

C. S.

PORT & MARINE
(Shipping)
(Miscellaneous)

SHI/VES/13 # 12

19⁴⁴.

No. 22/44.

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

1944.

19th February.

Previous Paper.

SEAMAN WILLIAM JOSEPH.

Discharge of from
m. f. a. "San Casto".

MINUTES.

1. Telegram to H.M. Consul, Montevideo, of 12. 11. 43.
2. Telegram from H.M. Consul, Montevideo of 15. 11. 43.
3. Letter from Miss A. Kiddle of 17. 11. 43.
4. Letter to H.M. Consul, Montevideo, of 18. 11. 43.
5. Letter from Mr. W. Joseph of 22. 11. 43.
6. Letter to Mr. W. Joseph of 24. 11. 43.
7. Letter to Mr. W. Joseph of 25. 1. 44.
8. Letter from Mrs. W. Joseph of 16. 2. 44.
9. Minute from Hon. S.M.O., of 17. 2. 44.
10. Letter from Master, "San Casto" of 18. 2. 44.
11. Letter to Master, "San Casto" of 18. 2. 44.
12. Telegram from H.M. Consul, Montevideo of 29. 3. 44.

Subsequent Paper.

L.A.

I should be glad of your advice ref. (12). As far as I know Mrs Joseph left here with £25 or more & a ticket to the U.K. She was a private passenger & in spite of the last para of this telegram, I do not see that Govt. has any right to conduct a "Means Test" on private passengers.

2. I have it that if any Falkland Islander is stranded abroad & has to be financed home by a British Consul, the responsibility falls on the Colony & it is up to us to get a refund if we can.

3. But Mrs J. is married to a Trinidadian. Do you think Trinidad is responsible, in view of her present "nationality", or that we are, in view of the fact that she is domiciled here - if she is legally so domiciled since her marriage?

KB

30/3/44

(14).

H. S. J.

There is no 'Law' relating to D.B.S's. The matter is dealt with by instructions to Consuls etc. I think we must assume that the Consul in Montevideo knows his instructions & is correct in debiting this Colony with any expenses he incurs over Mrs Joseph.

A wife takes her husband's nationality but not necessarily his address & Mrs Joseph might never go to Trinidad. Until she settles down somewhere & obtains a new domicile, in my opinion her domicile is here & we are responsible for her & the only person we can recover from for any expenses we are put to would be her husband.

31-3-44.

L.A.

(15)

4.F.

To see from (12), I agree with the L.A. and do not think that we are establishing any new principle or creating a precedent by agreeing to the Consul's proposal.

2. If we say it is not our responsibility the Consul is very likely to send her back here, & it no dangerous precedent is created by so doing, we wish to avoid this if we possibly can.

3. If 4.F. approves I will wire as in the draft submitted.

AP 31.3.44

KB.
31.3.44

16. Telegram to H. M. Consul of 31.3.44.

17. Form letter from H. M. Consul, Montevideo of 28.6.44.

18. Letter from Crown Agents of 23.3.45.

19. " " " " " 30.1.48

20. " " " " " 9.3.48.

21. Letter from Crown Agents of 19.7.48

22. " " " " " of 9.9.48

AP 9/9/48

23. Letter from Crown Agents of 11/5/49.

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A.T.

23 f.y.o.p.

~~with~~ for C.S. 2/6/49

Notes.

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W.A. should be informed that part is
in order -

\$ 12.20 should be changed to series also
and balances to Colony pt.

~~John~~
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Letter to Union Agents of 15. 7. 49

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~~John~~
12/7/49

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Gen. Colonial Secretary.

To H.M. Consul. Montevideo. M.P. 55/41.

Despatched: 12th November 19 43. *Time*

Received: 19 *Time*

Ellen Joseph, Falkland Islander, wife of William Joseph Trinidad negro seaman in employ of Eagle Oil Company applies permission enter Uruguay with infant daughter to take domestic employment. Alleges post available with Major Gruer, Salvation Army. Prepared deposit fare return passage with Falkland Islands Company. Am willing issue Exit Permit if Uruguayan Immigration Authorities will permit entry. Elder daughter Audrey Middle remaining but may follow later if mother finds work for her. Please advise by telegram.

