

# WESTRALIAN FARMERS TRANSPORT LIMITED

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PLEASE QUOTE DW/CB/m.s. "SHACKLETON" 1961.

19th June, 1961.

The Minister,  
 South Africa House,  
 Trafalgar Square,  
 London W.C. 2.

For the attention of Mr. A.F. Drake

Dear Sir,

m.s. "SHACKLETON" C.P. dated <sup>28</sup>18/12/60.



To assist with the Off loading operations at Gough Islands, it was necessary to engage four of the Local Islanders at a cost of £3 per man. This charge is for Charterers account and in support of Owner's claim, we enclose photostat copies of the relative receipt with covering letter dated 9th May, 1961, from the Administrator at Tristan Da Cunha Island, confirming the men's engagement at the request of Captain Turnbull.

The Crown Agents regret the delay in submitting their claim but in view of their financial year ending on the 30th of this month they would appreciate receiving your remittance in settlement on or before that date.

We trust you will be able to comply with this request. ]

With anticipatory thanks,

Yours faithfully,  
 For WESTRALIAN FARMERS TRANSPORT LIMITED,

*[Signature]*  
 D. WRIGHT.

PAYMENT VOUCHER ISSUED.  
 17 JUL 1961  
 5008  
 No. ....

*Spoke to Mr Wright.  
 Took him  
 regarding  
 we had  
 to Portia.  
 A. 20/1.*

*File*

SECRETARIAT FOR TRANSPORT.

Gas Oil supplied by bulk lorry or rail tankers in quantities exceeding the quantity required.

Should deliveries be made other than by pipeline, the following differentials must be added:

	HEAVY LIGHT DIESEL	MARINE DIESEL	MARINE OIL
For Bulk Tanker deliveries	£2.78	£2.55	£2.38
For Bulk Lorry deliveries	£1.57	£1.64	£1.52
For Ret. & Non Ret. Bulk deliveries	£2.78	£2.75	£2.69

Overtime, Shipping, etc. At actual cost

Current rate of conversion sterling to S.A. Currency, is £1 sterling = R2.0075.

For local payment in P.M.A., the above S.A. Currency of British Sterling price must be converted to pounds at rate of exchange ruling on date of delivery.

*James of Future*

*B/E 7/6*

*Noted A.C. 38/5*

*7*

AIRMAIL

21st June, 1961.

The Secretary for Transport,  
Private Bag 193,  
PRETORIA.

Charter of the "Shackleton" for Islands  
Relief, 1961

Your file A.11/46/7 refers.

I append for consideration the text of a letter dated 19th June which has been received from Westralian Farmers:

"To assist with the off loading operations at Gough Islandz, it was necessary to engage four of the Local Islanders at a cost of £3 per man. This charge is for Charterers account and in support of Owner's claim, we enclose photostat copies of the relative receipt with covering letter dated 9th May, 1961, from the Administrator at Tristan da Cunha Island, confirming the men's engagement at the request of Captain Turnbull.

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We trust you will be able to comply with this request."

Attached is a copy of Westralian Farmers' debit note in this connection, as well as a photostat copy of a communication from the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha with annexed receipt.

We informed Westralian Farmers that as this debit fell outside the terms of the charter party (especially clause 49), it would be necessary to refer the matter to you for your approval before payment.

I should be glad if the matter could receive early attention and if you would inform me as soon as possible whether payment may be effected.

*Mr Steenkamp  
17/7/61  
m/k*  
*Noted  
A.C.  
24/6/61*  
DRAKE  
Minister.

AD/AG



DEPARTEMENT VAN VERVOER.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-APRIKA - REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Telegrafiese Adres, | "TRANSPORT"  
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Navrae, | J.B. Reitz.  
Enquiries:

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Telephone |

Verwysings | A.11/46/7.  
Reference No.

Alle korrespondensie moet gerig word aan:  
All correspondence to be addressed to:

SEKRETARIS VAN VERVOER/SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT,  
PRIVAATSAK/PRIVATE BAG 193,  
VERVOERGEBOU/TRANSPORT BUILDING,  
FOUNTAINLAAN/FOUNTAIN LANE,  
PRETORIA.

BY AIR MAIL.

8. 7. 1961

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the Republic of South Africa,  
South Africa House,  
Trafalgar Square,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

CHARTER OF "SHACKLETON" FOR ISLANDS RELIEF -  
MARCH-APRIL 1961 : CHARGES FOR OFF-LOADING.

1. I refer to your minute No. P.S.16/6 of 21 June 1961 in connection with an account for R24.00 (or £12) in respect of the engagement by the Master of the "Shackleton" of 4 islanders of Tristan da Cunha to assist with the off-loading at Gough Island and have to advise that the amount may be paid as a debit against the vote of this Department.

