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(Formerly)

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SUBJECT:

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

Accommodation for.

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CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

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Customs Department.

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" " Staff.

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" " Accommodation for inspection of baggage etc.

No.

0112/C

MEMORANDUM.

3rd May, 19 50.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

From  
The Collector of Customs,  
Stanley.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Accommodation for Customs Department,

With the removal of the Post Office to the rebuilt Town Hall, His Excellency the Governor has suggested that the Customs Department should occupy the vacant offices in the Gymnasium.

2. While I appreciate that the present building occupied by the Customs is up for sale, and will have to be vacated anyway, in due course, I am of the opinion that the Gymnasium offices are unsuitable for Customs purposes, for the following reasons:-

(a) They are too large;

(b) Too far removed from the wharves and warehouses;

(c) Loading and unloading cargoes, shipping and landing of dutiable stores can be more easily supervised when the office is close at hand. This fact is proved in that the Customs House is always the first building in evidence anywhere in the world.

(d) The Gymnasium offices are reputed to be cold and draughty in the extreme.

3. I am of the opinion that the time has come when consideration should be given to the erection of permanent office accommodation for the Customs Department. The building would not have to be more than a two-roomed building, requiring only a small piece of land somewhere in the vicinity of the jetties.

4. Could the above matters be given serious consideration please?

*Burbyff*

Collector of Customs.

4 MAY 1950

*attach pps where Customs Dept transferred to present office 12/5/50*

*ACS*  
*see 35 in 217/57*  
*attached*

3.  
Y. E.

Page 1. Collector of Customs draws our attention to the fact that Mr. Miller is going to sell the house in Ross Road which Government has rented from him for the last twelve years. At present it is occupied by the Government dentist, who has his surgery downstairs and a bed sitting room upstairs, and by the Customs Dept.: For the Dentist, his surgery will be accommodated in the extension to the K. E. M. Hospital when that is completed. We don't really want to go building a new office for the Customs Dept.: if we can avoid it.

2. I have not yet been able to discover the lease between us and Mr. Miller, but he would in any case have to give us reasonable notice in order that we may find other accommodation.

3. I think this is perhaps a case where Government might consider purchasing the house. I have not yet made any enquiries of Mr. Miller, and I do not know what figure he wants or whether he is selling the land as well as the house. Certainly the site is a good one. The house itself is old, and I am told it has dry rot in the floors. If we did buy it we should have to put some money and labour into repairing it. One point worth noting in that connection is that we recently carried out some alterations in the house (in connection with the dentist) and we agreed then to reinstate the property on quitting it. So whether we buy it or not we should be involved in some work on it. If we did buy it we could use the bottom floor as offices for Customs and anyone else we wanted to fit in, and the rest of the house might be converted into a flat. The principle requirement would be an upstairs lavatory, but I imagine that would not present any great difficulty. From the accommodation point of view it might be the answer to a house for Jones (FIDS, air mechanic).

4. I have mentioned the matter verbally to the E. E., who considers that it might be a reasonable bet. If Y. E. agrees I will instruct him to have a detailed examination of the house and to advise what Government might fairly offer.

  
As in para 4 please.

mc 6/v

6.5.50.

E. E. Above. I should be grateful if you would inspect and report, and for your advice generally.

  
8 MAY 1950

H.C.S.

1. I have inspected this building 10 May 1950.
2. The house proper consists of two downstairs rooms + 3 first floor (2 very small with no heating) + 2 attic rooms. In addition there is a 'lean-to' attached to the South side at present used by the dentist as mechanics workroom and store and the weekly news office.
3. In so far as living accommodation it would be cheaper from a plumbing point of view to convert the ground floor into living accommodation and make the upstairs into offices - heated by electricity in the case of the two small rooms and attics. Certainly this arrangement would be more suitable to the tenant (Iremee Church House which we converted into 'top floor flat'!).
4. The house is very old and on the East side is attached to a small bungalow which is I believe the property of Mrs Hoodley.
5. There is no peat shed and I am not certain how far the land extends to the South nor how much of the land the Millers would be willing to include - immediately on the West is the Millers' house. - Perhaps a letter could be directed to the Millers on this point.
6. The site is a good one however but the property is not worth more than £1000 (one thousand pounds)

New Mr. J. Bonna.

E.H. 11. May. 1950.

E.E.

Thank you. One other point. If we did buy the house, about how much do you reckon we should have to spend on it ourselves, assuming we converted the bottom half into offices (and that might mean providing a separate method of entry into the offices above).