Colonial Secretary.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Acting Consul. Montevideo.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary. M.P. 55/41.

Despatched: 15th November 19 43. Time: 19.20.

Received: 16th November 19 43. Time:

~~Red to~~

Your telegram 12th November. Major Gruer of Salvation Army states Audrey Kiddle applied for post of servant and that he offered her one at 10 or 15 pesos monthly. Subsequently she requests that her mother should be given the post instead, to which Major Gruer replied in the negative. He has no desire to employ either of them. I have therefore made no approach to Immigration authorities.

Acting Consul.

G.T.C.

Mr. Joseph informed
in above sense.

J.P.C.
17/11/43

Stanley 17 1948

Dear Sir

this is to tell you that my father is giving up this house, and is going to live with his Mother.

My Sister and I are taking up work on the 25th so to let you know my Mother must leave here. Will you please look in to this before her husband should leave to get her some where and Baby.

Dad said he wont keep the house on with Mum here.

Sincerely yours

Audrey Kiddle

55/41.

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S E C R E T.

18th November,

43.

Sir,

Red 2
I have the honour to refer to your telegram dated 15th November regarding the case of Mrs. William Joseph and her infant daughter and to thank you for the trouble you took in the matter.

2. The husband is proceeding in his ship the s.s. "San Casto" to Montevideo in the near future and expects to be there for some weeks and Mrs. Joseph has now applied for an Exit Permit to visit Montevideo over one trip of the Fitzroy so as to be with him for some of the time. In view of the fact that she will not require to draw sterling from here and that other wives of the "San Casto" personnel are being granted Exit Permits for similar visits I do not feel justified in refusing her application and have issued a permit accordingly.

3. I have warned Mrs. Joseph that the permit is for a bona fide holiday visit and that if she obtains an offer of work before it expires and wishes to remain she must immediately report herself and apply for the necessary permission. She also realises that this may be refused. Needless to say her return fare to Stanley has been deposited with the Falkland Islands Company here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

H.M. Consul,
British Consulate,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.

File # 178
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Stanley
1700 22nd 1948



To His Excellency
The Governor
Falkland Islands
Sir

In regards to your letter, which states as follows
Owing to my present situation I am forced
to write, for your consideration, I have been
notified by the tenant of the house into which
my wife and child are presently now boarding,
that as soon as my wife should leave the Colony
the said house shall be given up, and that
they should find some other place as to lodge.
This means to me, that they will be thrown again
on the street as before and will have to end
up in the jail cells, not rather painful for
a husband of a family, to have to depart
under these circumstances. I have now
permission, as to take her to Trinidad but
owing to her recent illness which has brought
a shortage of our savings. I am just now
unable to afford such an amount. She has
again got a permit as to go to Montevideo
as for a visit and return next trip, But
in case any employment for her is available
must at once notify the British Consul

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of which I must thank the Col Secretary Mr. Bradley for that much even. If she should be unlucky and cannot obtain any employment within that period it means the loss of £25. and right back to where she has first started, that is the cells. I am aware fully that this is our own troubles and not that of the Government. But with your permission the whole situation can be changed

I humbly ask you to permit me to remain just up to October, where I am sure to have enough money, with what I have already saved, as to take away wife and child
asking honestly

Your full consideration
I am
Sir

Yours obediently
William Joseph

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55/41.

24th November, 43.

Sir,

Red 5
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I am directed by His Excellency to acknowledge receipt of your letter to him of 22nd November, and to express his regret that although he has ^{much} sympathy for you he is unable to grant your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. William Joseph,
STANLEY.

55/41.

25th January, 44.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation of this afternoon, I regret to have to inform you that you are a prohibited immigrant under the law of the Colony and as such you would not be allowed to land again once you were discharged from the "San Casto" and the Master would be bound to carry you away with him when the vessel sails. In these circumstances you have no alternative but to remain in your job.

2. With regard to your wife and infant daughter. You state that they have almost £100 in cash and further, that if they stay here they will have to leave their present house and will be unable to find other accommodation. You also state and Captain Mays confirms, that you will make an allotment to her of £14 per month which will continue so long as you remain in the Merchant Navy. This will mean a certain income for your wife for the duration of the war because defence regulations forbid you to leave the Merchant Navy save in the most exceptional circumstances.

