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No. 167/46.

Ag. Coll. of Customs

SUBJECT.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1946.

17th September

Previous Paper.

REORGANISATION OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

MINUTES.

/. Letter from Ag. Collector of Customs of 17. 9. 46

Subsequent Paper.

(2)

Y.E.,

I have discussed red (62) with Mr. Carr and now submit the following observations on the question generally.

1. Customs. Mr. Biggs served as Assistant Customs Officer at South Georgia from April 1942 to April, 1945, since when he has held the post of Assistant Customs Officer, Stanley. On Mr. Carr's departure I consider the post should be offered to Mr. Biggs with salary commencing at the minimum of Grade II.

The grant of free quarters and fuel to the persons holding Customs appointments dates back many years, and with all due respect I must say that I fail to see why discrimination is necessary between a Falkland Islander and an Officer recruited from overseas, when both are required to perform the same duties.

I have no recollection of the ruling to which Y.E. refers in the margin of red (62).

Mr. Biggs draws no allowances, but he does work overtime when necessity demands, and for this he is paid the overtime laid down in the Customs Ordinance.

2. Shipping Master. It is absolutely necessary that such an appointment be made, and the 'man on the job', the Customs Officer, would appear to be the man to fill it.

3. Collector of Customs. I have discussed this question with Mr. Carr who feels that the most suitable temporary arrangement would be for me to act as Collector, to whom Mr. Biggs could refer any matter for a decision or advice in the event of a difficulty arising. While I have no knowledge or experience of Customs work, if it is Y.E.'s wish that I should undertake these duties in addition to those of my substantive office, then I will do my best.

4. Competent Authority (Supplies). The arrangements suggested by Mr. Carr seem to me to be the best that can be made with the staff available, but I would observe that no matter who undertakes these duties, difficulties are almost certain to arise in view of the fact that the Department was created by and has throughout its existence been almost entirely in the sole charge of Mr. Carr who alone understands it many intricacies.

The allowance of £50 per annum provided for this service is to be found under Head IV. Treasury & Customs, s/h. 1.

D.W.G.
For C.S.
18/9/46.

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A.S.
He spoke with Mr. Carr. I explained
w.r.t. x that I did not wish to
discriminate. It was a matter of pay.
ing allowances etc. I don't like, for
they are better made part of emoluments
if they are for such things as fuel,
housing.

2. Mr. Biggs may act as Customs Officer w.e.f. date of Mr. Carr's departure. He will be on probation for a year - his acting in the post will for him be like to be. He will not be pensionable but may draw an Acty. Allowance under Ch. 35. It is better to transfer to S.G. during the period if necessary.

3. He may also draw:-
- (i) for fuel allowance
 - (ii) S.M.'s allowance of £36
 - (iii) Allowance under C.A. £30 (see ① & 4).

A.B.L.
20.9.46

Letter to B.N. Biggs Esq. of 7.10.46
(Copies to Treasury and P/51 (B.N. Biggs)).

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Act 4
* n (2). It is necessary for a 'Certificate' to be gazetted, vide the Customs Act. It should be made clear if you would undertake a 'working brief' in that capacity. You cannot (if you have no time) do more.

2. § 4 of (2) attached.

A.B.L.
8.10.46

Gazette Notice No. 45 of 8.10.46
(Copies to P/17 - Capt. Alandge - P/51/B.N. Biggs, Esq.)

6.

Letter to E.F. Hellman, Esq. of 8.10.46.
(Copy to P/165 E.F. Hellman).

7.

GA. [Signature]
11/10

8 minute from Comp. Auth of 2. 6. 47

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W.E.

The arrangements for Customs work as shown at 1-6. In should gazetted as Acting Collector (this has been overlooked) I suggest either D. Hamilton or the Ady. A.C.S. by office.

2. Mr. Briggs's term as acting C.O. expires on 5. 10. 47, it will then be for some weeks he is to be compensated at so on that salary. Other conditions. His salary should be sufficient to include house allowance fuel: and, I suggest, Shipping Master's allowance: all consolidated. He was allowed to draw these allowances because his Car had done then I did not wish to lay down a definite scale for the post until Mr. E's arrival.

