson

Howard Clement

Mary Sutton

Frank Stulford

J. Inim

M. Sutton

W. H. Clutton

Emily C. Buckworth

Julia Miller

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3rd September, 1919.

Gentlemen,

I am desired by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the 15th ultimo signed by yourselves and others, in which you ask for the establishment and maintenance by Government grant, to be augmented by local subscriptions, of a Lending Library at Fox Bay.

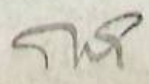
2. In reply I am to say that apparently you are under a misapprehension in understanding that the Governor is willing to consider any such scheme.

3. The Governor thinks that those of you who were present at Government House and took part in the conversation to which you refer, will remember that a complaint was made to him that the people on the West Falkland and the adjacent islands had not been given the right to take books out of the Public Library in Stanley, and that the Governor replied that the matter had been carefully considered by the Library Committee in framing the rules, but that the Committee had not seen their way to make special provision to allow books to be taken from the Library for long periods, as would be the case with residents on West Falklands, but that if Mr or Mrs Miller or anyone else had any suggestions to make in the matter by which books could be taken out, and returned to the Library within a reasonable time, and would put them in writing, he would submit them to the Library Committee who would no doubt be willing to consider them.

4. The Governor finds that the suggestions now made by you differ very considerably from what he understood to be your wishes as expressed to him when he offered to place your suggestions before the Library Committee if worked out in detail and sent in in writing. The suggestions received are not within the competency of the Library Committee to consider. His Excellency regrets that he does not see his way to support any money grant for the formation and annual maintenance of a Lending Library at Fox Bay.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

S. Miller, Esq.,
R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq.,
West Falkland.


For Colonial Secretary.