

C.S.

PUBLIC WORKS.

MISC.
ROADS ETC.

TRN/LAN/3#8

193 4.

No. 64/34.

G.S.O.

SUBJECT.

193

CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE FITZROY RIVER -
PATERSON'S POINT.

Previous Paper.

See No 114/30.

MINUTES.

EXCERPT FROM MP. 114/30. (INSIDE MINUTE SHEET 14-15)

Hon. C.S.

I saw Hon. L.W.H. Young in this connection on 13.3.34.

2. I put up a draft despatch to G.O.F.S which gives the gist of our conversation and sets out my view in the matter.

3. Will you kindly record your own views hereon and pass to the Hon. S.M.O. for the same action ?

4. In the event of your concurrence please ask the Hon. D.P.W. to prepare the necessary sketch map on the lines of the rough plan which I have attempted to draw.

(Itld) J.M.E.
18/3/34.

I concur with the terms of the despatch.

*mch
29 19. 3. 34.*

Hon. S.M.O.

Passed to you, please.

*mch
29 19. 3. 34.*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Secy.

Thank you. I concur, please.

J Innes Mair

20/3/34

Hon. Director Public Works

Will you kindly prepare sketch map in accordance with the instruction contained in para: 4 of H's minute.

MCH
a/c s.

21. 3. 34.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sketch map submitted,
please.

(AI)

MCH
23/3/34

Jr. Sketch map has been very well executed.

Does Jr. wish this matter brought up in Ex. Co.

MCH
a/c s.
23. 3. 34.

Jr. C.S.

Please Rank Hon. P.O.D.,

(N: L.B. White, I suppose) for the sketch map that is just what I want. Will be kindly add to it the existing horse track from Fitzroy Station to the point where it meets the main track to Darwin horse track

near the ford higher up the Fitzroy
River ?

2. Yes, this matter can be brought
up for formal consideration at the following
meeting of the Ex Co.

[Signature]

Hon. Director Public Works. 23. 3. 34.

Please note.

Will you kindly add to
the map the existing horse track
referred to by H.E.

[Signature]
24. 3. 34.

Hon. Secy Secretary.

Horse track to Fitzroy Station
shown on sketch.

Will any copies of sketch
be required please?

[Signature]
24/3/34

1-4.

Despatch to S of S. no. 403 of 24/3/34.

Yr. Despatch submitted for
signature.

McH
at c.s.
28.5.54.

For. C.S.

Despatch signed.

2. It will be well to send
the enclosure - that is the sketch
plan - in duplicate and also to
keep a copy in the file.

3. The Manager, F. L. Coy. Ltd, may
be informed that this post is prepared,
subject to the approval of the S. of S., to
subsidise his company to the extent of
£800 in the matter of the construction
of a bridge span for motor traffic
at Paterna's Point on the Fitzroy Lines
in accordance with the ~~general~~ general
proposals made

by his act or the understanding
 that he will employ for a
 period of six months or the
 construction of the bridge but less
 than for use for steady stream
 otherwise he could not be employed.

4 Mr. J. P. Cook to see

J.P.C.

28. 3. 34

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council held on the 29th March, 1934.

With regard to the proposed construction of a bridge in 1934 over the Fitzroy River, His Excellency stated that he had addressed the Secretary of State recommending that a bridge be constructed at Paterson's Point, on the basis that the work would be carried out by the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, who would be subsidised/

subsidised in its half cost by the Government.

His Excellency stated further that he had consulted the Honourable G. J. Felton, M.E.C., in the matter and that Mr. Felton had no hesitation in concurring in the construction of the bridge pointing out that it would mean a considerable saving in distance to horsemen travelling between Stanley and Fitzroy and to farmers driving sheep.

The Council concurred in the proposal.

C. J. Stewart.

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Hon. Director Public Works.

To note. Will you kindly prepare two further copies of the sketch map.

MCH
by C.S.
24. 4. 54.

Hon. Col. Secretary.

Noted, and 2 further copies of sketch map enclosed!

