

C.S.

PORT & MARINE  
(Buoys & Beacons)

SHI/NAV/1 # 15

1927.

No. 43/27.

Col. Engineer.

SUBJECT.

1927.

26th January.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF POINT WILLIAM  
AND HARBOUR LIGHTS, 1927.

Previous Paper.

629/25.  
147/26.

MINUTES.

1-2. Minute from Colonial Engineer of 26/1/27.

Col. Engineer.

Tender notice may issue.

*[Signature]*

G. Col. Sec

27. 1. 27.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted.

2. Tender notice submitted accordingly, in duplicate,  
for publication.

*[Signature]*

Colonial Engineer.

27th January, 1927.

Subsequent Paper.

Notices placed on Board in Colonial Secretary's  
Office and Gazette Board.

Hon. Treasurer,  
Col. Engineer,

To note-

A. J. J.  
for CS  
28/1/27.

The Colonial Engineer.

Passed to you.

Mr. George H. H. H.  
28.1.27.

The Hon. Mr. Reay

Noted and returned

R. R. R. R.

Mr. T. T. T.

29/1/27

Report of Tender Board 4. 2. 27

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Yr. Ref (3) submitted for approval of  
the Tender Board's recommendation.

J. J. J.

4. 2. 27.

Ref. Recommendation of Tender Board approved.

J. J. J.  
14 Feb. 1927.

Col. Engineer

The Treasurer

Local Auditor.

Please note

J. J. J.

5. 2. 27.

G. G. G.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted.

4. 2. Copy of letter to Mr A. Clifton.  
 5. Signed copy of Guarantee.  
 6. Signed copy of Agreement.
3. The contractor will begin the work on the 9th of February.

*R. B. Basely.*

Colonial Engineer.

8th February, 1927.

Hon. Col. Treasurer,

Passed to you accordingly.

*R. B. Basely.*

Colonial Engineer.

8th February, 1927.

*Local Auditor*

Passed to you accordingly.

*Mr. Brian Halliday*  
9.2.27*Hon. Col. Secy.*

Noted, thank you.

*W. Barlas**As Local Auditor*

10.2.27.

*11.2.27**Minute from H.E. the Governor 30 Sept 1927.**Colonial Engineer.**For early report - please.**W. Barlas**30.9.27 for C.S.*



The Hon. Col. Secy.,

The Public Works Department is responsible for the upkeep of the harbour lights and lights there when required.

2. The times of lighting are arranged and controlled by the Port & Marine Department.

*W. May*  
Colonial Engineer.

1st October, 1927.

*J. Harbour Master,*

For your early report as to the arrangements in force for the lighting of these lights and as to the failure to show them on the arrival of the South Shetland factories.

*S. 10. 27*  
for C.S.

S. 10. 27.

Submitted. I was informed on taking over the duties of H. M. at Stanley that ships always asked for their lights to be lit if they required them. They have always done so up to the present, & there have been no complaints while this time. The arrangements are that if a ship asks for the lights by wireless the "Penguin", or other craft, takes out the man in charge, waits for him while he does the work & the same procedure when they are to be put out, or the gas cylinders refilled.

*1. M. M. M.*  
H. M. M.

*J. B. Secy.*  
*20*

*Colonial Engineer,**for note and early return,**AKL 13  
5.10.27. for C.S.*

The Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Noted.

2. At an interview with His Excellency on the 8th inst I was instructed to prepare a draft cable for three extra dissolved acetylene gas cylinders, and indent for three sun-valves which are required to enable the harbour lights to be kept in constant service. Since my interview I have gone further into the question of the sunvalves, and am of the opinion that they could also be obtained by cable, and have included them accordingly.
3. Suggested draft cable.
- " Please ship by first opportunity six A 50 fully charged dissolved acetylene gas cylinders ~~stop three for recharging will be shipped in December stop~~ also three sunvalves complete with fittings for connecting to beacons supplied under Reg 1581 Indent 224 December 1923 stop Three cylinders for recharging will be shipped in December . "
4. The estimated cost for cylinders and sunvalves.
- |                      |        |      |      |
|----------------------|--------|------|------|
| 3. New cylinders     | @ £50. | 150. |      |
| 3. To be re-charged. | @ - 6. | 18.  |      |
| 3. Sunvalves.        | @ 60.  | 180. | 348. |
- Note. £330 of the above is cost of new material.  
18. " " " " " " Maintenance.
5. The expenditure to maintain the lights, that is re-charging of cylinders etc, is estimated to be about £ 40 per annum.

*R. M. Basely*  
Colonial Engineer.

9th October 1927.

Colonial Engineer. For info.

Recd 9. sent with approval  
of H.C. (9th Oct 1927). Will you  
please now prepare draft Telegram  
to Crown Agents ordering 3 cylinders  
of gas, the cylinders to be returned  
for re-charging. *W.H.B.*  
*10.10.27 for C.S.*

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted.

