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Confidential
No. *C.3.*

1914.

Confidential.

Governor

(SUBJECT.)

19014

25th May.

Mr Edward.B.Binnie, termination of appointment.

Previous Papers.

143/12.

(MINUTES.)

C.S,

With reference to the termination of the appointment of this Officer, I have received the instructions of the S.S., to make a full report on this matter.

I have therefore to request that you will inform me in writing whether there is anything you wish to add to what appears in his M/P No 143/1912, and your Confidential despatches to the S.S. of 24 Septr, 1913,

22 Octr., 1913,

22 Novr., 1913.

W. Allardice

25 May, 1914.

*H. E.
The Governor.*

I shall be obliged if you will let me have my Confidential despatches to S. S. of 24th Sept 1913, 22nd Oct 1913 & 22 Nov 1913.

Jno Duayle Sullivan

28th May 1914.

Subsequent Papers.

C.S,

With extracts from the despatches in question bearing on Mr Binnie.

W. A.

28 May, 1914.

H. E.

I do not wish to add anything
to what appears in the Conf minutes referred to
by you. JDS. 2/6/14.

C.S.

I shall be glad to be informed to what extent Mr
Binnie was financially interested in the whaling industry.

W.S.G.
4 June, 1914.

H. E.

I regret I cannot state to
what extent Mr. Binnie was financially
interested in the whaling industry

JDS.
4/6/14.

Chief Clerk

This should be filed in
the Lt. Secy's Conf. cupboard
& placed on the index to
these papers.

W.S.G.
17.6.14

With cable of 22nd July re confirmation of
appointment

Gov. to S.S.
Cont. of 4th June 1914
T.M.R.

Confidential

Government House

Stanley

8th May 1914

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you (that) with reference to your Memorial to the Secretary of State His Excellency is awaiting Captain Dickson's return from South Georgia to inquire into the circumstances attending the termination of your appointment under Government.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,



Private Secretary.

E.P.Binnie Esq.

Stanley.

Stanley

May 11th. 14.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter marked Confidential of
8th. May.

I am

Sir,

Yours faithfully

E. B. Binnie

Private Secretary

Government House.

Extracts from Despatches.

From Confidential Despatch from Administrator Dickson to the Secretary of State, 24th September 1913:-

" Post Office. On visiting this office before breakfast on the morning of the 29th August I found the cupboards unlocked and several valuable papers not under lock and key. On an early visit on the 23rd September I found blank Savings Bank Pass Book and also the postal obliterating stamps lying unprotected. "

From Confidential Despatch from Administrator Dickson to the Secretary of State, 22nd October 1913:-

" Post Office. I believe Mr Binnie does his best but I do not consider him at all a suitable man to be in the Civil Service of the Colony. "

From Confidential Despatch from Administrator Dickson to the Secretary of State, 22nd November 1913:-

" 2. Mr E. P. Rinnie is one of the Officials financially interested in the whaling industry, and as he holds only a temporary appointment, I have given him notice that the same will terminate on 31st December 1913. I consider this Officer to be quite unsuitable for the Civil Service; his want of care in dealing with Government business, his inattention in carrying out instructions, his conduct on the bench as an Acting Magistrate and his general behaviour is such that the continuation of his services is impossible. "

Stanley,

4th June 1914.

Sir,

You have asked me to state specifically what financial interest I have, or have had, in any Whaling Company or Companies operating in the territorial waters of this Colony or its Dependencies. In reply I beg to inform you that I have never held shares in any of such Companies, and I am not at the present time, nor have I ever been at any time, financially interested in such Companies in any way whatsoever.

I may add that until this morning I had not the slightest suspicion that such a charge had been preferred against me, or that anyone had any grounds for supposing that I was thus interested in Whaling Companies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

His Excellency the Governor,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

Ewan B. Binnie

The following Telegram was received from the Secretary of State
this morning, 24th July, 1914.

(decoded)

22nd July / with reference to your Confidential despatches / 4th
June / 8th June / Transfers approved / of / Wilson / to / West
Falkland / Binnie/to/ South Georgia / in place of / Wilson / . /
Not to be confirmed / pending / satisfactory / explanation / as to /
cheques / see your despatch of / 7th June / Confidential / in last
paragraph / Harcourt./

The General

Private Secretary.

24th July, 1914.