

C. S.

~~SECRET~~

UTI/FIR/1#20

19 44.

No.

~~S/13/1111~~  
nos 101/46.

Colonial Secretary

SUBJECT.

19 44

5th June.

Previous Paper.

POST WAR REORGANIZATION OF  
FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES.

MINUTES.

1. Confidential saving telegram circular from S. of S. of 8. 11. 43.
2. Minute to Controller, Civil Defence of 5. 7. 44.
3. Minute to Controller, Civil Defence of 22. 8. 44.
4. Telegram No 127 from S. of S. of 16. 11. 44.
5. Minute to Controller, Civil Defence of 17. 11. 44.
6. " " " " " " " " of 11. 1. 45.

(5)

C.C.D.

Could you possibly let me have  
the reply to (5) by the time it  
returns - say 12<sup>th</sup> February?

dB  
12.1.45

Subsequent Paper.

A.C.S. I shall do my best  
17/1/45

A. reviewed  
D.G.

Pro  
9/2/45

Recd.  
28/1/45  
1  
10/1/45

(7)

Pr. 13.

20th

I saw McLannan today & discussed this question. I informed him that if the V.F.B. were reorganised on an efficient basis Govt. would consider

I Handing over all A.R.P. equipment free.

II .. .. Two ARP huts for a club.

2. I suggested Capt. Sheppard as a possible man to be in charge.

3. We also discussed the possibility of a 1/8% (about £210) contribution in respect of insured Govt. buildings in accordance with the law. (The London Assurance Co. will be liable, but they will only raise the premium to meet it.) This would save income to nearly £400. enable the V.F.B. to pay, say 2/6, per man per practice. Such a proposal would be well worth considering as the Govt. pays no regular contribution to the Fire Service.

4. M.H. will discuss these ideas with his Committee & then call a meeting of all interested persons to frame a scheme of contribution by Govt.

5. Dr. Gibbs agrees with these ideas & will ensure that FID's Fire Lighting unit continues to function meanwhile.

MB. 15. 6. 45.

Pr. 15/7/45

(8)

Re:

McLannan has been awaiting Mr. Ross' recovery & hopes to hold a committee meeting soon. You are a member of the Committee & will represent the Govt. The line to be followed is as in (7) but you must not commit us to the 1/8% contribution.

MB

19.7.45

(9)

N.C.S. The question was discussed at a Committee meeting of the S.F.B. held on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
A General Meeting will now be called with the object of formulating a draft scheme for submission to Government for consideration.

L.K.G.  
A.C.S.  
18/8/45.

(10)

W.D. I saw this in subcommittee & discussed this whole question. W.D. has agreed will submit a scheme very shortly.

L.B.  
5/9/45.

B.U.  
20/9/45

11. Letter from Supt. Vol. Fire Brigade of 7/9/45.  
(12)

Ex. R.G.

I should be glad to have the views of your rating committee as soon as possible on the suggestion for a specially increased rate in (11).

L.B.  
11/9/45

(12a)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The Assessment Committee met here at noon today & offer you the following views.

1. They are of the unanimous opinion that all owners of property in Stanley should either directly or indirectly contribute towards the maintenance of the V.F.B.
2. They suggest that before any additional rating is introduced for this purpose a trial should be given to the addition of a schedule to the fire Bd. Ordinance stating a scale of fees (recovery

at law if necessary) that the F.B. could charge for limiting out to various grades of fire from a complete burn out to a Chimney fire. If the fees are made heavy enough & a proviso is inserted that they shall not be leviable against anyone who holds a policy against fire in an approved local agency, it is thought that the resultant increase in local premiums would go far to ensure the annual revenue for the F.B.

3. If the scheme mentioned in <sup>para.</sup> 2 was found after a fair trial not to achieve the required results, then some other means should be adopted such as increased rating etc.

*C.W.S.*  
Ch. B. of Ass.  
12. 1x. 45.

Minutes from Chief Constable of 18. 9. 45

13.

(14)

Y. E.

At our recent discussion on this question you expressed doubt whether in the present state of the Colony's finances Government was justified in accepting the annual liability of some £250 towards a Volunteer Fire Brigade, over the efficiency of which there would be little control. It was decided to reconsider the original idea that Government should take over the Fire Service as part of its normal functions and I undertook to investigate the possibilities.

2. I have had a confidential interview with Mr. Hannaford and he is personally quite agreeable to this suggestion though, of course, he will not commit the Brigade.

3. I have also discussed the matter confidentially with the Chief Constable who also thinks it would be a good idea, particularly as it would mean an increase of the Police Force by two Constables, which would be a great help.

4. The following is an estimate of the annual cost. The expense must be regarded as a minimum since Personal Emoluments will steadily increase, and there will <sup>be a large</sup> accordingly be quite big items for renewal of hoses and other equipment. The revenue is based on the existing figures.

EXPENDITURE.

Two Constables - Grade IV -	@ £100	...	...	£200
House and Fuel Allowances -	@ £50	...	...	100
Cost of Living Bonuses -	@ 27	...	...	54
Uniforms (initial issues) -	@ 21	...	...	42
Duty Allowance - Chief Constable -		...	...	25
Pay for Volunteers' practices -		...	...	26
Fuel and Oil		...	...	17
Maintenance of pumps		...	...	25
" " fire boxes and ladders		...	...	15
Contingencies		...	...	10

EXPENDITURE.

£514.

REVENUE.

Interest on Capital	....	...	£25	
Contributions from local Insurance Agents	...	...	203	
			£228	228
				<u>£286</u>
			DEFICIT	<u>£286</u>

5. Before considering the finances, the Legal position must be mentioned. In order to bring about this change it will be necessary to repeal Ordinance No. 3 of 1898 and the subsidiary legislation and to substitute a shorter Ordinance laying down the rights and duties of constables, firemen and public in connection with fires and various other matters.