2. The cylinders now supplying gas for the Harbour  
lights will be exhausted on or about the 6th of  
November, when I propose to utilize the three spares  
for the Point William Light on this service.

3. The exhausted cylinders will not be shipped  
until December, but in the circumstances I think it  
would be permissible to send the usual cable although  
shipment will not be effected by the "Orita" next  
week.

Suggested cable:-

Litacgas A 50 three in number O A G STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Meaning.

Referring to the Crown Agents' letter  
W/Marine 44, dated 29th May, we have returned  
to you for re-charging empty dissolved acetylene  
gas cylinders bearing the following particulars:  
A 50, THREE IN NUMBER, O.A.G., STANLEY, FALKLAND  
ISLANDS.

4. Draft confirmatory indent submitted herewith.

5. I visited the Harbour lights and the Port  
William light on the 6th of October. The Harbour lights  
were in good working order. The flasher in the Point  
William light is irregular in action. Occasionally the  
short dark period occurs twice in succession and misses  
in the following cycle. The adjustment filters were

cleaned

} Note M.P.  
11/10/27 G.B.

cleaned and replaced, but the flasher was still irregular in action. The period ~~of~~ of the light is correct (7 seconds). The actual flashing is not of great importance to navigators owing to the proximity of the Cape Pemroke light.

The sunvalve and other apparatus is in good working order. There are now five panes of glass cracked in the lantern house, but the glass is still firm and secure. I do not suggest to renew the cracked panes until the end of the summer.

*R. S. Ascher.*

Colonial Engineer.

12th October, 1927.

*K. C. S.*

Telegram as drafted in para 3 of C.S.'s minute above has been despatched to Crown Agents. (M. P. 100/27)

*Exh. 13  
14. X. 27. C.C.*

*Hastings Parker*

*Please say whether*

*you consider that the irregular*

*action of the flasher of the*

*Maryann Point light is of serious*

*consequence.*

*J. M. L.*  
*C.S.*

19. 10. 27

25. 10. 27.

Submitted, yes it is serious, but the light is  
in such close proximity to the C. P. Probe &  
that it would be clear to most people that  
the Mangum's was suffered by.  
However I consider that if an accident occurred,  
a careless mariner might be acquitted if he  
shows a work that the light was irregular.

W. M. M. S.  
H. M. S.

To C. P. Secy.

Col. P. M. S.

Please see : can

You arrange to correct the flasher

Locally please ?

W. M. M. S.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

26 10 27

The spare flasher arrived by the "Orita"  
and will be placed on service as soon as the weather will  
permit a landing at the Point. It is hoped that this will  
be possible on Monday next.

2. The Trinity House authorities recommend that a  
spare flasher should be tested at least once in every two  
years, running for a period of from 3 to 4 hours. The flasher  
now in service was received in May 1923 and was tested on the  
28th of April 1925, when it worked satisfactorily. It was put  
on service on the 7th of June, 1927, the flash being correct.  
When passing the Point on my return from Anson on the 1st of  
October, I noticed that the flash was irregular. The flasher  
had thus gone out of order within a period of 115 days.

This flasher/



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This flasher was supplied with the original outfit and it failed to function when the Light was erected in 1922, having to be sent to Brentford for overhaul. The makers will take no responsibility for the defective operation of any flasher if their seal is broken. To overhaul or clean the internal mechanism controlling the flash the seal would have to be broken.

3. In my opinion the small ~~rack~~ pinion which operates the short dark period becomes corroded. I think it would be advisable to have a small testing set consisting of one gas cylinder, A-5, and one connection with a short length of pipe, fitted with a pressure gauge, to lead from the cylinder to the flasher. It would then be possible to put the spare flasher and sunvalve on test for three or four hours, say, every three months. I have not a price list of parts, but would estimate that the cost of the testing outfit would be from £20 to £25. Now that there will be three unattended lights in constant service, I think that a testing outfit would be most useful.

*R. S. Asoley.*

Colonial Engineer.

28th October, 1927.

*Col. E.*

*In the meantime that*

*when do you recommend should*

*be taken in regard to the*

*original flasher which will be replaced.*

*J. M. G. 30.10.27.*

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I beg to report that the spare flasher, which arrived by the "Orita", was placed on service on Tuesday the 1st of November and that it is operating correctly.

2. With regard to the faulty flasher. If the defect is due to the corrosion of a part or parts of the internal mechanism it might be rectified in the Colony, but the seal would have to be broken. In the event of the flasher having finally to be sent to Brentford for overhaul I fear the cost might be considerably higher than would be the case if it were sent with the seal unbroken; the reason being as explained at our conversation on the 2nd of November.

3. The flasher now on service was in operation from the 21st of July, 1922 to the 7th of June, 1927, (5 years) when it was removed owing to the flash being irregular. I have every reason to think that it will again work satisfactorily for a period of years.

