

C.S.

BOARD OF TRADE.

CAPE PEMBROKE LIGHTHOUSE.

SHI/CAP/1 # 24

1937.

No. 90/37.

Sec. Board of Trade.

SUBJECT.

1937.

29th May.

Previous Paper.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM LEWIS TO BE
PRINCIPAL KEEPER, CAPE PEMBROKE LIGHTHOUSE.

MINUTES.

① Telegram from Secretary, Board of Trade of 28th May, 1937.

W.L.
Submitted. A news item to be sent to
the "Penguin"? *W.B.*
for C.S.
29/5/37.

*Yes, please. Inform Mr.
Spencer verbally.*

W.C.H.
ex. Gov.
29.5.37

W.B.
21/6/37
29/5/37

Subsequent Paper.

②

Letter from Mr. W. J. Lewis of 24/4/37.
C.E. Fry Is there any alteration in the
procedure? Surely Mr. Sully had authority to
make out his own vouchers.
Fry
17/37

Don Collec

The Principal Keeper issues his own vouchers and they are countersigned by the Treasurer.

I know of no authority for travelling expenses, or anything about the recovery of any advance, but no doubt there is correspondence in your department recently received in this connection.

Auth for Col Treasurer

4/7/37

Mr. C.S.

No correspondence of any sort has been received so far.

W.S. a.c.s.

Auth for Mr Lewis re C.S.C. etc + 500000 4/8/37

PA 5/7/37

Letter from Mr. W. J. Lewis of 9/4/37.

(3)

PA 4/8/37

Minutes from W.S.W. of 5/1/37.

(4)

Copy of letter received from Board of Trade of 10.6.37. 5-6

--- sent to Mr. W. J. Lewis of 6.8.37. 7-8.

Mr Treasurer
Local Auditors

To Mr.

Auth for Treas

9/8/37

W.S. for C.S. 9/8/37

PA 9/8/37

Minute to Director of Public Works of 1.9.37.

9.

PA 1/9/37

Letter from Mercantile Marine Department of 16.7.37. (10)

P.W.D.

Perhaps this man would be suitable for packing the Exhibits for the Glasgow Empire Exhibition.

He should report in due course + state what you consider would be a fair valuation if sold locally. 1. value in case the additional

Summary for the no. Forber,

Red
14/9/37

How to see.

This van measures 14' x 6'6" x 7'6" and weighs about 1 ton, It would not appear to be suitable for packing for export on account of its size.

2. An offer of £5 has been made for it as it stands, but I think if put up by auction would realize more than that, as a shed or small garage, & should it be required at the Lighthouse, the transport would be a heavy problem, I doubt there is gear capable of handling it at that landing stage.

Rh.
J. D. P. W.
15/9/37.

act.

Send a copy of (10) to the P. Keeper & ask if it is of any service, the method he proposes to adopt to transport it & the service in which it will be used. Rh (9/37)

(11) Letter to Mr. W. J. Lewis of 20th Sept. 1937.

See
30/9/37
16/2/4/37.

(12) Letter from Mr. W. J. Lewis of 22/9/37.

Y.E.

Refs (10) + subsequent minutes submitted.

I am not altogether sure that the van would be unsuitable for packing the exhibition exhibits & I would prefer to wait until a list of the exhibits has been completed before offering the van for disposal - especially as it may only fetch about £5 or 20.

Ref
24/9/37

Hon. C.S.

It might do very well for transport of Exhibits. The matter can wait as you suggest.

MCH

24.9.37

P.A.
25/9/37

Letter from Assist. Secretary, Board of Trade 4.11.37.

Letter to Mr. W. F. Lewis of 31.12.37.

(13)

(14)

MCH

Letter from Assist. Sec., B. of T., of 25.1.38.

Letter to Mr. W. F. Lewis of 25.1.38.

(15)

16.

P.A.
31/12/37

Letter from Mr. W. F. Lewis of 28/2/38

(17)

~~P.A.
31/12/37~~
26/2/38

Hon. Treasurer,

to note.

a.s.
for C.S.
7/3/38

Handled noted

MCH
8/3/38

P.A.
7/3/38

P.A.
8/3/38

18. Minute from Adjutant, Defence Force, 31/8/38.
D.P.W.

For your recommendations please.

C. J. J.
31/8/38.

How lot see.

A similar sum was offered for this last year, and is a fair figure as it stands at present.

Would you consider a private offer, or is it desired that tenders for purchase should be invited, in view of recd (10)

D.P.
Dir. P. & Dept.
2/9/38.

See the B. of I. letter recd (10). This van is at the end of the Dockyard jetty

The Defence Force wish to obtain this van for military purposes and offer £5 for it. The D.P.W. however reports that a private offer of the same amount was received.

2. Perhaps it would be

As well to advertise for tenders
for its purchase and removal.

MCH
Ct.
2.9.58

This van will be very useful
for defence requirements. Will you
please have an independent valuation
made

Letter to the Hon. V. A. H. Biggs of 5.9.58. 19

D.P. Wks.

To note.

MCH
Ct.
5.9.58

How to ob. Sec.

Noted.
J.H.
6/9/58

Letter from Hon. V. A. H. Biggs of 8.9.58.

(20)

PK
7/9/58

Submitted. Mr. V. A. H. Biggs.
values the van at £5 - £5-10-0.

MCH
Ct.
9.9.58

The Defence force can have it for
£5-10 for the purpose stated in (18)
Is there not to be added to this a fee to Mr. Biggs?

If so enough as you
think but so long as
B. I. for £5-10

10/9

Mr. Biggs agrees to a
fee of 5/-
C.J.P.

Adjutant H. Devereux Lee,
To note.

M.H.
C.S.
12.9.38

Adj. V. S. J. J.
C.S. J. J.
17/9/38.

O R Defence Force.

The van can be purchased
for £5.15/- by the military
department

Have I your authority please
to proceed?

C.S. J. J.
C.S. J. J.
18/9/38.

Adjutant Defence Force

Yes.

S.M. O.L. J. J. J.

Non-treasurer 12.9.38

S.P.W.

12/9/38
12/9/38

To note.

13/9/38
13/9/38

C.S. J. J.
C.S. J. J.
13/9/38

P.A.
14/9/38.

Letter to Assist. Sec, Board of Trade 27/10/38. (21)

Letter to Crown Agents of 26. 10. 38. 22.

Hon. Treasurer.

To note.

Will you kindly cancel the sum of £57 to be paid to Mr. Biggs.

0.8d
for £57
26/10/38.

Hon. Secy.

Voucher chargeable to Head

XV - subhead 10 withdrawn, and placed ^{sum} in Deposit pending receipt of C/O a/c. (Pdt has No. 1908 of Coan's date)

A voucher, charging the Deposit a/c with five shgs in favour of Hon. Mr. Biggs, has been prepared this day.

[Signature]
27/10/38

P.A.
27/10/38

Letter from Secretary, Board of Trade of 1.12.38. 23.

" to " " " 3/4/39. (24)

" " Mr. W. J. Lewis " " (25)

" from " " " 6/4/39. (26)

P.A.
3/4/39

P.A.
10/4/39

27. Letter from Ministry of Shipping of 12.3.40.
 Q.C.S.
 b.u. & n.a.
 9/1/40
- (28) Letter to Mr. W. J. Lewis of 9th May, 1940.
 P.A.
 10/5/40
- (29) Letter from Mr. W. J. Lewis of 12/8/42.
- 30 Telegram to Ministry of War Transport of 4th Sept. 1942.
- 31-33 Letter to Acc. Gen., Ministry of War Transport, 7. 9. 42.
 P.A.
34. Telegram No. Mast 1 from Board of Trade of 12. 9. 42.
35. Letter to W. J. Lewis, Esq., of 14. 9. 42.
36. Spn. to Acc. Gen., Ministry of War Transport, 16. 9. 42.
 P.A.
37. Telegram from Ministry of War Transport of 1/12/42.
38. Letter to W. J. Lewis, Esq., of 2. 12. 42.
 (Excerpted from M.P. 125/37.)
39. Copy of letter received from Board of Trade of 9. 5. 38.
- 40 Excerpt from letter received from Ministry of War 20/10/42.

Y/E.,

To see (40). (39) hereon was overlooked. I have now seen Mr. Lewis and explained the position to him. He has been here $5\frac{3}{4}$ years, his 5 years having been completed on 1.5.42. He is willing to remain for a second term of 5 years from that date. As regards the proposed rise in salary. He came here on a basic salary of £285 and house and fuel and victualling allowance. In May 1938 (39) the pay, house and fuel

and Good Conduct allowances (if any) of all three Keepers was consolidated in a rise of £10 in salaries and victualling allowance was increased to 2/6 per day. Mr. Lewis now therefore gets £295 and 2/6 per day. Mr. Lewis tells me Good Conduct pay is normally £2 p.m. The original rise of £10 did not in fact cover this as none was being paid. In these circumstances and in view of his excellent work and loyal service I think we should suggest to London a rise of £25 p.a., bringing his salary to £320 and 2/6 per day victualling allowance.

