

C. S. O.

0148

DEF/NGE/1#26

0148

(Formerly)

SUBJECT :

WATER TREATMENT PLANTS FOR DISPOSAL.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

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See ...
C.A.W.I.
1946

RESTRICTED.

N. O. I. C. FALKLAND ISLANDS (R) C. in C. A. W. I.
from ADMIRALTY

Representatives of the British American Kelp Company will shortly be visiting Port Stanley with a view to conducting a survey as to the possibility of setting up a plant for the recovery of Alginates from kelp.

2. It is under consideration at Admiralty to provide certain facilities ashore for the convenience of this company, and you are requested to give their representatives access to the Admiralty owned buildings in order that they may assess the value of the buildings having regard to their present physical condition.

3. The requirement of the Kelp Company would be a gradually increasing one and initially they would not require all the storage available in the present coal store, and it should be possible for the Naval Stores remaining to be concentrated in one or more parts of the building so as not to conflict with their desire to accept delivery from time to time of plant and machinery which will be sent out to them from the United Kingdom.

4. The Naval stores which are surplus to local requirements and which are referred to in your 131229 December are required in the United Kingdom and should be shipped if possible in the s.s. "Lafonia" calling at Falklands in April or May. If the Colonial Government or the British American Kelp Company has urgent need of any of these supplies other than (R) other than timber paints and enamels and desire to purchase the particulars of the requirements should be communicated by signal.

5. Information is requested as to whether the Caretaker's cottage and the quarantine station are the same building.

202210.

E.E. ~~see 24, 25~~ See 7.
§ 4 of 2 with § 4 Supra. You
will see that timber, spores as in
the former, is expressly excepted in
the latter. It seems reasonable to

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Suppose that paints & enamels might similarly be available, if there was co-ordination in the Admiralty: ~ if the S/S brought pressure to bear.

2. If so, do you want such paints & enamels (i.e. anything else which you might be importing while similar loads are being sent home)? And if so, what?

A. B. E.
27.1.47

B

Memorandum Colonial Secretary.

I recommend the Government take over all available paint & enamels. It is not desirable & will be used sooner or later. The thought of paint be ordered from U.K. passing on its journey in mid Atlantic ~~that~~ the Admiralty paint going the other way appalls me.

2. As to timber — there are two categories.
- (a) Small quantities of hardwoods which would be useful for furniture & fittings & cannot conceivably be worth while shipping from an economic point of view.
 - (b) Some 25-30 foot lengths of 15" x 15" balks which could be used here either for lorry work or if he had a ^{motor for the} circular saw, sawn into scantlings. It is Oregon Pine I believe.

I recommend we take over all timber.

3. Almost all the other stores, including fire bricks, could be disposed of locally.

A. B. E.
28.1.47.

N.O.C.

Thank you for 16. Please see subsequent minutes.

2. Work on 16 - would you be prepared to approach the Admiralty as in E.E.'s minute; - in the event of § 1 of mine a part of 16? Yes, perhaps you would get the E.E. to make a list of the stores which Govt. might take over at the same time. You could, if course, write § 4 of 2.

G. B. L.
29.1.47

Hon. C-5.

Whilst fully sympathising with the E.E., appalled at the vision of our Admiralty paint voyaging home and in mid-ocean being passed by more paint coming out here, yet must I ask him to face up to an even more appalling prospect: - the Admiralty paint voyaging home and not being passed by more paint coming out here.

2. As I see it the Admiralty, like the F. Is., are being unable to obtain at home the paint which they also most urgently require. Due no doubt to prior claims of housing etc., manufacturing troubles & shortages. Hence their determination to have this stock of ours. I feel therefore that were I to approach the Admiralty as you suggest, I should merely be told that the Admiralty need was also urgent. May I suggest therefore an approach from the Col. Govt. via the S. of S. on the lines of "May we keep this paint here if we transfer an equivalent in the amount we have on order in U.K.?" This would be more powerful than any signals of mine, willing as I am to help - and it is


7 4.

will need to part the Navy from its part.

3. The same remarks will apply equally to the timber - where the D. of S. could bring in § 4 of 2.

4. I have already forwarded to the E.E. a list of the stores which - see (16) - are due to be shipped unless urgently required by you or the B.A.K.C. In which case, I can only tell the Admiralty of your needs: it does not authorize me to let you have them.