13.5.50.

H.C.S.

(1) One thousand pounds.

E.H. 15.5.50.

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Y.E.

Reference minutes at p. 2. E.E's report at p. 3 submitted. He recommends a price of £1,000, and says that we should need to spend a further £1,000 on it ourselves. I have not yet enquired of Mr. Miller, but I should be surprised if he would accept £1,000.

Burned J

2. As houses go I would say that it is not a particularly good one. Its greatest asset from our point of view is its availability now. Its second asset is that it is a good site, assuming that he is selling the land with it.

3. I submit that there would be no harm at this stage if we now enquired of Mr. Miller what he wants for it and whether he is selling the land too. Draft letter at cover s.f.c.

16.5.50.

Issue.

mc. 16/v

*[Faint, illegible text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*



17th May, 50.

Sir,

It is understood that you are proposing to sell the property in Moss Road which you at present lease to this Government. As Government might be interested in purchasing this property, I am directed to enquire of you whether you are proposing to sell the land on which it stands and which surrounds it, and what figure you would accept.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Baymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 6

J. W. Miller, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

BW 25  
21/5/50

J. W. Miller

Ross Road, No.33  
Stanley 22nd May 1950  
Falkland Islands.

Sir,  
I have the honour to own receipt of your letter 217/37  
dated 17th May, which came to hand on 19th.

I am desirous of selling the property, Ross Road No.34,  
which is at present rented to the Government.

This would comprise:-

The stone-built dwelling house in its present state.  
The plot of land on which it is sited, being  
approximately 38 feet along Ross Road by  
108 feet North & South.

A right of way from John Street sufficient to permit  
the entry of carts or lorries for bringing down  
peat, removing ashes, etc.

(The garden plot behind the property and running up to  
John Street, I am not offering for sale. )

Price £2500- (Two thousand five hundred pounds) --

X | This price may seem to be high, but it would cost  
much more than this today to build a new house of similar  
dimensions, quite apart from the value of the land on the  
front road.

I trust that you will let me know whether  
Government is definitely interested. If you should desire  
to hold an option for a matter of 2 or 3 weeks, I shall be  
agreeable.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.

*J. W. Miller*

23 MAY 1950

Reply at 7.

See 20.

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27th May,

50.

Sir,

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I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd of May regarding the sale of the property Ross Road, No.34, and to inform you that Government would not be prepared to pay the sum of \$2,500 for this property, which, though admittedly on a good site, is itself old and not in very good condition. Government is advised that its present value is in the neighbourhood of \$1,000 and I am to say that, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, Government would be prepared to offer that amount, but no more.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply 18

Mr. J.W. Miller,  
STANLEY.

BW 15/4/50

VP

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J.W. Miller.

Ross Road No.33

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

13th June 1950.

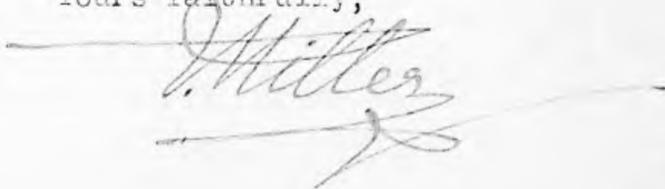
Sir,

I have the honour to own receipt of your letter Q273/C of 27th May last, which I have received on my return from Punta Arenas - hence delay in making this reply.

I quite agree that the property is old, but none the less valuable in view of the enormous cost of putting up new buildings.

However, in view of the fact that I did not pay a very high sum for the property and I consider that I have had a good tenant for so many years past, I am willing to accept £1500 (One thousand five hundred pounds) instead of the £2500- mentioned in my previous letter. Other conditions to be the same.

Yours faithfully,



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.



13 JUN 1950

Reply at 10

Y.E.

I mentioned p.8 to Y.E.yesterday. At p.6 Mr.Miller explains exactly what it is he is selling, and at p.8 he reduces his price from £2,500 to £1,500. I still think that is too much, but I submit that we might go a little way to meet him, and offer £1,200. (Subject to approval of Finance Committee for the necessary funds).

*R*

I am prepared to go to £1200 (Dev. Programme) -

15.6.50.

it will cost quite a bit to convert; i.e. we should keep the ground floor as Customs Office and turn the top into a main office or 2 small flats?

ms 15/ii

E.E.

Above, with Hrs 6-8 for information & comments.

What was the snag in the case of church house (you face 3 or p.3)?