W. J. P. [unclear]
8/11/54

Vk. Letter submitted for signature. Two copies of the sketch map have been enclosed with the despatch.

MCH.
by C.S.
9. 4. 54

Hu. C. S. Rank yr.

Ynd
10. 4. 34.

D/O letter to G. A. Jones, Esq., of 31st March, 1934.
Letter to Manager, S. L. Colta., 11/4/34.

5-6.

(7)

1. A.
11/4/34

Inside Minute Paper.

⑧ Letter from Manager. F.I. Co 7/4/34

Yl. Submitted for information.

MCH
ay est.

12. 4. 34

Hr. C. S.

See.

Yul
13. 4. 34.

P. A.
MCH
15. 4. 34.

9 Telegram from S of S. No 22 of 15/5/34.

Yl. Submitted.

MCH
ay est.
17. 4. 34

Hr. C. S.

See : please inform Manager,

F. L. G.

2. Hr. S. D. O. at Hr. D. P. O.

also to see.

Yul

18. 5. 34.

Letter to Talk. Is. Co. Ltd., of 21/5/34.

(10)

P.W.
22.1.34.

Letter from Manager, I.D. Co. Ltd 27/5/34

(11)

Hon. S. M. C.

J.M.M. 28.5.34.

Hon. Director Public Works.

To see.

MCH

as C.S.

23.11.34.

Hon. Sec. Secretary.

seen please

27/5/34.

PA
MCH

Letter from Manager, I.D. Co. 27/7/34

(12)

Yt. Submitted for information.

The manager has arranged to take on 3 men employed by the Govt., and an additional man who had applied to Govt. for work.

MCH

as C.S.

27.7.34.

Hr. P.S.

Please acknowledge receipt in 2

Rebts etc let Hr. S.P.O. at Hr. S.P.O.

see.

2. I understand the men taken on

by the P.S. are Ray Carey, E. Jelliff, W.

Campbell and H. Browning.

MCH

27.7.34.

Hon. S.M.O. J.M. 30 7. 34
Hon. Director P. Wks.

To see.

mch
a/c.

Hon. Secy. 28.7.34
See please.

13. Letter to Manager F.S. Co of 11/2/34
K.B. S. K. P. W.
3/7/34

p.a.

14. Despatch from S of S. no 140 of 30/5/34.

Yr. Submitted. The condition mentioned in para. 2 is contained in vol 7.

mch
a/c.
8.8.34.
✓ J.M.S.
13.8.34.

p.a.
mch
13.8.34.

15-18. Minute from Hon. D.C.W. of 29/11/34.

Yr. Submitted for approval.

C. S. P. S.
for 3/12/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Payments approved.

mch
J. XII. 34.

~~Hon. D.P.W.~~ ENC 5-12-34.
Hon. Treasurer: OWL 6/12/34
Local auditor: CE. IR
to note: file 6-234.

C. J. J.
4/12/34.

Letter addressed to manager I. I. Co. by Hon. D.P.W. 6/12/34. 19

P.A.
11/12/34.

Minute from Hon. D.P.W. of 15/3/35.

20-21

Director P. Wks.

With reference to red
18, can you say whether
the work has been satisfactorily
completed.

mch
CS.
16. 5. 35

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have not had an opportunity of inspecting
the work since it was two thirds completed.
From photographs I have seen of the finished
work, and from reports I have had, I
am satisfied that the work has been
satisfactorily completed.

C. Roberts
D. P. W.

18. 3. 35.

A contribution of £800 towards
 the cost of the Tilbury Bridge
 was approved by the Sec. of State.
 Half the amount was paid
 last year. The bridge has
 been completed and is in use.
 The final payment of £400
 may now be made to the
 F. S. Co. ?

MCH

 C.S.
 19. 5. 35

~~19/3~~ 19/3

Director Pub. Wks.

For action accordingly.

MCH

 C.S.
 19. 5. 35

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

C. Roberts.
 19-3-35.

P.A.

 2/4/35

Director Pub. Wks.