K.B.
10.1.43.

Yes - let me see your letter before despatch to M.W.T.

A.W.C.
13.1.43.

Y/E.,

Draft letter submitted. I have avoided basing the increment on the Good Conduct Money rate in order to simplify matters.

K.B.
13.1.43.

Letter to Ministry of War Transport of 14. 1. 43. 41.
 Telegram from Ministry of War Transport of 30.3.43 42.
 Letter to W. f. Lewis, Esq., of 5. 4. 43 43.
 Telegram from Shipminder, Blackpool of 7. 2. 44 44.
 Letter to W. f. Lewis, Esq., of 5. 2. 44. 45.
 Letter from Ministry of War Transport of 8. 2. 44. 46.

(44)

O.I.C. Treasury

Re: (46) have the amounts been paid, pl.?

Hon. Col. Sec.

(48)

W.C.S.
29/1/44.

The amount has been advanced from the salaries of messengers concerned. pl.

Letter from Ministry of War Transport of 5. 5. 44. 49.

Letter to W. f. Lewis, Esq., 16. 6. 44. 50.

Letter from Ministry of War Transport of 22. 7. 44. 51.

" " " " " " of 22. 7. 44. 52.

" " " " " " of 10. 10. 44. 53.

O.I.C. Treasury, (54)

For usual action, pl.

El.
for C.S.
4/12/44.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Memorandum in respect of messrs Lewis & Bentham for Income tax have been completed on 20/1/44.

Letter from Accountant General, Ministry of War Transport of 31. 10. 44. 56.

(57)

O.I.C. Treasury

Re note (56) pl.

W.C.S.
15/1/45.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted. Thank you.

W.C.S.
18/1/45.

- 59. letter from Ministry of War Transport of 4. 1. 45
(60) (61)
O.I.C., Excebury, How. Ad. Sec.
1/10. 10. (59), pl. noted. Thank you.
E.C. for C.S. 15/3/45.
The 4/20/45.
16/3/45.
- 62. letter from Ministry of War Transport of 2. 3. 45. PR.
- 63. letter to W. J. Lewis, Esq., of 29. 5. 45
- 64. Letter from " " " " 16. 9. 45
- 65. ~~Letter to Assist. Sec., Ministry of War Transport of 25. 9. 45.~~
- 66. Minute from S. M. O of 25-9-45.
- 67. Telegram to Ministry of War Transport of 25-9-45
- 68. Letter from W. J. Lewis, Esq. of 26. 9. 45
- 69. " to Assist. Sec., Ministry of War Transport of 29. 9. 45.
- 70. Telegram from Min. of War Transport of 3. 11. 45.
- 71. " to " " " " 5. 11. 45.
- 72. Telegram from Min. of War Transport of 20. 11. 45
- 73. Telegram to Macleale, Montevideo of 21. 11. 45.
- 74. " from " " " 22. " 45
- 75. " to Min. of War Transport of 24. 11. 45.
- 76. Telegram from " " " " " 3. 12. 45.
- 77. Letter from Maclean & Stapledon of 23. 11. 45.
- 78. Telegram to Min. of War Transport of 11-12-45
- 79. ~~Letter from " " " " " 2. 1. 45.6~~
Bf. 11/12/45
- 80. " to " " " " " 4. 1. 46
- 81. Copy of letter from Mr. W. E. Spencer of 2. 1. 46

B.W. 11/12/45

10/1/46

B.W. 15/1/46
20/1/46

- Telegram from M. of W. T. of 16. 1. 46. 82.
- Minute to Executive Engineer of 30. 1. 46. 83.
- Telegram to Shipminder of 5. 3. 46. 84.
- " from " " 11. 3. 46. 85.
- Letter to Messrs. McLean & Staples of 13. 3. 46. 86.
- Telegram to Shipminder of 26. 3. 46. 87.
- Letter to Ministry of War Transport of 2. 4. 46. 88.
- Telegram from Shipminder, London of 30. 3. 46. 89.
- Letter to Ministry of War Transport of 15. 4. 46. 90.
- Letter from " " " " " 2. 1. 46. 91.
- " " " " " " 14. 2. 46. 92.
- " " H.M. Consul, Rio de Janeiro of 9. 4. 46. 93.

~~20/3/46~~
15/3/46

20/3/46

Out Treasury
 To see red (93) pl.
 Ref: para (4) what do you suggest?

[Signature]
14. 5. 46.

(95)

Hon C.S.

- Re 93 noted. Thank you.
- Ref para (4) of 93 the following is suggested:-
- ① That the Consul General at Rio be asked to return drafts no 0521 exchange form N° 5122659 to S. Is for cancellation
 - ② On receipt of the return agents etc according the paye of £40 a corresponding debit to remit a/c etc will complete the transaction

[Signature] 9/5 T.Y.
21/5/46.

96. Telegram to H.M. Consul Rio de Janeiro of 25. 5. 46.

~~97. Letter from M.O.W.T of 6. 4. 46~~

97. " " H.M. Consul, Rio de Janeiro of 28. 5. 46
(98)

A.T.
to see (98) & withdraw enclosures, pl.

(99)

A. Pres.
14/6/46

Handls.

been thank you enclosures withdrawn pl.

pa.
13/6

pa.
14/6

100. Letter from M.O.W.T. of 17. 9. 46.
(102)

Office Treasury

to note (101) pl.

A. Pres.
13/11

(103)

Handls.

noted thank you

for of 4.
13/11

~~104. Letter from M.O.W.T. of 17. 10. 46~~

104. Tel from min. of Transport of 13. 12. 46

105. Tel to min. of Transport of 18. 12. 46

per 18/12/46

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary, Board of Trade,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 28th May, 19 37. *Time:* 1600.

Received: 29th May, 19 37. *Time:* 1100.

William Lewis, Trinity House Light Keeper, appointed
Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke, left England May 22nd
on Highland Brigade.

SHIPMINDER.

Cape Pembroke Lt. 4/5
24. 6. 37 (2)

Sir,

With regards my salary for June, I would be greatly obliged if the advance given me prior to my departure from England, be taken into consideration and my part, the amount after its deduction.

Also I shall be pleased for information with regards my travelling expenses, so that this matter may be settled.

Further, that the Board of Trade have granted me an allowance, based on the Trinity House rate, (unless I find the cost of living is dearer) whilst in lodgings in Port Stanley awaiting my furniture, which missed the vessel I came out on.

Thanking you to oblige.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently
William J. Ewin.

The Colonial Secretary

Principal Secy

Cape Pembroke (A. House)
9: VIII: 31. (3)

Sir,

I regret not having informed you previously of this subject, but as I have been on duty at this Station, I have not had the opportunity.

It is in reference to wages etc. I have found in my correspondence on this appointment to Cape Pembroke, my wages allowance, so I do not think it will be worth while to wire home, an offer you kindly undertook to do for me, and which I appreciate.

And as you have kindly offered to give me an advance, should I need it, I respectfully suggest waiting until after the next mail, when I will thank you for such information regarding same, that may come through.

Thanking you

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Major G. J. Stewart,
Colonial Secretary.

William J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper.

No.

MINUTE.

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

5th August, 1937.

From

To The Honourable,

Director of Public Works.

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Submitted, This Department is at present handling and storing the furniture of Mr W. G. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Mr Lewis states that expenses attached to this will be paid by Trinity House.

Will labour charges be shown on the abstract of wages to be furnished by the Treasury, against Advances, Board-of Trade, please.

D. P. W.
D.P.W.

York

EXTRACTS OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM BOARD OF TRADE, DATED THE
10TH JUNE, 1937.

.....
As regards a successor to Mr. Sully, I am to state that Mr. William John Lewis, Assistant Keeper, Alderney Lighthouse, aged 36, who entered the Trinity House service on 2nd February, 1920, has been appointed to the post at the same pay and allowances as Mr. Sully, with the option of returning to England after five years in the Colony.

Mr. Lewis, who is married but has no children, left this country, accompanied by his wife, on the 22nd May by the s.s. "Highland Brigade", which should connect at Montevideo with the s.s. "Lafonia", leaving that port on the 18th June.

On arrival, Mr. Lewis may be paid salary and allowances at the inclusive rate of £285 per annum as from the 15th May, the date on which he was transferred from the Trinity House Service.

He should render an account of any travelling and incidental expenses incurred in attending at this office before his departure, and in joining the "Highland Brigade", also any incidental expenses necessarily incurred at Montevideo.

He may be paid an allowance at the rate of £1. 6s. 3d. a day to cover the subsistence of himself and Mrs Lewis while awaiting the "Lafonia" at that port. If approved by you, this account may be paid and included in your next accounts with the Board.

An advance of £35 was made to Mr. Lewis before sailing on account of wages and expenses, and this should be deducted from the amount due to him for wages and expenses as above.