*R*

15 JUN 1950

H.E.S.

1. I think £1200 should be the maximum especially in view of conditions attached re right of way only to John Street
2. The snag with upstairs flats here is the tiresome business of carrying peat upstairs and peat ash down.
3. I therefore suggest the offices should be upstairs & heated electrically

BEH 16.6.50.



20th June,

50.

Sir,

8 I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th of June, 1950, regarding the property Ross Road No. 34, and to say that Government does not feel able to offer £1,500 for the property, but that, subject to the approval of the necessary funds by the Standing Committee on Finance, Government is prepared to go some way towards meeting you, and to increase its original offer from £1,000 to £1,200.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. J. J. Miller,  
34, Ross Road,  
STANLEY.

VP

Bel-30/6/50



Y.E.

Your minute opposite. Yes, the intention would be to retain the Customs Dept: Office in the building. E.E. favours having the ground floor for a flat and the upstairs for offices (please see his minutes page 3, para 3 and page 9, paras 2 & 3).

*R*

*inc 23/11*

23.6.50.

*R*

*B.U. for reply to 10.*

24 JUN 1950

*Bu. 30/6/50*

JAMES W. MELLER

33 Ross Road

Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,

26th June, 1950.

Sir,  
Your letter of 20th June (ref/0273/G) duly to hand.

I have not answered earlier as I am reluctant to accept your latest offer of £1,200- for No. 34 Ross Road but as others have not offered to pay cash, I hereby signify my acceptance. The size of the land and the other terms to be as already stated in a previous letter.

I hope to have the new fences up by the 1st August 1950 and suggest that be fixed as the date for handing over the property - if your offer of £1200- (Onethousand two-hundred pounds) is confirmed.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

  
James W. Miller.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.  
Falkland Islands.

Reply at 14

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28th June,

50.

Sir,

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I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th of June, 1950, regarding the sale of No. 34, Ross Road and to confirm that subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, Government agrees to purchase the property, as defined in your earlier letter for \$1,200. The Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday, 3rd July, and I will advise you further immediately after its meeting.

2. It is agreed that the 1st of August, 1950, would be a convenient date for the handing over of the property.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) MICHAEL R. RAYMER,

See 15

See 15/50

J.W.Miller Esq.,  
MA. STANLEY.

Colonial Secretary.

3rd July, 50.

Sir,

16 I am directed to refer to my letter No. 0273/C of the 28th of June, 1950, and to say that the Standing Committee on Finance at its meeting this morning, advised that the price of £1,200 for the property No. 34, Ross Road, as defined in your letter of the 22nd of May, 1950, was more than should be paid. In their opinion if the garden plot behind the property and running up to John Street were included in the sale, then £1,200 would be a fair price, but if this were not included then £1,000 would be a fair price. I am accordingly to enquire whether you would be prepared to accept £1,000 for the property as defined in your letter of the 22nd of May, 1950, or £1,200 for the property with the garden plot and land running up to John Street.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

Mr. J.W. Miller,  
STANLEY.Reply at 19

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

B.W.  
15/7/50.

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Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd July, 1950.

(Original filed in 1040/A).

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Purchase of property from Mr. J.W. Miller - No. 34 Ross Road.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Government was desirous of purchasing the above property and that Mr. Miller had been offered £1200 conditionally. The Committee were of the opinion that this figure was too high and recommended that £1000 should be offered, and £1200 offered only if the land (i.e. garden etc.) were included in the purchase.

A.C.S. P. 15. Have you heard any "buzz" unofficially about this?

17/7/50

A.C.S. When Mr Miller was with me on Saturday morning he mentioned that Bert wished to purchase the property but that he had so far been unable to find the deeds which had been left with Mr. G. Hutchinson

A.C.S. 1. 7. 50

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A.C.S.

I wish he would hurry up & say  
rather he accepts our offer or not.

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[18 JUL 1950

Office  
Send reminder  
ll

0273/C

18.

20th July,

50.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to my letter 0273/C of the 3rd July, 1950, regarding the purchase price of property at No 34, Ross Road, and to enquire when a reply may be expected.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) MICHAEL R. RAYMER,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr J. Miller,  
STANLEY.

MA.

X.

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No.33 Ross Road  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.  
18th July 1950.