4. I submit a short record of the defective flasher, from which it will be seen that it never has worked satisfactorily. I should be most interested to learn from the makers the actual cause of failure. Flasher received in the Colony in 1912.

In store until 10th March 1922. (When lit it would not function).

Returned to Brentford for overhaul in 1922.

Received from Brentford in May 1923. Tested and found to flash correctly. Placed in a cupboard in the P.W.D. office.

Run for 4 hours on the 28th of April, 1925-Correct.

Placed on service on the 7th June, 1927 - Correct.

Flash irregular, 1st of October, 1927.

Short dark period ceased to function, 29th Oct. 1927.

Removed from service, 1st November, 1927.

The flasher went out of order within a period of 115 days.

5. I would suggest that the defective flasher be sent again to Brentford for overhaul.

*R. B. Askey*  
Col. Engineer. 3/11/27

Colonial Engineer,

Please arrange to have the defective flasher packed for dispatch to Crown Agents by 'Express' at the end of this month, for transmission to the makers for overhaul. The usual indent should be prepared.

2. A letter will also be sent to C.A.G. enclosing a copy of your record of the flasher and asking them to ascertain from maker the cause of its failure to function. For reference purposes please quote on this M.P. C.A. Regn No. under which flasher was originally supplied - also C.A. Regn No. under which it was repaired in 1922.

S.R.P.  
5. 11. 27. for C.S.

760/11

1595/23

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I would suggest that the flasher be shipped by the "Fleurus" to Messrs E. Cooper & Son, Montevideo, and that a letter be sent to Messrs Cooper & Son, requesting them to forward the package to the Crown Agents by first opportunity, the cost to be included in their account with this Government. The charge to be debited to the U.S.A./c and to form part of the cost of repair.

2. I am submitting a draft indent herewith in connexion with the repairs. *Red. 1. M.P. 11/10/27.*

3. The original flasher was supplied under Requisition No. 764/11, and the repaired flasher under Requisition No. 1595/23.

*W. B. Aschley.*

Colonial Engineer.

14th November, 1927.

*Telegram from S of S of 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1927. 10.*

*Dr Messrs E. Cooper & Son, Montevideo  
of 21/11/27 11*

*Dr to Crown Agents of 21/11/27. 12 - 13*

*Colonial Engineer,*

*for note of Redr 10 to '3.*

*W. B. Aschley  
23. 11. 27 for C.S.*

The Hon; Col; Secretary.

Thank you, noted.

2. Package addressed to Messrs Ed Cooper and Son, Montevideo, was placed on board the "Fleurus", and the Chief Officer's receipt dated 25th November 1927 obtained for same. Package contained flasher K.K.I30. No. I308.

*W. B. Aschley.*

Colonial Engineer.

26/11/27.

B.F. 15. 12. 27.

G.B. 30. 11. 27

114 S of S Despatch No 124 of 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1927.

H.C.S.

I regret delay in dealing with this despatch. I thought work of re-setting these lights would have been completed in time to allow of usual forms concerning alterations being sent to Board of Trade by the Ordinan<sup>y</sup> mail.

S.H. 13 Ant C.S.  
26. 1. 28 ~~for C.S.~~

15-16

Despatch to S of S No. 53. of 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1928.

B.F. 15. 2. 28

B.F. 1. 3. 28.

G.B. 1. 2. 28.

G.B. 16. 2. 28.

Harbour Master,

Please say when it will be possible to carry out alterations in setting of lights at entrance to Harbour.

S.H. 13  
3. 11. 28 for C.S.



17. 3. 28. P.H.H.H.

Monal Engineer is blasting away rocks so that lights  
need not be shifted. He is reporting when this is  
completed. M. H. H. H. H.

to M. Sec.

Letter from Messrs. Ed. Cooper & Son of 28 Jan 1928 17-18

Letter to Messrs E. Cooper & Son, of 7 4. 28 19.

Voucher in favour of Messrs E. Cooper & Son  
J. 4. 28 1928 20.

Mon Treasurer.

Voucher herewith for withdrawal,

W. H. H. H.  
11. 4. 28 for C.S.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Mr. W. H. H. H.

Mr. W. H. H. H.

W. H. H. H.  
11. 4. 28.

Letter from Crown Agents, of 20. 4. 28 21-22

Colonial Engineer.

For note.

W. H. H. H.

26. 4. 28 for C.S.

Hon Col Sec:

Noted. I submit that this paper  
be referred to the Harbour Master for  
his information as harbour lights  
should be under his control

C. Roberts  
C.E. 27-4-28.

23-24 Advice of Orders Passed of 24. 2. 28

25. Minute from Col. Engineer, of 2. 5. 28

Gd. E.

These sent S.O.

according through the Treasurer.

7 minutes

Hon. Col. Treasurer. 8. 5. 28.  
Special warrant  
submitted.

26.

S. B. White  
for C.E.  
9/5/28.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Submitted accordingly.

Mr. Craig Harkness  
Treas.  
11. 5. 28

G.E. S.O. submitted for review

if approved.