2. It is desired to point out in the above connection that the engagement of additional labourers for off-loading at Gough Island is considered unnecessary and that it was done merely for the sake of convenience. At Marion Island, for instance, all the stores and equipment are normally discharged by the crew, assisted by the Departmental employees, without any difficulty. Upon delivery of the vessel to the Department in Cape Town the Master's attention was drawn to this fact and he was informed that the Department does not want him to engage Islanders again (he did the same last year) and that, if he did, it should be for the owners' account. He agreed to this but for some unknown reason he apparently found it necessary to obtain additional assistance

*Clause 3*

3. It also appears that the charter party contains contradictory terms in that clause 2 states that the charterers are to pay expenses connected with, amongst others, "unloading". In terms of that clause, therefore, the Department appears to be responsible for payment of the amount in question. Clauses 49 and 53 on the other hand state that the discharging of the stores and the transport thereof on shore should be undertaken by the ship's crew as part of their duties in implementing the contract. The amount in question is negligible and does not cause so much concern as does the fact that a principle is involved, especially in view of the fact that the Department had to pay the crew an amount of R400 in lieu of overtime and since,

*N.V. P.V. 7/7*

PAYMENT VOUCHER ISSUED.  
17 JUL 1961  
No. 5008

2/...

Naas:

Sal jy asseblief die maandagoggend  
vrae van Rekeninge gee & vra  
dat hulle dadelik die "Payment  
Voucher" aan jou moet besorg.  
Skryf dan met Westkalian Farmers  
(nie aondag wright) & hee die P. V.  
aan. Jy kan in jou bereik meld  
dat versaar reken dit was me  
nodigom die ekstra menne te  
kunn me.v.

Bring dan saak onder Tony  
de aondag en se me hom wright  
reken versaar praat kaf - hulle  
heer me die implikasies van  
klousule 46 van Charter Party me.  
Belangrik daarin is "high watermark"  
& die beteken me "and place in  
Store" me.

Ben.

Note

Subsequent, on my return from leave,  
I saw the full story, as contained in  
the attached minute, to the benefit  
of Westkalian Farmers. It seems he  
did not give it in writing.

TSK

17th July, 1961.

For the attention of Mr. D. Wright

Gentlemen,

m.s. "Shackleton" C.P. dated 28/12/60:

I refer to your letter of the 19th June, 1961, regarding the engagement of four men at a cost of £3 per man to assist with offloading work at Gough Island, and enclose herewith Payment Voucher No. 5008 for the amount of £12 issued by this Embassy.

I may mention that the South African authorities consider the engagement of additional labourers for offloading at the Island unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. OXLEY  
Minister.

Messrs. Westralian Farmers Transport Ltd.,  
United Dominions House,  
51 Eastcheap, E.C.3.

Mr Orade

For your attention psc; see Mr Kourger's little personal note to me (attached). 17/7.

TIS/AG

of Westralian Farmers. I think he did not give it in writing.

Handwritten initials/signature

N.V. MM

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LINE

PLEASE QUOTE **DW/JW/RSS "SHACKLETON"**

19th July, 1961

The Minister,  
South Africa House,  
Trafalgar Square,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

Attention of A. F. Drake

Dear Sir,

re: R.S.S. "SHACKLETON" C/P dated 28.12.1960

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your cheque value £12. covering the cost of the local labour employed at Gough Island under the above Charter Party to assist with the off-loading of Stores from the above vessel to the Expedition Base.

We note that the South African Authorities in Pretoria consider that the engagement of the additional labourers for off-loading stores at Gough Island was unnecessary and we have conveyed their comments to the Crown Agents. We would like to mention however, that under clause 49 of the Charter Party, the boat's crew are only entitled to load and/or discharge the cargo from the vessel into the boats and to assist to discharge the cargo from the boats above high water mark. We presume that the Master engaged local labour at Gough Island to assist with the conveyance of the Stores off-loaded from high water mark to the Base occupied by the Expedition.

We have asked Charterers to confirm this and will revert on receipt of their reply.

Yours faithfully,  
for WESTRALIAN FARMERS TRANSPORT LIMITED.

D. Wright

*of Westralian Farmers. It seems he  
did not quote it in writing.*

*DW*

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19th July, 1961

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LONDON, W.C.2.

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Yours faithfully,  
for WESTRALIAN FARMERS TRANSPORT LIMITED.

*D. Wright*  
D. Wright

*see draft.*

*B/F 22/8 Noted  
A.G. 11/8*

*B/F 14/8  
A*

*of Westralian Farmers. It seems he did not give up on writing.*

*D/W*

*N.V. AM*

No. 0000



Note To Fii

Mr Wright informed me today that  
Westaban Farmer have heard from  
Crown Agents that, as the local  
labour on South Island, was hired  
by the Master of the vessel, they intend  
to make a refund of £12 paid  
by us, and apologise for any inconvenience  
caused.