It has been arranged to ship Mr. Lewis's household furniture by the s.s. "Highland Chieftain" which is due to sail from London on the 3rd July. Pending its arrival, Mr. and Mrs Lewis will presumably have to occupy furnished lodgings, and the Board will be prepared to allow a payment sufficient to cover any

difference/

difference between the amount of the house and fuel allowance (245 a year) included in the pay and the amount actually expended for such accommodation, subject to your certificate that the charge is reasonable.

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COPY

385/29.

6th August, 1937.

Sir,

1 am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that a communication has been received from the Mercantile Marine Department, Board of Trade, Great George Street, London, S.W. 1, stating that you have been appointed Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse with salary and allowances at the inclusive rate of £285 per annum as from the 15th of May, 1937, the date on which you were transferred from the Trinity House Service.

2. You should render an account of any travelling and incidental expenses incurred in attending at the Office of the Mercantile Marine Department before your departure and in joining the "Highland Brigade", also any incidental expenses incurred at Monte Video.

3. You may be paid locally an allowance at the rate of £1. 6s. 3d. a day to cover the subsistence allowance of yourself and Mrs. Lewis while awaiting the "Lafonia" at Monte Video.

4. The advance of £55 which was made to you before sailing on account of wages and expenses should be deducted from the amount of wages and expenses as stated above.

5. Pending the arrival of your household furniture by the s.s. "Highland Chieftain/"Lafonia" the Board is prepared to allow you a payment sufficient to cover any difference/

Mr. W. J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

difference between the amount of the house and fuel allowance (\$45 a year) included in your pay and the amount actually expended on such accommodation.

6. Vouchers in respect of the payments referred to herein should be prepared by you and submitted to this office for approval before payment.

7. Vouchers for the payment of monthly salaries should be prepared by you in the usual manner and submitted to the Treasury for payment at least three clear days before the end of the month.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) M. J. Stewart,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 90/37.

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

MINUTE.

1st September, 19 37.

From Colonial Secretary,

To The Director of Public Works,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your Minute of the 5th of August, 1937, I am directed to inform you that labour charges in connection with handling and storage of Mr. Lewis' furniture should be charged against Advances - Board of Trade.

Ready

AS
for ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

10 90/37 10

Telegram—"SHIPMINDER, PARL, LONDON."
Telephone—WHITEHALL 5140.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

The Assistant Secretary,
Mercantile Marine Department
(address as opposite)

and the following number quoted:—

M. 6484/37



MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENT,

BOARD OF TRADE,

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

16th July, 1937.



*Recd 19 in
M.P. 385/29*

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department, dated 10th June (M.6484/37), relative to the appointment of Mr. W.J. Lewis as Principal Keeper of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that a lift van containing Mr. Lewis's furniture, together with a crate containing a table which he purchased in London, were shipped by the s.s. "Highland Chieftain" which sailed from London on the 3rd July for Montevideo, where the furniture will be transhipped to Port Stanley by the first available steamer.

The lift van is non-returnable and, unless it is likely to serve some useful purpose in the Lighthouse Service, I am to request that you will be so good as to arrange for its disposal locally at the best price obtainable, for credit to the Board in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

C.H. Grimshaw

90/37.

20th September,

37.

Sir,

Red 10

I am directed by the Acting Governor to forward the attached copy of a letter received from the Board of Trade, on the subject of the lift van in which your furniture was conveyed to Stanley, and to ask if it would be of any service to you at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. If so I would be glad if you will inform me of the nature of the service for which it would be used and the method you propose to adopt to transport it to Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

No 90/37 your reference

M. J. Stewart Esq.
Ad. Colonial Secretary

Cape Pembroke 20th No. (12.)
22: IX: 37
min

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th Inst, I beg to inform you that, the lift van in which my furniture was conveyed from England to Stanley, will not serve any useful purpose in the Lighthouse Service, so that I will not require it.

Further that I have already deposited the key of the lift van at the Colonial Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.
William - J. Lewis.
Principal Keeper

any further communication should be addressed to—

The Assistant Secretary for Finance, at the address given opposite.

The following letter and number should be quoted :—

F. 1359/37

Telegraphic Address : BOARDFUNDS, PARL, LONDON.

Telephone No. : Whitehall 5140.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BOARD OF TRADE,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

4th November, 1937.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falklands Islands.



Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to inform you that they have been advised by the Inland Revenue Authorities that the sum of £3.4.2 is due from Mr.W.J.Lewis, Principal Keeper at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, in respect of United Kingdom Income Tax for the current financial year and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the recovery of this amount, by deduction from his wages, before the 31st March next.

A detailed Statement of Assessment, showing how the sum of £3.4.2 is arrived at, will be issued by the Inland Revenue, direct to Mr. Lewis, in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

for Assistant Secretary.

90/37.

31st December, 37.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Board of Trade on the subject of Income Tax due from you for the financial year, and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the deduction of the amount in question from your wages before the 31st of March, 1938.

F. 1359/37 of
4.11.37.
Red 13

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

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Further communication should be addressed to—
The Assistant Secretary for Finance,
 at the address given opposite.
 The following letter and number should be quoted :—
F. 1359/37.

Telegraphic Address :
BOARDFUNDS, PARL, LONDON.

Telephone No. : Whitehall 5140.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BOARD OF TRADE,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

25th January, 1938.



The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
 Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Stanley,
 Falkland Islands.

Red 13

Sir,

With reference to their letter of the 4th November last regarding the amount payable by Mr. W.J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, in respect of United Kingdom Income Tax for the current financial year, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that the Inland Revenue have now advised that his liability has been amended to £2.10s.10d. and to request that you will be good enough to make the appropriate adjustment in Mr. Lewis's favour, if possible, before the 31st March next.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Handwritten Signature]
 Assistant Secretary.

90/37.

25th February, 38.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Board of Trade regarding the amount payable by you in respect of United Kingdom Income Tax for the current Financial year, and to request that you will make the appropriate adjustment on the salary vouchers before the 31st of March, 1938.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M.H.
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

1109037

The Hon.

Colonial Secretary.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
22: 2: 38.

(11)



Sir,

Recd 16

I beg to inform you that, with reference to your letter of the 25th Inst. relative to the Imperial Income Tax payable by me, the amended adjustment will be made on the salary voucher for March. Hasting this will be in order.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
William J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper.

No. 90/37.

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

MINUTE.

31st August, 19 38.

From The Adjutant,

Falkland Islands
Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I am directed by the Commanding Officer to enquire whether the lift van at present standing on the Dockyard Jetty is available for disposal. It is understood that the van is the property of the Board of Trade.

The building would ^{provide} ~~not~~ excellent accommodation at Canopus Hut Gun position for storing the breech mechanism, telescopes, etc., and the sub-calibre gun during the winter and for a living room during summer training camps.

If the van is still being offered for sale I am to say that the Military Department would be prepared to purchase it for the sum of £5.


Adjutant, F. I. Defence Force.

90/37.

5th September, 38.

Sir,

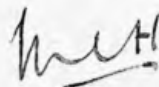
I am directed by the Governor to ask if you will be so good as to examine and furnish me with a valuation of the lift van which was used by the Board of Trade to transport furniture belonging to the Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke.

2. The van in question is at the end of the Dockyard Pier.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable
V.A.H. Biggs, M.L.C., J.P.,
STANLEY.

90/37.

26th October, 38.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. M. 6484/37 of the 16th of July, 1938, I am directed to inform you that the Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, having stated that the lift van shipped by the s.s. "Highland Chieftain" on the 3rd of July, 1937, would not serve any useful purpose at the Lighthouse, it was sold to the Military Department for the sum of £5. 10. 0.

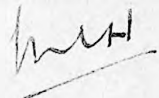
2. I am to add that an independent valuation was placed on the van and this was the best price obtainable.

3. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are being requested to pay the amount to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Assistant Secretary,
Mercantile Marine Department,
Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Red 10

90/37.

26th October, 38.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to cause the amount of £5. 10. 0 to be paid to the Assistant Secretary, Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade, being the sum realized on the sale of a lift van shipped to the Colony by the Board in July, 1937.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

meH

Colonial Secretary.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (B. DIVISION),

BOARD OF TRADE,

4, CENTRAL BUILDINGS,

MATTHEW PARKER STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

17 December, 1938.



Any further communication should be addressed to—

The Assistant Secretary for Finance,

at the address given opposite.

The following letters and number should be quoted :—

F./B. 2135/38.

Telegraphic Address:
BOARDFUNDS, PARL, LONDON.

Telephone No. : Whitehall 5140.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

90/37

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that they have been advised by the Inland Revenue Authorities that a sum of £3.6.8 is payable by Mr. W. J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, in respect of United Kingdom Income Tax for the current financial year and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the recovery of this amount by deduction from his wages, before the 31st March next.

A detached Statement of Assessment, showing how the sum of £3.6.8 is arrived at will be issued by the Inland Revenue direct to Mr. Lewis in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

90/37.

3rd April, 39.