2. 1/2 report to Col.

Eg: minute of 27. 4. 28 as

the page opposite G.E. will define

the arrangement to continue as

Woolfson Study to Col. G. L.

been responsible for the actual

and it maintenance of the

Woolfson Light. It is a matter of

the requisite skilled knowledge and

personnel.

Yours

15.5.24

Mr C. S.

Please. I am not sure that  
a light is necessary in spars  
Cave. Is it? If not it might  
be removed. We do not want  
to spend money unnecessarily.

R. H.

15.28  
5

Mr Thomas

Please withdraw L.O. at

from to Col. G. & wife.

Yours  
—

15.5.24

Copied  
to Mr P  
7/10/24

A.C.S.  
Sparks 11.5 per.  
L. 11.5

C.S.O. No. 43/27

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 9

Ag Col Enquiries.

S.W. to 21 withdrawn &  
M.P. passed to you

H. Chay  
to me.

16/3/28.

Hon: Col: Secretary.

noted & returned

H.B.S.  
17/5/28.

Hester Mark.

For consideration of the

point raised in H. S.'s minute of

15. 5. 28. on the page opposite,

please, i.e. 4 to alter the

light at Spenser Gate is necessary?

Yours truly,

24. 5. 28.

Copied  
to M.P.  
7/10/24

28. 5. 28

Subit

This light is not absolutely necessary, but is useful as a beam bearing for anchoring in Pt William after dark.

As the same line the lights on Lays + Lays 9<sup>h</sup> serve the same purpose, so I think the bottom light may be removed without danger to shipping.

W. H. H. H.

Copied  
5/10/24.

To P. H. Sec.

Letter from Messrs E. Cooper & Son of 4 May 1928. 27.

Resubmit to S. H. H. 278 of 17 August 1928

28

My  
22. 2. 31

Minute from Mr. Hester 18/2/31 (39)

M.E.

Submitted -

C. J. J.  
19/2/31.

✓ Approved  
J. H. H.

19. 2. 31.

Senior operator,  
W. H. Station,

Will you please arrange to broadcast the warning to shipping accordingly.

C. J. J.  
20/2/31

Am Cal Sec.

notes, arrangements will be made today for broadcasting navigation warning to ships.

A. H. H.  
20/2/31



DRAFT.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

PAINTING OF POINT WILLIAM AND HARBOUR LIGHTS.

Tenders are invited for the work of painting the Point William and the Harbour Lights.

Work required:-

- (a) All iron work to be wire brushed and chipped where required.
- (b) All iron work of Point William Light (except lantern house) to be given two coats of Graphite paint.
- (c) All iron work of Harbour Lights and lantern house of Point William Light to be given one coat of red lead where bare and afterwards to be given one coat of white paint and one coat of white enamel.
- (d) Doors and interior of gas-house at Point William Light to be given two coats of white paint.
- (e) Exterior of hut at Point William to be wire brushed and walls to be given two coats of Graphite paint. Window and door of hut to be given two coats of white paint. Roof of hut to be given two coats of red paint.

All necessary tools and materials will be supplied by the Government.

Arrangements will be made for stores and materials to be landed as necessary while the work is in progress at Point William, and for the daily transport of men and materials to and from the Harbour lights while work is in progress.

A hut, with a slow combustion stove, is available for the contractor at Point William.

Tenders should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, should be marked "Lights", and should be deposited in the Tender Box at the Colonial Secretary's Office by or before noon on Thursday the 2nd of February, 1927.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

*R. B. Basely.*

Colonial Engineer.

26th January, 1927.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From...The Colonial Engineer...

26th January, 1927.

To...The Hon. Col. Secretary....

Upkeep of Harbour Lights. 1927.

Reference  
Numbers.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I beg to report that the Point William light was visited on the 25th of January and the apparatus tested, same being found in good working order.

2. The tower and lantern house require to be chipped and painted as certain sections show signs of rusting; this also applies to the inner lights. Submitted herewith is a draft notice inviting tenders for the work.

If approved the cost of the work to be charged to Head XVIII. P.W.R., item 11, Upkeep of Harbour Lights.

*R. B. Basley.*

Colonial Engineer.

26th January, 1927.

# REPORT OF TENDER BOARD.

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The Tender Board having assembled pursuant to order proceeded to open the tenders received, and as enumerated below.

No. of Tender.	Name of Tenderer.	Rate quoted.	REMARKS.
1	R Hirtle	£ 30	
2	James White	£ 35	
3	Albert Clifton	£ 26	This contract is same as last year : satisfactory but required considerable revision.

The Board recommended for acceptance the tender of

A. Clifton, No. 3, on above list.

Approved.

*[Signature]*  
Governor.  
4. 2. 27

*[Signature]* Chairman.  
M. *[Signature]* Members.  
J. E. A. S.