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Red 5. For information, I attach a copy of my interim reply to (16).


30.1.47.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

ADMIRALTY (R) O.-in-C. A.S.I.

FROM:

JOIS FAJLANDS

See 27

Your 2221. Para. 2. This has been done. Para. 3 It is to be noted that when the Naval Stores have been removed the Oiling Equipment of the Admiralty Fuelling Agents referred to in the penultimate paragraph of my 131229 January will still be remaining Para. 4. This has been referred to the Colonial Government and the B.A.K.C. and a further signal will be made when replies have been received from them. Para. 5 No. The caretaker's cottage is on the Admiralty property and entirely under the control of the Admiralty Fuelling Agents. The Quarantine Station of the Colonial Government occupies the land between the Admiralty property and Navy Point.

2. There are 34 Tons Scrap Brass ex . O.C.A.S. in old magazine store which cannot be disposed of here. Request approval to include this in shipment

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or Coder.

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Copy to Naval Officer-in-Charge for inf.

7.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.....

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.....

Despatched : February 5th 1947 Time : 11.30

Received : 19 Time :

No. 66 B.A.K.C. In communicating proposal to allow latter facilities at
Camber Admiralty instruct Naval Officer-in-Charge also regarding disposal surplus
stores excepting from this category amongst other items prints and enamels
which are most urgently needed here but are apparently to be sent back to England.
To meet our convenience and to save them freight charges grateful if you can
prevail upon Admiralty accept replacement in England through Crown Agents entire
stock prints and enamels held locally subject to such adjustment as may be agreed
upon.

GOVERNOR

G.T.C.

See 8

VP.

DECODE.

Copy to Naval Officer-in-Charge for inf.

TELEGRAM SENT. for ~~U.S.~~ 12. 3. 47.

8.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched : 12. 3. 47. Time : 17.00 Received : Time :

7. No. 147. My telegram No. 66. Admiralty surplus stores. Naval Officer-in-Charge has been instructed to ship all point to United Kingdom by direct sailing Lafonia. It is urgently required here for civilian use. Please telegraph result your representations.

GOVERNOR

G.T.C.

See 13

See 16

LJH.

See 12.

DECODE.

Copy to M.O.I.C. for information.

~~37~~ 9.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

No. 17

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 1. 4. 47. Time: 09.10 Received: 2. 4. 47. Time: 10.30

8. ~~29~~ No. 125. Your telegram No. 147 Admiralty's surplus stores.
Admiralty favourably considering your proposal but ^{negotiations remain} remains to be completed. Will telegraph final decision later.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

See ~~37~~ 10.13.

See 16

G.T.C.

VP.

See ~~38~~ 11, 12 & 14.

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11. ~~FD~~ 39

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched : 16. 4. 17 Time : 12.00 Received : Time :

URGENT

- 8. ~~2A~~ No. 216. My telegram No. 147. Admiralty surplus stores.
- 10 ~~3B~~ "Civilian use" means Government use. My Handerred telegram of 2nd April
- 9. ~~3A~~ asking for check and repeat of your telegram No. 125 not repeat not yet been answered.

2. Grateful for very early reply failing which Naval Officer-in-charge has instructions to ship paint by Lafonia early day.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

Reply at 13
~~13~~

C. I. S.

AJH.

See 12. 3 14

12.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 17. 4. 47. Time: 09.57. Received: 18. 4. 47. Time: 09.40

10.

11. Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 216 your telegram 2nd April unnumbered re

9. my telegram No. 125 was answered by my telegram 4th April unnumbered of which

10 following is repetition unnumbered your telegram 2nd April unnumbered.

9. Following is repetition of my telegram No. 125. Your telegram No. 147

8.

"Admiralty surplus stores.

Admiralty favourably considering your proposal but negotiations remain to be completed. Will telegraph final decision later. Error regretted.

SECRETARY OF STATE

G.T.C.

VP.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 4. 4. 47 Time: Received: 18. 4. 47 Time: 15.15.

10 Unnumbered. Your telegram 2th April Unnumbered. Following is
9 repetition of my telegram No. 125. Your telegram No. 147 Admiralty
surplus stores.

