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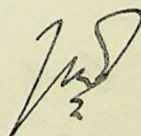
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD LEADING
FROM STANLEY EASTWARDS TO SURF BAY.

MINUTES.

1-3. Minute from Hon. Director of Public Works 2nd Sept. 1931.

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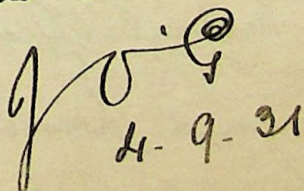
despatch.



4.9.31.

Hon C. P.

I have given the proposal serious consideration, and approve of same. The draft of despatch sets out the case clearly.


4-9-31

Subsequent Paper.

Despatch to S. of S. No. 176 of 9/9/31

Hon. S.P.O.

Please see: Book

you for the speed and care

with which you have pursued

this matter.

2. Thereafter please pass to

the Treasurer of the P.S.O. to

W. H. H.

8-9-31.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted. Thanks you.

C. Roberts
9-9-31.

Hon. Col. Treasurer.

Passed to you accordingly

C. R.
9-9-31.

Hon. Principal Medical Officer.

Seen and passed to you.

L. Braj Nath
Treas.

9. 9. 31.

Hon. Col. Secy.

Seen, Thank you.

J. Ernest Mori.

11/9/31.

P.A.
11/9/31

6. S of S despatch, No 126 of 4/12/31.

The J.P.O. 18.2.32

The Treas. 22.2.32

The P.O. 23.2.32
Please see:

The position as regards

unemployment will be more

clearly appreciated by J.P.O.

on the receipt of recent

dispatches.

J. Ernest Mori

17.2.32

Y.E. Submitted. In view of despatches which have recently been addressed to the Sec. of State relative to unemployment in this colony, no action on this despatch appears called for - at any rate for the present.

No 24 of
8. 2. 32
and 29
of 16. 2. 32.

h. Campin Harker
a.g.s.
14. 2. 32.

Actg. C.S.
I agree!
J.C.
1-3-32

~~h.f. 21/3/32~~
~~G.D.G. 27/3/32~~
h.f. 15/5/32.
G.D.G. 31/3/32

P. Hynes
14. 5. 32

Minute from Hon. D of P.W. 21/5/33

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Y.E.

Submitted for approval.

C.D.G.
pres.
22/12/33

Hon. Col. Sec.

Approved. I agree with Hon. Director P. Wks. that the sketches will be a great boon.

h.c.s.

Hon. D. P. W.

to note approval.

C. J. Jones
22/2/33

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

G. Roberts.
23/2/33.

P. A.
22/2/33

(89)

Minute from Hon. D. P. W. 27/6/34

Hon. Director Public Works.

You might furnish in due course measurements and estimates. On the other hand a branch road or roads running South from Surf Bay road might be of more utility for getting at the pear banks to the South.

W. C. H.
As Sec. 26.6.34.
Hon. Sec. Secretary.
Noted please.

W. C. H.
27/6/34

P. a.
mch
27. 6. 14.

circulo from D.S.W. of 25/6/37. (10)

Y.E. (10) submitted for the information of Y.E.

Red 28/6/37

PA 28/6/37

mch
28. 6. 37.

Letter from Mrs. W.B. Sturrock 29/7/37. (11)

S.P.W.

for your information

Red 4/8/37

Hon; Colonial Secretary,

Peat for Government Buildings is cut from this spot, widening the roadway and reducing the height of the bank each year, and there is not sufficient spreading ground to allow it to be cut right away in one season.

I would suggest that a "Drive Slow" notice be placed at each end of this section.

D. P. W.
5/8/37.

Yes, but the bank should be cut away as soon as possible. We must avoid accidents.

Y.E. W.B. (11) approved as recommended by the S.P.W.

Red 5/8/37

Hon. C.S.

Approved. Mr. Mercer might

be thanked for drawing attention to this.
mch
6. 8. 37

Handwritten initials

To use HES minutes to act accordingly.