Sir,

Recd (23)

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. F./B. 2135/38 of the 1st of December, 1938, on the subject of Income Tax payable by Mr. W. J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, and to inform you that through an error by the Uruguayan Postal Authorities at Montevideo the mail containing your letter was despatched to South Georgia and was not received in the Colony until the 31st of March, 1939.

2. Arrangements have therefore been made for the amount of £3. 6. 8 to be deducted from Mr. Lewis's wages for the month of April, 1939.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary for Finance,
Finance Department,
Board of Trade,
4, Central Buildings,
Matthew Parker Street,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

90/37.

3rd April, 39.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Board of Trade regarding the amount payable by you in respect of United Kingdom Income Tax for the current financial year, and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the deduction of the amount in question from your wages before the 30th of April, 1939.

2. I am to add that the letter was not received in the Colony until the 31st of March, last.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H.

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

Ref.
110 90/37.

The Hon. Colonial
Secretary.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
Stanley 26
6th April 1939.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd Inst, regarding the Assessment of United Kingdom Income Tax payable by me, I beg to inform you that, the amount due was deducted from my February wages.

This was carried out in accordance with a letter I received from the Departmental Claims Branch, Inland Revenue Authorities, which stated the amount due, and knowing it was payable before the 31st of March last, took the first opportunity to settle it.

Trusting this is in order, and that my action will meet with your approval!

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

William J. Lewis.

Principal Keeper.

Shipminder

TRANSPORTS, WESDO, LONDON."

Telephone: ABBEY 7711.

9/37.

97.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

The Accountant General,
(address as opposite)

and the following number quoted:—

A.G. 1/5892/39



MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,

(XJ) BERKELEY SQUARE HOUSE,

BERKELEY SQUARE,

LONDON, W.1.

12th March, 1940.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Sir,

I am directed to state that the Minister of Shipping is now advised by the Inland Revenue Authorities that a sum of £10.13.4 is payable by Mr. W. J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, in respect of United Kingdom Income Tax for the current financial year, and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the recovery of this amount by deduction from his wages, ^{15/62} ~~15/62~~ brought to account as soon as possible.

^{15/62} A detailed Statement of Assessment, showing how the sum of £10.13.4 is arrived at will be issued by the Inland Revenue direct to Mr. Lewis in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

90/37.

9th May,

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Sir,

Red 27.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter which has been received from the Ministry of Shipping relative to Income Tax payable by you in respect of the current financial year and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the amount to be deducted from your wages as soon as possible.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J. A. C.)

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Lewis,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, 29
12th, August 1942.

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith requests to the Ministry of War Transport, for a rise in salaries for the Keepers at Cape Pembroke, and Good Conduct Money for myself, as local Keepers are not eligible for it.

I will be greatly obliged for your recommendation, as I am aware without your support, the chances of success, are somewhat curtailed.

Thanking you.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
William T. Lewis,
Principal Keeper.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From ~~THE~~ Colonial Secretary,

To The Ministry of War Transport, London.

Despatched: 4th. September, 19 42. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Owing to increased cost of living this Colony Government has found it necessary to pay bonus to its officials as from 1st August, 1942. Bonus provides for payment of extra £2. 5s. per month for salaries up to £200 per annum and £2 per month for salaries between £201 and £300 per annum but so that salary and bonus shall not exceed £300 per annum. Principal Keeper Cape Pembroke Lighthouse has applied for increase in salaries all Keepers to meet increased cost of living. I suggest equivalent bonuses from above date.

Principal Keeper having now completed five years service at Cape Pembroke enquires whether he is eligible for good conduct money. Strongly support his application if practicable and invite reference to your letter ~~Ref~~ M. 5165/41 of the 4th June 1941. Relative letters are being forwarded.

125/37

The Accountant General,
Ministry of War Transport.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
12th August, 1942.

Sir,

I respectfully request, with having completed 5 years at the above Establishment, whether I am now eligible to Good Conduct Money. Thanking you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. J. Lewis,

Principal Keeper.

The Accountant General,
Ministry of War Transport.

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
12th August, 1942.

Sir,

I respectfully request, to meet the extra cost of living and fuel, that the Keepers at the above Establishment be granted a rise in salaries, as from the 1st August, 1942.

It has been noted that a rise of pay has been granted to the labour of the Colony, for the above conditions.

Thanking you to give this your sympathetic consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. J. Lewis,

Principal Keeper.

7th August, 42.

Sir,

Red 30
12. 8. 42.

With reference to my telegram of the 3rd of September, 1942, I have the honour to forward two letters received from the Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, in which he makes application for an increase in salaries paid to the Keepers, and enquires whether he is eligible for Good Conduct Money in respect of his service in this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

Accountant General,
Ministry of War Transport,
Grand Hotel,
Blackpool,
LANCS.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Board of Trade, London.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th September, 1942 Time : 1700.

Received : 13th September, 1942. Time : 1200.

Recd 30 → Mast 1. Your telegram dated September 5th bonus may be paid to Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers as from August 1st on the same terms and conditions as to Colonial Government Officials and future variations made to keep payments in line with local practice.

2 Copies of all Circulars issued by Colonial Government should be forwarded. Question of good conduct money principal Keeper is under consideration.

SHIPMINDER.

90/37.

14th September, 42.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that as promised in our recent interview, I duly communicated the requests contained in your two letters of the 12th of August to the Ministry of War Transport by telegraph.

Reds 31-32.

2. A reply has now been received stating that bonuses may be paid to the Keepers at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse as from the 1st of August, 1942, on the same terms and conditions as laid down for Government employees, and in this connection I enclose a copy of the Schedule.

3. In regard to your application for good conduct money the Ministry states that this matter is under consideration.

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

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Lewis, Esq.,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.M. P. No. 90/37.

Red 34.

The Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands present his compliments to the Accountant General, Ministry of War Transport, and with reference to his telegram, Mast 1, of the 12th September, 1942, has the honour to forward two copies of a Government Circular addressed to Heads of Departments on the 31st of August, 1942, relative to the grant of cost of living bonuses to Government employees.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.
16th September, 1942.

DECODE.

(37)

TELEGRAM.

M.P. 90/37.

From SHIPMINDER. BLACKPOOL.

To HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 1st. December 19 42. Time: 15.55.

Received: 2nd. December 19 42. Time: 10.30.

Please inform Principal Keeper Lewis that his Income Tax Liability for the current year is £48 16s. 3d.

Shipminder. Blackpool.

G.T.C.

2nd December,

42.

Sir,

Redd 37

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a telegram which has been received from the Ministry of Shipping relative to Income Tax payable by you in respect of the current financial year, and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the amount to be deducted from your wages as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Lewis, Esq.,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

Copy of letter received from Board of Trade of
9th May, 1938, original filed in 125/37.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th March last (No. 125/37) forwarding an application for an increase in the existing House and Fuel and Victualling Allowances paid to the Keepers at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that after careful consideration of the representations made by the Principal Keeper they have decided to grant, as from 1st June, 1938, an increase of £10 per annum in the emoluments of each of the three Keepers, together with an increase in the Victualling Allowance of 6d. per day (i.e. from 2/- to 2/6d. per day) while on duty at the Lighthouse.

It does not appear to the Board that the separation of the Lightkeepers' pay into basic wages, with House and Fuel Allowance and Good Conduct Money, any longer serves any useful purpose, and it is therefore considered that the allowance (other than the Victualling Allowance) should henceforth be regarded as an integral part of the salaries, which, as from the 1st June, will accordingly be as follows :-

W. Lewis, Principal Keeper	£295 per annum
W. E. Spencer, Senior Assistant Keeper	£205 " "
F. G. Berntsen, Junior Assistant Keeper	£175 "x "

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Haylett.

Excerpt from letter received from Ministry of War Transport,
dated 20th October 1942, original filed in 125/37.

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Sir,

With regard to the eligibility of Principal Keeper Lewis for Good Conduct Money, I am directed to refer to the letter from the Board of Trade of the 9th May, 1938, (M.7325/38), which stated that the Good Conduct Money previously paid was merged in the revised salaries as from the 1st June, 1938, and I am to request that this may be clearly explained to Mr. Lewis.

In view of the fact that Mr. Lewis has now completed five years in the Falkland Islands, and of the excellent reports which he has earned, the Minister will be prepared to consider the grant of a reasonable increase in salary if you will indicate your views as to what this should be and will confirm that Mr. Lewis is prepared to remain for a second period of five years.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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90/37.

14th January, 43.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. PT/M.488/42 of the 20th October, 1942, I have the honour to inform you that I have explained to Mr. Lewis the position in regard to Good Conduct Money.

2. Mr. Lewis has agreed to remain here for a second period of five years as from the 1st May, 1942. In view of his efficiency and excellent conduct and in order to bring his emoluments more into line with his responsibilities according to local wage standards, His Excellency the Governor considers that a rise of £25 per annum for the second five year period would not be unreasonable.

3. I do not know whether it will be possible for this increment to be paid as from the 1st May, 1942, but in any case I should be grateful if you could telegraph your decision both in regard to the amount of increment approved and its commencing date.