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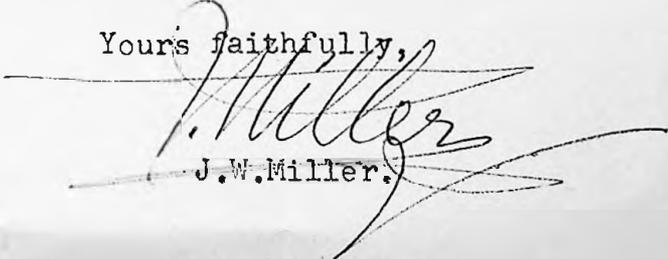
Sir,  
Your letter 0273/C of 3rd July has been in my hands for some time past, but I have not replied as I wished to consider this matter before committing myself to a further deflection from my stated price.

However I have now decided that I will accept your offer of £1000- (onethousand pounds) for the house with the lands already defined in my previous letters.

I will not part with the plot of land running up to John Street.

I take it that this now constitutes a definite sale, and that all remains to be done is to have the deeds prepared for signature.

Yours faithfully,

  
J.W. Miller.

  
H  
early  
21/7/50.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.

Reply at 20.

24th July,

50.

Sir,

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I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th of July, 1950, and to confirm that Government agrees to purchase from you for the sum of one thousand pounds (£1,000) the property etc. No. 34, Ross Road as defined in your letter to me dated the 22nd of May, 1950.

2. I should be grateful if you would get in touch with the Registrar, Mr. H. Bennett, for the purpose of having the necessary deeds prepared for signature.

3. I am also to confirm that August 1st would be a convenient date for the taking over of the property, and I note that you hope to have new fences erected by that date.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

J.W. Miller, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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L.B.

20 f.i.p.

W.H. for L.B.  
24/7/50

Am. Col. Sec.

Conveyance submitted pl.

A. R.  
for R. Q.  
24/vii/50

L.E.

Conveyance at corner for 24, Ross Road. I am anxious to have this absolutely tied up. Would you be good enough to survey the plot & draw a small scale sketch on the back of the conveyance. Mr. Miller is coming to sign on Tuesday pm. so I should like it back on Monday if possible, to put up to H.E. first. H.E.S., sketch plan only Eff. 1. August. '50.

27/7.

YE.  
At case is conveyance in respect of the property which we are acquiring from Mr James Miller, 34, Rose Road.

- 1) Mr Miller is coming in this afternoon to sign it,
- 2) we are taking possession formally 8-Day.
- 3) Submitted for YE's information.

*R*

11 AUG 1950

Seen - I think this is a prudent involvement; A.O. should move in as soon as this can be conveniently arranged. Leaving them office for conversion to long accommodation. *W.C. /viii*

Registrar

The conveyance has this day been signed by Mr Miller.

Will you please register the document

*W.C. /viii*  
4/7/50

H. G. S.

Conveyance duly registered

A. P.  
fn. P. P.  
5-viii-50

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Registered No. 2700 on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1950.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Form 1.

# CONVEYANCE

Refer to CROWN GRANT No. 7.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August one thousand nine hundred and 45 in pursuance of the Land Ordinance 1949.

BETWEEN JAMES WILLISON MILLER,  
of Stanley, Falkland Islands.

(hereinafter called "the Vendor") of the one part and THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT of Stanley, Falkland Islands. (hereinafter called "the Purchaser") of the other part.

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Pounds (£1,000) now paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) the Vendor hereby conveys to the Purchaser ALL that parcel of land situate in the town of Stanley being part of Lot 14 in Section O and containing 15 perches, more or less, and bounded as follows:- On the North by Ross Road 38 ft. on the West by part of Lot 14 in the holding of J.W.Miller 108 ft. on the East by Lot 15 in the holding of E.V.C.Bonner 108 ft. and on the South by part of Lot 14 in the holding of J.W.Miller 38 ft. with dwelling house and all erections thereon free from all incumbrances and the Vendor reserves to the Purchasers, their heirs and successors for always a right of way at all reasonable times giving access for vehicles from John Street to the Southern boundary of the aforesaid land.

To hold the same unto the Purchaser, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever

Delete if not applicable.

It is hereby certified that the transaction hereby effected does not form part of a larger transaction of a series of transactions the amount or value or the aggregate amount or value of which exceeds one thousand pounds.