3. His present emoluments are:-

Gr. III (1/2 of £150)
+ Gr II (1/2 of £250)
+ increments £50

} and	Salary (Grade III)	£ 250
	Acting Acc ^y Wheeling	250
	Transportation	50
	S.M.	36
	C.A.	30
		<u>£ 316</u>

plus free fuel & house worth £50.
but the allowance as Competent Authority shd. stand as an integral part of the emoluments of the post of C.O.

p. 36 of 1947
Ests.
I, (ii) (iii)

4. Lt Grierson, C.O., S.G., was
on leave for the winter, is expected to
return to S.G. by first shipping ship
of 1947/48 season. He is in Gr. II
on £210. (The C.O. S.G. Lt Dunbar
is on leave prior to retirement). He shd.
ask head S.G. for a report on L.A. But
in any case I had not contemplated
a higher rate of salary for the C.O.
Stanley than Grade I in J.E.'s proposed
scheme (£280⁻²⁰⁻³⁶⁰, permissible): in the
meantime J.E. may think that Gr. II of
the scheme (£215-15-275) + £30 p.o. -
C.A. would be appropriate.

cf. (23) §2
in 80/37

5. This is considerably less than
Lt Bigger's present emoluments & would
not include free fuel & house. But when
Lt Carr left the prospects were uncertain
& as Lt B. was to act as C.O. / it
seemed proper to correlate his emoluments
with those appd. for the substantive C.O.

6. I think the meaning of x in
§ 3 of D is that he wd. be supervised
& helped as necessary by the Actg.
Collector (A.C.S.) & myself. But I
~~think~~ ^{suggests that} the time has come to consider

8 sympathetically: I am inclined to see
best the engagement of a clerk to be per-
manently a member of the Customs Dept.
to be trained in Customs duties. We
need extra help now in Stanley. During
the season at least 2 have been required
at S.G. though Magistrate is doing
without a second like the second now home
is put up (see (26) § 2 in 80/37) Does there
are at least 2 posts (for the service is
interchangeable) for which in std. has 3
Officers.

7. May I suggest writing applica-
tions for probationary post of Asst. C.O.
from present members of the service: more
particularly in view of (26) § 1 in 80/37 in
Gr. IV in (III)?

9. ^{But (?)} ~~Does~~ ask Mag. S.G. whether
he really requires 2 C.O.s? I under-
stand that during the season there is work
for 2. ^{But as to the writer, he see}
^{Magistrate can manage alone.}
(21) in 80/37 - I feel, however, that
then std. always be an Officer of standing
in S.G. in case the Magistrate want
risk: that therefore the establishment
would be 1 C.O. in writer + an
Asst. C.O. in summer.

C. B. E.
9.6

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Your para 1 — certainly not D. Hamilton who might
 thereby be required to prosecute in front of himself *q.o.a.*
 I think the question we have to answer is as to whether
 Mr. Biggs has satisfied Court in regard to his ability to
 run the Dept. If the answer is in the affirmative —
 and the little I have seen of his work suggests that he is
 both vigilant and efficient — then I think that he should
 be given the post and that we need not fall back
 on the expedient of a 'ghost' Comptroller. Again, if the
 answer is in the affirmative the appointment should I
 consider be in Grade I (now) but without free house
 and fuel or any other allowance other than that in
 respect of his Company duties or Compulsory Duty and
 I am not ~~convinced~~ convinced that even that is necessary; the volume
 of work (given the clerical assistance for which he asks
 most reasonably in (8)) is not in my opinion such as
 to ~~warrant~~ justify a separate emolument. Most of the
 officials in the service of this Court. — and all small
 Circuits — have to take on other roles and that is that.
 The post will, of course, be pensionable?

2. The establishment should be

- (a) C & C Grade I
- (b) A.C. & C (S. Genqin) Grade II
- (c) A.C. & C Grade III?
- (d) can act as Clerk here during non-whitney season?

MC, 9/vi

HE

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In § 2 of (20) in 80/37/1 Reg. S.G. reported
(45) in P/1 S

His intention of recommending Lt: Grierson (who is now on leave in the U.K. but will be back for 1947/48 season) to succeed Lt: Humphreys as C.O. S.G. i.e. to promote him from Gr. II to Gr. I. I have no personal knowledge of this Officer. He was appointed Asst. C.O. S.G. on 1.4.45 and has therefore only had 2 years experience, none with Lt: Carr. I doubt if he should be promoted to Gr. I - even if the S.G. post warrants it.

