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Port & Marine.

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SHIVES/13 # 16

1931.

No. 390/31.

Hon. Col. Treasurer.

SUBJECT.

193 1.

24th December.

SCHOONER "SHAMROCK".

Complaint from Mr. S.H. Riches in regard to :-

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

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Minute from Hon. Col. Treasurer. 24/12/31.

Mr. Treas.

I agree generally in

your view of this matter.

Mr. Bunker's attitude may

have been annoying at even

provocative but there does not

Subsequent Paper.

seen to me any good
Case or child to take
the extreme step of going
to Court.

Ind. St.
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Hon. Col. Sec.
informed.

Noted - Mr. Reber

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Mr. Craig Kather

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Stanley,

December 24th. 1931.

Sir,

During the afternoon of the 22nd. inst., at a time when the Children's Party was about to take place on the 'Dauntless', some 40 small children, along with about 15 adults had assembled at the Passenger Landing Stage at the Town Jetty. Alongside this stage, and overlapping the two sets of steps, was the Cutter 'Shamrock', whose master (Bundes), was standing between the steps hauling up live ~~XXX~~ sheep with a rope around their necks on to the platform, a warship boat approached the steps, but not being able to get to them owing to the cutter, she then proceeded to the extreme outside end (North), where there are no steps but, at this time, a sheer drop of some six to eight feet down to the boat. As the 'Shamrock' was not actually at the jetty discharging, but obstructing the only facilities provided there for passenger traffic, at a time when it was very convenient for her to do so at another part, and thus be out of the way, I asked the master if he would haul away from the steps, so as the boats could come alongside for the children and make it safer for them to reach, ~~XXX~~ likewise the ship's officers, without having to climb over the cutter, the answer I got was an insolent one, thus- "I won't, I'll move when I've finished discharging". As a result of his attitude, the people, with the children, some of them very young, had to climb over the cutter, over ropes and sheep droppings lying about the deck, in their best light shoes to reach the "Kelp".

I consider my action in the matter was a proper one, under the circumstances, and directed solely in the interests of those going to and fro to the warships, particularly the children, and for the cutter to monopolize a place provided specially for foot traffic, at such a time, when facilities at the jetty were available, seems to me unjustified.

I am not sure whether I can proceed against the master under the Wharfage Ordinance, and therefore seek permission.

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I may add, that the Cutter laid in this position during the whole forenoon of the day in question, and nothing was done to land the live sheep until after dinner (I.Opm.)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



The Treasurer & Collector,
Stanley.

Asst. Customs Officer.

MINUTE.

24th December 1931

To



Colonial Treasurer

Stanley.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Letter from Assistant Customs Officer Riches of 24.12.31

Hon.Col.Sec,

Submitted. I cannot find that Mr.Riches had any right to ask the Master of the "Shamrock" to move his vessel from the Public Jetty. Section 2 of the Ordinance provides that such request must be made by the Harbour Master.

2. I understand that the Master of the "Shamrock" pays Wharfage. In this instance he was discharging live stock and I have been informed by the Chief Constable that it was necessary that these should be discharged with as little delay as possible.

3. I am of opinion that the Master might have moved his vessel so as to facilitate the embarkation of the children, on the other hand it was important that he should land his cargo

cargo without delay but in any case I do not consider that
his action justifies proceedings being taken.

M. Conijn Kalkete
Treasurer.

C.S. 390/1934 MINUTE.

January 5th 1932

To

From Colonial Treasurer.

Assistant Customs Officer
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Assistant Customs Officer,

With reference to your complaint dated the 24th December last, concerning the refusal of the Master of the schooner "Shamrock" to move his vessel from the Town Pier when so requested by you, I am to inform you that although the attitude of the Master ~~may~~ may have been annoying and even provocative there does not appear to be any good case on which proceedings could be taken.

mcH

Collector of Customs.