

CONFIDENTIAL
No. *C/6/41.*

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1941

H.E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

19 41,
11th September.

VACANCY IN THE POST OF MAGISTRATE,
SOUTH GEORGIA -

Recommendations for filling of -

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- 1-3 *Despatch to S. of S. Confidential of 11/9/41*
Y/C. Despatch submitted for signature.
S.S. 11/9/41.
- 4. *Telegram to S. of S. no. 152 of 16/12/41*
- 5. *from S. of S. no. 133 of 17/12/41.*

Subsequent Paper.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th September, 1941.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to the vacancy in the Office of Magistrate, South Georgia, caused by the death of Mr. William Barlas, M.B.E.

2. This post presents peculiarities not to be found elsewhere, unique in my knowledge of the Service. It is exceptionally lonely and isolated, affords no opportunities to social amenities, confines its occupant to an area of only a few acres surrounded by inaccessible mountains and unneighbourable glaciers, stations him in a foreign community, even deprives him of the relaxation of gardening. In addition the climate is sub-antarctic.

3. It is evident that an officer of exceptional disposition is required.

4. Since the post of Magistrate, South Georgia, was created there have been four occupants, of whom three had long and varied experiences in the lonelier outposts of the Colony, New Island and South Shetlands. The climate and living conditions of South Georgia proved too severe for the fourth; and it would in my opinion be very difficult to find an officer fresh from Great Britain or elsewhere suitable for the appointment. I write as one who has spent most of his career in very lonely places and I do not think I ever could have carried through several years of the isolation and solitude of South Georgia.

5. All this indicates that I would preferably seek to find an officer used to and adapted to the climatic conditions and social disadvantages akin to those of that dependency.

6. Such an officer is available here in the person of Mr. Arthur Isadore Fleuret, M.B.E., J.P., Assistant Colonial Secretary; and I wish wholeheartedly to recommend him. He has been to South Georgia, likes the place and asked me some time ago if he could be considered for the post when Mr. Barlas retired.

7. I attach the details of Mr. Fleuret's career and other particulars.

8. But I am in this difficulty. In answer to your telegram, Confidential, No. 26 of the 22nd of February, 1941, I replied that I could carry on without a Colonial Secretary for the time being. If, however, Mr. Fleuret were to leave Stanley, should you agree to his appointment I would be in real difficulties having to rely on a young Falkland Islands girl to look after the Secretariat except when I was able to attend myself, the remaining Clerk, Mr. L. W. Alderidge, being engaged on whole time military duties.

In duplicate.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD MOYNE, P.C., D.S.O.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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9. However, you replied to my telegram, Confidential, No. 28 of the 24th of February, to the effect that you considered a Colonial Secretary necessary and would communicate in due course. If, therefore, a Colonial Secretary can be found for me and able to arrive here early in 1942 at the latest, I could spare Mr. Fleuret in April, 1942, or thereabouts when a vessel can be arranged for to proceed to the Dependency.

10. Meanwhile Mr. Rumbolds, Customs Officer, is carrying on as he has been in the habit of doing in the temporary absence of the substantive Magistrate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

Date of joining
Colonial Secretary

1/12/38 to 24/2/39

Second class, Customs Department,
1/10/39 to 24/11/39

Second class, Department,
1/1/40 to 24/12/40

Chief clerk, Department,
and clerk of Magistrate
1/1/41 to 24/11/41

Magistrate, Department,
24/11/41 to 24/11/41

Assistant Colonial Secretary,
1/1/42 to 24/11/42

(Sd) A. W. Carr

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/42 to 24/11/42

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/43 to 24/11/43

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/44 to 24/11/44

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/45 to 24/11/45

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/46 to 24/11/46

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/47 to 24/11/47

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/48 to 24/11/48

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/49 to 24/11/49

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/50 to 24/11/50

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/51 to 24/11/51

Colonial Secretary, Department,
1/1/52 to 24/11/52

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ENCLOSURE IN FALKLAND ISLANDS CONFIDENTIAL DISPATCH of
the 11th of September, 1941.

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE OF ARTHUR ISADORE FLEURIST, M.B.E.,
J.P., ASSISTANT COLONIAL SECRETARY AND CLERK OF COUNCILS,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date and Place
of Birth... 5th May, 1899. Falkland Islands.

Married or Single. Married. One child - male - aged 10 years.

Date of joining
Colonial Service. 1st December, 1912.

Appointments held.

Substantive.

Interim.

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| Messenger, Secretariat, 1/12/12 to 30/9/19. | Acted as Junior Clerk, Secretariat, 23/1/14 to 30/9/19. |
| Second Clerk, Treasury and Customs Department, 1/10/19 to 31/12/23. | Performed duties of Chief Clerk, Secretariat, and Clerk of Councils, 9/4/20 to 8/6/20. |
| Second Clerk, Secretariat, 1/1/24 to 31/12/27. | Performed duties of Second Clerk, Secretariat, 5/3/22 to 31/12/23. |
| Chief Clerk, Secretariat, and Clerk of Councils, 1/1/28 to 31/12/36. | Officer-in-Charge, Secretariat, 1/10/28 to 8/1/29, 3/2/31 to 19/6/31 and 28/1/41 to -. |
| Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force, 26/9/36 to - | Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor, 11/2/35 to -. |
| Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, 1/1/37 to -. | Acted as Officer Commanding and Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force, 20/5/35 to 31/10/35. |
| | Acted as Colonial Postmaster, 21/7/35 to 8/2/36 and 10/3/39 to 25/8/39. |
| | Acted as Magistrate, 20/5/38 to 27/9/38. |
| | Appointed a Justice of the Peace, 26/9/40. |
| | Appointed Member (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire, 11/7/40. |

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 16th December, 19 41. *Time* : ...

Received : ... 19 *Time* :

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No. 152. Confidential. South Georgia Magistrate. With reference to my despatch of September 11th Confidential and your telegram of November 4th Personal and Confidential re appointment of Colonial Secretary, I should be grateful if you would telegraph position. With reference to paragraph 8 of despatch above-quoted I am now able to bring back Officer from full time military duty capable, if trained for a short time by Fleuret to be competent assistant to new Colonial Secretary before Fleuret, if you agree to proposal of his promotion to South Georgia, would leave for the Dependency early in April when the first favourable opportunity will be available.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

Sent 16/12/41 A.D.C.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 17th December, 19 41. Time: 2115.

Received: 18th December, 19 41. Time: 1030.

No. 133. Confidential. With reference to your telegram No. 152 Confidential I agree appointment of Fleuret as Magistrate, South Georgia.

Johnson, Assistant Colonial Secretary Fiji Islands has declined the offer appointment as Colonial Secretary, but I hope to select another candidate shortly.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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