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

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

The Accountant General,
Ministry of War Transport,
Berkeley Square House,
Berkeley Square, W.1.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(42)

From MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT. LONDON.

To HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY. M.P. 90/37.

Despatched : 30th. March 19 43. *Time :* 00.37.

Received : 30th. March 19 43. *Time :*

Red 41.

Mast 3. Your letter 14th January No. 90/37 pay of Principal Keeper Lewis may be increased by £25 per annum as from May 15th. 1942 the date on which his second period of 5 years service commenced.

Ministry of War Transport.

G.T.C.

90/37.

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5th April,

43.

Sir,

Red 32.

With reference to your letter of the 12th of August, 1942, I have the honour to inform you that on the recommendation of this Government, the Ministry of War Transport has approved your salary being increased by £25 per annum as from the 15th of May, 1942, the date on which your second period of 5 years' service commenced.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Lewis, Esq.,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pemborke Lighthouse,
ORANLBY.

DECODE.

(44)

TELEGRAM.

From Shipminder, Blackpool.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 3rd February, 19 44 *Time* : 18.30

Received : 4th February, 19 44 *Time* : 10.30.

Please inform Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers of their
Income Tax liabilities for the financial year 1943-44 as follows:-
Lewis £37 - 18s - 6d. Bennett £3 - 14s. - 9d.

Shipminder, Blackpool.

5th February,

14.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a telegram which has been received from the Ministry of Shipping relating to Income Tax payable by the keepers at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the financial year 1943-44.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Lewis, Esq.,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

Accountant General's Department

S.S. 41006
Telephone No. Ext. 12

By reply to this communication
should quote the following reference

F.S. 1. 236/44.

Ministry of War Transport

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Grand Hotel,

Blackpool, S.S.

8 February, 1944.



Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of War Transport to confirm the telegram despatched on the 3rd instant, notifying the Income Tax liability of the Cape Pembroke Lightkeepers for the financial year, 1943-1944, as follows:-

Recd 44

Lewis £37 18s. 6d.

Bernstein £ 3 14s. 9d.

I am to state that these amounts are due for payment by 31st March, 1944, and presumably provisional monthly deductions have already been made from Lewis's salary as in previous years. This is, however, the first year in which Bernstein has become liable for tax, and the amount due should be deducted in convenient monthly instalments, if possible before the end of March.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Accountant General.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

Telephone No. Blackpool
4150

Ministry of War Transport

Any reply to this communication
should quote the following reference

FS1/236/44



Imperial Hotel,
Blackpool.

5th May, 1944.



Dear Sir,

Lewis

Emoluments subject to Income Tax

Income Tax in accordance with the new Finance Acts is now to be deducted from salaries etc. as they are earned and this new procedure necessitates that employees in receipt of annual salaries etc. should be paid monthly one twelfth of the total amount due less the appropriate tax.

In the case of Mr. Lewis the total tax due for the quarter ending 30.6.44 is £10 15. 0. and after taking into account any provisional deductions made at the end of April 1944 this sum should be deducted from payments made up to, and including the end of June 1944.

No action should be taken in regard to arrears of tax on salary earned during the year 1943/44 or previous years. The amount of uncollected tax is being reported by this Department to the Inland Revenue Department whose instructions are awaited.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

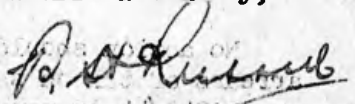
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OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF
INTERNAL REVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Should any payment be made to Mr. Lewis in respect of overtime, tax at the standard rate of 10/- in the /1 (additional to that referred to above), should be deducted as and when payment is made.

Further instructions regarding tax to be collected subsequent to June 1944 will be sent to you in due course.

+Yours faithfully,



Should

The General Secretary,
British Islands

16th June,

44.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your information and necessary action, copies of letters which have been received from the Ministry of War Transport on the subject of Income Tax payable by the Keepers at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

I have the honour to b

Sir,

Your obedient servant

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

J. Lewis, Esq.,
The Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,

"SHILSHINDER, BLACKPOOL" Accountant General's Department

South Shore

Telephone No.: 41006

Ministry of War Transport

Grand Hotel,

Blackpool, S.S.

Any reply to this communication should cite the following reference

ESL/236/42



BY AIR MAIL.

22 July, 1944.

Sir,

Recd 49

With reference to the letters dated 5th May notifying the deductions to be made in respect of Imperial Income Tax during the June Quarter in respect of two of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers, W.J. Lewis and F.G. Bernsten, I am directed to inform you that the total tax due for the September Quarter is as follows :-

W.J. Lewis £10 15s.-d. A total for the first six months of £21 10s.-d.

F.G. Bernsten £ 1 13s.-d. A total for the first six months of £3 6s.-d.

These sums should accordingly be deducted from payments made up to and including the end of September, 1944, and further instructions regarding tax to be collected in subsequent quarters will be sent to you in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

for Accountant General

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

"Shiprinder,
Blackpool"

Ministry of War Transport, 53
Accountant General's Dept.,
Imperial Hotel,
North Shore,
Blackpool.



BY AIR MAIL

FSL/236A/44



Sir,

Recd 5/11

With reference to this Department's letter of the 22nd July notifying the deductions to be made in respect of Imperial Income Tax during the September quarter in respect of two of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers, W.J.Lewis and F.G.Berntsen, I am directed to inform you that the total tax due for the December quarter is as follows :-

- W.J.Lewis £11.2s.-d., a total of £32.12s.-d. to 31st December, 1944.
- F.G.Berntsen £1.17s.-d., a total of £5.3s.-d. to 31st December, 1944.

These sums should accordingly be deducted from payments made up to and including the end of December, 1944. Further instructions regarding tax to be collected in the final quarter will be sent to you in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W.E. Sturges

for Accountant General

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

W.E. Sturges

Blackpool

Accountant General's

Department

Ministry of War Transport

Imperial Hotel,

Blackpool. N.



31 October, 1944.

BY AIR MAIL.

Sir,

Red 3 With reference to this Department's letter of the 10th inst. notifying the deductions to be made in respect of Imperial Income Tax during the December quarter in respect of two of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers, W.J.Lewis and F.C.Berntsen, I am directed to inform you that the total liability to the 31st December has been amended as follows:-

W.J.Lewis £22 13. - (of which £21 10. will have been paid by 30th September, leaving a balance of £1 3. - due during the December quarter.

F.C.Berntsen - Nil. (any tax already paid should therefore be refunded.).

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W.E. Thompson

For Accountant General

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

1944

"Shipmaster, Blackpool"
The reference to this communication should quote the following reference

F.S.1/236A/44.....

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Ministry of War Transport, (F.S.1),
Imperial Hotel,
North Promenade,
BLACKPOOL. 90/37 (2)

"Shipwinder, Blackpool"

F.S.1./236A/44

BY AIR MAIL



4 January, 1945.

Sir,

With reference to this Department's letter of the 10th October notifying the deductions to be made in respect of Imperial Income Tax during the December quarter in respect of two of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers, W.J. Lewis and P.G. Berntsen, I am directed to inform you that the total tax due for the current financial year (1944/45) in respect of Lewis is £30. 4. -. The amount of the difference between this sum and the amount paid by Lewis to 31st December, 1944 should accordingly be deducted from payments made during the period 1st January to 31st March, 1945.

No tax is due from Berntsen.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "W. H. ...", written over the typed name of the Accountant General.

for Accountant General.

Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "W. H. ...", written over the typed name of the Colonial Secretary.

"Shipminder, Blackpool"

Ministry of War Transport (F.S.1), (62)
Imperial Hotel,
North Promenade,
Blackpool,
Lancs.

BY AIR MAIL

F.S.1.F/1441/45.

2 March, 1945.

Rec'd 5/9.
Sir,

With reference to this Department's letter of the 4th January, regarding the amount of Imperial Income Tax due from W.J. Lewis, Principal-Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, during the year 1944/45, in view of the difficulties involved in operating the P.A.Y.E. system for collecting tax on a current earnings basis from this office in respect of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, I am directed to request that, for the coming year, you will be good enough to arrange for the actual calculation of the tax to be deducted.

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....
Accordingly, I am to forward herewith a copy of the "Employer's Guide to Pay as you Earn" together with Tax Tables for code numbers 33 and 34 in respect of F.J. Berntsen and W.J. Lewis respectively. Any change in the circumstances of these men which necessitates a change of code number, and any notification of amendment of the existing code number received direct from the Inland Revenue, should be immediately communicated to this office. There will be no change in the present method of accounting for the Income Tax deducted, which will continue to be shown in the monthly cash accounts as at present, the only difference will be that the paying officer will himself ascertain the amount of tax due from the tables provided at the time the pay is actually computed.

....
The tax deduction cards referred to, a specimen of which is enclosed for your information, are being retained for record purpose in this office. A supply of cards of slightly different character,

/which

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

which have been prepared to combine details of tax deduction with a wages "history" is attached for your use. The card has been designed to include the following features:-

(a) Standard filing equipment size (8" x 5") has been retained.

