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ANTI-WORK PERMIT? ANTI-MANX!

'PERMITS IN OUR TIME'



BUSINESS COMMUNITY APPEASED AS WORK PERMIT LAWS RELAXED

EMPLOYERS HAVE 'NO FURTHER DEMANDS' SAYS BELL

ABOVE: A truly prophetic piece from
Yn Pabyr Seyr 54 just 12 months ago

Forget any nonsense about "encouraging economic growth" (as if that's ever benefited us anyway). The single, sole objective of even further relaxation of the already pathetically weak work permit regulations are to exclude Manx people from anything but menial and physical, low paid work.

Anybody who has any difficulty in grasping this needs to understand that it already incredibly easy to get a work permit in those few remaining occupations that actually require one. The only circumstance in which a work permit will ever be denied to an employer is in those rare cases when it is made known to the work permit committee that suitable Manx candidates have applied, and even

then, there is great pressure to let the employers have their way.

Consequently, anyone who supports relaxation must be prepared to be branded as **ANTI-MANX**,

The problem is long-established and is getting worse as the Manx population continues to be further marginalised. Below is a letter sent to the CEO of the then Department of Industry in 2002:

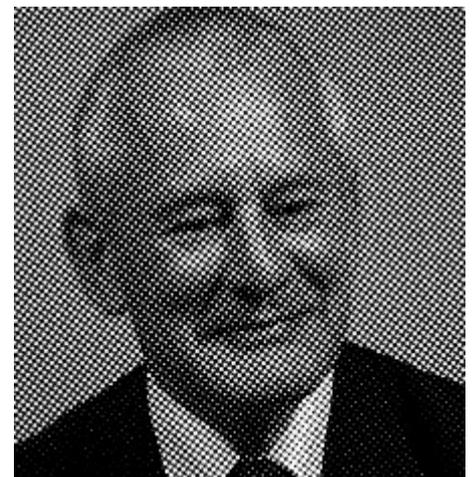
Dear Sir,

The Annual General Meeting of Mec Vannin, held in March this year, passed the following resolution:

"This AGM views plans to review work permit legislation with extreme concern when viewed in conjunction with the new Residency Act."

Our concern was obviously well founded with the announcement of plans to betray the Manx people with the effective abandonment of work-

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Alan Bell - Has been many things

WORK PERMIT BETRAYAL

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Howard Quayle MHK, Chief Minister

permit regulation to let employers practice cronyism and anti-Manx discrimination on an official basis.

Needless to say, we are relieved that there are still sufficient people of character in Tynwald to force the abandonment of these proposals but it is, nonetheless, extremely disturbing that the proposals were made in the first place. The question must be asked (and hopefully answered): Just who was the Department of Industry attempting to represent with these proposals?

It should be self-evident that it is in the National Interest to increase regulation at times of economic boom to prevent a runaway economy with its attendant negative affects which even UK political advisors have managed to identify: An unsustainable working population, housing shortages and spiraling housing costs with an ever present threat of sudden collapse are just a few.

Parallel with this need to regulate to prevent negative effects is the opportunity to raise wages and opportunities for the people that the government in the Isle of Man is supposed to represent i.e. Manx people.

Our previous investigations and communications with the Work Permit Committee has revealed that the problem is its lack of resources and the lack of support at political level: Unless a matter is specifically drawn to the attention of the Committee, it has no way of knowing that a Manx person has been denied an employment opportunity to bring in an immigrant. Nor does it have the facilities to positively vet applications for false declarations.

The lack of political support has been demonstrated on several occasions such as the pressure exerted by the Moon family when in ownership of the Castle Mona Hotel, the pointed failure of the Attorney General to prosecute work-permit abuse at the Ballamona Hospital site and the Civil Service Commission's support for Mr. Steven Rodan's attempt to install a personal acquaintance as Director of Education in preference to a competent and qualified Manx person. If true, it is also inexcusable that the Chief Constable intends to discriminate against Manx people in the police service, this and certain other fields being exempted from the work permit regulation.

To address the deficiencies and to make the work-permit regulation a meaningful and supportable piece of



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legislation, the following modifications are required at the very least:

The number of work-permits issued must be capped as a percentage of the working population.