Mr Wright will ~~write~~ write to us  
when the cheque is received from Crown  
Agents.

AD  
L/S

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UNITED DOMINIONS HOUSE,  
51, EASTCHEAP,

LONDON, E.C.3. 21st August, 1961.

The Official Secretary,

South Africa House, Trafalgar Square.

DM/CB/m.s. SHACKLETON 1961.

In account with

WESTRALIAN FARMERS TRANSPORT LTD.

LONDON REPRESENTATIVES

Australian National Line

20/1/61

m.s. "SHACKLETON" C.P. dated 28/12/60

BY: Refund of cost of engaging local  
labour at Gough Islands to assist  
with off loading operations under  
the above Fixture

£12. 0. 0.

(Refer W.F.T. Debit Note dated 19/6/61.)

Encls.

N.V. *MM*

No. 0000

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PLEASE QUOTE RNS/CP/M.S. "SHACKLETON" 61.

21st August, 1961.

The Minister,  
South Africa House,  
Trafalgar Square,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

Attention: A.F. Drake, Esq.

CHEQUE for £12	dated	for Acct.
RECEIPT No. M557199	dated 22.8.61	issued.
CREDITED TRANSPORT	on 23.8.61	

*M. Drake*  
*A.C.*  
*22/8*

Dear Sir,

M.S. "SHACKLETON" C/P dated 28.12.60.

\* We have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for £12 with relative Invoice covering the refund of the charges incurred in engaging local labour for off loading operations at Gough Island under this fixture. We would mention that when we first debited you with this charge, we were fully under the impression that the local labour had been engaged at Gough Island to assist with the transfer of the cargo from above high water mark to the Expedition Base and consequently it was a charge for Charterers account under Clause 49 of the Charter Party.

*M. Drake*  
*Receipt h/5*  
*23/8/61*

Following your explanation, however, on your behalf we took the matter up with Owners and the Master of the "SHACKLETON" confirmed that the labour had been engaged solely on his instructions to assist with cargo operations on behalf of Owners.

We are pleased that this matter has now been satisfactorily concluded and will take this opportunity of thanking you for your courtesy and co-operation extended to us in connection with this fixture. \*

Yours faithfully,  
For WESTRALIAN FARMERS TRANSPORT LTD.

*Fu*

*D. Wright*  
D. WRIGHT.

Encls.

*E. O. X. [Signature]*  
*The Accountant*  
*once I have the*  
*receipt, please credit to*  
*Transport - see their*  
*minutes played x.*  
*M. Drake*  
*22/8*

*N.V.* *M*

No. 2000

South African Embassy,

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AIRMAIL

24th August, 1961.

The Secretary for Transport,  
Private Bag 193,  
PRETORIA.

Charter of "Shackleton" for Islands  
Relief - March-April, 1961 : Charges  
for Off-Loading

Your minute A.11/46/7 of 8th July, 1961, refers.

2. In terms of your authorisation the amount of R.24 (£12) was duly paid to Westralian Farmers on behalf of the Crown Agents in respect of the cost of the local labour engaged at Gough Island to assist with off-loading operations. At the same time we explained to Westralian Farmers that in your <sup>view</sup> the engagement of this additional labour had not in effect been necessary.

3. We have now received from Westralian Farmers the following communication in terms of which the amount in question has been refunded to this office:-

"We have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for £12 with relative Invoice covering the refund of the charges incurred in engaging local labour for off loading operations at Gough Island under this fixture. We would mention that when we first debited you with this charge, we were fully under the impression that the local labour had been engaged at Gough Island to assist with the transfer of the cargo from above high water mark to the Expedition Base and consequently it was a charge for Charterers account under Clause 49 of the Charter Party.

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We are pleased that this matter has now been satisfactorily concluded and will take this opportunity of thanking you for your courtesy and co-operation extended to us in connection with this fixture."

This refund will be credited to your Department in this Embassy's accounts for the period ending 31st August, 1961.

A. E. DRAKE

Minister.

AD/AG

24th August, 1961.

Attention: D. Wright, Esq.

Gentlemen,

M.S. "Shackleton" C/P dated 28.12.60

Thank you for your letter RNS/CP dated 21st August, kindly enclosing your cheque for £12 and invoice covering the refund of the charges incurred in engaging local labour at Gough Island under the above fixture. Our official receipt is enclosed.

Your attention to this matter is most appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A. F. DRAKE

Minister.

Messrs. Westralian Farmers Transport, Limited,  
United Dominions House,  
51 Eastcheap, E.C.3.

AD/AG

Following your request, however, as you would be taking the necessary steps and the Board of the Shackleton confirmed that the labour had been engaged solely on his instructions to assist with cargo operations on behalf of Owners.

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