3. Your wife has a passage booked and paid for to Montevideo. I suggest that she should go there. I am prepared to issue her with the necessary exit permit as a tourist visiting Uruguay.

4. I am sending a copy of this letter to Captain Mays.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. Joseph,
s.s. "San Casto",
at STANLEY.

*Copy to Capt. Mays. who had previously
expressed himself as satisfied with the
ruling in para 1, as he did not wish to lose
Joseph.*

February 16 1944

W. J. Josephson

18-2-44 (8)

To the Colonial Secretary



Dear Mr Bradley

Owing to the present circumstances of not remaining in Montevideo, and now that my daughter will not be able to go as a company with me overseas, I am asking you not that my husband is going to England with me and is ~~forming~~ up on San cost. I must have to tell you that he will be leaving in the Fitzroy with me, now that the time is so short for the Fitzroy to return, Mr Cremona states in his note yesterday he thinks between the 28 of February & 7 of March she will make her trip to Montevideo, and as my husband is not remaining in the place to work, I think I only right and fair that he should be able to leave in the same boat from here as me especially I am not to leave on the sea, and he has done all in his power to see after me and his child. I am sure Sir, any married man or woman could see that this is fair will you be so kind Sir, as to do the favour, to see that this is carried out, and I am sure you will

not be troubled with us up and down to you
any more excepting to see after the passport
of mine to get fixed up for the U.K.

it will only be the matter of waiting
for the fit you. you will do when we were
by you. That if I was still here my husband
could come back and just to pick me up
well it is only the same thing now. he
will be just waiting to take the fit you
and leave seeing after me. I shall be
so very much obliged to you.

and Thanking you again for having put
you out so much for our up and down
to you

awaiting for your Reply

I am yours

Sincerely

Mrs Joseph



Hon. Col. Sec.

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For your information.

G.A.K.
S.M.O.

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
K.E.M. HOSPITAL,
17th February, 1944.

Sir,

I visited W. Joseph, A.B., at his home this afternoon. I found him in bed, sullen, depressed and worried. He complained that my medicine had aggravated his trouble and that he was "fed up".

In my opinion he is sane and physically fit to do his work. I have no doubt he is sincere in his complaints. If his domestic difficulties could be resolved I am sure he would feel fit.

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

THE MASTER,
M.F.A. "SAN CASTO"
STANLEY.

M.F.A. "SAN CASTO." (10)
FALKLANDS.

18th February, 1944.

To:-

K.G. Bradley, Esq.,
Colonial Secretary,
FALKLANDS.

Sir,

I write this letter in the face of my responsibilities to maintain an efficient crew. I can no longer consider William Joseph, A.B., in his present depressed and strained mental condition, an efficient member of a crew, the smallness of which allows no margin for anyone who is not in first class mental and physical condition. I request that W. Joseph may be paid off here in Stanley, lodged ashore until the "Fitzroy" sails, when he can then be repatriated to England as a British seaman.

The "San Casto", because of her tonnage, has no space in which to accomodate anyone who is sick, mentally or physically. May I state these facts in Joseph's favour. He sailed from Trinidad four years ago and has given good service to the extent that it is not unreasonable for him to ask for his repatriation after this period. My Owners cabled me last September that they fully understood the desire of any one of us to return home after so long a period abroad.

At Joseph's request I visited him in his home last night and I can have no doubt about his distressed mental state. I cannot help him, but your Government can by granting me the request I have made. Previous members of my crew, both good and bad characters, have been paid off and lodged in Stanley under guarantees until the local steamer sailed. Could you not see your way clear to allow me to do this again for this negro on the grounds of humanity. No one knows better than I that there is no large place for humanity during this war, but I hope it can be applied to this particular domestic problem.

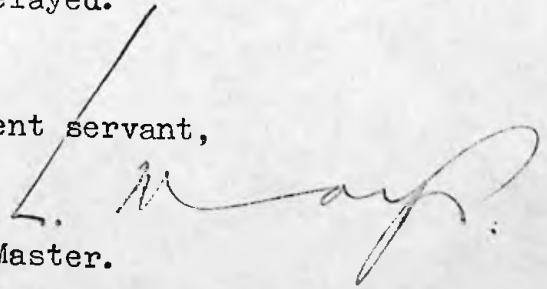
It grieves me greatly that this should be the tone of the last official letter that I shall write to the Government of this Colony, where circumstances have made it the place in which I have spent a few years of happiness.