(b) Addition and subtraction are vertical throughout. (Experience shows that cross-computation is slower and less accurate).

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. S. Simpson



for Accountant General.

29th May,

45.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of a letter which has been received from the Accountant General, Ministry of War Transport, together with enclosures in original.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Lewis, Esq.,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

DUPLICATE.

SUBJECT Passage for wife.
(one only)

Station Cape Pembroke Lighthouse

District Falkland Islands

Date 16th September 19 45.

Sir,

I beg to submit the following ~~report.~~ **request.**

That in view of my wife's health, and a pending operation, I respectfully request that a passage be booked for her to return to England during the early part of next year (1946), as I feel now a change will do her good.

I shall be extremely grateful if the Ministry, owing to my wife's health and being susceptible to sea-sickness, will kindly arrange for her a 1st Class passage home, and so assure her having adequate attention on the voyage. Thanking you to oblige.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


W. Lewis S.P. 16.
Officer in charge.

Hon. Colonial Secretary
To the Superintendent,
Falkland I^s District.

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DUPLICATE.

SUBJECT Petition for a Transfer.

(one only)

Station Cape Pembroke Lighthouse

District Falkland Islands.

Date 16th September 1945.

Sir,

I beg to submit the following ~~report~~ ^{petition,}—

That on the completion of my service at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Falkland Islands, and leave in the British Isles. I respectfully request consideration for a transfer as Principal Keeper to Europa Point Lighthouse, Gibraltar.

Trusting this will meet with the Ministry's sympathetic consideration and approval.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Lewis *W.L.*
Officer in charge.

To the Hon. Colonial Secretary
Superintendent,
Falkland Is^{ds} District.

N.B.—The original and duplicate of this report are to be submitted to the Superintendent who will retain the Duplicate and forward the Original together with his own observations thereon to the Secretary, Trinity House, Tower Hill, London, E.C.3.

9/27
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,

16th September 1945.

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K. Bradley Esq.,
Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I am enclosing herewith the petition, I spoke of, to you during your recent visit to the Station, and I shall be extremely grateful for your kind recommendation, which it pleased me, you so readily consented to give, and which I greatly appreciated.

I shall be further obliged if you will kindly forward my petition to H.E. The Governor for the recommendation H.E. so kindly consented to give me.

Thanking you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

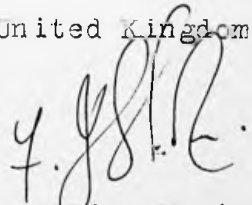
William J. Lewis

Principal Keeper.

King Edward Memorial Hospital,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
24th September, 1945.

Mary Lewis, wife of William John Lewis, Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, East Falklands, is in early need
of a major operation, of a type which I consider inadvisable
to do here.

I hereby certify that in my opinion Mrs Lewis is a suitable
case for a priority passage to the United Kingdom, whither she
was due to go shortly anyway.



Senior Medical Officer.

Copy to Mrs. Lewis for inf.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Ministry of War Transport.

Despatched: September 25th 1945 *Time:* ..

Received: 19 . . *Time:* ..

Senior Medical Officer certifies that Mrs. Lewis wife of Principal Keeper Cape Pembroke must proceed United Kingdom as soon as possible for major operation. She will leave October and we can arrange some priority from Montevideo. She will cable you from Montevideo when date of arrival more certain asking you to reserve a bed preferably Middlesex Hospital.

2. Passage and accomodation in Montevideo will be paid here and debited to you through Crown Agents.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

94/37
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, (68)

K. Bradley Esq.

26th September 1945. *PU on file*

Hon. Colonial Secretary.



Sir,

Please find enclosed full Medical Report on my wife, handed to me today by the Senior Medical Officer Doctor Sladen. It is Doctor Sladen's wish that the enclosed report be forwarded this mail.

I forgot to mention during our interview that, with regards my petition for a transfer, and which you kindly consented to forward this mail, an early reply will enable me to dispose of my house in Stanley, and go into lodgings for the remainder of my stay in the Colony, if the transfer is granted.

Thanking you for your kind assistance in both my wife's and my case.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Lewis".

Principal Keeper.

29th September, 45.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of 25th September in which I informed you that Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, is having to be sent home for a major operation by the next steamer.

2. I enclose a medical report on Mrs. Lewis from the Senior Medical Officer.

3. Mr. Lewis is very anxious to be appointed Principal Keeper of the Europa Point Lighthouse at Gibraltar and I enclose a submission from him to this effect. His Excellency directs me to say that he adds his support to this application if a vacancy is available. I would also like to add that during the three years in which I have been in close touch with Mr. Lewis' work I have formed a very high opinion of his character and ability. Now that Mrs. Lewis is having to be invalided home and so having to separate from her husband I hope very much that arrangements can be made to accelerate his transfer as desired rather than that he should have to remain here alone until 1947.

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

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of War Transport,
Blackpool.

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No. 50.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Ministry of War Transport.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: November 3rd 19 45 *Time:* 22.30.

Received: November 4th 19 45 *Time:* 10.30.

Reel 67

Mast 4 your 3744 of 26th September. No communication has been received from Mrs. Lewis. Can you now furnish name of ship in which she is travelling and probable date arrival United Kingdom.

P/L.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Ministry of War Transport, Blackpool.

Despatched: November 5th 19 45 *Time:*...

Received: 19 . . *Time:*...

Red 70.

Your Mast 4 of 3rd November Mrs Lewis arrived Montevideo 2nd November.

No doubt you will hear from her in due course.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

No. 18.

TELEGRAM.

(72)

From Ministry of War Transport, London.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: November 20th 19 45 *Time:* 23.12.

Received: November 21st 19 45 *Time:* 10.00.

Recd 70:

Mast 5 from MWT London Provisional booking arranged for Mrs. Lewis in Middlesex hospital for first or second week in December but still no word from her can information asked for in mast 4 now be furnished.

Recd 70:

P/L.

GOVERNMENT
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

21. 11. 49.

To

MAGSTAPLE MONTVIDEO.

GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE PROMPT DATE OF DEPARTURE OF THIS LEWIS NAME
OF SHIP AND APPROXIMATE DATE OF ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

No. 74.

TELEGRAM.

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From Messrs: MacLean & Stapledon, Montevideo.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: November 22nd 19 45 Time: 16.44.

Received: November 23rd 19 45 Time: 10.00.

*Realt with in
M.P. 1/13/45*

{ Telegraph if in order for four school children return this voyage.

Mrs Lewis sailed 15th instant per "Drina" due about third or fourth proxima.

At her request telegraph shipmanager.

MACSTAPLE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

SHIPWINDER LONDON.

Reds

YOUR MAST 5 MRS LEWIS SAILED FROM MONTEVIDEO 15th NOVEMBER IN
"Orina" DUE ENGLAND ABOUT 3rd PROXIMO.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

76

From Shipminder, London.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: December 3rd 19 45 Time: 16.45.

Received: December 4th 19 45 Time: 09.30.

Recd 69

Mast 6. Your letter 29th September No. 90/37 Trinity House prepared reinstate Lewis with original seniority as assistant keeper. No vacancy for principal keeper Europe point exists or likely to arise in near future. Does Lewis wish to return as assistant keeper immediately or in 1947.

SHIPMINDER.

P/L.



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO

TELEPHONES 86382
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(URUGUAY)

23rd November, 1945.

Sir:-

Recd 73

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated the 22nd inst., reading as follows:

"GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE PROBABLE DATE OF DEPARTURE OF MRS LEWIS NAME OF SHIP AND APPROXIMATE DATE OF ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND"

and have to inform you that Mrs. Lewis sailed per the River Steamer for Buenos Aires on the 13th inst. to embark on the m.v. "DRINA" for the United Kingdom, which was sailing from that port on the 15th inst. Therefore, we confirm the second part of our telegram of yesterday, reading as follows:

"MRS LEWIS SAILED 15TH INST PER DRINA DUE ON THIRD OR FOURTH PROXIMO AT HER REQUEST TELEGRAPHED SHIPINDER."

As stated in the last part of the above message, we telegraphed to Shipinder, who no doubt you are aware is the telegraphic address of the Ministry of War Transport, as follows:

" MRS LEWIS SAILED PER DRINA "

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON S.A.

Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

HB/vd.

DECODE.

(78)

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Shipminder, London.

Despatched : 11th December, 19 45. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

Red 76.

YOUR MAST 6. LEWIS WISHES TO BE RELIEVED IMMEDIATELY
STOP HE REQUESTS AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION LOCALLY OF
CONTAINER IN WHICH TO PACK FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS
FOR RETURN TO U. K.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

P/L.

DECODE.

No. 23.

TELEGRAM.

79

From Shipminder, London.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: January 2nd 19 46 *Time:* 00.36.

Received: January 2nd 19 46 *Time:* 10.00.

Red 78.

Mast 7. Your telegram 11th December agree Lewis returning to England forthwith. Construction of container approved. He should be paid up to date of departure and advanced reasonable sum to meet expenses en route.