Res
6/8/37.

(12) Letter to Mrs. W. B. Dixon of 7. 8. 37.

How to see.

Notice, This has been put in hand.

PA.
J. O. P. W.
10/8/37.

PA.
J. O. P. W.

PA
10/8/37

(13) Notes of points discussed by H. E. the Governor and Ex Engineer
P.A. of 29.4.46.

PA

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MINUTE.



2nd September, 1931

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From Director Public Works,

Stanley.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD EAST OF TOWN
TO SURF BAY.

I beg to submit a plan of the proposed construction of a road leading from Stanley eastwards through the 'Camp' to Surf Bay.

2. The construction of this road will find a certain amount of useful and economical employment. The time has arrived when the supply of labour in the Colony has exceeded the demand. There are at the present time some 15 men without employment in Port Stanley, and, due to the depression in the wool and oil industries, unemployment is steadily increasing and I see very little prospects of the men being employed other than by the Government.

3. The proposed road will pass through and be in close proximity to new peat fields capable of yielding some 500,000 cubic yards or an equivalent of some 12 years fuel supply for the inhabitants of Stanley. Further it will be possible to transport this peat over a level road instead as at present where it has to be carted over rough and hilly tracks in some instances 2 to 3 miles distant from the town.

4. The road if constructed would also be a public amenity and I might say a boon to the inhabitants of Stanley as providing access to Surf Bay. This bay is a delightful spot with an open sand beach where the children could be taken to enjoy romps and picnics.

5. The total estimate for the work is £7,000, of which some £6,200 will be in wages providing employment for unskilled labour.

6. If the scheme is approved I estimate that it will be necessary to incur a minimum expenditure of £2,000 during 1932 with a possible expenditure if the trade depression continues of £2,500.

7. I therefore submit that approval may be sought to carry out this work and incur the expenditure, and in anticipation of this an item has been inserted in the draft estimates under "Public Works Extraordinary".

G. Roberts

Director Public Works.

Enclosure.

Drawing (in duplicate).

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

5th September, 1931.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 176.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 146 of the 18th of July, 1931, and to the previous correspondence on the subject of the construction of the North Camp Road to the western end of Stanley Harbour and to state that in accordance with the proposals submitted for Lord Passfield's approval it is now anticipated that this work will be finished early in 1932 against an expenditure in that year of £800 more or less.

2. As you will be aware, one of the main objects with which the scheme was undertaken has been the provision of useful and economical employment for the population of Stanley. Indeed but for the fact that it was in progress the unemployment problem would have assumed relatively serious proportions during the past winter. In the existing circumstances of depressed trade this problem tends to become increasingly acute and I consider that it is not only prudent but also imperative to look ahead and to prepare in advance measures to deal with the situation in this regard as it may develop.

3. I submit therefore for your approval a further scheme of a similar nature for the construction of another road to the eastern end of Stanley Harbour. I attach a report and a plan which have been drawn up by

Mr./

uplicate.
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Mr. G. Roberts, Director of Public Works, from which you will see that the total cost involved is estimated at £7,000 to be spread over an approximate period of three years. The length of the suggested road is rather more than three miles and it will end at a sand beach, known as Surf Bay, passing on the way through rich deposits of peat, which will be available for householders in Stanley, the peat banks on the North Camp Road having been reserved for the Government supply. In this manner the new road like the North Camp Road will serve a threefold purpose, namely, the provision of employment, amenity and utility.

4. In anticipation of your approval I am inserting in the estimate of the extraordinary expenditure for 1932 an item on this account in the sum of £2,000. I trust that this sum will be made to suffice but in the event of urgent need I have to ask furthermore your sanction to exceed it up to £500 under special warrant, provided always that the necessary money is available in the general balances of the Colony without drawing on the Reserve Fund. So far as I can foresee at present, however, there is no great likelihood of such a financial stringency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

JAMES O'GRADY.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 136

Downing Street,

4 December, 1931.

Sir,

Reds. 5.4

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 176 of the 5th of September on the subject of the proposed construction of a road to the eastern end of Stanley Harbour.