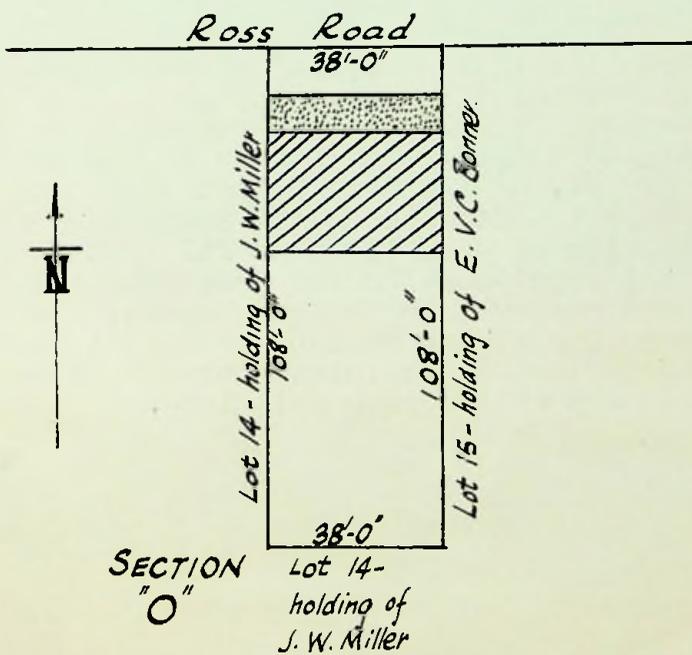
IN WITNESS whereof the Vendor has hereunto set his hand the day and year first above written.

*J. Miller*

Signed by the Vendor }  
in the presence of

*Michael R. Kaye*  
Chief Secretary  
J.P.

The signature must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or in a foreign country by a Notary Public, except in the case of a limited company.



SCALE: 40 FEET = 1 INCH.

A.T.

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This purchase has been approved by F.C.  
a Special Warrant will be necessary

*[Signature]*  
8/25

Hon Co

Weld Do you think the heading should be  
be changed to. When we bought the Steel Bros  
we were not sure we were from the hand  
Smed. Do it intend to treat this case similarly  
pe?

*[Signature]*  
6/8

A.T.

No, I think it should be changed to a new sub-head  
A Extraordinary Expenditure. F.C. has approved - possible,  
so we can pay it right away.  
Note that S/S's approval will also be required.

9 AUG 1950

Hon Co

Mr Miller has been paid, ~~substantiated~~  
have statement of you. ~~minutes~~ ~~note~~ ~~thank~~  
you

*[Signature]*  
6/9

1. Purchase of property from J.W. Miller. No. 34 Ross Road.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Mr. Miller had accepted Government's offer of £1,000 for this property.

27.

E.E. }  
A.O. }

H.E.'s minute at p. 22. The intention is that as soon as the Registrar & Court Room move to the Town Hall, you (A.O.) should move your office down to the 34 Ross Road and the building which you at present use (+ the old Court Room) should be converted back to a living quarter.

H.E.S.

Noted by Mr Bennett will move into the Town Hall on Friday 8 Sept '50.

Eff 7 Sept 1950.

7 SEP 1950

H.C.S. I have been down to offices in question & seen E.E.

The Dental Dept. are in occupation of my previous office there as a waiting room in which no body ever waits, They all prefer to stand outside in the Conservatory. It is dark, the dental operating Theatre is now in Conservatory (boarded over) & so allows it no direct light (day light) also they still require it.

They (Dental) also have all the kitchen in use & no stove now in it. This will leave me with nowhere to do post mortems or any similar directing work. And only one down n stairs room formerly occupied by the Weekly News. The fire place in which does not work.

The last Dentists' bed sitting room I could use as an office but this would be inconvenient to the Public as it is up stairs.

If the partition were pulled out from between the 2 small rooms over the Dental Waiting Room! it would be nice for the Library. The drugs & poisons can go back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> story, where the dentist has a dark room.

There is no peat shed now this is essential to stop Government Peat being pitched & keep it dry. And a flush lavatory should be fitted to save the building.

I have seen E.E. who says his Dept. is very busy & cannot arrange this or start on reconversion of house now my office to domestic quarters for some time.

Also a new Dentist will be arriving in Nov? And being non English can. be expected to be more demanding in his domestic requirements, so that if single you may wish to be able to offer him the Maisonette as provided the last Dentist then.

∴ I hesitate to move precipitately.

John P. 6 lines 12/12/50  
J.P.

E.E.  
Grateful for your comments on the above.

J.P.

H.S.

A.

1. The only immediate objection the A.O. may uphold in moving is the lack of convenience for his post mortem and dissecting work.
2. There is ample space on the 1st/2nd floor for his office and library.
3. It will be quicker to convert the legal office into quarters than the Ross Road property.
4. Therefore since this is an ideal wet weather 'job' it would suit purd. of A.O. well to move as soon as possible.
5. A possible laboratory for the A.O.'s grisly business is the ex. for naturalists' lab?