*[Signature]*

9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1927

(4)

THE COLONIAL ENGINEER'S OFFICE,  
STANLEY.

(43/27)

8th February, 1927.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your tender for the work of painting the Point William Light and the Harbour Lights, dated 31st of January, and to inform you that, subject to the following, your tender has been accepted.

2. Before the agreement can be signed and the tender accepted it will be necessary for you to provide security in the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20) for the due fulfilment of your contract. Four copies of a form of guarantee are enclosed herewith for your use. When completed two copies should be retained by you and two copies should be returned to this office.

3. The agreement will require to be signed and the work put in hand as soon as possible after the guarantee has been provided.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R. B. B. B.*

Colonial Engineer.

Mr A. Clifton,  
Stanley.

STANLEY.

February, 1927.

(43/27)

I, the undersigned, being a householder, do hereby declare that I will become security in the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20) for Mr A. Clifton; being surety that the said Mr A. Clifton will fulfil, to the satisfaction of the Colonial Engineer, his contract with the Colonial Government for the work of scrubbing and painting the Point William Light and the Harbour Lights.

Guarantor

John Mc Gilly



PAINTING POINT WILLIAM LIGHT AND THE HARBOUR LIGHTS.

I, The undersigned, hereby agree with the Colonial Engineer to undertake and complete the work specified below for the sum of Twenty-eight Pounds (£28).

Work required:-

- (a) All iron work of the lights to be thoroughly wire brushed and chipped where required.
- (b) All iron work of Point William Light (except lantern house) to be given two coats of Graphite paint.
- (c) All iron work of Harbour Lights and lantern house of Point William Light to be given one coat of red lead where bare and afterwards to be given one coat of white paint and one coat of white enamel.
- (d) Doors and interior of gas-house at Point William Light to be given two coats of white paint.
- (e) Exterior of hut at Point William to be wire brushed and walls to be given two coats of Graphite paint. Window and door of hut to be given two coats of white paint. Roof of hut to be given two coats of red paint.

All necessary tools, rigging gear and materials will be provided and delivered as required on the sites by the Government.

Stores will be landed at Point William as required, weather permitting. Men and materials will be conveyed daily or as required to and from the Harbour Lights while the work is in progress.

A hut with slow combustion stove is available for the use of the contractor at Point William.

The work is to be begun as soon as possible and continued as weather conditions will permit. Exterior painting is on no account to be done when there is moisture on the ironwork.

All chipped metal is to be painted as soon as a section has been chipped; in no case must chipped work remain exposed overnight.

The work/

The work must be done to the satisfaction of the Colonial Engineer.

In case of failure properly to perform any part of the work hereby agreed upon to the satisfaction of the Colonial Engineer he will at once determine this contract and will stop the whole or such part of any payment which may be due to the contractor in connexion with the work as may be required to cover the loss occasioned to the Government by such default. If the amount so stopped is not sufficient to cover the loss the person who has given security for the proper fulfilment of the contract will be mulcted in such further amount as may be found necessary completely to indemnify the Government.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1927.

W. May  
Colonial Engineer.

Albert Holthorn  
Contractor.

Witness to above signatures J. L. Leman

*For full release brought to  
termination of the contract on 11th*

(7)

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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Urgent.

Three lights, one an extremely important one at the  
Narrows' entrance, are unlit.

They must be lit at once.

I must say it is incredible to me why this has  
not been done before, more especially when one  
takes into fact the whaling season has begun,  
who is responsible for this delay? Please submit  
Report as soon as possible.

A.H.

$\frac{30}{9} 27.$

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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Please inform the Colonial Engineer that without my permission in writing no navigation lights are to be allowed to fall into disuse, and that he is to see that they are kept in thorough order and inspected regularly. Have Mr. to see the minute.

A. H.

$\frac{5}{10} 27$

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Governor.*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.TELEPHONED*Despatched:* 9th October, 1927. *Time:* 9 p.m.*Received:* .... 192 *Time:*

CHAPELRIES

LONDON

Have been approached by managers whaling factories regarding display of leading lights Stanley Harbour at present exhibited only when requested by masters. It is represented that movements of vessels do not always permit of such applications being made at times when lights most required and that their absence occasions serious risk. Views of whaling captains strongly supported by owners of local vessels and agents of Pacific Steam Navigation Company. Have consulted members of the Executive Council who fully concur that continuous display during hours of darkness essential to safety of shipping and I request your approval for expenditure of £330 for purchase of following additional apparatus required: 3 sun valves complete with fittings for connecting to beacons supplied under Indent 224 December 1923 Crown Agents Reqn. No. 1581 and 3 A 50 fully charged dissolved acetylene gas cylinders. If approved request that order should be placed through Crown Agents for shipment by Losada leaving England 12th November.

GOVERNOR.



DECODE.TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched*: 10th November, 192 7. *Time*: 12.30.

*Received*: 11th November, 192 7. *Time*: 10.50.