2. Lt: Biggs was appointed Asst. C.O. S.G. on 7.4.42, 3 years before Lt: Grierson, & from 10.4.45 to 6.X.46 when Lt: Carr left the Colony he was trained by an expert. Since then, I would respectfully endorse x of 10.

3. He is still in Gr. III & I should suggest :-

- (a) asking Reg. S.G. for a report on Lt: Grierson & if satisfactory appointing him to the new Gr. II (£215-15-275) as C.O. S.G. in 1948. But interchangeable.
- (b) promoting Lt: Biggs to ^{existing} Gr. II now.
- (c) making the post of ~~Collector~~ Collector in Gr. I pensionable (£280-20-360) and in 1948 and for the present gazetting

Mr Biggs to act as Collector during an absence under Ch. 35 based on his salary in Gr. II (wh. comes to £200) and the first step in Gr. I (£250) = £225 + the part of house (as at present) till end of 1947 (+ £30 p.m. as C.A.): then he might be offered promotion to the next position in Grade I. as at 7 of 10.

(d) alternative to (c) - ? provide Mr Biggs to perform Gr. I now, i.e. £250 + allowances as C.A. only till end of 1947.]

That might be difficult?

(e) engage a new Asst. C.O. as at §§ 6 & 7 of 9: to act as Clerk at Stanley during the non-shooting season (last of 10).

Yes.

4. Does Mr E. prefer the title "Asst. Collector of Customs" (§ 2 of 10)?

Unmaterial?
 Consideration is
 made, and, logically, if
 the head of the Dept. is
 Col. of Customs, his assistant
 should be called Customs Officer (Gr II or III)
 or Asst. Collector of Customs.

ABL
 13.6.47

As in 3 (a) (b) (c) ^{and (e)} above, I think?

Telegram No. 79 to Magistrate South Georgia of 14. 6. 47

13.

Letter to B.N. Biggs, Esq. of 14.6.47.
(Copy filed in P/151 - Mr. Biggs P/Files Copies to Treasury 2.)

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ME

May (14) issue, Mr. Biggs will see that I have included Mr. Biggs' allowance as S.M. of £36 p.a. It is, I think, in the spirit of (62) in P/151: - (14) means that his basic emolument are less than at present i.e.:-

By (62) in P/151 they are	$\frac{150}{2} + \frac{250}{2} + \frac{50}{2} =$	250
By (14) basis	$\frac{200}{2} + \frac{250}{2} + 0 =$	225

AB
16-6

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App^d. so long as he does not need into last sentence of 14 that the allow. etc. will be added to basic salary and the new salary calculated in such addition.

I have deleted the last sentence
AB
16.6

MC. 16/vi

Telegram No. 89 from Magistrate South Georgia of 15.6.47

17.

Telegram No. 90 from Magistrate South Georgia of 15. 6. 47.

18.

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ME

I had Mr. S.G. in a d/o letter that there was a likelihood that Mr. Biggs would be conferred in the post of C.O. in S.G. to

has acting: } (13) herein
or (55) in P/1 asked for
a report on his Grierson by mail. (18) is
the reply.

2. (17) (18) add letter to my knowledge.
If there is comment, it is perhaps that in
view of the circumstances at § 2 of " his G.
was furnished in being provided to Gr. II before
his B. He ~~is~~ was in Gr. II (£200-10-250) +
for furnished water, light & fuel - £50 p.c.
"Duty Acc" (sh. shd. to "Charge Acc"). If
he is employed in that grade as C.O. S.G.
he will be a £215-15-275 when JE's regarding
proposals come into force.

Substantially

3. But his numbers was Gr. I (£250
-10-350) which I submit is over-paying the
post, having regard to the other conditions of
service in S.G. I expect that S.G. thinks
that both C.O. S.G. - C.O. Stanley are to
be Gr. I posts. He shd. ∴ reply to § 2
say that it is proposed to ~~the~~ employ
his Grierson in the Gr. II post of C.O. S.G.:
that his Biggs has been promoted to Gr. II:
that an Asst. C.O. (or C. of C.) is being
appointed, in present Gr. IV.

Acq. Mc. 19/vi

A. B. S.
19.6

X
B. d
27.6
22.6
20.6

Minute from O.K. Treasury of 21. 6. 47.

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A.T.

I was seen by Ag. C. V. at 10 a.m.
on 25.6.47.

ABL
23.6

24.

Thanks.

noted thank you

25.