The Work Permit Committee must be provided with the resources to positively vet all work-permit applicants.

There should be no excluded occupations. All work permit applications should be made public so that Manx workers can inform the Committee of their interest in a job.

The well-known practice of "tailoring" job applications to suit a non-Manx applicant should be ended by providing the Work Permit Committee with access to independent professional advice as to what sort of qualifications and / or experience are really necessary to fulfil a particular task.

If it is necessary to provide the Committee with additional full-time officers to support it, then this must be done.

Since that time, the government in the Isle of Man has not only back-slid but effectively thrown work-permit regulations away. The result is that, as was always intended, there is often no opportunity for promotion for our own and there is no desire or requirement

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WORK PERMIT TREACHERY

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Carolyn Pegge - Chamber of Commerce

or employers to train above the now official "glass ceiling" of employment for the native Manx.

One perverse piece of logic used to sell this betrayal of our own population to our hapless "decision makers" is, most bizarrely, a DROP in permit applications.

The very simple reason for this is absolutely nothing to do with work permit regulations (or the lack of them - less than 1% of applications are unsuccessful, so work that out!).

As ever, the tail wagging the dog is the Chamber of Commerce but what hasn't been headlined is that over 50% of their own membership want Work Permits to be retained.

The economic collapse predicted due to lack of regulation, as described in our 2002 submission, has happened.

In the absence of an overt backlash from the public (too many of the populace came here on permits to start with) the anti-Manx elements are feeling the ground under their feet and getting bolder. Now, the call is for ONLY manual trades to be subject to regulation. What does this say?

**IF YOU ARE MANX, YOU CAN
BE A HOD CARRIER OR
LEAVE**

WHY ARE WE PAYING A TV LICENCE?

A hardy perennial, admittedly but WHY ARE WE PAYING A TV LICENCE?

The Channel Islands not only have their own BBC television service but the UK government is currently continuing to fund free licences to the over 75s.

Here in the Isle of Man, the government is paying the UK ON BEHALF of the over 75s and there is no sign that the UK will do anything but sit back and take the millions as long as we are stupid enough to pay it!

The UK currently sucks around £6 million a year out of our economy in licence fees. In the UK, 12% must go back into "regional broadcasting" (usually radio) so, where's our £700,000 per annum kick back? Oh that's right! We don't get one!

Meanwhile, the Corporation is threatening people who have been watching legally on catch-up for years in the Isle of Man. The law changed in the UK in 2016 but at what point was that made so in the Isle of Man, or did "our" government just sit back and allow it without question?

WILL DAS BOOT TORPEDO UK'S EXPLOITATION OF MANX WATERS OR IS HE SUBJECT TO ORDERS "FROM ABOVE"

The frenzy of scallop fishing that took place in November managed to draw public attention to the licencing regime, which had cut licences issued in half.

This begs the question of the broader issue of our territorial waters. The UK

continues to illegally exploit our waters and claim ultimate sovereignty to within THREE nautical miles of our coast. Compare this to the Scotland and Wales (still a part of the UK) who both have FULL control of fisheries up to TWELVE nM .

Will Mr Boot have the where-with-all to assert our rights for full territorial control to the median line or will conflict of loyalties with The Fatherland inhibit him?

Mec Vannin's document establishing our rights in International Law is available in full at:

http://mecvannin.im/archive/territorial_waters.html



Former English Conservative village councillor and now Isle of Man minister for fisheries, Baron Boot, pictured with someone else.

Laa Cooínaghtyn Illiam Dhone Oraíð Ghaelgagh 2017 liorish Markys y Kermitt

Cha nee ploblaghteyr va Illiam Dhone, ny irreyder magh edyr. D'obbree eh dy mie da'n Tanlagh Moor. V'eh ass lucht thie berchagh as niartal dy liooar as cha row eh gearree shen y chaghlaa.

Agh ny yei shen as ooilley, v'eh ny Vanninagh lesh graih cheerey as v'eh son ny Manninee.