GOVERNOR,

PORT STANLEY.

Red 9 —

Your telegram 10th October, Harbour lights  
expenditure approved apparatus being shipped  
Loseda 12th November.

SECRETARY OF STATE

43/27

21st November,

27.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that a package, marked I/110/27, and containing a beacon light flasher, being sent to England for repair, has been addressed to you for despatch by the s.s. "Fleurus" at the end of the present month, and to request that you will be so good as to see that this package when it reaches you, is forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the first opportunity.

2. I am to add that all expenses which you may find it necessary to incur in this connection should be charged to this Government.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*J. M. S.*  
Colonial Secretary.

MESSRS E. COOPER & SON,  
MONTEVIDEO.

RECORD OF SERVICE OF FLASHER.

Flasher received in the Colony in 1912.

In store until 10th March, 1922. (When lit it would not function.)

Returned to Brentford for overhaul in 1922.

Received from Brentford in May, 1923. Tested and found to flash correctly. Placed in a cupboard in the P. I. D. office.

Run for 4 hours on the 28th of April, 1925, correct.

Placed on service on the 7th of June, 1927, correct.

Flash irregular, 1st of October, 1927.

Short dark period ceased to function, 29th October, 1927.

Removed from service, 1st November, 1927.

The Flasher went out of order within a period of 115 days.

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43/27

21st November,

27.

Gentlemen,

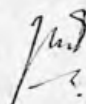
I am directed by the Governor to inform you that a flasher belonging to the Port William Beacon Light which was supplied with the Light in 1911 and repaired in 1925 under your requisition No. 1595, has again become defective and that it is being forwarded to you for transmission to the Gas Accumulator Company, Brentford, for further overhaul in accordance with the attached indent.

2. I am also to enclose a short record of the service of this flasher for the information of the makers and to request that they may be asked to state the actual cause of the failure of the flasher to function.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

# DUPLICATE



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 124

DOWNING STREET,

November, 1927.

Mr. Fleuret:  
For draft despatch.  
Get particulars from H.M.  
(intld: A.H. 10/12/27.)  
Sir,

*Red 10* —

With reference to my telegram of the 10th of November regarding a proposal that the leading lights of Stanley Harbour, Falkland Islands, should in future be continuously displayed during the hours of darkness, I have the honour to inform you that a letter has been received from the Board of Trade enquiring whether it is intended that the light on Navy Point, as well as the two leading lights of the harbour, shall be altered from "occasional" to "permanent".

2. I shall be glad to be informed what reply should be returned to the Board of Trade.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(For the Secretary of State)  
(Signed) W. GRIMSEY GORE

GOVERNOR

ARNOLD HODSON, ESQ., C.M.G.

etc.,

etc.,

etc.,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 53.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

30th January, 1928.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 124 of the 17th of November, 1927, relative to the leading lights of Stanley Harbour, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Board of Trade, that the light on Navy Point, as well as the two other lights marking the entrance to the Harbour, will in future be displayed continuously during the hours of darkness, and should therefore be described as "permanent."

2. I take this opportunity to report an alteration which is being made in the position of the light formerly situated as the rearmost or more northerly of the two lights on the north shore of Port William opposite the Narrows, by its removal to a site on Engineer Point, approximately in line with the Navy Point light, where it serves a much more useful purpose for the safe guidance of vessels entering the Harbour. It has not, however, been found practicable up to the present to site this light permanently and arrangements are in hand for its removal to a position nearer to the water's edge, where its visibility will be greatly improved. A similar change of site will also be made in the case of the Navy Point light, the utility of which will then be much increased, particularly as regards vessels entering the Harbour.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



3. I would add that it is anticipated that these alterations will be completed within the next few weeks when the notification relating thereto required under Colonial Regulation No. 205 will be forwarded direct to the Board of Trade.

4. I would further add that the improvements effected by the continuous exhibition of harbour lights during the hours of darkness and the placing of a light on Engineer Point have been greatly appreciated by the owners of local craft and by shipping generally, including the vessels of the whaling fleet.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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Montevideo, 28 January 1928

MEMORANDUM.

Colonial Secretary Port Stanley. Debit Note

To Amount of expenses on  
forwarding to London a  
package containing a  
beacon light flasher.

Storage & lightorage \$ 3. -

@ 5 13/4 p. \$ £ 0. 12. 11

EDWARD COOPER & SON

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187  
*Montevideo* 28th January 1928

To the  
Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley.

Dear Sirs,

We duly received your favour of the 21st November ult.  
and now beg to inform you that the case containing one beacon  
light flasher received per s/s "Fleurus" was forwarded to London  
per s/s "Duquesa" on the 14th December last.

Enclosed we hand you our Debit Note amounting to  
£ 0. 12:11 which amount we place to your debit in account.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "W. S. S. S. S.", written over the typed words "Yours faithfully,".

RB/GC

43/27.