ABL
24/6/47.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Ag. C. of C. in former, pl.

24/6.

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I saw A.T. & Ag. C. V. to day.
No change like in get Auditor's
advise.

PA ABL
25.6

Bel
27/6
(X advise)
25/6

I only want his i.c. w. app. of
new Asst. C.O. to check for pe.
check his one.

ABL
27.6

B. for K. L.
20.7.47
ABL
97

A.S. Sec.

(22) Re. discuss with A.T. - furnish
me with your views.

A.B.H.
21.7

29.Hon. Col. Sec.

I have discussed with A.T. same in full agreement with him as to the advisability of the Ag. C. of C. assuming the responsibility for the collection of all Customs Revenue. In my opinion, the collection of such revenue should form no part of the duties of a Treasurer; + accounting methods in the Treasury would be improved + facilitated if the collection of as much revenue as possible could be carried out by responsible departments, the responsibility of the Treasury being confined to receiving such revenue at stated intervals.

R.B.

22/7

Ag. C. of C.

I agree with 29: When can you
take on this responsibility?

A.B.H.
23.7

31

H.C.S.

The matter has been discussed with A. Treasurer and we have agreed that the change-over should take effect from August 1st.

2.

See 0374 (Purchase of Safes from R.N.)

(Intld) B.N.B.
Ag. C. of C.
24.7.47

*See 19/8
8/8
19/8
2/12*

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C.22

I presume this is now in effect?

ABE
18.8

33.

H.C.S.

The 'change over' took place on August 1st as agreed pl.

B.N.B.
Ag. C. of C.
19.8.47.

PA ABE
2/12

BE

Before the minutes meeting G.E. may wish to refer to 11 § 3(c) v (14).

2. In the fin no allowance as S.M. - C.A. as for heat - house (q. 4) sh. as a relic of his Carr.

ABE
27.8

ME

28/11/47

PA ABE
3/12

A.T. To note A.P.

(1) ~~62~~
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
17th September, 1946.



*(originally filed in P/151
(B. N. Biggs))*

Sir,

As I expect to leave the Colony within the next few weeks, I beg to submit some suggestions concerning the future running of the Departments under my control.

I think it is laid down somewhere that free quarters is to be supplied as a matter of course.
P. 8(v) of 15b in 62/42 (Col. Services Requisition).

1. Customs. I suggest that Mr. B. N. Biggs, Assistant Customs Officer be appointed Customs Officer, grade II at a commencing salary of £200. This post has always, in the past, carried with it free quarters and peat, and the post itself is pensionable irrespective of the holder (see 1946 Estimates). I understand that His Excellency is reluctant to grant free quarters to a locally domiciled officer, but I respectfully suggest that, in view of the importance of the post (the officer collects some £15,000 of revenue annually), and of the fact that it is a position of trust, the matter should be reconsidered and a grant either of free quarters, or of the £40 allowance in lieu mentioned in the Customs Officer's agreement, be made. In any case I consider it absolutely essential that the officer should be provided with peat, as a Customs Officer has to be available at any hour of the day and night, and he would be quite unable to exercise proper control over a ship's discharge if he had to spend the evening on a peat bog some miles from the town.

2. Shipping Master. I suggest that Mr. Biggs be appointed to the post, with an allowance of £36 per annum.

Who?

3. Concerning the above duties, I am quite satisfied that Mr. Biggs will carry them out efficiently, but in view of his comparative lack of experience I strongly advise that some senior officer be appointed Acting Collector of Customs in my place so that there will be some immediate superior to whom Mr. Biggs can turn for advice should he need it.

4. Competent Authority (Supplies). I suggest that Mr. Biggs be appointed to this post in my place, but that his duties be limited to

(i) Dealing with import and export licences and programmes.

(ii) Dealing with rationing.

(iii) Receiving, sorting and delivering goods and assessing their value.

I suggest that the accounting side of the post be carried out by the Treasury. The current allowance paid to the Competent Authority (Supplies) is £50 p.a., and I suggest that Mr. Biggs should draw £30 and Mr. Lellman £20 of this sum in future.

5. Income Tax. The greater part of the 1946 assessment has been completed, and the 1947 demands for returns will be ready when I leave. This leaves very little work to be

done /

before about next April or May, and I think that Mr. Lellman could very well attend to the few assessments that remain to be dealt with for 1946. I am minuting separately on the subject of Income Tax Commission.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. Harris

Actg. Collector of Customs.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

A.C.S.

