

BOARD OF TRADE

(Lighthouse)

SHI/CAP/1 # 11

1922

C.S.

No. 167/22

Principal Keeper

SUBJECT.

1922

4th February

Previous Paper.

CAPE PEMBROKE LIGHTHOUSE.

Asks for letter to be forwarded
regarding wages for Assistant Keeper.

*Appointments of Mr. Thomas Binnie as
Junior Assistant Keeper.*

MINUTES.

*Letter from Principal Keeper to Col Secretary
d 4/2/22 — Encl (1)*

*Letter from Principal Keeper to Board of Trade
d 1/2/22 — Encl (1a)*

*Letter from Principal Keeper, C.F.L. 1.3.22.
Encl. (2.)*

*" " " to Board of Trade, 1.3.22.
Encl. (2a.)*

Letter to Mr. Pearce, 9.3.22. Encl.

Letter to Board of Trade d 16th March 1922 Encl (3)

Letter from Board of Trade of 25th May 1922 — Encl (4)

Letter to Board of Trade, 4th July, 1922, Encl. (5)

Hon. Treasurer

*This should perhaps have been sent to
you to note when Thomas Binnie was engaged.
He will receive wages at the rate of £10 a month
as from 1st March. Board of Trade letter
No. 6679/22 will be quoted in the voucher*

Subsequent Paper.

44/1/23

7/2/23

Hon: Col: Sec;

Noted. With regard to House allowance paid to Mr. Binnie, may I point out that he draws house allowance as stated in Board of Trade's letter M.6679/22 of 25th May 1922, viz:-

House allowance..... £3. 15/s per month, which includes "25% bonus thereon" i.e. £3 plus 15/s. equals £3.15/s.

B. Thompson

Colonial Treasurer.

7th March 1923.

Mr Treasurer

Thank you. I was not aware of this as I do not see the vouchers for "House Allowance" as far as I recollect. A ^{payment of the} Board of Trade has accepted the same in this respect for nearly a year. The question need not now be raised from here and Mr. Binnie had better continue to draw the £3-15-0

ttttt 1 March 1923

Hon: Col: Sec

Noted

B. Thompson

To: 10. 3. 23.

E. J.

Mr. Pearce called on Wednesday and stated he had informed Your Excellency of the resignation of Mr. Binnie. He stated he did not know whether it was Your Excellency's wish that the selection of a successor to Mr. Binnie should be left in his hands as has been the practice in the

part when a ^{Jamaica} ~~an~~ assistant keeper
has to be appointed. Two applications
for the post have been received in
this office. (M.P. 2201/25 attached).

copy
to office
19 June 1925

O.S.C./C.S.O.

I saw Mr. Pearce today: the selection
of a candidate for the post of Junior
Assistant Keeper should be left to Mr. Pearce.

By
14 June 1925.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
Port Stanley



4. th/₁₁ February. 1922.

To,
The Honourable,
H. Hemmiker - Heaton
Colonial Secretary
Government Office
Port Stanley

Sir,
Will you kindly forward the enclosed letters to the Board of Trade Authorities for me. I think Sir that it may save having to answer letters on the wage question, especially so Sir if you would kindly add your remarks to my letters - but - if you think Sir that it is not necessary to forward my letters, well and good, I leave the matter in your hands to do as you think right and proper.

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Pearce
Principal Keeper

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Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands
South America

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
10 FEB. 1922
FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. St February - 1922.

To,
The Board of Trade Authorities
Harbours Department
Great George Street
London. E.W.

Honourable Gentlemen, I beg
to inform the Honourable Board
that the local Assistant Keeper
George Perry left the Lighthouse at the
end of last month to work in Port
Stanley. The Admiralty are building
oil wells on the north side of Port
Stanley Harbour and what with one
thing and another work is plentiful
and men are scarce, I honestly
believe there is not one man out of
work at the present time in the
Falkland Islands. I have talked
the matter over and had advice
from the Honourable, H. Hemmick-Steacon
the Colonial Secretary and I have
taken a man on by the name of
James Brown at the following
rate of wages: — over

£. 9. nine pounds per month for
the first year and the usual
allowances. £. 10. Ten pounds
per month after one years service
and to stop at that with the usual
allowances. I should like the
Honourable Boards instructions as to
wages that a local man is to
receive, as a future guide to me, the
man may not turn out a
suitable man, to add to say, for
there is a very costly lighting
Apparatus at this Station and I
dont want work done just any how,
Oh no, that would work suit place,
I'm a long distance away from
Trinity House Workshops and I
have got to think and look well
ahead, of course on the other hand
a man may not like the place or the
class of work or want a change of
work, Still he may turn out a good
man, I hope James Brown will.