Whatever your answer, and my personal feelings of responsibility of the White towards the Negro are deep, I wish your Colony happiness and prosperity in the victorious years to come.

I trust that you will communicate this letter to His Excellency, and in view of the fact that I have received my sailing orders for Monday next your reply will not be long delayed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Master.

18th February,

44.

Sir,

Radio

With reference to your letter of today, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency had already reconsidered this matter and that the question of Joseph's discharge and repatriation to the United Kingdom has been placed in the hands of the Shipping Master.

2. I feel bound to point out that this difficult situation could probably have been solved several weeks ago if you had not flatly refused, in any circumstances in spite of the sympathies expressed in your letter, to provide passage to Montevideo for the wife and child of this coloured member of your crew.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

The Master,
M.F.A. "San Casto",
at Stanley.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From H. M. Consul, Montevideo.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 29th March, 1944. Time: 1937.

Received: 30th March, 1944. Time: 1030.

Red 4.
Your despatch No. 55/41 of 18th November and Shipping Master's despatch of February 19th.

Joseph family now destitute. While maintenance of Joseph himself is the responsibility of Houlder Brothers, latter takes no responsibility for wife and child and Joseph's funds for maintaining them now exhausted.

I therefore propose to pay board and lodging and other necessary expenses and debit Crown Agents for the Colonies. According to Master, S.S. San Casto, Joseph will be entitled to travelling pay payable to him on arrival in the United Kingdom by Eagle Oil and Shipping Company out of which reimbursement can be made to Crown Agents. Undertaking to repay will be signed by Joseph before any payment is made by me. Please telegraph whether you agree to this proposal. Only alternative solution is to remit funds here.

I should be grateful if you could ensure in future that all passengers for the United Kingdom have adequate funds for subsistence at Montevideo while awaiting passages.

CONSUL.

G. T. C.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.....

To H. M. Consul, Montevideo.....

M.P. 22/44.

Despatched: 31st March, 1944. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

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Your Telegram 29th March, Mrs. Joseph and Child. I agree. Please arrange if possible for Eagle Oil Company to make reimbursement referred to direct to Crown Agents.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Original by
A.P. Bag.

BRITISH CONSULATE,
MONTEVIDEO.

June 28th, 1944.

(17#)

Sirs,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 29 of June 13th. to the Foreign Office regarding a coloured seaman, William JOSEPH, ex s.s. San Casto, and his wife and infant child.

According to a letter dated 19th. February from the Shipping Master, Port Stanley, Joseph was signed off there for repatriation to the United Kingdom. All his expenses were to be met by the Eagle Oil & Shipping Company. He was accompanied to Montevideo by his wife, a white woman, of Falkland Islands origin, and the child. Before leaving Port Stanley the sum of £100.6.6 was deposited for the travelling expenses of the family from the Falkland Islands to the United Kingdom. This amount was eventually collected from the Shipping Company and brought into account in my books at 7.575 Uruguayan pesos to the £1 or 797.64.

Unfortunately, owing to a lack of accommodation, Joseph and his family had to remain here about two months before passages could be secured for them in the s.s. Désirade, which left this port on the 21st. May. Furthermore, Mrs. Joseph and the child were very badly off for clothes and other necessities.

By the 21st. March, Joseph no longer had sufficient funds to cover the board and lodging of his wife and child and, consequently, such essential expenditure as he and his family incurred had to be met by me against the enclosed undertaking by Joseph to the effect that he would repay the full amount disbursed. As shown in the attached statement, supported by vouchers, the balance due to the Foreign Office amounts to £49.19.3, and this sum will be charged to the Crown Agents for the Colonies in my account with the Foreign Office for the quarter ending the 31st. June 1944.

For your further information, I enclose copy of telegraphic correspondence between this Consulate and the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, to whom a copy of this despatch is being sent. Presumably your Department will take up the matter of a refund with the Eagle Oil & Shipping Company, as it is not in my power to do so, as the local agents of this company, Messrs. Haelder Bros. & Co., had no authority to make any advances to Joseph or any payments on his behalf other than for his own board and lodging.