Tra haue eh Mannin veih Charlotte de Tremouille as e kiarail Mannin y chreck rish ny Sostyneer cour pingyn, cha row eh sauail yn Tynvaal ny lomarcán. V'eh sauail nyn gultoor, nyn jengey as ennaght jeh yn feeuid ain hene. Va ny Sostyneer gearree orrin dy ve nyn Sostyneer beggey ayns cheer veg veagh fo smaght Hostyn son dy bragh. Ec y traacheddin, cha beagh shin rieu lowit dy smooínaghtyn jin hene dy ve chammahs ny Sostyneer. Shoh yn agh ta ooilley ny cheeraghyn coloinagh dellal rish ny cheeraghyn ta fo yn

smaght oc, as shen yn agh ta Sostyn as ram Sostyneer dellal rish Mannin as ny Manninee 'sy laaghyn t'ayn jiu. Cha bee Impiraght Hostyn rieu ersooyl choud's vees Mannin fo e smaght. Cha jean Mannin rieu scapail veih smaght Hostyn choud's vees oltaghyn ny reiltys dyn kiarail ny yeearee shen y yannoo.

Feie ny bleintyn chaaie, ta'n reiltys er jeet dy ve ny smessey ny v'ee rieu. My roish y Cheid Chaggey Vooar, stholk Tynvaal noi'n chianooyrt Raglan. V'eh speeideilagh. Agh dagh keayrt ta Mannin shirrey red erbee veih Sostyn dyn ve arryltagh shassoo dy stroshey noiee, t'ee failleil. Dagh keayrt ta Sostyn cur red erbee da Mannin, t'eh jannoo foays ennagh da Sostyn as ny Sostyneer. My ta Mannin as ny Manninee cosney red erbee ass eh, shen meecharailagh.

Rish ymmodee bleintyn, va ny Manninee gaccan rish Sostyn,

Tynvaal reihit er bun y chur. Va Sostyn gobbal shen y yannoo. Eisht, va chyndaays ayn. Cre'n fa? Haink ymmodee Sostyneer gys Mannin 'sy nuyoo eash as va'd feddyn ad hene dyn teiy. Myr shen, reagh Sostyn Tynvaal reihit er bun y chur.

Ga dy row shimmey Manninee goaill caggey ass l'eh Hostyn 'sy Nah Chaggey Vooar as va niart jeu geddyn baase neesht, ga dy row ny Manninee aegey er nyn gur stiagh ayns ny sherveishyn caggee Hostyn rish bleentyn lurg y Nah Chaggey Vooar, va Sostyn faagail Mannin ayns drogh staid. Choud's va Sostyn hene bishaghey lurg yn Nah Chaggey Vooar, va Mannin goll er mow, dyn cooney erbee veih Sostyn, ga dy row shin slane fo smaght Hostyn as e kianooyrt stravagagh mygeayrt y cheer lesh fedjagyn 'syn edd echey. As cha nel shen er chaghlaa noadyr.

T'ee goll er gys y nah duillag

Oraid Ghaelgagh er ny goll er veih'n chiarroo ghuillag

Rish sheelogheyn, va reiltys Vannin gearree yn niart keeshyn y hoie jee hene. Va Sostyn dobbal shen y yannoo. Eisht, va chyndaays ayn tammylt lurg yn Nah Chaggey Vooar. Cre'n fa? V'eh er Sostyn cur seose ram jeh ny cheeraghyn coloinagh 'syn Afrik as va ram Sostynee geearee scapail, agh cha row ad gearree goll er-ash gys Sostyn. V'ad gearree cheer coloinagh fo smaght Hostyn. V'ad ooilley cur graih er Sostyn as y ven-rein, agh cha row yn ghraih shen niartal dy liooar nyn geeshyn y eeck.

Myr shen, 'sy vlein nuy keead jeig hoght-jeig as daeed, va Sostyn lhiggey da Mannin troggal keeshyn jee hene. As va ram sleih ayns Mannin smooïnaghtyn dy row Sostyn feer chooie as coar da Mannin Veg Veen. Agh cha row Sostyn boirrit mychione Mannin er cor erbee. V'ee gearree boayl sauchey rish ooilley ny Sostynee coloinagh. Va shen toshiaght y pholasee cummaltee noaey, as va jeeill

dy liooar goll er yannoo rish Mannin kyndagh rish. Va kuse dy Vanninee girree noi as va'n chengey goll laue ry laue lesh immeeaght politickaght. Smooïnnee jee er Doolish y Karagher, Lewis y Crellin, Audrey Ainsworth as y lhied.