6. So far as I can see the only way in which the capital of the V.F.B. (about £1,100) can be transferred to the Government is by voluntary deed made by the Superintendent. I do not imagine there will be any difficulty about this, but if the Fire Brigade refused to accept the new scheme or to make this transfer I do not see how it could be forced to do so. In any case the capital should properly be credited to a Fire Services' Fund in the Colony's Capital Account.

7. Even if the scheme goes through we shall still be faced with the difficulty mentioned at 11a (A). I have looked up the ~~Insurance~~ Law and find that in London, for instance, Fire Insurance Companies are required to contribute a percentage as here and, in addition, have power to call Rating Authorities for contribution. In this Colony, of course, this breaks down because people can, and do, insure overseas and we have no means of knowing what companies are involved or, if we did, of enforcing payment. This is undoubtedly a loophole of which advantage is taken. I quite agree with Mr. Hannaford that all Insurance Companies, carrying policies from here, should contribute as they stand to benefit from a Fire Brigade. *People who do not insure should also contribute.*

8. The suggestion that 6d. should be added to the rates for the Fire Services, the extra rate to be remitted on production of evidence that the property owner is fully insured through a local agent, still seems to me to be the best way out. It does not really amount to compulsory Fire Insurance because the extra rate can always be paid if people preferred it and the average amount involved would be £1 or less per annum. The Local Fire Insurance Rate is 10/- percent.

9. This rate might produce £100 a year and reduce the net cost of the Fire Services to Government to something under £200 p.a. Whether all or any of this can be obtained from the London Assurance Company, with which Government insures, I do not know. One local agent adds the 1/8 percent to premia, but another local agent does not do so.

10. This is quite a difficult question and if the scheme is adopted it will take a considerable time to put

into/

into operation. Meanwhile the theory is that the A.R.P. personnel continue to function, but they are having no practices and if a house were to catch fire the efficiency of the Fire Fighting Services would be very doubtful.

11. Perhaps we might talk over this again?

RB.  
27. 9. 45.

letter to R. Hannaford, Esq., of 2. 10. 45.

15.  
B.U.  
30/10/45  
~~RB.~~  
B.U. 05/1/46

(16)

B.U. later

RB. 3/11/45

Letter from Mrs. W. J. Hutchinson of 15. 1. 46 17.  
" " Manager, F. Is. Co. " 16. 1. 46 18.  
" " Mrs. Les. Harvey " 17. 1. 46 19.

(20)  
Ask the Fire Brigade to hold a meeting & discuss (17 et seq). They can re-organise themselves & I would have the equipment at their disposal.

RB. 19/1/46

Promised  
(a) hand out of 200  
& 2 huts  
(b) £200 p.a.  
RB

Letter to R. H. Hannaford, Esq., of 22. 1. 46 21.

" " " " " " 24. 6. 46 22.

B.U.  
27/1/46  
27.6

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What is the position?

RB.  
8.7.46

(21)  
M.C.S. Mr. Hannaford informs me that two of the three engines are now fully manned and duties allocated.

RB.  
10/7/46.

24. Letter to R. H. Hannaford, Esq. of 11.7.46.

(25)

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 4th of September, 1946.

"The Council further advised that the Public Relations Committee might be consulted with a view to stimulating the people to take a personal interest in protection from fire in Stanley"

"The Acting Governor concurred and ordered accordingly".

*J. Aldridge*  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Act.

Can you find me informally about the formation of the 3rd unit? On 7.8.46 you said that Mr. Hannaford had told you that the third unit had not yet been formed but that it would be "next week".

*Act*  
16.9.46

(27)

*Y.C.* I have this morning spoken to Mr. Hannaford who tells me he hopes to be able to hold a meeting of the third unit of the Brigade on Tuesday next, the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.

*J. Jones*  
17/9/46

(28)

*Y.C.* The third unit of the Fire Brigade was formed on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. I understand that weekly drills will shortly be commenced

*J. Jones*  
30/9/46

(29)

*Act.* I shd. like to inspect the Brigade, preferably at a demonstration, at an early date.

*Act*

*B. 20/7/46  
11/7  
20/7/46  
30/7/46  
15/9/46  
B. 15/9/46  
D. 10/9*

*B. 17.9*

*B. 30/9/46  
20/9/46*

2. Green Hill, pt. with to the  
say I have heard of (28) with pleasure,  
- refer to § 2 of (24).

ABC  
7x

letter to R. H. Hannaford, Esq. of 11. 10. 46.

30. 31  
BW. 25/10/46  
BW 11/5/47  
19/11/47  
11/11/47

(31)

Life Treasury  
You do not appear to have seen  
red (21) (6). Provision will be required for  
1946 and 1947

W. Jones  
18/11/46.

32.

James  
Provision has been included  
in the estimate pt.

W. Jones  
14/11/47

(33)

PA KE has been in the  
connection

ABC  
23.3

to reply  
to note  
Do you wish  
to proceed  
23/2/47

letter to R. H. Hannaford of 28. 3. 47.

Memo. from O. C. F. I. D. F. of 22. 5. 47.

Letter to Supt. Fire Brigade of 12. 5. 47.

34. BW.  
35 7/14/47  
35 10/14/47  
35 11/14/47



A.C.S.

Pl. ask Supt. F.B. to release the gun to see that the siren is con-  
nected up for the work. For a report as  
to why this was not done when the siren  
was put up 3 months ago, having  
regard to 1 of (94) in 73/36 which  
implies that it is in working  
order, is in fact to be used for  
fire alarm in the purpose.

A.B.L.  
24/5

A.B.L.

The gun was released immediately  
& the old sirens served during the interim  
period & can still be used when the  
new siren is complete & S.E.T. & S.F.B.  
inform that this shd. be ready for use early  
next week, pl.

A.B.L.  
8/6.

Pl. ask S.F.B. <sup>when a reply may be</sup> ~~informed~~ <sup>informed</sup> ~~informed~~ <sup>informed</sup> to (34)  
bearing to (97) in 73/36 (copy to that file)

A.B.L.  
5.6

39. Letter to Superintendent, Stanley Fire Brigade of 10.6.47.

~~Letter to Superintendent, Stanley Fire Brigade of 20/6/47~~  
A.B.L. 24/6  
A.B.L. 10.7  
A.B.L. 24.6

VE.