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Will you kindly prepare
a special warrant for £185-4-3
as the amount available to pay
the £400 to the Fl. Coy is only
£214-15-9.

mch
et

Hon. Col. Secretary. 29. 4. 35

a special warrant for £192. 16. 1
is required, please, to meet the excess
on x's P.W.C. (5) tracks to the Camp.

The special warrant is
submitted herewith.

C. Roberts.


D. P. W.
29/4/35

Vouchers for £7-11-10 passed
in my minute of 29. 4.
above was written making
total required to meet contribution
of £400, £192-16-1.

mch
1. 4. 35.

Yr. Special Warrant for £192-16-1
Submitted.

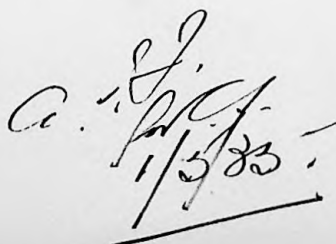
mch
1. 4. 35

 1/5/35

Hon. Treasurer

Special Warrant No. 5/35

herewith,


1/5/35

27th March, 1934.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 43.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 54 of the 22nd of March, 1934, and in particular to paragraphs 8 to 9, on the subject of tracks, or roads, to the camp, and to address you in regard to the construction of a bridge over the Fitzroy river at the locality known as Paterson's Point. I annex a sketch map from which you will see that Paterson's Point lies on the direct line from Stanley to Fitzroy whence communication with Darwin by motor car has been already established.

8. Although the existing horse track from Stanley to Darwin passes well to the north and west of Fitzroy it is agreed generally that for motor traffic the line through Fitzroy is by far superior to any other. Furthermore it is calculated that by the construction of a bridge at Paterson's Point fifteen miles of road, at the cost of £718 a mile, will be saved over difficult country between Bluff Cove and Mount Pleasant at which places the diversion will begin and will end. You will observe that this line misses Hill Side and so coincides in the most important respect with that recommended by Mr. G. Roberts, Director of Public Works, in his Report on Proposed Improvement of Tracks in the Colony dated 4th of April, 1930, from which, for facility of reference, I quote the pertinent passage :-

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER,
G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Page 6 (at head) paragraph 5.

Note.- Hill Side Settlement should be avoided. The best route being to cross the head of the Fitzroy River (to the south side), turn west and keep to the ridge of hills, travelling in a westerly direction until Mount Pleasant Ford is reached. This is a shorter route than the one mentioned in the report and is certainly much harder ground.

3. I am of the opinion that the bridge is an essential link in the chain of improved communications from Stanley to Darwin and to the Falkland Sound and the main West Falkland Island. Moreover in itself the bridge will be a great boon to horsemen, for example doctors and mailmen, making their way between Stanley and Fitzroy and to farmers driving sheep as it will shorten the journey by about two hours in normal conditions and more in bad weather, owing to the fact that the present track to Fitzroy out of Stanley follows the track to Darwin for some distance beyond Bluff Cove in a westerly direction diverges from it high up the Fitzroy river, which it crosses by a ford, and then turns back almost due east to Fitzroy. It will be much appreciated too by persons travelling on horseback between Stanley and Darwin during the winter when the frequent streams on the usual, and more direct route, are flooded and cause considerable delays. I recommend, therefore, that the decision be taken to construct a bridge passable by motor traffic at Paterson's Point.

4. On the practical and financial side the suggestion made by Mr. L. W. H. Young, M.L.C., and local manager of the Falkland/

Falkland Islands Company, Limited, to which Company Fitzroy and Darwin Stations belong, is that the work shall be carried out by the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, and shall be subsidised in its half cost by this Government on the principle of the scheme approved by Lord Passfield in 1930. On such a basis the liability to this Government will be £300, which figure is considered by the Director of Public Works to be very reasonable especially as Mr. Young has undertaken to engage for work on the bridge for six months four men from Stanley whom otherwise this Government would have to employ on relief work with a total wage over the period mentioned of £250 more or less. Mr. Young states also that he will be enabled in this manner to provide steady employment for two or three of his own men whom probably he would have to discharge. It is proposed that the bridge shall be completed by the beginning of next year and that the payment of £300 shall be effected in two equal instalments, one prior to and the other subsequent to the 31st of December, 1935.