7th April,

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of January, 1928, enclosing an account amounting to 12s. 11d. being the expenses incurred by you on behalf of this Government in connection with the shipment from Monte Video to the United Kingdom of a case containing a beacon light flasher, and to inform you that the above amount has been paid to the Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., with a request that it should be forwarded to you through their agents Messrs McLean & Stapleton of Monte Video.

2. I am to convey to you the thanks of this Government for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*S. H. Brown*  
for Colonial Secretary.

Messrs E. Cooper & Son,  
Monte Video.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

P No. \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD OF SERVICE } XVI. MISCELLANEOUS. (Other Charges).  
(or A/c.) }

SUB-HEAD 15. Transport.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT,

4th April, 1928.

Dr. to The Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., for and on  
behalf of Messrs. E. Cooper & Son, Monte Video.

in the sum of THIRTEEN SHILLINGS AND THREE PENCE.....

being the amount due to Messrs. Edward Cooper & Son, Monte Video,  
in respect of expenses incurred in connection with the  
shipment from Monte Video to the United Kingdom of a  
package containing a beacon light flasher, plus commission,  
as follows:

Amount due to Messrs. E. Cooper & Son.	£.- 12s. 11d
Commission @ 2½%	4d.
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	£- 13s. 3d.
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Authority for Expenditure

GENERAL WARRANT.

I CERTIFY that the above account is correct, the expenditure incurred  
under the authority quoted, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ charged ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ fair and reasonable.  
HCCX DEX

£ -. 13s. 3d.

*W. C. Brown*  
for Colonial Secretary.  
Head of Department.

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Received from the Colonial Treasury the amount specified in the foregoing  
warrant; to the correctness of which I hereby certify.

Witness.



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED  
AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: 30 W/FALKLAND ISLANDS  
TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE. 7730 VICTORIA.

2860.

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



20th February 1928.

Sir,

W/FALKLAND IS. 2860, INDENT NO. 110, DATED 21.11.27

Rev 12-13

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter No.43/27 dated the 21st November 1927 in  
connection with the overhaul of the defective flasher  
belonging to Port William Beacon Light.

2. Reference was made to the Elder Brethren, Trinity  
House, regarding the failure of the flasher, and they were  
asked to investigate the circumstances of the failure with  
a view to ascertaining the cause and possible remedy.

13.2.28

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Trinity House,  
No.L.62/1928 dated the 13th February 1928, and it will be  
noted that it is suggested by the Elder Brethren that the  
flasher should be brought into general service on its return  
to the Colony, or tested every six months.

3. The flasher is being repaired at a cost of  
£4.15s.0d. and will be despatched in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS



COPY OF A LETTER FROM TRINITY HOUSE TO THE CROWN AGENTS.

L.62/1928

Trinity House,

London, E.C.3.

13th February 1928.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter dated the 3rd ultimo, forwarding copy of a letter from the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, relative to a defective flasher from Port William Beacon Light, I am directed to inform you that the flasher in question has been examined and it has been found that the defect is due to the ratchet wheel, by which the double character of the flasher is controlled, becoming stiff in action, particularly in the position in which it eventually became fixed.

(2) The cost of rectifying this defect will be four pounds fifteen shillings, and the repaired flasher will be ready for shipment in the course of a few days.

(3) It is suggested that to prevent as far as possible, a recurrence of the defect, the flasher be brought into general service on its return to the Colony, or be tested say every six months instead of being kept in store for long periods.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) ?

Secretary.

IND IS 2860.

ADVICE OF ORDERS PLACED.

Communications to be  
addressed to the Crown  
Agents for the Colonies,  
the above reference and  
the date of this letter  
being quoted.



The Crown Agents for the Colonies present their

compliments to The Colonial Secretary,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

and have the honour to enclose copies of the undermentioned  
accepted tenders in connection with the indent noted in the  
margin.

Indent No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

A period of 14 to 28 days should be added to  
the date promised for delivery, being the time which may  
elapse between the goods being ready and a suitable opportunity  
for shipment, and, unless a further advice is sent you, it may  
generally be assumed that the date promised for delivery in  
England will not be exceeded.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.

21st February 1928.

Firm.	Nature of Goods (and indent item numbers).	Date promised for delivery in England.	Cost. £
Trinity House.,	Repairing of Defective Flasher.	now ready.	£4. 15. 0.
	"Vide our letter No.	30 of 20. 2. 28.	"

ES/.

16th February 1938.

T-62/1929

Received 27 May 1997

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With further reference to your letter dated the 2nd instant, forwarding copy of a letter from the Colonial Secretary, Adelaide Bureau, relative to a defective flasher from Fort Fisher Beacon Light, I am directed to inform you that the flasher in question has been examined and it has been found that the defect is due to the ratchet wheel, by which the audible character of the flasher is controlled, becoming stiff in action, particularly in the position in which it externally becomes blind.

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(2) The cost of rectifying this defect will be four pounds, fifteen shillings, and the repaired flasher will be ready for shipment in the course of a few days.