Re. sph. with Mr. Carr

2. Mr. Biggs is a personal on £200 at the top of Gr. III. He reports that allowances he draws check up on the marginal rates on p. 1.

3. I don't like 'free post' much. Nor do I regard the conclusion of an Officer's employment with the amount of his allowances as necessarily sound.

4. 'C.A.' like Mr. Biggs is put to doing the same work - carrying the same responsibility as Mr. Carr? When does his allowance start from?

A. B. E.

17.5.46

167/46.

7th October,

46.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency proposes to appoint you to act as Customs Officer, Stanley, on probation for a period of one year. During the period of your probation the post would not be pensionable.

2. While so acting you would draw an Acting Allowance calculated in accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 35, and in addition you would be granted a free house and an allowance of peat at the rate of 54 loads per annum.

3. His Excellency also proposes to appoint you to be Shipping Master, for which duties you would be paid the allowance of £36 provided in the Estimates. For the time being you would also perform the duties of Competent Authority (Supplies), but these duties would be limited to

- (i) Dealing with import and export licences and programmes;
- (ii) Dealing with rationing; and
- (iii) Receiving, sorting and delivering goods, and assessing their value.

The accounting side of the office would be carried out by the Treasury. For your services in this connection you would be paid an allowance at the rate of £30 per annum.

4. I am to point out that the Customs Officer is liable to be posted either to Stanley or to South Georgia, at the discretion of Government.

5. I am to enquire whether you are prepared to accept this acting appointment on the terms indicated. If so, it will take effect from the 6th of October, 1946, inclusive: but your acting as Customs Officer conveys no expression or implied undertaking that you would be offered the permanent post.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

N. Biggs, Esq.,
STANLEY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
8th October, 1946.

His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, with effect from the 6th of October, 1946:-

CAPTAIN L. W. ALDRIDGE, M.B.E., J.P.,

^{Assistant}
~~Acting~~ Colonial Secretary, to act as Collector of Customs:

B. N. BIGGS, ESQUIRE,

Assistant Customs Officer, to act as Customs Officer,
Shipping Master, and Competent Authority (Supplies).

By Command,

for Colonial Secretary.

8th October, 46.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency wishes you, as a temporary measure, to undertake the accounting duties attached to the Office of Competent Authority (Supplies), with effect from the 6th of October, 1946. The general duties of the office will be performed by Mr. B. N. Biggs, Acting Customs Officer. While you are performing these duties His Excellency has approved the payment to you of two-fifths of the allowance provided for Competent Authority, i. e. two-fifths of £50 = £20 per annum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) L. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

Imaz, Esq.,
er-in-Charge,
Treasury,
ST. PAUL'S.



MINUTE.

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2nd June, 1947.

TO The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

FROM Competent Authority, &
Actg. Customs Officer,
Stanley.

*pp. inc. Speach
A.B.E.
2/6*

Extra clerical assistance, Customs and
Competent Authority's Depts.

Following our conversation on the above subject I now have the honour to forward in writing my application for clerical assistance for the various departments at present under my control.

2. My duties at present cover the following :-

Customs.

- (a) General Customs supervision on vessels while unloading, checking entries, ships stores; opening of dutiable packages etc., etc.
- (b) Indoor Customs working including tabulating imports and exports, ledger posting, collection of the various customs duties. Dealing with minute papers - there being at the present time no Collector of Customs. Shipping Master's work must also at times be carried out in working hours.

Competent Authority's Department.

(c) The following foods are at present under control by rationing:-

Tea, Sugar, Butter, Flour, (Flour still under consideration).

Clothing is also rationed.

This work requires the issue of hundreds of coupons and which also have to be recorded in their appropriate ledger.

- (d) The issue of permits for the parcels scheme.
- (e) The issue of import licences for all items. The work in this direction has increased since the various exporters in the United Kingdom have been sending out catalogues. As far as is known it is still necessary for us to issue import licences for such small purchases especially as the surrender of coupons at this end is demanded for items of clothing from U.K.

*Colonial coupons?
Yes, Sir
A.B.E.*

- (f) Programming of foodstuffs from certain sources.
- (g) Filing.
- (h) Typing.
- (i) Lend-Lease goods are still occasionally arriving and must be costed, unpacked and delivered.
- (j) Minute papers.