This file deals with the reorganization of the  
 FB. I would wish VE to refer to (21)  
 - or, which show a remarkable neglect of  
 the ordinary courtesies or responsibility on  
 the part of the Supt. Re. see also  
 95 in 73/36, - connected correspondence  
 about the Time Signal. Lt. Hannaford  
 gets a salary of £25 I have no doubt  
 that he earns it. But he appears to  
 be jealous of Capt. Nichol (of (74) in  
 73/36 his neglect of ~~the~~ my letters) &  
 I shd. be grateful if VE wd. inform  
 the Dept letter h/w.

A. B. L.  
 27.6

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Letter app<sup>d</sup>. The Supt's failure - in absence  
 of any good remedying reason - to reply to your earlier  
 communications is most discourteous. I should like to  
 discuss with Col. Wardgate & yourself at convenience.

M.C. 27/vi

Letter to Supt. Fire Brigade of	28.6.47	42
" from " " " " "	30.6.47	43

Cr. Ward.

Re. staying this file before we see  
 WE. who has not yet seen (43): 'speak'  
 at your early convenience.

ABE  
 1.7

WE.  
 (43) If WE will be, say when would be  
 convenient CR. to. I would like to speak at  
 a very early opportunity. Meanwhile, I do  
 not wish to mislead.

ABE  
 1.7.47

CO.

Queen - Mr. H. has clearly lost his sense of  
 proportion. MO 1/vii A very petulant & childish letter.

Discussed. Mr Biggs <sup>(Secretary Treasurer)</sup> to convene a meeting this evening  
 at which the Committee should be asked to <sup>put forward</sup> ~~submit~~ name of  
 a new Sup<sup>t</sup>. for my consideration. How will attend  
 and explain Government's views in the matter? The  
 institution may be a voluntary one but the ultimate  
 responsibility rests with the Government which latter  
 can tolerate no institution which will not give  
 an account of itself when asked to do so.

Further, should be there any tendency to ~~prevent~~  
 obstruct or hinder the appointment of a new Superintendent  
 its effects and finances  
 the organization will be taken over by the F.I.D.F.  
 Meanwhile Mr. Rivers to be appointed as Acting Sup<sup>t</sup>.

MC. 2/vii

47.  
Letter to R. Reeve, Esq. of 2.7.47.  
" " R.H. Hannaford, Esq of 3.7.47.

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ME

1 attended a meeting of the Cttee. yesterday at  
Lt. Col. V.A.H. Biggs took the Chair. There were  
present :- Lt. B. Fleury, Lt. Janning, Lt.  
Kathlip, Lt. Sorenson, Lt. B. Reine.

2. I explained Gatti's views. I had previously asked  
Lt. Reine (47) if he would be prepared to serve.

3. The Cttee. is going to consider  
nominees for the post of Dept. to lay before  
a General meeting. Lt. Key has invited  
me to attend. The General meeting is  
convened on 10.7.47. Lt. Reine  
will carry on.

ABE  
3.7

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Q.

I am still very strongly in favour of a  
combined Defence Force and Fire Brigade so improving the  
status of the latter (and giving them a social status) while  
ensuring a better standard of discipline and an  
element of increased responsibility towards Government. I  
would like this proposal to be explored. Col W's views  
notwithstanding. They ought to have a uniform and protective  
headgear.

MC. 4/vii

51

Memo. from Magistrate of 4.7.47

52.

Telegram No. 373 to Secretary of State of 5.7.47.

53

JE.

(51) was done by D. H. on his own initiative, i.e. w. T.C. legislation, its consequences. It is (at least at present) of purely academic interest.

2. So I spoke to Mr. Biss on then lunch today. I have also told Mr. Woodget. I said I would be happy to meet the S.F.B. Cttee. explain JE's views to them.

S.H.

A.B. 5.7

Chaukyu.

MC 6/vii

Don. Smo. <sup>55</sup> 7/11/47

Don. Lr. Col. J. A. Woodgate, OBE. R.R.B.A. CW. 7.11.47

Don. Mr. D. W. Roberts, OBE, J.P. R.M.C. 7.7.47

Matter will be discussed at next.

Ex. Co. Meeting, pl.

A.B. of Ex. Co. 7.7.47

56.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Council  
held on the 8th of July, 1947.

"His Excellency explained the views of Government with regard to the future of the Fire Brigade and emphasised the responsibility of Government in the matter; and enquired whether the Council advised that it should continue in its present form or be amalgamated with the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

x | "The Council advised that the possibility of continuing the Fire Brigade on the latter basis was desirable and should be explored.

"His Excellency concurred and ordered accordingly".

*J. Bond*

Ag. Clerk of the Executive Council.

57

I saw Mr Biggs again hope to discuss  
Ctee. Meeting next week to go further  
with x of 56.

*Able*  
9.7.47

*Bu.*  
*1st*  
*22/7*  
*AB*  
*177*

58

WE.  
At a Ctee. Meeting last evening  
put the advantages of 56 to Messrs.  
Biggs, Reive, Jennings & Sorenson. Mr  
J. Bond was present.

2. The Ctee. will think it over  
next again. I placed myself at their  
disposal for such a meeting or for a  
General meeting sh. wd. be necessary  
before any change was made as well  
as to nominate a substitute Super.

intendant.

A. B. G.  
19.7

59  
Seen MC 19/10

R.  
20.7 A.B.G.  
21.7

60

ME

1 attended a general meeting of the F.B. last night. There was a comparatively poor attendance (33) due to short notice & the counter-attractions of 'London Bridge', 'F.I.D.S.' Programme, & a Dance.

2. I explained JE's views & answered questions: said that I had explained them to the Ctee. last week. I said I hoped they wd. not decide in the spst but I am sure it is likely they had thought about it more, & they could have a fuller meeting. I offered to be present at that, too, if they wished.