5. I do not anticipate that any considerable expenditure will be occasioned hereby on the estimate of the expenditure for the current year. The original provision of £150 is available under Head III. "Public Works Extraordinary", subhead 17 "Improvement of Tracks to the Camp" and I hope that it will be practicable to make up the balance of £250 by an equivalent saving realised as shown in the preceding paragraph of this despatch. This saving, however, can be regarded as contingent only and as dependant on the number of men for whom work eventually has to be found. The payment of £200 in 1935 will be included in the ordinary course in the estimate of the expenditure

expenditure for the year.

5. I have consulted the members of the Executive Council and have obtained their consent to this proposal. I shall be grateful to receive your approval, if possible by telegram, so that the preliminary preparations may be put in hand during the winter months in readiness for the actual construction to begin when the summer comes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

in Papers

(6)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

31st March, 1954.

Dear Jones,

Further to my official despatch No. 45 of the 27th March I think it is sound policy to accept the proposal made by the Falkland Islands Company in regard to the construction of the bridge over the Fitzroy River on the half-and-half basis.

There is no doubt that the bridge will have to be built sooner or later and in a way Government can consider itself fortunate in the attitude adopted by the Company. As you will remember, we have already built bridges at the entire charge of the public funds over the Arroyo Majo River, East Falkland (Felton's Seal Inlet camp) and over the Chartres River, West Falkland (Larson's camp of like name), and in view of the recent correspondence with the Sheepowners' Association it would scarcely have been surprising, to my mind, if the Company had put forward a request for

similar/

G. A. Jones, Esq.

similar treatment, especially as the one end of the bridge is not on their property. The people at this end, however, (Estate Mrs. T. Robson) cannot be expected to do anything.

Of course the Company stands to benefit by the bridge but so does the general travelling public, and it seems to me that the proposal is very fair and to the advantage of all parties concerned.

I should have made it clear in my despatch, perhaps, that in accordance with the principle laid down in the approved scheme no money will be paid over until the work done has been passed by the Director of Public Works.

Yours sincerely

J. H. [Signature]

64/54.

11th April, 34.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th of August, 1935, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that this Government is prepared, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to subsidize your company to the extent of £300 in the matter of the construction of a bridge passable for motor traffic at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River in accordance with the general proposals made by you and on the understanding that you will employ for a period of six months on the construction of the bridge not less than four men from Stanley whom otherwise you would not be employing.

2. I am to add that payment will be made subject to the work being inspected and found satisfactory by the Director of Public Works.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

(8)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)
REGISTERED 1902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley

11th April, 1934.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 64/34 dated 11th instant, advising me that Government is prepared, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to assist us to the extent of £800 in the matter of the construction of a bridge passable for motor traffic at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River.

It is agreed that 4 additional men will be employed from Stanley for six months on the construction of the bridge.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

DECODE.

(9)

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To The Governor. Stanley.

Despatched : 15th May, 19 34. *Time* : 1740

Received : 17th May, 19 34. *Time* : 1100

No 22. ~~Red 1-4~~ Your despatch of the 27th March No 43 I approve
construction of bridge on the terms proposed

Secretary of State.

64/34.

21st May, 34.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 64/34 of the 11th April, 1934, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the Secretary of State has approved His Excellency's recommendation that your Company should be subsidized to the extent of £800 in the matter of the construction of a bridge at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

(11)

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

22nd May, 19 34.

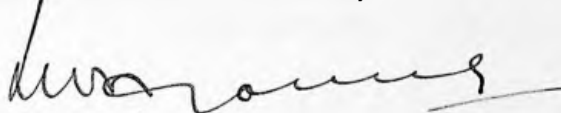
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 64/34 dated 21st instant, for which I thank you - advising us that the Secretary of State has approved of a grant of £800 in connection with the construction of a bridge at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

(12)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

Stanley.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

27th July, 1934.