9x

3. I do not wish to take advantage of the fact that Mr. Carr is not here to repudiate anything I say, but before he left he told me that I would not be left on my own. I did think of making application some months ago but during His Excellency the Governor's visit to this department I could see that he was not anxious to employ further assistance so I decided to give the matter a fair trial. After a lapse of some eight months I am able to see clearly that I cannot continue as at present and carry out my duties efficiently and to my own satisfaction without aid. His Excellency I feel sure will agree that Customs work will not decrease and the general world food situation will not allow us to relax restrictions for some time to come.

I would therefore respectfully request that further consideration be given to the employment of extra assistance which will result in increased efficiency in the running of the department.

4. A junior ^{Official} person capable of issuing the many different types of permits, coupons, and perhaps typing and indexing is all that would be required, unless it is intended that another person is to be trained in Customs duties.

B. N. Biggs
Actg. Customs Officer &
Competent Authority, (S).

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Copy filed in P/1 "W.J. Grierson's P File"			14. 6. 47.

To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

45 - P/1 "W.J. Grierson's P/1 file"

No. 79. Your telegram No. 106 of August 3rd 1946 paragraph 2 stop Please furnish confidential report on officer named by ~~Kirst~~ first mail.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

See 18

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Copy filed in P/151 - Mr. Biggs' P. file.
Copies to Treasury (2)

15th June, 47.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to direct that you should be promoted to Grade II and that you should be gasetted as Acting Collector of Customs with effect from the 15th of June, 1947. You will draw an acting allowance based on Colonial Regulation 39 and your salary in Grade II (£200) and the first step in Grade I (£250) plus Free Fuel and housing and your allowances as Competent Authority and Shipping Master until the 31st of December, 1947. These terms, which are based on the conditions set forth in my letter No. 167/46 of the 7th of October, 1946, will be subject to revision on the 1st of January, 1948.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

See 79 in P/151 Vol II - Mr. Biggs'
P. file.

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS
Colonial Secretary.

B. W. Biggs, Esq.,
Acting Customs Officer,
STANLEY.

See 22.

DECODE.No. 140.TELEGRAM.From Magistrate South Georgia.To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : June 15th 19 47 Time : 13.50.

Received : June 16th 19 47 Time : 10.00

*It was a private letter
ABC*

No. 89. Your despatch 4th June as Grierson is senior to Biggs it appears to me that former has prior claim and it is only fair that he should be considered for post of Customs Officer Stanley. I feel that he is capable of performing the duties.

2. He might however prefer to return here if offered post of Customs Officer South Georgia and I suggest that he should be sounded now and before he makes his final arrangements for returning from leave.

Reply at 21

MAGISTRATE.

G.T.C. V.P.
TYPED. L.J.H.*Copy filed in P/1 "W. J. Grierson's P file"*

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DECODE.

No. 139.

TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : June 15th 19 47 Time : 13.50.

Received : June 16th 19 47 Time : 10.00.

No. 90. Confidential. Your telegram No. 79. Do not anticipate any opportunity for mails to Stanley for some months.

2. Person named has carried out his duties conscientious^{ly} and efficiently and has proved himself reliable and trustworthy Customs Officer. Although he had little experience in clerical duties when he arrived here he has made good on this side and now has a sound knowledge of official routine accounting and typing.

MAGISTRATE.

G.T.C.

LJH.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

SECRETARY SOUTH GEORGIA.

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 1. Your telegram no. 89 stop Biggs has been promoted to grade 2 and confirmed as Customs officer stop This post is interchangeable with that of Customs officer South Georgia which will in future also be grade 2 and in which it is proposed to confirm Grierson stop Unless you have further remarks therefore no action will be taken on your paragraph 2 stop para

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2. paragraph 2 of your telegram no. 106 of 3rd August 1946 an Assistant Customs officer is being sought and your telegram no. 157 of 24th October 1946 kept in mind.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No.

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

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21st June

To ~~Mr.~~ The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

From The Assistant Treasurer.

STANLEY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to enquire whether, in view of the appointment of an acting Collector of Customs and the impending appointment of an assistant, the responsibility of collection of all Customs Duty could now fall on the Customs Department.

2. I would be grateful therefore if I could receive your approval to hand over the books under reference on the 1st July, please.

Assistant Treasurer.

See Mr.

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