I am,
Sirs,

Your most obedient servant,

H. W. Consul.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4 Millbank,
Westminster, S.W.1.

Orig.in
P/Misc. Falkland Islands 1.

23rd February, 1945.

Sir,

Referring to your letter 16074/6503/246 of 23rd January, 1945, I have the honour to inform you that application was made to Mr.W.Joseph at the address given in your letter, and we are now in receipt of a letter from "R.Simmons" stating that the name of W.Joseph is not known there, and that no one of that name has been at that address during his/her occupation.

We shall, therefore, be grateful if you will approach the Ministry of Health for further assistance regarding Mr.Joseph's whereabouts.

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

for Crown Agents.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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P/Misc.Falkland Islands 1.

COPY OF LETTER FROM MR.R.SIMMONS,
TO THE CROWN AGENTS.

10, Laburnum Grove,
Southall,
Middlx.

Rec'd. 14th Feb.1945.

Sir,

Your Ref.P/Misc. Falks.1.

There is no one here by the name of W.Joseph Esq. and there has not been during my occupation. I cannot see how by name came to be connected with this communication and if possible I should like to know how.

Trusting this will meet
with your approval,
Yours respectfully,
(Sgd.) R.Simmons.

P/Misc. Falkland Islands 1.

COPI OF LETTER FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.,
TO THE CROWN AGENTS.

K.16074/6503/246.

23rd January, 1945.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter (P/GO/Falkland Is.4) of the 20th December, 1944, regarding the whereabouts of Mr.W.Joseph and his family, I am directed by Mr.Secretary Eden to state that the Ministry of Health have informed this department that Mr.Joseph and his wife and child arrived at Avonmouth on the 3rd July, 1944, and proceeded to C/o A.Simmons, 10, Laburnum Grove, Southall, Middlesex.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) ?

P/Misc.Falkland Islands.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF WAR
TRANSPORT, TO THE CROWN AGENTS.

Imperial Hotel,
North Promenade,
Blackpool.

FS1/6138/44.

15th December, 1944.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter (P/GO.Falk.4) dated 22nd September regarding expenditure incurred on behalf of W. Joseph and family by His Majesty's Consul at Montevideo, I am directed to inform you that the Ministry of War Transport is unable to accept this charge as it would appear to have been made against the seaman's personal guarantee.

2. Endeavours have been made to trace his present whereabouts, but without success and I am to suggest that, as he is a native of Jamaica, that Colony might be prepared to meet this liability.

3. The relevant vouchers, statement of expenses and the seaman's guarantee are returned herewith.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) ?
for Accountant General.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE CROWN AGENTS TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT, IMPERIAL HOUSE, BLACKPOOL, N.S.

22nd September, 1944.

Sir,

I have to inform you that expenditure amounting to £40.19s.3d has been incurred by His Majesty's Consul at Montevideo on behalf of William Joseph, his wife and child, in the circumstances stated below.

2. William Joseph was signed off the s.s. San Casto for repatriation at Port Stanley. The sum of £105.6s.6d was deposited there for the travelling expenses of the family from the Falkland Islands to the United Kingdom. Owing to lack of shipping accommodation Joseph and his family had to remain for two months at Montevideo before obtaining passages in the s.s. Desirade, and in consequence expenditure of £40.19s.3d was incurred in excess of the amount deposited. A copy of the relevant correspondence including a statement of expenses with vouchers in original is attached for your information.

3. Application for payment of the sum of £40.19s.3d has been made by the Foreign Office to the Eagle Oil and Shipping Company, a copy of whose reply is enclosed.

4. In the circumstances I have to enquire whether your Department is prepared to accept liability for these expenses, or alternatively whether you can recover the amount due from William Joseph.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E. Bellevue.

for Crown Agents.

Misc. Falkland Islands 1.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE EAGLE OIL & SHIPPING
CO. LTD., TO THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.1.

16, Finsbury Circus,
London, E.C.2.

25th August, 1944.

Gentlemen,

We acknowledge receipt of your
letter of 16th August No.K.7786/6503/246
with enclosures.

2. The account you sent us has
been carefully examined, and it would appear
that the amount of £40.19s.3d involved is not
our liability in view of the fact that it
refers solely to the family of William
Joseph, Able Seaman, ex the s.s. "San Casto".