(3) It is suggested that, to prevent as far as possible, a recurrence of the defect, the *Flasher* be brought into general rotation on his return to the Colony, or be tested say every six months instead of being kept in store for long periods.

11 am

Sir,

**Your obedient Sergeant,**

12th Dec 1978  
Went over to the  
Hill at 2.00  
But - no wind  
So I got 5 and a  
half

Secretary.

The Brown Agents for the Colonies,

4. **MLBank.**

No.

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



MINUTE.

23

2nd. May, 1928

From Colonial Engineer,

Stanley.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

HARBOUR LIGHTS - Fitting of Sunvalves.

I beg to submit for approval the issue of a Special Warrant for £260. 0. 0. under Head AVIII. Public Works Recurrent (13) Harbour Lights, being the value of the three sunvalves and cylinders approved by Colonial Office letter C.O.35135/27 of 21/10/27 and Secretary of State's telegram of  
Res 10 - 10th November (M.P.43/27) to be fitted to the leading in lights of Stanley Harbour.

These sunvalves are being fitted to the lights and the work is nearly complete.

*H. B. White*  
for Colonial Engineer.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

19

No. 21/1928

SPECIAL WARRANT.

*Arch. Holm*  
Governor.

Date 15 May 19 28

TO THE HONOURABLE  
THE TREASURER.

Whereas it has become necessary, in the interests of the Public service, to incur certain Expenditure, not sufficiently<sup>a</sup> provided for in the Estimates, as set forth in the subjoined Schedule,<sup>b</sup> in anticipation<sup>c</sup> of a vote of the Legislature<sup>d</sup> and of the approval of the Secretary of State:—

a. to remain only in case of an excess on a vote.  
b to be struck out if complete authority has been obtained c or d if either partial authority has been obtained.

You are hereby, on my personal responsibility, authorized and required to pay from the Treasury the sum of TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY Pounds Shillings and Pence and to charge it to the Heads and Sub-heads of the Expenditure specified in the Schedule.

And for so doing, this, together with the proper Accounts, Certificates and Acquittances, shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge.

Schedule.

Particulars of Service.	To be charged to				
	Head.	Sub-Head.	£	s.	d.
Harbour Lights.	XVIII.	13.			
Fitting of Sunvalves with accumulators for the leading in lights of Stanley Harbour, .viz.- Sparrow Cove (North shore light) Engineer Point. Navy Point.	Public Works Recurrent.	Upkeep of Harbour Lights.	260.	0.	0
Approved by Secretary of State's telegram of 10th November 1927. 11/9. 43/27.					

Signature of the Officer submitting the Schedule for Warrant. *W. White*  
Colonial Engineer.

Date 9th May. 19 28.

(Special warrants are to be prepared in triplicate. One copy to be filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, one in the Treasury, and one to be furnished to the Audit).

EDWARD COOPER & SON

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27  
*Montevideo* 4th May, 1928

To the

COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Port Stanley. F.I.



Dear Sir,

*Recd 19—*

We are in receipt of your favour of the 7th April, and in accordance with your instructions we have collected from Messrs: Maclean & Stapledon, of this City, the sum of £ -:12:11 being the amount of our Note of Charges dated 28th January ult<sup>o</sup>, for which we are obliged,

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish extending downwards and to the right.

RB/GC



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

7th August, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 278.

Sir,

In continuation of Mr. Hodson's despatch No. 52 of the 30th of January, 1928, on the subject of the harbour lights exhibited at Port Stanley, I have the honour to inform you that the re-organisation of this service has now been duly completed and to forward for your information copies of two forms which have been sent in accordance with the provisions of Colonial Regulation 205 to the Board of Trade and to the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty, showing particulars of

(i) Point William Light marking the northern entry to the outer harbour  
and (ii) Leading-in-Lights marking the entry to the inner harbour.

2. I would add that other than the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse and the lights therein described no harbour lights are exhibited at the present time at Port Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
L. C. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

No.  
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

18th February, 19 31.

From

Harbour Master.  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable the Colonial

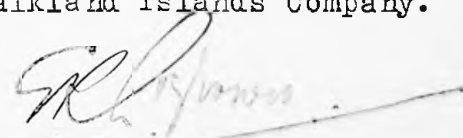
Secretary.

I have the honour to inform you that the Director of Public Works has reported that Navy Point Light and Engineer Point Light are not functioning owing to shortage of gas. Cylinders expected by the "Orduna" did not arrive and it will not be possible to put the lights in operation again until the arrival of the next steamer from England in April.

2. I request that the wireless station may be asked to broadcast the following warning to shipping at intervals over the period in question taking care to ensure that vessels approaching the Harbour receive the message.

Vessels entering Stanley Harbour are warned that the lights on Engineer Point and Navy Point are not at present functioning.

3. I have informed the Falkland Islands Company.

  
Harbour Master.