2. It appears that, although this project affords utility and amenity, these advantages do not seem to be present in a sufficient degree to justify so considerable an expense, and that accordingly it should be regarded in the main as a work of relief for unemployment. If this view is correct, it seems that the work should proceed no faster than the unemployment position necessitates.

3. I would be glad if you would also consider whether it is desirable, when the unemployment situation ameliorates that part time employment only should be given on the road in order to afford more inducement to the workmen to seek other employment, and whether the actual road might not be terminated in the neighbourhood of the post bank, and a continuation to Surf Bay be provided in the form of a foot-path.

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

GOVERNOR,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

SIR JAMES O'GRADY, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

is requested
in any refer-
ence to this minute.
the above Number
and the date may
be quoted).

MINUTE.

21st December, 19 33

From Director of Public Works, To

Stanley.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, -Falkland Islands.

Submitted for approval.

For the convenience of the public using Big Rookery Bay it is suggested that two small shelters be erected. Now that the road is nearing completion the bay is frequented quite a lot and these shelters will be greatly appreciated. There is sufficient money to erect them and to complete the road.

2. It is not proposed to make an elaborate job but to have strong simple buildings about 12 ft x 8 ft with rails to prevent animals from becoming a nuisance.

G. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.

578/31

No.

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

MINUTE.

22nd June, 1934

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XX From.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Director of Public Works,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

1935 ESTIMATES.

CONTINUATION OF THE ROAD TERMINATING AT BIG ROOKERY BAY.

With a view to providing suitable employment during 1935, I beg to suggest that consideration be given to the continuation of the road now terminated at Big Rookery Bay to Hooker's Point, as shown on the attached rough sketch.

2. The exact distance is not known without measuring but is estimated at 1,400 yards, and to excavate as necessary, form foundation and metal road the rate would be at £1 per yard.

3. The portable stone crusher from the "Estancia" track would be available for this, as it is estimated that the metalling of the camp track to the end of suburban land on this section will be finished at the end of this year or early in next year.

4. The distance from Hooker's Point to Yorke Bay passing "Canopus" site is estimated at 3,500 yards.

5. The necessary measurements can be taken if it should be decided to include this for consideration in the 1935 Estimates.

L. White

for Director of Public Works.

No.

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

MINUTE.

25th June. 19 37.

From

Director of Public Works.

To The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

I beg to report that during the present southerly gale the heavy seas have shifted a portion of the edge of the road under construction at Surf Bay for a distance of about 35 yards, the boulders will be cleared from the road to-day and it will be all clear for motor traffic during the week end.

[Handwritten Signature]
For D.P.W.

Stanley
29. July 1931.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit that it would be an advantage to the motoring community of Stanley if arrangements could be made to reduce the height of the post bank on the north side of the Surf Bay road, near the section locally known as the gap. This portion of the road consists of a sharp blind bend, and it is impossible to tell what one is likely to meet, no matter how careful a driver might be.

I fully agree.
The corner is
very dangerous
WCH
6.8.31

I am
Sir
Yours respectfully
Winfred B. Mercer

278/31.

7th August,

37.

Madam,

Recd 11

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 29th July, 1937, on the subject of condition of visibility on part of the Surf Bay Road.

2. His Excellency wishes me to state however that at present Government peat supplies are being cut from the bank to which you make reference and there is not sufficient spreading ground to allow the bank to be cut away immediately.

3. The bank will however be cut away as soon as possible and meantime instructions are being issued to erect a "Drive Slow" notice at the each end of the section.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. W. B. Mercer,
STANLEY.

Excerpt from Notes of points discussed by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Engineer on Monday, 29th April, 1940.

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SURF BAY ROAD. Repairs to be carried out as soon as there was labour available.

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