3. This mariner came to the
United Kingdom to join the Merchant Navy
Reserve Pool, and no doubt that governing
body, or the Registrar General of Shipping
and Seamen, would advise you of his present
whereabouts.

4. We anticipate receiving an
account for all expenses incurred for the
repatriation of William Joseph, which is
our liability only.

5. In view of the foregoing we
return all the enclosures you sent us.

Yours faithfully,
for EAGLE OIL & SHIPPING CO.LTD.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO THE SECRETARY,
THE EAGLE OIL AND SHIPPING CO.LTD., 16,
FINSBURY CIRCUS, E.C.2.

K.7786/6503/246

Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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3. I am to request you to be so good as to refund the sum of £40.19s.3d by means of a crossed cheque made payable to the Finance Officer or the Foreign Office.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) G.C. Allchin.

UNDERTAKING TO PAY

I, William JOSEPH, seaman, until recently employed in the s.s. San Casto (official No.149989) and at present on passage to the United Kingdom for the purpose of joining the Merchant Navy Pool or, if a vacancy is available, to be re-employed by the Eagle Oil Company Limited, hereby declare that I am accompanied by my wife and child and that, in view of my unexpectedly long stay at Montevideo, have exhausted all the funds at my disposal for the maintenance of my said wife and child, and I hereby undertake that I will refund to the Crown Agents for the Colonies on arrival in the United Kingdom or as soon as possible thereafter, the equivalent in sterling at the rate of \$7.58 = £1 of such sums as may be disbursed by H.M.Consul at Montevideo in respect of board and lodging and any other necessary expenses incurred by me on behalf of my wife and child while at Montevideo.

(Signature)

William Joseph.

(date)

11th April, 1944.

British Consulate,

Montevideo.

11th April, 1944.

COPY OF LETTER FROM H.M. CONSUL, TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES:

British Consulate,
Montevideo.

Dated 28th June, 1944.

Rec'd. 15th July, 1944.

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I am,
Sirs,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.F. Brickell.

H.M. Consul.

P/Misc. Falkland Islands. 1.

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COPY OF SAVINGRAM FROM MONTEVIDEO TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

SECRET

(CYPHER)

His Majesty's Consul,
No.29

D. 6.02 p.m. 13th June 1944.
R. 5.30 a.m. 14th June 1944.

13th June 1944.

Following for Crown Agents for Colonies.

A.B. William Joseph, ex s.s. San Casto accompanied by wife and child sailed for the United Kingdom in s.s. Desirade May 21st. They arrived here from the Falkland Islands February 29th with insufficient funds for maintenance while awaiting passage. Expenses have been incurred by me on the authority of Colonial Secretary on his behalf amounting to £40.19s.3d and this sum will be debited to you in my account with the Foreign Office for current quarter. Statement of expenditure and supporting vouchers follow. Reimbursement may be claimed from Eagle Oil and Shipping Co. Ltd. by whom, according to Joseph's statement, travelling pay is due to him on arrival in the United Kingdom.

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Communications to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1, and the above reference quoted.



4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS (INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

23rd March, 1945.

Sir, AIR MAIL

I have the honour to inform you that we have received a claim from the Foreign Office for the sum of £66.2s.10d in respect of disbursements made on your behalf by H.M. Consulate at Montevideo during the June Quarter, 1944.

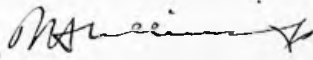
2. The relevant vouchers supporting the claim are enclosed and we shall be glad to learn whether we may pay the amount of £66.2s.10d from Falkland Islands funds.

3. Included in the claim are items relating to the repatriation of Seaman William Joseph and his wife and child regarding which you appear to have been in communication with the Consulate direct and I enclose a copy of correspondence relative to this matter.

4. We await your instructions regarding any adjustments which you may desire that we should make with Mr. Joseph and the Eagle Oil and Shipping Co. Ltd. respectively.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

See 20



ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

AIR MAIL.

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

P/256/3/47.

22/4

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

30 JAN 1948

Sir,

18 We have the honour to refer to our letter of even reference dated 23rd March, 1945 in respect of a claim by the Foreign Office, amounting to £66-2-10, and to state that the amount is still outstanding.

