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Y.E., I have discussed red (62) with Mr. Carr and now submit the following observations on the question generally. <u>1. Customs.</u> 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.

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.

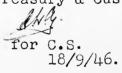
2. <u>Shipping Master.</u> It is absolutely necessary that such an appointment be made, and the 'man on the job', the Customs Officer, would appear to be the man to fill it.

3. <u>Collector of Customs</u>. 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. <u>Competent Authority (Supplies)</u>. 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.

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Hon. Col. Sec.

I have discussed with A.T. vom in full agreement with him as to the advisability of the G. 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 world 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. RR 22/7

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Stanley, Falkland Islands, 17th September, 1946.



1 originally filed in P/151 (B. M. 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.

1. Customs. I suggest that Mr. B. N. Biggs, Assistant Customs Officer be appointed Customs Officer, grade II at a commencing salary of $\pounds 200$. 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 $\pounds 15,000$ 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 $\pounds 40$ 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. <u>Shipping Master.</u> I suggest that Mr. Biggs be appointed to the post, with an allowance of £36 per annum.

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. <u>Competent Authority (Supplies)</u>. 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. <u>Income Tax.</u> 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

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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.

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I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

Actg.Collector of Customs.

The Honourable, The Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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7th October,

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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 Allowonce 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 236 prowided 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
- (111) 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 230 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.

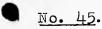
5. I am to enquire whether you are prepared to accept this acting appointment on the terms indicated. If so, it will take effect from the 6th of October, 1946, inclusive: but your acting as Customs Officer conveys no expression or implied undertaking that you would be offered the permanent post.

I am,

Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd:) L: W, ALDRIDGE

N. Mggs, Esq.,

for Colonial Secretary.



GAZETTE NOTICE.

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., 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.

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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. M. Biggs, Acting Customs Officer. While you are performing these duties His Excellency has approved the payment to you of twofifths of the allowance provided for Competent Authority, i.e. two-fifths of 250 = 220 per anaum.

I am,

Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) L. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

Iman, Esq., er-in-Charge, Treasury, STATTY. TO The Honourable, The Colonial Secretary, Stanley. 2nd June, 1947.

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

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.

(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.

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 be 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.

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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 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.

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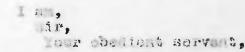
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(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

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From Lagistrate South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

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

2. He wight 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 takes his final arrange onts for returning from leave.

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From The Jagistrate South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched :	June	15th	19	47	Time :	18.50.
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15 10. 90. Confidential. Your telegram 10. 79. Do not anticipate any opportunity for mails to stanley for some months.

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

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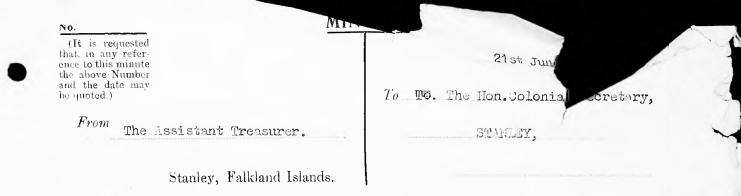
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I have the bonour to enquire whether, in view of the appointment of an acting Collector of Customs and the impending appointment of an assistant, the responsibility of collection of all Customs Duty could now fall on the Customs Department.

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

In lin vien

Assistant Preasurer. .