Admiralty favourably considering your proposal but negotiations
remain to be completed. Will telegraph final decision later. Error
regretted.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.

LJH.

*Above recd. after enquiries through
B. & T. [Signature]*

See 13.

14.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 19.4.47. Time: 12.30 Received: Time:

- 9. No. 220. Your telegram No. 125 Admiralty surplus stores. Your telegram
- 13. 4th April unnumbered now traced. Would emphasise urgency paragraph 2 of my
- 11. telegram No. 216.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

No. 1. C. See 17

G.T.C.

In the see 8-14. There was
 delay & some muddle because 13
 did not reach me like after 1 had
 had 12. - asked for it. I shall be
 very grateful if you would kindly see
 that happens?
 Able
 21.4

X
 No. 13
 L.J.H.
 N.G.T.C. of the
 1. this his was
 C.S.O. fault - her
 was with
 her Able
 21.4

By
 26/4/47
 21.4

ABS.

X on 14. This was not b.S.O. fawer pl.
I instituted enquiries on receipt of (12) v (13)
was produced

JK.
apacs.
22/4.

Whence?

ABly
22.4

ABS.

This is a similar case to S/S. Telegram
No. 123 (Keep), pl.

JK.
22.4.

YE

asked about this point (etc.)
Question. Re. see. P-14.

2° 13 did not reach my Price list
(after 12) as yet a duplicate for Control.

3. This is another instance of the
sort of thing wh. I believe is now

ended

ABly
23.4

I sincerely hope so - it reflects no credit
on those responsible.

MC 23/4

K.I.V. for further reminder if no reply received by
end month

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only.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

N.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS (R) C. IN C. A.W.I.

FROM:

ADMIRALTY

1 Paragraph 4 of A.M. 202210 January. Paints should not (R) not be
shipped in S.S. "Lafonia" Negotiations with Crown Agents for Colonies
for retention of paints in islands proceeding.

231547 B April.

see 829, 17.

EE. informs by phone. By. 25/3

C. D. H.
25.4

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or Coder.

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17

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 30. 5. 47 Time: 12.00 Received:Time:

14 No. 296. My telegram No. 220 Admiralty Surplus Stores. Naval
16 Officer-in-Charge was informed by Admiralty 23rd April "Paints should
not repeat not be shipped in S.S. "Lafonia" Negotiations with Crown
Agents for Colonies for retention of paints in islands proceeding".

2. I should be grateful to learn position.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

EE

see 18

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ABe
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Nov 2.

ABE, FE

2. VI. 47

Bo. 35/6

ABe
3/6

LJH.

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● No. 31.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 5. 6. 47 Time: 08.14 Received: 6. 6. 47 Time: 09.00

17 No. 190. Your telegram No. 296 Admiralty Surplus Stores. Please
19 see my telegram No. 31 saying to which no reply has so far been
received.

See 21, 26

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P/L.

LJH.

B.S.
617 ABC
6.6
10/7

Falkland Islands

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PRIORITY

SAVING

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Governor of the FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date: 24th April, 1947.

No. 31 SAVING.

Your telegrams ^{7 8} 66, ¹¹ 147, and 216.

Admiralty Surplus Stores.

Please state approximate total quantity of paint involved, and the proportion (if any) of this which is sub-standard. This information needed to show whether the quantity of linseed oil required for the replacement can be met from Crown Agents general allocation.

SECR.

- Copies sent to:-
- Admiralty (A.O.S.D.) - Captain G. Whitehouse.
 - Crown Agents - Mr. J. Crook.
 - Crown Agents for the Colonies.

See 21, 26

Reply at 23

Mc
MP
APC

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23

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 18. 7. 47 Time: 14.00 Received: Time:

21 No. 400. Your telegram No. 237. Admiralty Surplus Stores.

Approximate total quantity paint involved 16 tons. Proportion sub-standard nil.

2. Your telegram ¹⁹ No. 31 Saving and your telegram ²⁰ No. 42 Saving only just received.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

LJH.

see 26, 36, 40, 41

PA ABC
18.7

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: M.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS (R) C-IN-C A.M.I.

FROM:
ADMIRALTY

Your 151441 paragraph 2. All samples fit for service use and stocks of marine lubricating oil should therefore be kept as reserve.