I am
Gentlemen

Yours Humble and Obedient Servant
John Pearce
Principal Keeper.



Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

1. St March - 1922.

To,
The Honourable,
H. Hennikes - Heaton
Colonial Secretary
Government Office
Port Stanley

Sir,
Will you please forward the
enclosed letters to the Board of Trade
Authorities for me - that is Sir
if you think it necessary to do so,
but I may state that it has been
the custom to do so in the past.

I am
Sir
your Obedient Servant
John Pearce
Principal Keeper.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
Port Stanley,

1st March, 1922.

Falkland Islands.

To,

The Board of Trade Authorities,
Harbour Department,
Great George Street, London, S.W.

Honourable Gentlemen,

I beg most respectfully to inform the Honourable Board that the local Assistant Keeper, George Perry, left the Lighthouse at the end of last January Month to work for the Colonial Government in Port Stanley. At the present time men are very scarce and the demand for labour is greater than the supply, I honestly believe there is not a man out of work to-day in the Falkland Islands, this is mainly due to the building of oil wells for the Admiralty on the north side of Port Stanley Harbour. I have talked matters over with the Colonial Secretary, The Honourable, H. Henniker-Heaton, and I have had that Gentleman's advice. I have taken on a young man, by name, Thomas Binnie at the following rate of wages £9, nine pounds per month for the first year and the usual service allowances, after one years service the wages to be at the rate of £10, Ten pounds per month, and to stop at that, and the usual service allowances. Thomas Binnie was born on the eighth day of April, 1903 at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands. This statement can be verified at Somerset House, London. The Medical Certificate attached to this letter.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) John Pearce,
Principal Keeper.

167/22.

9th March,

22.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 1st instant covering a communication for the Board of Trade, which you wished to be forwarded or withheld at my discretion.

2. I have sent your letter to the Board informing them at the same time that I am satisfied that it is not possible to secure the services of a suitable man for Assistant Keeper at a lower wage than the amount you are on my advice paying to Thomas Binnie.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. John Pearce,

Principal Keeper,

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,

Stanley.

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167/22.

16th March,

22.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a letter from the Principal Keeper at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse relative to the engagement of an Assistant Keeper and the rate of wages to be paid. Labour is scarce in the Colony and I am satisfied that it is not possible to secure the services of a suitable man for Assistant Keeper at a lower wage than £9 to £10 with the usual allowances, but not including a war bonus.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary,

Board of Trade,

Great George Street,

London, S.W.

Telegrams—"SHIPMINDER, VIC. LONDON."
Telephone—VICTORIA 9700 Ext.

Any further communication on this
subject should be addressed to:—
The Assistant Secretary,
(address as opposite)

and the following number quoted:—

M. 6379/22



MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENT,

BOARD OF TRADE,

5, Sanson Street,
Great Westminster,
Falkland Islands



S.W.1.

25th May, 1922

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to refer to your letter of the 13th March (No. 167/22) transmitting a letter from the Principal Light Keeper at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse respecting the appointment of Thomas Binnie as Assistant Keeper at this Lighthouse in the place of George Perry, resigned.

In reply, I am to inform you that the Board approve of the appointment of Binnie on the terms stated in the Principal Keeper's letter:— viz £9 (nine pounds) a month for the first year rising to £10 (ten pounds) a month after one year's satisfactory service, together with housing and fuel allowance of £3 per month plus £5, bonus thereon.

I am to add that the Board assume from the accounts furnished for the month of March that the wage paid to Binnie is inclusive of bonus.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Baker".

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

167/22.

4th July,

22.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6679/22 of the 25th of May on the subject of the appointment of Thomas Binnie as Assistant Keeper. The salary agreed upon with Binnie was exclusive of war bonus; no bonus has been paid to him nor is there any necessity for it. I regret that this does not appear to have been clear to the Board of Trade from my letter of the 16th of March.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary,

Mercantile Marine Department,

Board of Trade,

3, Sanctuary Buildings,

Great ^{Smith} George Street,