We shall be glad to know whether we may now pay this amount from Falkland Island funds.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servants,

R. S. Smith

for the Crown Agents.

Reply at 20

Take

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Island.

JMS.

HTW.

22/44

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9th March, 48.

Gentlemen,

19

With reference to your letter P/256/3/47 of the 30th of January and previous correspondence on the subject of the Foreign Office claim in connection with the repatriation of A/S William Joseph and family in 1944, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the sum of \$66. 2. 10. should be claimed from the Eagle Oil and Shipping Company, by whom, according to Joseph's statement, travelling pay was due to him on arrival in the United Kingdom.

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2. I am to express regret that through an oversight your letter of the 23rd of March, 1945, was not replied to.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

BERNARD MATTHEWS
Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

VP.

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4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

P/256/3/47

TELEGRAMS (INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
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TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

11 MAY 1949

Sir,

22
We have the honour to refer to your letter No. 22/44 of the 9th September, 1948, in respect of Foreign Office claim for £66. 2.10 for repatriation of A/B William Joseph and family in 1944. ~~We~~ confirm that the sum of £40.19. 3 has been withdrawn by the Foreign Office. They state, however, that the balance of £25. 3. 7 is the liability of the Government of Falkland Islands; we therefore enclose the amended schedule and we shall be glad to learn whether we may pay this sum from Falkland Island funds.

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We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

Reply at 26.

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

HEM.

HWH.

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Montevideo

COPY

Schedule No. 5.

CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

June quarter 1944.

£137.10. -- (sterling)
71. 7. 2. (currency)

£66. 2. 10.

=====

£25:3:7

Grot. of Falkland Islands.

23a

Voucher No.

Sterling items.

Bill of Exchange No. 3545 of 31st May, 1943 in favour of Messrs. Boulder Bros & Co. (Argentina) Ltd. :-

passages to the U.K. in s.s. Desirade :-

Mrs. W. Joseph & child. ~~£62.10. --~~

(see attached copy of statement of account, original of which with supporting vouchers, was transmitted under cover of my despatch No. 47 of 28.6.44.)

Mrs. M. N. Duncombe

(reference: attached copy of my telegram of 12th May, 1944 to Col. Sec. Falkland Is. and latter's telegram of 15.5.44.)

£75. --. -- ~~£157.10. --~~

Currency items.

Amount deposited in Falkland Islands for payment of passages to the U.K. :-

A. B. William Joseph
£30. 1. 0. @ \$7.575 = £1 ~~£227.63~~

Mrs. Joseph and child
£75. 5. 6. @ \$7.575 = £1 ~~570.21. / 797.84.~~

Mrs. M. N. Duncombe;
£60. 5. 6. @ \$7.575 = £1 ~~445.83. / 1253.67.~~

- £60-3-6

Less.

expenses incurred on behalf of W. Joseph and family (see expenses incurred on behalf of Mrs. M. N. Duncombe :-

Maclean & Stampledon S.A. \$11.36

Uruguayan embarkation tax etc. on passage to U.K. 12.80 24.16.

Uruguayan embarkation tax etc. on passage of Mr. R. C. G. Blair Colonial Civil Servant, on passage from Falkland Is. to U.K. 12.20. ✓

Radiograms to Col. Sec. Falkland Is.

Date. Subject.
April. 1. - Availability of passenger accommodation for the U.K. \$11.83.

April 19. Acceptance of Misses McMullen as volunteers 3.97

April 22 do. 3.55.

May 12 Amount due to Mrs. M. N. Duncombe 6.89

May 15 Passages of Misses McMullen 5.85

June 7 Facilities for treatment of tuberculosis cases at Montevideo.

10.02 42.11. 743.45.

= 14-16-6

78.47 = £10-7-

78.47 @ 7.575 = 1185.40-52

8/540-52

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22/44.

26.

15th July,

49.

Gentlemen,

23
With reference to your letter F/256/3/47 of the 11th May, 1949, regarding the Foreign Office claim for the sum of £25. 3. 7d, I am directed to inform you that payment may be effected by charging the sterling equivalent of /12.20 Bruguayan currency to Dependencies A/c and the balance to the Colony's General Account.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) L. W. A. BRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.
DRA.