SHIPMINDER.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(80)

From The Colonial Secretary.

M.P.S 385/29 + 90/37

To Shipminder, London.

Despatched: January 4th 19 46 Time: ..

Received: 19 .. Time: ..

Recd 79.

Your Mast 7. Owing to passage situation Lews will probably not be able to leave Colony until March at the earliest. Should an opportunity occur his furniture container will be shipped in advance and he asks you to advise him of address to which it should be sent for storage pending his arrival.

2. In regard to filling of post of Principal Keeper, Spencer First Assistant has made application for appointment. He has completed more than 16 years service at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. His application is strongly recommended by Lewis who considers that by the time of his departure Spencer would be fully qualified to undertake the duties of the post. Lewis also suggests that a local man should be recruited and trained as Second Assistant Keeper, Berntsen the present Second being promoted to First Assistant. I should be grateful for your instructions by telegraph.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copy of letter received from Mr. Spencer of 2. 1. 46.

(81)

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
2. 1. 46.

Ministry of War Transport,

Sir,

Having served 16 years at the above establishment I respectfully request your sympathetic consideration to my seeking appointment as Principal Keeper vice Mr. W.J.Lewis who is leaving the Station to return to England.

Should the Ministry concede me this appointment, which I feel fully capable of taking. I will accomplish my undertaking to the best of my ability and be very grateful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. E. SPENCER.

Assistant Keeper.

I strongly recommend this, and it has my full support. Spencer has always been clean and efficient in his work, and has the capabilities of taking charge.

(SGD) W.J.LEWIS.

Principal Keeper.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

M. P's 90/37 & 385/29.

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From Shipminder, London.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: January 16th 19 46 Time: 12.35.

Received: January 17th 19 46 Time: 10.10.

Red 80.

Mast 8. Your telegram 4th January. Mrs Lewis has been advised of passage situation. Lewis may send his furniture container addressed to Ministry of War Transport Mayfair Court Stratton Street W1. In accordance our letter 2nd January appoint Spencer temporarily as Principal Keeper directly Lewis leaves Colony. Permanent appointment under consideration.

SHIPMINDER.

P/L.

Copies (2) to O. i/c., Treasury.

MINUTE.

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90/37.

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

30th January, 1946.

To The Executive Engineer,

From

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Ministry of War Transport has authorised the construction locally of containers for packing furniture etc., belonging to Mr. W. J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, who is shortly returning to the United Kingdom.

2. Will you please arrange to have this work carried out by your Department, charging the cost to "Advances" Ministry of War Transport.

W. J. Lewis
for Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

(84)

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Shipminder, London.

Despatched : March 5th 19 46 Time : 16.00.

Received : 19 .. Time : ..

Reel 80.

My telegram 4th January. Lewis who leaves Colony about 22nd March requests you arrange priority passage for him from Montevideo. He also wishes you to insure his furniture and household effects for £1,000.

2. As your letter of 2nd January has not yet reached me I have authorized engagement of temporary Assistant as from 1st March to permit of his being trained before Lewis's departure.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

No. 5.

TELEGRAM.

85

From Shipminder, Blackpool.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : March 11th 19 46 Time : ..
Received : March 12th 19 46 Time : 10.00.

Recd 84.

No. 860. With reference to request by Lewis that Ministry will insure his furniture and household effects very difficult to do at this end. Cannot Falkland Islands Company arrange this.

SHIPMINDER BLACKPOOL.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(87)

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Shipminder, Blackpool.

Despatched: March 26th 19 46 *Time:* 14.50.

Received: 19 *Time:*

Reel 84.

My telegram 5th January. Lewis has accepted offer of passage to Trinidad in H.M.S.C. Uganda and will leave Colony on 29th March. He will arrive Trinidad about 24th April and requests you will arrange onward passage to United Kingdom.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.

2nd April, 46.

Sir,

Red 87.

With reference to my telegram of the 26th of March, 1946, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. W. J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, sailed from the Colony in H.M.C.S. "Uganda" on the 29th of March. Mr. Lewis has received pay and allowances up to and including the 28th of February, 1946.

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

(Sgd.) E. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of War Transport,
Imperial Hotel,
North Promenade,
Blackpool,
Lancs.

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TELEGRAM.

(89)

From Shipminder, London.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: March 30th 19 46 *Time:* 21.28.

Received: March 31st 19 46 *Time:* 09.30.

Mast 9 addressed Port of Spain 1419 repeated Colonial Secretary Falkland Islands 9 Buenos Aires 4595. Understood W.J. Lewis principal keeper Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Falkland Islands due to arrive Trinidad about 24th April in H.M.C.S. Uganda please arrange on carriage to United Kingdom by earliest available opportunity on Ministry Account my Mas 4588 to Buenos Aires only also refers.

SHIPMINDER.

P/L.

90/37.

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15th April, 46.

Sir,

Red 88

With reference to my letter No. 90/37 of the 2nd of April, 1946, I have the honour to enclose a detailed list of cases containing Mr. W. J. Lewis's furniture and household effects.

Red 82

In accordance with your telegram, Mast 8 of the 16th of January, these cases have been addressed to the Ministry of War Transport, Mayfair Court, Stratton Street, W. 1, and will be shipped from the Colony, through the Falkland Islands Company, about the 25th of April.

Red 85

2. In accordance with your telegram, No. 860 of the 11th of March, insurance of the abovementioned furniture etc. has been arranged locally through the Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., and I enclose a copy of the Policy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) E. W. ALDRIDGE

The Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of War Transport,
Imperial Hotel,
North Promenade,
Blackpool, Lancs.

for Colonial Secretary.

List of Packing Cases and contents of Furniture etc. of W.J.Lewis
addressed Ministry of War Transport.

- Case I I (Compactum) Wardrobe. £30.
- " 2 I Wardrobe. £45.
- " 3 I Small Wardrobe, Washstand, Cooking Utensils, Aluminium Saucepans,
Pillows, Loose Covers, Cushions, Enamel Ware. £35.
- " 4 I Washstand, I Dressing Table, I Oak Table, Mattress and Pillows. £25.
- " 5 I Set of three small tables, I Cake stand, Mahogany table, I Chrome
Fire Screen.
- " 6 I Corner Book Case, 2 Small Wicker Chairs Tables, I Bedside Table,
I Sofa Mattress. £25.
- " 7 I Settee, 2 Small Tables. £20.
- " 8 4 Rolls of Linoleum, Stair rods, and spare pieces of Lino, etc. £40.
- " 9 I Side Board, 2 Axminster Carpets, Rugs etc. £130.
- " 10 Dining Room Table Polished Mahogany, 2 Small Tables, I Chrome Coal
Box, I Small Basket, etc. £50.
- " 11 2 Large Arm Chairs. £35.
- " 12 I Cabinet and I Linen Box filled with linen of all types Curtains etc.
etc. Cutlery and small ornaments.
- " 13 I Double size bed, mattress beddings etc. 2 Eider-Downs. £100.
- " 14 I Mangle. £20.
- " 15 3 Chairs. £20.
- " 16 I Sofa, Wash up bowls, enamel & tin, and other miscellaneous cooking
utensils etc. £20.
- " 17 2 Easy Chairs, 4 Dining Room Chairs. £25.
- " 18 Books, Curtains etc. £30.
- " 19 Flour - Bread Enamel Tins, Kitchen necessaries Ornaments etc. £25.
- " 20 Kettles and Cooking Utensils etc. £15.
- " 21 Brooms, Brushes, Garden implements etc. £15.
- " 22 Box of Miscellaneous gear, Blacklead Box, Knife Boxes etc. £10.
- " 23 Barrel Crockery. £50.
- " 24 Box " £40.
- " 25 Washstand, Table, Baths, Clothes basket. £30.
- " 26 Miscellaneous books, Linen, Clothes, Cooking Utensils, Buckets etc.
£20.
- " 27 Washstand, Table, Baths, Blankets, Eider-down, etc. £25.
- " 28 Box Pictures and Frames, etc. £100.
- " 29 Tools, sheep skins and other Miscellaneous kitchen effects. £35.
- " 30 2 Clocks. 2 Heaters, Woolen Pullovers, etc. £20.

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grams: (Shipping) "SHIPMINDER, TELEX, LONDON"
(Inland Transport) "TRANSMINRY, TELEX, LONDON."
Telephone : CUNNINGHAM 8000 EXTN.....
Nearest Railway Stations: —St. JOHN'S WOOD & BAKER STREET

MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT,
1, NORTH GATE,
PRINCE ALBERT ROAD,
ST. JOHN'S WOOD,
LONDON, N.W.8.

Any further communication should be
addressed to—
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
(address as opposite)
and the following reference quoted:—
PT/H 1118/45



22/7 January, 1946.

Your reference _____

Sir,
Red 69.

With reference to your letter dated 29th September last concerning Mrs. Lewis, the wife of the Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, I am directed by the Minister of War Transport to state that Mrs. Lewis arrived in this country on the 5th December and that following an examination by Dr. Rivett on the 7th December arrangements were made for her admission into the Middlesex Hospital as soon as she has recovered from the discomforts of her journey home.