3. It was unanimously decided to have a further meeting in a week or so.

4. The new body was unanimously nominated for appt. as Sept. I expect

64

The Sec. will write in about this.

On behalf of J.E.

5. I thank Li: Humphord & Li: Rein for their work as Supt. - Cstg. Supt. & welcome Li: Hardy's nomination.

6. It wd. be a good idea, I think, to see Li: Hardy before the meeting & talk things over with him.

CS.

61

ABL  
26.7

I shd. like to do so

MC 26/vii

B. 28.7 ABL  
26.7

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J.E.

I have spoken to Li: Hardy. There is a general meeting on Thursday 31 July. I shd. be glad if J.E. would fix a time to see him as early as possible before that.

ABL  
28.7

63.

Wednesday to tea.

MC 28/vii

letter from Sec. St. Fire Brigade of 26.7.47 64.

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J.E.

(64)

will be pleased to appoint Li: Hardy as Supt. under § 2 of Ord 3/1898 (p. 150 of the Laws)? It should be done before

Appointment  
app.



lps.

Thursday's meeting. If the proposed reorgan-  
isation is realised, he will be given  
appropriate status & a commission?

2. He is coming to the h.  
on Wednesday at 4.30 p.m.

ABh  
2.7

mc 29/vii

- 67. Letter to A.L. Hardy, Esq., B.E.M., J.P. of 29.7.47.
- 68. " to Sec. Fire Brigade of 29.7.47.
- 69. Gazette Notice No. 46. of 29.7.47.

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An impressive little  
machine — we might  
file and enquire cost.

mc 2/viii

ABh

acs

Pamphlet "Jeep" Fire  
Engine' filed in  
0389 ("Jeep" Fire  
Engine")

and A.K.'s minute  
extracted thereto, pl.

W.H.

9/8/47

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Council held held on the 2nd of August, 1947.

"His Excellency informed the Council that as a result of recent negotiations the Stanley Fire Brigade at a General Meeting had decided by a majority of two to one to affiliate with the Falkland Islands Defence Force and that he had appointed Mr. L. Hardy, B.E.M., J.P. to be Superintendent. An amendment of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Ordinance would be necessary and would be undertaken on the arrival of the Legal Secretary".

*J. Bond*

Ag. Clerk of the Executive Council.

72 Letter from Superintendent Fire Brigade of 18.8.47.

for. "9 ABC / 11.5

J.E.  
⑦2 fi. N.O.I.C. has thanked the Supt. Does J.E. wish to do so also?  
2. An indent for x on ⑦2 has gone to C.A.A. The F.B. will pay.

*A.B.S.*  
21.8

I said a kind word last evening to Mr. Hardy; is anything more needed? I don't think we can address the Supt. formally every time the Brigade turns out?

MC. 21/VIII

J.E.  
I agree. I had also told Mr. H. that J.E. had learned with pleasure for N.O.I.C.

2. But I shd. like to take this opportunity of recording my pleasure at the Phoenix. like the appearance of Mr. H. the F.B.!

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*ABC 21/VIII*

*A.B.S.*  
21.8

*PAW 21.8*

77 letter from Supt. Fire Brigade of 1.9.47

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O.C. R.D.

(77) Re. report whether you can provide suitable accommodation for the herewith (1 being that  $\frac{1}{2}$  a Nissan but would suffice) on the spot indicated.

ABH  
2.9

79

H.C.S.

I discussed this with Supt. F.B. and can do it. Will this be a charge against the F.B. please.

A.B.H.  
3.9.

80

HE.

(77) fi. It is essential that an adequate water supply shd. be available for Davis St. & Callaghan Road area.

2. Captain (77), F.B. to pay?

81

ABH  
4.9

APD  
MC 5/11

0 1/2 P.A.D.

82

To note (80) & (81) P

J. C. S.  
S. G.

H. C. S.

83.

Noted, thank you.

of 0 1/2 P.W.  
6-9.

PA 6/10/49  
95

Pamphlet from F. G. Company (Stores Division).

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A. F.

to \$2

To note, he

Abh  
3.12

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When ch.

noted k. y.

J. C.  
3/12

copy of 21 sent to Down Clerk  
2/10/49

C L O S E D

Copy of 21 sent to Down Clerk  
2/10/49.

cc.



Colonial Office

14502/43

PAGE NO.1

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of  
Circular Telegram Saving.

Date 8th November, 1943.

CONFIDENTIAL.

As a result of the change in the war situation the possibility of enemy attack on certain territories is receding and in some cases has passed. Review of civil defence arrangements in the light of such developments in the war situation has already been made in some territories and a similar review will be appropriate in others as our military success proceeds.

2. When such reviews are made, the high fire risk from causes not due to enemy action is a permanent factor which deserves careful examination. Air raid precautionary measures have in some instances for the first time made it convincingly necessary for the authorities in Colonies to build up fire fighting services, to obtain adequate modern equipment, and to install water supplies of the required standard. It would clearly be a mistake to dissipate these advantages now that the threat of war is passing or has passed. I hope, therefore, that all Colonial Governments will consider the question of placing fire fighting organisations on a permanent footing and the retention and upkeep of such of the existing fire fighting equipment, static water tanks and personnel, as is decided to be necessary for a proper scale of peace time organisation against fire risks, should not be missed in any territory.

3. If it is considered desirable that local personnel should be sent to this country to study the latest methods of fire fighting, courses of instruction with the National Fire Service in the United Kingdom can be arranged.

4. A memorandum on post war planning of Fire Services which has been drawn up by an expert of the National Fire Service is annexed for information.

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It is suggested that the following would serve as a guide to Colonial Territories of the manner of post-war planning:-

"In order to afford some guide as to the method of planning future fire-fighting organisations, it is suggested that consideration be given to the provision and distribution of appliances and equipment, the time limits and complement of first attendances in different risk areas, including turn-out times, the siting of stations, and the allocation of life-saving equipment, special and supporting appliances and local light appliances.