*[Signature]* 25.9.50.

H.S.

<sup>B.</sup> Pl ask A.O. to come & discuss with me.

*[Signature]*

26 SEP 1950

C.

H.S. Arranged for 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon 27/9/50

*[Signature]*  
26/9/50

N.H.

Inspected Ross Road premises with A.O. 27/9/50. Agreed that until the dental surgery is moved up to the new hospital there is not really room. In any case P.W.D. is busy on other jobs & would probably not be in a position to convert A.O.'s office into quarters yet.

*[Signature]*  
30/9/50  
B.O. 1/9/51

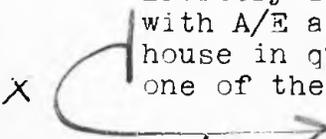
Q.

What do we  
intend to do with  
the Miller house?

Ans.  $\frac{X}{IX}$

Y. E.

The original idea was to make two flats out of the house which we bought from Mr. Miller in Ross Road, one up and one down. I understand A/E to consider this difficult, and that he would prefer to make one quarter out of it. To make two flats out of it would require more extensive alterations, plumbing, heating, ingress and egress to top flat etc., but if we could do it, I would see great advantage. The sort of person whom we have in mind to accommodate, school teachers etc., dont, I think, want big quarters. I think a sitting room cum dining room, a kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and lavatory is sufficient. Perhaps Y.E. would care to discuss with A/E at a suitable opportunity, or perhaps inspect the house in question. It is smaller than one thinks, that is one of the snags.

X  Have discussed and would like to inspect with A/E at first opportunity: I am invariable still of the opinion that we should make the building into 2 flats!

10.9.51.

Mc. 11/x

 file.  
12/9/51.

  
x. Will you please arrange to suit A.E.'s convenience  
  
13/9/51

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Hes

Noted and will make arrangements.

W. H. 22/11/57

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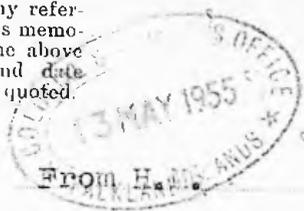
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No. \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



<sup>13</sup>  
~~13~~th May 1955

To. Hon. Col. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- UTILISATION OF JETTY BUILDING.

1. With reference our conversation yesterday morning regarding the possibility of the building on the Government being better used by being turned into an office block, the following observations may assist you.

2. The only part that could be reasonably so employed is the existing "Philomel" warehouse. To convert into an office this would require lining out and a ceiling installed: an extra window cut and a smaller door arranged in lieu of the present double doors. Its dimensions are 9' X 33', which would make it a long, narrow office and difficult to heat effectively. However, I do not wish to give the impression that it is impossible. It could be done comparatively economically.

3. If the warehouse were converted into an office, alternative warehouse space would have to be found as near the Government Jetty as possible, as the H.D. clerk has to check out cargoes, and it is inconvenient if he has to go too far away from the office - for instance, he is also the Air Service R/T operator and when flying is taking place he should not go out of earshot of the set. This alternative accommodation could be provided in the PWD warehouse when built at the jetty head, but my own impression, which I feel sure will be supported by the Supt. PWD, is that this would not be very satisfactory unless the warehouse were divided into two separate sections.

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4. A further point which is not really my province, but which may have escaped your notice, is that in fact the Customs Officer practically speaking never has to visit this jetty on business, the whole of his outside work being associated with the Company's and (occasionally) the Public Jetty. In consequence, in putting him down here, you would be putting him further from his work rather than nearer, and this would not only inconvenience him personally, but would also be worse for his "customers". On a really windy day it is extremely unpleasant having to come down this jetty, which is almost continuously swept by spray. As an alternative scheme I would suggest that a more suitable arrangement would be to make an office in the new customs warehouse that the FIC are constructing in the near future I believe.

Reply at 35

for Schuck

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A.C.S.

Please bring this up for further con-  
sideration after my return from the west.

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A.C.S. Please reply saying that  
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6th June,

55.

To: The Harbour Master,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Utilisation of Jotty Building.

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I am directed to refer to your memorandum of the 15th of May, 1955, on the above subject, and to inform you that, on consideration, it is not proposed that any change should be made for the present.

 Colonial Secretary.

Copy to Collector of Customs.

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