Sir,

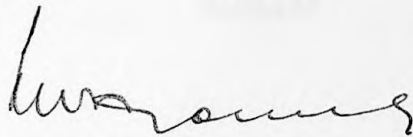
With reference to your letter No. 64/34 dated 11th April last re Fitzroy Bridge, I have to inform you that the construction gang will leave Port Stanley for the bridge site on 30th instant, weather permitting.

As agreed, four additional men have been engaged as from today and will be employed for a period of six months. As I have found it necessary to send out men with certain qualifications the gang from Stanley has been made up with men in our regular employ (with one exception) and those taken on now will work in their place in Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

64/34.

1st August, 34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 27th July, 1934, on the subject of the Fitzroy Bridge and stating that as agreed you have engaged for employment four additional men for a period of six months.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd
STANLEY.

64/34.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 70.



Downing Street,

30 May, 1934.

Sir,

Recd 1-4
Recd 9

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 43 of the 27th March and to confirm my telegram No. 22 of the 15th May, in which I conveyed to you my approval of the construction by the Falkland Islands Company Limited of a bridge over the Fitzroy River at Paterson's Point upon the terms proposed in your despatch.

2. I understand that you are making it a condition of the arrangement with the Company that the work shall be passed by the Director of Public Works before the appropriate Government contribution is paid over.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd) P OUNLIFFE-LISTER.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(17)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" RADIO.

Stanley.

24th November, 1934.

Sir,

With reference to letter No. 64/34 dated 21st May, 1934, from the Colonial Secretary to this office advising me that the Secretary of State has approved His Excellency's recommendation that our Company should be subsidized to the extent of £800 in the matter of the construction of a bridge at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River.

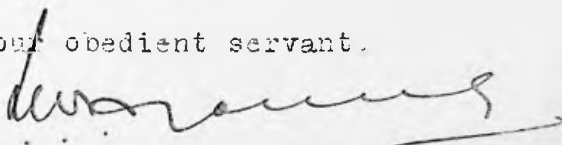
I understand that the subsidy is payable £400 this and £400 next year, and I beg to request that you will kindly certify the attached bill for payment.

Work on the bridge is almost completed - it has been used by several travellers and 2,300 sheep were put across it on 23rd instant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



Manager.

The Director of Public Works,

Stanley.

Stanley, 26th Nov 1934

Ms1 THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT - STANLEY.

To the Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Folio (3/D)

To 1934 Instalment in connection with the construction of a bridge at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River.

£ 400 - -

No.

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

MINUTE.

29th November, 1934

From Director of Public Works,

Stanley.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

BRIDGE OVER FITZROY RIVER.

I beg to attach a letter and bill received from Messrs Falkland Islands Company Ltd., for payment of the first Government subsidy of £400 towards the cost of constructing a bridge over the Fitzroy River at Paterson's Point.

2. I visited the site with His Excellency when the bridge was about two thirds completed. I was satisfied that the construction was good, and therefore recommend that the first payment be made. The work will be inspected on completion before the second £400 is paid.

S. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Stanley.

6th December, 1934.

BRIDGE OVER FITZROY RIVER.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th November, 1934, I beg to inform you that a voucher for £400 (Four hundred pounds), being part of the Government subsidy for the construction of a bridge at Paterson's Point over the Fitzroy River, has been passed to the Treasury for payment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.

The Manager,

Messrs Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,

Stanley.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" R. RADIO.

Stanley

19th December, 1934.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter dated 24th ultimo - I have the honour to enclose my bill dated 1st January, 1935, for £400 being the 1935 payment of subsidy in connection with the bridge at Paterson's Point on the Fitzroy River.

I beg to request that you will kindly certify it for payment in January next.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. ...

Manager.

The Director of Public Works,

Stanley.

No.

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

MINUTE.

15th March, 19 35

From Director of Public Works,

Stanley.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

BRIDGE OVER FITZROY RIVER.

I beg to attach a letter and account received from Messrs Falkland Islands Company Ltd., and submit for instructions please as to whether a voucher may now be passed for the final payment of £400 in connection with the bridge at Paterson's Point.

G. Robert

Director of Public Works.