The distribution of Fire Service equipment needs to be related mainly to fire risk, including risk to both life and property. For practical purposes, an appropriate standard of fire cover should first be outlined for a number of broad categories of fire risk. Six examples of such categories can be described as follows:-

Class A risk - Being the highest possible risk category, applying only to those areas of the largest cities in which the property, by reason of its construction or contents, presents a serious risk of a fire disaster.

Class B risk - Embracing the larger industrial and commercial centres, congested central areas with stores, factories, commercial and office property and any adjacent slum areas, together with exceptionally dangerous centres of lesser important cities or towns.

Class C risk - Including concentrated building areas of the larger towns and areas in which there are a number of dispersed industrial risks.

Class D risk - Applying to the built-up areas of towns of medium size not falling within the previous classes.

Class E risk - Incorporating urban communities without risks which would place them in a higher category.

Class F risk - Covering any other risks not falling within the previous categories, except remote rural areas.

An essential requirement of the Service would be the ability to provide in each of the aforementioned risk areas a first attendance compatible with the risks involved, for instance, A risk - four appliances, two attending within 5 minutes, and two within 8 minutes; B risk - three appliances, two attending within 5 minutes, and a third within 8 minutes; C risk - two appliances, the first attending within 5 minutes, and the second within 8 minutes; D, E and F risks - one appliance within 10, 15 and 20 minutes respectively.

In the higher risk areas it would be desirable for appliances making up the first attendance to be based on two or more stations. Provision should be made for responding to a simultaneous call to another fire in the event of the full first attendance having previously been despatched. This would be particularly important in the higher risk zones where one pump should be available to ensure an attendance at any point within the prescribed minimum time for that risk, and in the remaining areas one pump within, say, the time prescribed for the next lowest risk category.

Isolated risks, while not being overlooked, should not necessarily require an increase in the overall allocation of appliances and men to any particular area. The Authority, however, should provide such premises with the best available fire cover, particularly where the occupier's fire prevention arrangements are considered inadequate.

The time of attendances to fires would depend upon the time taken

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to dispatch appliances from stations after receipt of a fire call, and in all the larger centres of population where there is any conflagration or congested risk the appliances providing the first attendance should be manned on a whole-time basis. Elsewhere it might be practicable to man appliances on a part-time basis, provided that the time taken to attend would enable sufficient fire cover to be provided commensurate with the risks involved.

Fire stations should be sited so as to afford the maximum cover to the highest risk area which they serve. The effective radius of cover from each station should be dependent upon the speed of travel through districts of varying congestion. The distribution of appliances, in addition to providing for the first attendance of one or more pumps, should be sufficient to provide for supporting appliances should the need arise for a multiple attendance, for example 12/15 pumps within, say, 20 minutes, in an A risk, with correspondingly smaller numbers for lesser risks within a greater limit of time.

In rural districts, where stations are relatively far apart, attendance of major appliances may be delayed, and in these cases the aim should be to secure the provision of more immediate assistance on a scale appropriate to the local risk. For this purpose the provision of light or portable appliances should be considered.

It would further be necessary to consider an overall addition on a pooled basis of a sufficient number of appliances to provide for periodic overhaul and maintenance work. Probably a ten per cent. increase for this purpose would suffice.

Following upon the determination of the aforementioned factors, other considerations, such as the manning of the appliances and the operational arrangements to enable both personnel and appliances to be used to the best effect should then be considered.

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No. S/13/44.

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

MINUTE.

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5th July, 19 44.

To The Controller,

Civil Defence,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have recently mentioned to you the desirability of planning the reorganization of the Fire Fighting services to meet peace-time needs while taking full advantage of the equipment received for A.R.P. purposes. The date on which such a reorganization should take place is a matter for discussion but our plans should be made without delay.

I enclose a copy of a Confidential Saving Telegram from the Secretary of State which may be helpful and I am sending copies of this minute to the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Superintendent of the Volunteer Fire Brigade together with copies of the telegram. I suggest that you should consult with these two officers and endeavour to submit agreed recommendations for consideration by His Excellency. In framing your recommendations you will no doubt consider the desirability of maintaining the Volunteer Fire Fighting parts in the different sections of the Town which have been so satisfactorily established for A.R.P. purposes.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

*Copies to O.C. 7.1.D.7.  
Supt. Fire Brigade*



No. 8/13/44.

(It is requested  
in any refer-  
to this minute,  
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be quoted).

MINUTE.

22nd August, 1944.

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From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Controller,

Civil Defence,

STANLEY.

Recd 22

With reference to my minute 8/13/44 of the 5th July, I should be glad to have your recommendations regarding the future organisation of the Fire Fighting Service as soon as possible. Demobilization plans for the Falkland Islands Defence Force are now under consideration and the two questions are interdependent.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

(A.)

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 16th November, 19 44. Time : 1807.

Received : 17th November, 19 44. Time : 1030.

*Redd.*  
No. 127. Likelihood of need for Civil Defence in the Falkland Islands during the present war no longer exists and the organization may now stand down. As regards the Fire Service see suggestions contained in my telegram of the 8th November, 1943. Circular Saving.

Further communication will follow when post war Civil Defence policy is settled.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 3/13/44.

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

MINUTE.

17th November, 19 44. (5)

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Controller,

Civil Defence,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to my minute of the 22nd August, I enclose a copy of a telegram which has been received from the Secretary of State. I should be grateful if you would expedite the recommendations asked for in my previous minute.

2. The purchase of the fire fighting equipment suggested in your minute of the 15th November as a charge against Civil Defence Funds will not be possible but the question will be considered in the light of the reorganization which must now be undertaken.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

(11A)

Volunteer Fire Brigade,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

8th. September, 1945.

Your Excellency,

At a Meeting held on the evening of August 31st. to consider the reorganization of the Stanley Fire Brigade, the following resolutions were placed before the meeting for discussion.

1. That there be three fire fighting units formed in Stanley.
2. That each unit has an Assistant Superintendent and engineer with a total personnel of not less than seventeen.
3. That a Superintendent be selected, who would be in charge of all fire fighting activities in Stanley.
4. These resolutions were accepted by the Meeting.