As regards the request made by Principal Keeper Lewis to be allowed to return to the United Kingdom, and to return to the Trinity House Service, I am to confirm the following cable sent to you on the 1st January:-

Red 78. "YOUR TELEGRAM 11TH DECEMBER AGREE LEWIS RETURNING TO ENGLAND FORTHWITH (STOP) CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER APPROVED (STOP) HE SHOULD BE PAID UP TO DATE OF DEPARTURE AND ADVANCED REASONABLE SUM TO MEET EXPENSES EN ROUTE".

The Trinity House are being asked if they can recommend a successor for Mr. Lewis and a further communication will be addressed to you in due course. It is assumed that the Governor will arrange for the selection of one of the Assistant Keepers to act as

/Principal

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Principal Keeper in the meantime, and for the appointment of a temporary Assistant Keeper. The Department will be prepared to pay a reasonable additional wage to the Acting Principal Keeper for the period between Mr. Lewis's departure and the date on which his successor takes up duties. Your views as to what this wage should be will be appreciated;

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Lewis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text. It consists of several large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Telegrams : (Shipping) "SHIPMINDER, TELEX, LONDON"
(Inland Transport) "TRANSMINRY, TELEX, LONDON"
Cunningham 8000.
Telephone No. : ~~19365~~ 7711
Ext.

Any reply to this communication
should quote the following reference

PT/H.1118/45.

Your Ref.



MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT.

~~BRICKLEY HOUSE~~

~~1, North Gate,~~

1, North Gate,
Prince Albert Road,
St. John's Wood,
N.W.8.

BY AIR MAIL

14th February, 1946.

Sir,

Recd 9/1

Recd 8/2

With further reference to the letter from this Department dated 2nd January, concerning Mr. W.J. Lewis, Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, I am directed by the Minister of War Transport to confirm the following cable sent to you on the 16th January:-

"YOUR TELEGRAM 4TH JANUARY MRS. LEWIS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF PASSAGE SITUATION STOP LEWIS MAY SEND HIS FURNITURE CONTAINER ADDRESSED TO MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT MAYFAIR COURT STRATTON STREET W.1. STOP IN ACCORDANCE OUR LETTER 2ND JANUARY APPOINT SPENCER TEMPORARILY AS PRINCIPAL KEEPER DIRECTLY LEWIS LEAVES COLONY STOP PERMANENT APPOINTMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION"

The Trinity House are unable to release anyone from their service to replace Lewis and, in the circumstances, the Minister agrees to the following appointments as from the date Lewis relinquishes his appointment, subject to one year's probation in each case:-

- (a) First Assistant Keeper Spencer to be promoted to Principal Keeper at a salary of £295 per annum, provided that Lewis gives a written certificate that Spencer is, in his opinion, fully qualified to carry out all the duties of the Principal Keeper;
- (b) Second Assistant Keeper Berntsen to be promoted First Assistant Keeper at a salary of £205 per annum;
- (c) The entry of a new Second Assistant Keeper at a salary of £175 per annum subject to satisfactory medical examination; this practice to be followed in the case of all new entrants.

/The

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL
RIO DE JANEIRO.

9th April, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. W.J. Lewis, Principal Keeper of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse in the Falkland Islands, arrived here on 8th April in H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" on route to the United Kingdom via Trinidad.

2. Before leaving the Falkland Islands, Mr. Lewis was given Bill of Exchange No. 0521, in the amount of £40, drawn by the Financial Secretary of the Colony on the Crown Agents for the Colonies, which he was to have cashed while he was in Montevideo.

3. Mr. Lewis explained to me that he had had no time to exchange the Bill at Montevideo, since it was suddenly decided the night before he left that port that he should continue on board H.M.C.S. "UGANDA"; it was by then after banking hours. He had therefore come to me to ask for my assistance in cashing the Bill.

4. Local regulations here made it impossible for me to negotiate the Bill at a bank in Rio de Janeiro; and I accordingly impounded^{it} and the sterling transfer form No. S122659 which accompanied it. In substitution of the Bill, and after Mr. Lewis had identified himself by his passport, I gave him Brazilian currency for the exact equivalent of £40 at to-day's rate of exchange, against a receipt showing that this payment replaced Bill No. 0521. The latter is held here pending the receipt of your instructions.

5. The amount of £40 advanced by me to Mr. Lewis will be charged to the Crown Agents for the Colonies through my account with the Foreign Office for the June quarter 1946.

6. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the Crown Agents, and a further copy is in Mr. Lewis's possession for presentation on arrival in London.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

M.F. Dinton
Acting British Consul General.

His Excellency,
The Governor
of the
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DECODE.

(96)

TELEGRAM.

From..... His Excellency the Governor.

To..... H.M. Consul General, Rio de Janeiro.

Despatched : May 25th 19 46 Time : 12.00.

Received : 19 Time :

Red 93

Your letter 9th April. W.J.Lewis. I should be grateful if you would return to me for cancellation Bill of Exchange No. 0251 together with sterling transfer form S 122659 which accompanied it.

Reply at Red 98

GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

G.T.C.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL
RIO DE JANEIRO

28th May 1946.

Sir,

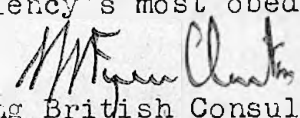
Recd 96

In accordance with the request contained in your telegram of 25th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith the under-mentioned documents which, as explained in my despatch of 9th April 1946 were surrendered to me by Mr. W.J. Lewis, formerly principal keeper of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

- (a) Bill of Exchange No. 0521 in the amount of £40 issued by the Government of the Falkland Islands and drawn on the Crown Agents for the Colonies.
- (b) Sterling transfer form No. S 122659.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servant



His Excellency, Acting British Consul General
The Governor of the
Falkland Islands.

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P.I.

FI/155/46
FI/2757/46

17 September, 1946

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th August regarding the payment of Income tax on the victualling allowance received by you during 1945/46, it was not appreciated when our letter of the 20th August was written that tax had been levied on that allowance. The Cash Accounts received from the Falkland Islands have now revealed that this is so and the Inland Revenue Department have been asked to advise how your overpayment of £6 3s. -d. should be adjusted. A further communication will be addressed to you when a reply is received.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C.A. BRIGGS

Assistant Finance Officer, F.I.

W.J. Lewis, Esq., B.S.M.,
"Pasadena",
15 Carrallack Terrace,
St. Just,
Penance,
Cornwall.

"Shipminder Blackpool"

90/37

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Ministry of Transport, F.I.,
Imperial Hotel,
North Promenade,
Blackpool,
Lancs.

Copy filed in 70/46

Fl/155/46 *appt F.G. Berntsen ... C.P. lighthouse.*
17 September, 1946

Sir,

With reference to the wages and allowances paid to the Cape
Pembroke Lighthouse Keepers, I am directed to inform you that the
victualling allowance is not subject to Imperial Income Tax. It is
observed that this allowance has been regarded as taxable income
for the year 1945/46 resulting in over-collections of £6 3s. from
W.J. Lewis and £6 8s. from F.G. Berntsen. The Inland Revenue
Department have been asked to advise how this should be adjusted and
a further communication will be addressed to you when a reply is
received.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C.A. Briggs

C.A. BRIGGS
Assistant Finance Officer, F.I.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

*for file
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(For Cape Pembroke Lighthouse).

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TELEGRAM.

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From The Ministry of Transport, Blackpool.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : December 13th 19 46 *Time* : 10.45.

Received : December 14th 19 46 *Time* : 09.30.

Red 90

No. 3608. Please cable limit of journey for which insurance effected against damage to furniture of W. J. Lewis Principal Keeper on return to United Kingdom and forward policy by airmail retaining copy.

SHIPMINDER BLACKPOOL.

P/L.

Reply at Red 105

ABC

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				18. 12. 46.

To

SHIPMINDER BLACKPOOL

Red 104

Your telegram 3608 stop Insurance Policy covering Lewis furniture was ~~pre~~ prepared in Head Office Falkland Islands Company of Southernhay comma Cavendish Road comma Weybridge stop Suggest you apply them direct.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

H.C.S.,

At (30) in M.P. 90/37 attached we advised M.W.T. that a cost of living bonus was to be paid to all employees in the Islands and suggested that M.W.T. should pay a similar bonus to Keepers at Cape Pembroke L/House.

90/37

At (34) M.W.T., agreed to payment of the current bonus and instructed that future variations should be made to keep Keepers' payments in line with local practice.

The Principal Keeper informs me that the interim award granted to local employees w.e.f. the 1st November has not been paid to the Keepers, but that this will be paid when the Government's proposals have been approved. However Keepers' wages are paid by the M.W.T., in accordance with standard scales, so that any local adjustment as between basic wage and cost of living bonus cannot be applied to the Keepers. A decision will therefore be necessary as to the increased amount of cost of living bonus to be paid to the Keepers.

A.C.S.
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