

Appendix 3

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My dear Robert,

Mrs Simonds was lunching with me, and her son Sam is a qualified Chartered Accountant. He knows the ropes as to ~~how~~ is the best way to pass the exams. We think that he would be sure to suggest a special crammer for the finals.

If you sit for your exams in November, I would suggest that you come straight out to Malta and you would get your results here. Mrs Simonds points out that either way you will have gained a great deal of practical knowledge, so there is nothing to worry about. If you pass it is suggested that you have a crammer for your finals.

In my will I have left 272 Ordinary Shares in the AMN and they are vested in full ownership in my said heir Robert Hornyold Strickland immediately upon my death."

With regard to the remaining 408 shares they are vested in ownership to my said heir Robert Hornyold Strickland if he is a Maltese Citizen at the time of my death or becomes a Maltese Citizen within twenty years of my death. If you fail to become a Maltese citizen you do not inherit the second lot of shares. Last year the Company paid 2½% and I got £1,700 dividends.

The dividends are accumulated by the Executors on my death and are distributed according to the advice of the Council of Administration which has been set up. The funds shall be applied in the way that the Council of Administration considers advisable.

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CONTROL OF
THE SHARES

Until you become a Maltese Citizen, the Council of Administration is in control. Under my will Dr Guido DeMarco and Professor Joseph Max Ganado are my Testamentary Executors who have the power to administer the assets pertaining to my estate and if my executors and their substitute Dr J.J. Vella are unable or unwilling to act as executors "I authorise my said heir Robert Hornyold Strickland to perform all the functions of the Executors in accordance with the terms of the present Will."

The people nominated to be in charge until you become a Maltese Citizen are:

Judge J.H. Xuereb
Dr Guido DeMarco
Professor J.M. Ganado
Anthony Miceli Farrugia
Anthony Montanaro

Therefore it seems to me that the sooner you get to Malta the sooner for everybody. A residents' permit is necessary and after five years' residence you get nationality.

If you have to make an important decision, you have to have the authority of the Council of Administration but they would be the last people to interfere with you. The Trust was only put up to safeguard your position until you get nationality. \ would they?

Clearly you have to agree with the Trustees for any major decision, but the choice of the trustees has been very carefully made, because they all think as we think although they have different political background, our fundamentals are the same.

Therefore as soon as these November exams are over the sooner you make for Malta the better. Moreover the Maltese elections will be over by November and there will either be a Nationalist Government or Mintoff returned. With 20,000 new voters it is difficult to predict. There is also a change in the electoral boundaries.

Politics are the art and science of Government. This affects industry, but this beside the point, for the time being, except of course for your nationality. Your great grand-father, my father was born in St Paul's Street Valetta and your grandmother Mary was born at Villa Bologna on 4th June 1896. This is from page 207 of the "Stricklands of Sizergh" by your Grandfather Henry.

Therefore you have a Maltese connection.

If you wish to become a Maltese you would

have a free entry
no visa back to
England or to Yalta
i. e. a certificate of
Patriciality stamped
on your passport
like mine.

I'll show you mine
next time we meet

Yours Mabel