The existing Committee were of the opinion that the Screwed Hose Couplings of the Old Brigade be substituted by hose with instantaneous Couplings. The Hose with Screwed Couplings could be placed in the fire fighting equipment boxes situated throughout the town. This substitution would, with the inclusion of the Civil Defence Units, which have instantaneous Hose Couplings, have three units with the same type of hose. This suggestion was accepted by the general Meeting.

The question of a Motor Vehicle to tow each pump was discussed, the present means being an Agricultural Lorry for the East Pump, the old engine and the West Civil Defence Pump being towed by Public Works Department Lorries.

It was considered that this arrangement, if possible, would be satisfactory.

After a discussion on the reorganization of the Brigade, addition to equipment etc., the question of finance arose. The possibility of taking over the two Civil Defence pumps and equipment entailed a greater expenditure on maintenance, the revenue of the Fire Brigade did not fluctuate to a great extent, it was sufficient to cover the maintenance of the one pump and equipment, leaving a small annual balance.

It was resolved that the funds of the Brigade would not permit extra commitments of additional maintenance on the Civil Defence Pumps and equipment, also resolved, that a suitable person be selected, who would have the care and maintenance of the whole equipment of the Brigade.

It was then decided that a Sub-Committee be formed to discuss and prepare an estimated expenditure for the year 1946. The composition of the Committee being, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. V. A. H. Biggs, and R. H. Hannaford. The estimate of Expenditure and Revenue was prepared, the Sub-Committee discussed the matter with the Colonial Secretary.

The result of the discussion is as follows.

The Sub-Committee request of Your Excellency, that the two Civil Defence Pumps and equipment be handed over to the Fire Brigade subject to your approval of the Scheme of reorganization.

Pending the Government legislation regarding Fire Brigade levies, the funds of the Brigade to meet current expenditures until March 31st. 1945. The Committee are of the opinion that Section 5 of the Fire Brigade Ordinance is unfair, as persons or firms not insured or persons and firms insuring with an Insurance Company, not represented by an agent in Stanley do not contribute to the Fire Brigade funds.

This evasion could be overcome by an increase of ninepence on existing Stanley Rates, on owners of property in Stanley who cannot produce a full cover policy with an insurance company who have a representative in Stanley.

The Committee are of the opinion that by these means, the Fire Brigade revenue would be increased by not less than £100.--. this, with the known revenue and the possible contribution from the Colonial Government Insurance Company (estimated at £136.) would bring the Fire Brigade revenue to approximately £464.--. The estimated expenditure for 1946 being £576.--. I would require a further sum of £112.--. to balance the budget.

We respectfully submit herewith a statement of estimated expenditure and revenue which shows that by taking over the Civil Defence equipment the Volunteer Fire Brigade would incur an annual deficit of £112. It is possible that the Insurance Company operating in Stanley may contribute part of this sum, but we suggest that the Government stand behind the Brigade to meet any approved expenditure which cannot be collected from other sources.

*R. H. Hannaford.*  
*Superintendent*

I have the Honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

STANLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

Estimate of Annual Expenditure

1946.

Head	On Present Establishment.	With Civil Defence equipment added.	
	£	£	
1. Honorarium, Superintendent	25.	25.✓	25
2. " Asst. Superintendents (3)	12.	36.X	
3. Engineers (2)	24.	50.X	
4. Secretary	12.	12.X	
5. Telephones dues	11.	nil+	
6. Practices	nil	26.✓	26
7. Fuel & Oil (practices & fires)	6.	17.✓	17
8. Estimated cost of hose maintenance (replacement).	50.	120.X	
9. Maintenance of Engine	12.	25.✓	25
10. Maintenance of Fire boxes & ladders	30.	15.✓	15
11. Sundries (Extinguisher refills etc.)	10.	10.✓	10
12. To -- Reserve Fund for Equipment	36.	60.	
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Total	228.	396.	118
13. Caretaker for Hose & Equipment	nil	180.	
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	£228.	£576.	
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Estimated Revenue.

1946.

1. Interest Saving Bank	25.	25.
2. On present Basis	203.	203.
3. Proportion on Col. Govt. Insurances		136.
4. Proposed Increase of Stanley Rates		100.
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Total Revenue	£228.	£464
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Deficit	nil	£112

+ £26 deleted as we understand that The Colonial Secretary prepared to waive the rentals on telephones.

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Stanley,  
7th September 1945.

S/13/44.

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2nd October,

45.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 7th of September and to inform you that the question of the reorganization of the Fire Services is being carefully considered by His Excellency.

2. I should be grateful if you could provide me with a list of the present officers and members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, as confirmed by His Excellency in the case of officers (Section 2 of the Ordinance) and as sworn in the case of members (Section 3 of the Ordinance).

3. Could I also have an up-to-date inventory of the equipment (Section 5 of the Ordinance).

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

R. Hannaford, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
STANLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.



Stanley,  
15th. January 1946.

Sir,

The three recent outbreaks of fire in Stanley and the subsequent handling of same impresses one most forcibly of the urgent need of something more adequate to deal with fire: therefore, as a member of the Stanley Fire Brigade, I would like to make a few suggestions and comments which, I trust, may be useful.

1. That the Stanley Fire Brigade be reorganised and every able-bodied man be invited to become members of same.
2. The introduction of frequent fire drill and impromptu fire alarms in order to quickly train members on one or more specified posts followed by comprehensive training until they become fully conversant with all posts.
3. Fire Pumps to be ready serviced (complete with Oil and Fuel) and kept handy for immediate action. The Fire Station at present serves as a garage for a heavy and cumbersome lorry which cannot be moved without the driver or a sufficient number of men to push it clear of the pump.
4. All members to have a complete knowledge of positions of present hydrants in the Town and more hydrants to be placed at suitable spots especially along Davis Street.

The general public opinion being that much more property would be saved and a greater degree of security assured if we could boast a fully manned and really up-to-date Fire Brigade which could work in an emergency with complete unison and so avoid the muddle witness-<sup>out</sup>-ed through these recent occasions.