Myr dooyrt mee ec toshiaght ny oraid shoh, va Illiam Dhone cooney nyn jengey y hauail as ga dy row Sostyn as Manninee dy liooar dyn 'ys share soie urree rish bleeantyn, v'ee tannaghtyn er y cheer, 'sy glionteenyn as 'sy chree ec ram Manninee. Myr shen, tra va'n chengey bunnys ersooyl, va kuse dy leih goaill toshiaght er jannoo recoyrtysyn as gynsaghey yn chengey. Va recoyrtysyn sheeanagh goll er yannoo roish y Chied Chaggey Vooar agh, atreih, ta'n chooid smoo jeu caillit ny currit mow nish.

Lhig dooin ve booisagh, eisht, dy daink dooinney elley niartal da'n ellan 'sy vlein nuy keead jeig shiaght as daeed. Va shen Eamon Devalera, chied

eaghtyrane Nherin. Cha row eshyn ny chengeyder, ga dy row yn Yernish echey. V'eh ny irreydeyder magh Yernagh v'arryltagh troggal gunnyn noi Sostyn. As v'eh arryltagh cur saase dooin jannoo recoyrtysyn jeh kuse dy loayrtee jerrinagh neesht. Va shen jeih bleeaney as kiare feed er dy henney 'sy vlein shoh as foddee dy vel eh orrin croo sorch dy chooinaghtyn er y nhee shen.

Myr shen, ta mee briaght er ooilley jiu ta gearree yn Ghaelg dy ve ny chengey vio as ymmydoil, dy chur cooinaghtyn er y nhee nagh jagh ee er hauail liorish reiltys ny co-lughtyn va ceau pingyn dy chur tostydy er peiagh ny tree. Cha jagh ee er hauail liorish sleih va glioonaghey rish Sostyn. Cha daink ee er-ash ass ny bodjallyn queig bleeaney as feed er dy henney. T'ee foast ayn kyndagh rish graih cheerey, ashoonaghys, as ashooneyryn feie ymmodde sheelogheyn. Gura mie mooar erriu ooilley.

Illiam Dhone Commemoration 2nd January 2017

English Oration by Chris Thomas MHK



Chris Thomas MHK

First elected as Member of the House of Keys for Douglas West in the 2011 election, he is currently Minister for Policy and Reform.

Fastyr mie.

Thank you for inviting me to speak here today, to join you in reflecting on the life and death of Illiam Dhone.

I am certainly no expert on 17th century Manx history, and this is my first commemoration, so I do not presume to comment on the differing views of Illiam Dhone's character and motivation. But I am trying to understand why a man who was executed here on this day in 1663 is still regarded as significant and relevant 354 years later.

Is it because of what Illiam Dhone is seen as standing for, the values he is taken to

represent? His story seems to be about defending the Manx way of doing things, and protecting the interests and rights of the Manx people. If so, these things became the basic tenets of our democracy and our self-determination in more modern times, the ability to produce policies and laws that suit us and work here.

If Illiam Dhone was indeed an early democrat and nationalist, if his prime concern was the welfare of the people, then perhaps he would approve of some of what is happening in Tynwald today?

I think he would approve of Government becoming more open extending the Freedom of Information to all Government Departments yesterday, and to Statutory Boards and local authorities next January; although he might point out that our previous approach was a triumph of traa dy liooar to an extent, as I believe Sweden had the world's first FOI legislation 250 years ago!

I think he would also approve of The Equality Bill – the Island's first comprehensive legislation against discrimination – that has had its second reading in Keys recently.

I think he would be preparing his contribution to the decision

about the Lord Lisvane review of the functioning of the branches of Tynwald recommendations, a debate which is coming up this April.

And, as a politician who seems to have had the interest of all Manxmen in his heart, I think he would also support the new Government's new programme which has the objective of making our society inclusive and caring and making our Island a place of enterprise and opportunity.