Extract  
to  
M.P. 1/35.

In conclusion, as an Insurance agent, I certainly think a better service is due the Insurance Companies that contribute to the upkeep of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

I am,  
Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

*W. J. Hutchinson*

*copy f. l. 13.1.46.*



Copy filed in M.P. 1/35.

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*Stanley.*

16th January 1946. 19



Sir,

As agents for The Royal Insurance Company, Ltd., I beg to address you on the subject of the maintenance of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

2. It is difficult to procure an accurate and authentic history of the Brigade since the beginning of the war in September 1939, but it appears that its duties were either combined with or taken over by the fire-fighting services of the Civil Defence organisation. Since the end of the war there seems to be some doubt as to whether the Brigade has reverted to its original position of absolute authority in the matter of fires, as constituted by the Ordinance of 1898.

3. I feel sure that not only the Insurance Companies who subscribe the Brigade's whole income, but the general public, would welcome a clarification of the position by an official pronouncement or through official action.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. Brearley*  
for Manager.

*Acc. by J. L. 17.1.46.*

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

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STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS,

17th. January 1946



The Hon.  
Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I would be grateful to know if the firefighting equipment left by the Imperial Troops is for sale.

I am prepared to purchase and maintain the equipment in order to form another band of fire fighters for public service when required .,

I am Sir,

Yours obediently ,

*rec. by f. l. 17.1.46.*

S/13/44, 1/35.

22nd January,

46.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th of September, 1945, and as already intimated by His Excellency, this Government is prepared, subject to the general reorganization of the Stanley Fire Brigade to -

- (a) hand over to the Brigade the two Civil Defence fire pumps, together with their equipment and huts;
- (b) make an annual grant to the Brigade of \$250 per annum.

2. I feel sure you will agree that immediate reorganization of our fire fighting service is essential, and in the light of the manpower which will be required to man the equipment referred to above, I would suggest that a public meeting be called with the least possible delay, at which all able-bodied men in Stanley would be invited to become members of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

3. I should be glad if you would acquaint me, for the information of His Excellency, of final arrangements made for the operation and maintenance of this most important public service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) L.W. Aldridge

for Colonial Secretary.

See 97 in 73/36.

Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

W. Hannaford, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Stanley Fire Brigade,  
STANLEY.

See 34.

24th June, 46.

Sir,

*Red 21*  
I am directed to refer to my letter of the 22nd of January, 1946, and to say that Government views with the most serious concern the fact that nothing yet has been done with regard to the provisional arrangements for the reorganistaion of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

2. In the course of an interview you informed me that you hoped to hold a meeting within a week or so, and I said that I personally took a most serious view of the matter, and that I felt that you were placing yourself in a position of grave responsibility in that, *apparently* nothing had been done for five months.

3. I am to ask you to be good enough to take immediate steps to see that the action suggested in my letter under reference is taken, and that a report is furnished to me at your early convenience.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(SGD) A. B. MATHEWS.

Colonial Secretary

R. H. Hannaford, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Stanley Fire Brigade,  
STANLEY FIRE

*See 30*

11th July, 1946.

Dear Mr. Hannaford,

Captain Aldridge tells me that you have informed him that two of the three fire engines are now fully manned and duties allocated.

I congratulate you and the men concerned on their public spirit and interest: and I am writing to say that if there is anything I can do to help you, I shall be only too glad to do so. I hope it will not be long before you have the third engine fully manned and I should like to accept your verbal invitation to attend a practice, when convenient to you.

Yours sincerely,

See 30.

R. H. Hannaford, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

11th October,

Sir,

*Red 22*  
With reference to my letter of the 24th of June, 1946, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency has heard with pleasure of the formation of the third Unit of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

*Red 24*  
2. As intimated in the Colonial Secretary's demi-official letter to you, dated the 11th of July, His Excellency would like to inspect the Brigade, preferably at a demonstration, at an early date, and I should be grateful if you would advise me, for His Excellency's information, when this would be convenient.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

H. Hannaford, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Stanley Fire Brigade,  
STANLEY.

23th March, 47.

Sir,

21. With reference to paragraph 1 (a) of my letter of the 22nd January, 1946, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that a final account has now been received from the Ministry of Works for fire fighting equipment including the two trailer pumps. Of the total of £1,740. 7. 5. £1,250 had already been paid by this Government leaving a balance of £490. 7. 5.: and I am to enquire whether you would be prepared to accept this amount as a debit against Fire Brigade funds.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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

See 97 in 73/36

Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

R. H. Hannaford, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Stanley Fire Brigade,  
STANLEY.

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MINUTE.

22nd. May 1947 19

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From

OC. FIDF.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Scwt. 12pdr. Field Gun - Fire alarm.

The above piece was lent to the Fire brigade through the Chief Constable for use as a fire alarm when no maroons were available and until such time as the new siren was installed. I now require the gun for the salute on the King's Birthday, but am informed that the new siren, although mounted on the roof of the Drill Hall is not yet connected up and that the gun therefore must remain temporarily. I would be grateful if you would ask the Fire Brigade to take necessary action to release the gun at the first possible moment, a request that I feel should be made for the safety of the general public quite irrespective of my needs in the matter.

*Rush Hood/lat*

Lt. Colonel  
OC, FIDF.



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101/46

28th June, 47.

Sir,

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I am directed by the Governor to refer to my letter No. 101/46 of the 10th of June, 1947, in which I enquired when replies to my letter No. 101/46 of the 28th of March, 1947, and my letter No. 73/36 of the 12th of May, 1947, might be expected: and to remark that the former letter, asking whether you would be prepared to accept as a debit against Fire Brigade Funds the balance of £490 7. 5. over and above the £1250 paid by Government for fire fighting equipment, has remained unanswered for 3 months: and that the latter, asking for a report on the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade, is but the latest of a series of requests for information which have remained unanswered for more than a year.

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2. Government cannot evade ultimate responsibility for the Stanley Fire Brigade since, under section 15 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1898, insurance companies are required to contribute to its maintenance, and their agents have made representations regarding the corresponding measures taken in regard to fire-fighting: nor can the complete absence of reply to its communications do other than add to the concern expressed in my letter No. 1/35 of the 24th of June, 1946.

3. Accordingly, I am to ask for an immediate and definite reply to both my letters referred to above, and to express surprise that you have seen fit to treat the communications of Government with such scant courtesy.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

*Reply N. 43*

Superintendent,  
Stanley Fire Brigade,  
Stanley.

Stanley.

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30th June. 1947.



The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

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In reply to your communication of 28th June 101/47 also to letters of 28th March 101/46, 12th May 73/36 and 10th June 101/46.

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i. Regarding the reorganisation of the Stanley Fire Brigade, Although I have had the scant courtesy not to reply to the various communications regarding this matter, a lapse which I regret and for which I tender my apologies, I thought it would be obvious to anyone that the three units of the Stanley Fire Brigade were operative and, I might add, have been since the 24th September 1946. Since that date two outbreaks, both serious, have been quelled by the efforts of the Brigade; the three units were out on each occasion. I have a letter from you Sir, complimenting the Brigade on their action in quelling the outbreak at the Dockyard. I also had a verbal compliment and a promise of a letter to compliment the Brigade, which I have not received, from His Excellency, on the efficient manner in which they dealt with the outbreak of fire at Italy. On each of these occasions the three units were operative. Captain Aldridge was present at the first outbreak and His Excellency at the second.

I had a letter from you expressing your appreciation when the East and West units were organised, Captain Aldridge informed you of the formation, he was also present when the Central or third unit was organised, therefore you must have been cognisant of the fact that the Brigade of three units was organised.

ii. Regarding the balance of £490-7-5 still outstanding on the purchase of fire fighting equipment, in a letter from your predecessor, Mr Bradley, it was stated that subject to the re-organisation of the Stanley Fire Brigade, the Colonial Government were prepared to hand over all fire-fighting equipment, which had been purchased for the Civil Defence Organisation, to the reorganised Stanley Fire Brigade. I therefore cannot see why this balance should be met from the Brigade funds, but that is a matter which will be dealt with by my successor.

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Reply at 48.

iii. It is quite obvious to me that my efforts in the past and the extensive work undertaken by me in the reorganistaion of the Brigade are not appreciated. Therefore the only course open to me is to resign and let a more able person undertake the duties.

I wish you to tender to His Excellency my resignation as Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade from today's date.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. H. Manaford.*

*Resignation accepted. w.e.f. 30/vi  
me.*

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2nd July, 47.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that consequent upon the resignation of Mr. Hannaford, and pending the appointment of a substantive Superintendent His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Acting Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

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R. Roive, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

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3rd July, 47.

Sir,

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I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th of June, 1947, tendering your resignation as Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade, and to say that His Excellency has been pleased to accept it.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Sgd) A. B. MATHEW

Colonial Secretary.

R. H. Hannaford, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 5. 7. 47 Time: 10. 45 Received: ..... Time: .....

37 in C/8/46. No. 373. By telegram No. 371 Executive Engineer. I should be grateful if arrangements could be made for candidate to take short course in Fire fighting before sailing.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

LJH.

Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Stanley 26th. July 1947.

Sir,

At a General Meeting of the Fire Brigade held 25th. July, Mr. Les Hardy was nominated as Superintendent of the Brigade, when put to the meeting for votes ~~Mr.~~ Hardy was unanimously elected subject to His Excellency's approval.

I have the honour to request that you place this suggestion before His Excellency the Governor for his decision.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. H. Bagg*

Hon. Secretary,  
S.V.F. Brigade.

*Reply at 69.*

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

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29th July,

47.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be superintendent of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade under Section 2 of Ordinance No.3 of 1898, with effect from the 29th of July, 1947.

I am,  
sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

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Hardy, Esq., B.E.M., J.P.,  
WLEY.



29th July, 47.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 26th of July, 1947, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint A.L. Hardy, Esq., B.E.M., J.P., to be Superintendent of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade with effect from the 29th of July, 1947.

See 67.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

Secretary,  
Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade,  
STANLEY.

Stanley ,  
18th. August 1947.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to make the following report on fire at the W.T. Station on the night of August 15th.

The Stanley Fire Brigade arrived very prompt at the station in full strength (3 Units)

On arrival the fire was under control having been dealt with by men of the station.

One single hose was be run from Moody Stream to the station as a precautionary measure.

Two units was then returned to Stanley in case of an outbreak there.

After standing by for about one hour the C.O. of the Station felt assured that the fire was completely out we then returned at onceto Stanley.

I have drawn the following conclusion from this outbreak, If one man had been fitted with a smoke helmet the damage by water would have been greatly reduced .

I would be grateful Sir, if you will order through the Crown Agents by telegraph the following.

Ordered from  
I/4/47

- 6 Smoke Helmets,
- 6 Powerlite Hand Lamps
- 12 Spare Batteries,
- 2 Safety Extension Ladders
- 38 Rungs height closed 16ft. extending to 30 ft.

Mr. ...  
Exhibit x

ABC  
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I am,  
Sir,  
Yours obediently  
*[Signature]*  
Superintendent Fire Brigade.



Stanley,

1st. September 1947,

The Hon,  
Colonial Secretary ,  
Stanley.

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Sir,

I beg to report that on Saturday August 30th. a fire practice was arranged , it was proposed to connect to hydrant on the corner adjacent to the house occupied by Mr. J. Gleadell, and run the hose to cover Met. Station.

It was found on coupling the Merryweather Engine to the hydrant that the feed was not nearly enough to allow the pump to be run at any speed . In view of this test I would be obliged Sir, if arrangements could be made to house the Merryweather at the tank adjacent to the house occupied by Mr. James Clifton.

If this arrangement can be made the houses on the top street will have a certain amount of protection in the case of a fire, at the moment they have none.

I am sir,

Yours obediently  
*L. J. Harvey*  
Supt. Fire Brigade.