The "Protect the Vulnerable" mantra of the last administration has been replaced. Most vulnerable people neither want nor need protecting; rather, like everyone, they want the opportunity to benefit from growth. Society will need to care for some more than others, but everyone should be included in our Island's success. I think Illiam Dhone would support policies which tackle any poverty in any of its manifestations. I think he would be considering the introduction of a living wage as Government is, especially as it might benefit everyone not only those directly benefitting. More generally, I think he would be encouraging the Treasury Minister to bring budgets which offer something for the far too many who have

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Illiam Dhone Day English Oration continued

been scraping by and scratching along for far too long. Above all else of course, Illiam Dhone is perceived and valued as a patriotic guardian of Manx culture and identity, so what would he make of Manx culture and identity today?

People sometimes take a nostalgic, fatalistic view of culture and heritage as representing the old ways, inevitably endangered by the new ways and by modern developments. But I suggest that the supposed choice between cultural identity and material progress is a false dichotomy. In recent decades our Island has seen a flourishing of its culture, coinciding with a period of significant social change and economic growth.

I think Illiam Dhone would be delighted that the maintenance of a strong national and cultural identity, including the use of the Manx language, is an integral and important part of the Programme for Government 2016-21, Our Island: a Special Place to Live and Work.

Manx culture and heritage are valuable for their own sake, but they are also essential ingredients for the Island's social and economic success. They make for a strong sense of community. Culture and heritage are some of those things which shape who we are

as a nation, they make us a 'somewhere place' rather than an 'anywhere place'.

Moreover a strong, inclusive cultural identity not only contributes to our quality of life, it also offers a fantastic way of changing the story about the Isle of Man internationally, and in order to stand out in the global market, we need to show that the Isle of Man has a sense of difference. Sharing the stories about the people who live and work builds our international reputation.

Culture changes, identities overlap and change, but without the distinct Manx character and identity that we are recognising here today, the Isle of Man would not be the special place that it is, and will continue to be in the future. I think the Irish President Michael D Higgins summed things up just before Christmas when talking about Rachel Joynt's bronze oak sculpture which is in the grounds of his residence: It "uses the symbolism of an acorn to represent the combination of individual stories and effort of men and women to imagine and forge a collective future" for the nation.

And I am going to close with some more of President Higgins's words to make a point I think Illiam Dhone might be making today, this time words

he used in November advocating teaching philosophy in schools, and promoting it in society. This, President Higgins argued, is needed to enable citizens "to discriminate between truthful language and illusory rhetoric" given "an anti-intellectualism that has fed populism among the insecure and the excluded".

I hope everybody here, and anyone listening later, will reflect on whether our Island society is becoming what is being called "post-truth", as many others are, how their own words and actions are contributing, and whether this is for the good. Would it not be better to encourage a "reflective atmosphere in the classrooms, in our media, in our public space", as President Higgins suggested?

Illiam Dhone might symbolise defiant Manx identity. But I hope he would advocate establishing facts to secure the best interests of the Isle of Man and for those for whom it is home. Government is trying to enhance dialogue; I think others are too, I certainly hope so.

Let's work together encouraging evidence-based policy making rather than policy-based evidence making, to keep our Island a special place to live and work.

Gura mie eu.

Yn Arrane Ashoonagh

O Halloo nyn dooie
O Chliejeen ny s' bwaai
Ry gheddyn er ooir aalin Yee
Ta dt' Ardstoyl Reill-Thie
Myr Baarool er ny hoie
Dy reayll shin ayns seyrsnys as shee.

Lhig dooin boggoil bee
Lesh annym as cree
As croghey er gialdyn y Chiarn
Dy vodmayd dagh oor
Treishteil er e phooar
Dagh olk ass nyn anmeenyn 'hayrn.

The National Anthem

O land of our birth
O gem of God's earth
O Island so strong and so fair
Built firm as Barrool
Thy throne of Home Rule
Makes us free as thy sweet mountain air.

Then let us rejoice
With heart, soul and voice
And in the Lord's promise confide
That each single hour
We trust in His power
No evil our souls can betide.

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