2. Paragraph 5. Light Shale Oil is roughly equivalent to high grade gas oil and with the surplus M.V.O. should be offered to Governor Falkland Islands on repayment. Colonial Office concur.

3. Aviation Fuel, 87 Octane, and Aero Engine Lubricating Oil, Stores Ref. 34A/32 are to be retained against possible F.I.D.S. requirements next season but the former should not be issued until further representative samples drawn separately from original and rebarrelled stocks have been forwarded to A.I.D. Harefield vide A.F.O. 1637/47 and reported satisfactory. Despatch particulars should be reported by signal.

= 231906 July

MAK
26.7

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m/m

1410

24/7

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HE.

24 fi.

2. The 'paint' position is shown at 17-23. The S/S did not realize how long the S/P's took to get here. It looks as if the Admiralty are seeking licenses for the CAA. in co. charge for their paint here. but no facility has yet been reached.

ASL
26.7

→ 23 might have explained that we received both together; they clearly do not realize the futility of sending anything of an urgent character or to which an early reply is required by ST and should be so told by ST - the above

HEC 26

47

F.I. Ref: 6148/26.

C.O. Ref: 17302/47.

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 27th July, 1947.

No. 54. SAVING.

23 My telegram No. 400 of 15th July, 1947. Admiralty Surplus Stores.

19920. Your priority savingram No. 51 of 24th April and your priority savingram No. 42 of 23rd May arrived by sea mail on 10th July. It was not possible to reply to your telegram No. 190 of 5th June because these savingrams had not reached me.

186 2. Owing to delay and uncertainty of mail connexion at Montevideo advisable that correspondence of an urgent character or requiring an early reply should be sent by telegram and not by savingram.

GOVERNOR.

PA
19



27

FROM.. THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DATE.. 25th. July, 1947.

No. S.186/52.

TO.... THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY.

SALE OF SURPLUS SHALE OIL.

The following extract from a message from the Admiralty regarding the disposal of ceratin oils held in store is forwarded for your information :-

"Light Shale oil is roughly equivalent to high grade gas oil and with the surplus M.V.O. should be offered to Governor, Falkland Islands on repayment. Colonial Office concur."

2. The Mineral Vaporising oil is now being used by us as a substitute for paraffin and is not available for sale.

3. The following quantity of Light Shale oil packed in cases, four two-gallon cans to a case, is available for sale:-

472 gallons at 2s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gall. = £52-2-7. 4.

4. Please inform me whether you will purchase this and arrangements can then be made regarding it's delivery.

EE
SET
MP
277
236

[Signature]
COMMANDER, R.N.

see 29
= 104.4.2

X. Plus cost of 2 gal cans @ 4/8? = £52.2.4 + 104.4.2 = 104.4.2

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EE
S.E.T

27

Re. deal with N.O.I.C.

Dist.

Abel
S.S
B

S. E. T.

P.P.P. do not want any of this oil
but I feel you may.

Abel E.
6.VIII.47.

C

From E.S.
I have asked B50 if we can have a sample
of the Shell oil to try in engine at Foxbury. He agreed
supplied a 2 gal tin and it is now on its way to
Whistation Foxbury. The operator will telegraph
if it is successful as a substitute for paraffin

AM S.E.T
15/8/47

PA Abel
S.S

29

6 SEP 1947

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SUBJECT : SALE OF SURPLUS SHALE OIL. 0148

FROM.. THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DATE.. 5th. September, 1947. No. S.186/52.

TO.... THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY.

27

With reference to my No. S.186/52 dated 25th. July, 1947, it would be appreciated if the information requested in paragraph 4 thereof could be given now, please.


COMMANDER, R.N.

B

SET.

29.A.

Have you any thing to do to C
on 25th. ?


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Hon Col Sec.

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Forbes reported the shale oil was satisfactory.

The Naval Stores Dept have now intimated that the containers are more expensive than the oil. which will make each two gallon can worth at least 4/5.

Paraffin costs us 2/6 a gallon and if you concur, I propose we continue with paraffin, from the FIC.

We will of course pay for the sample tin of shale oil in the usual manner.

AM SEI
8.9.47

B

SEI

As at A please: kindly inform N.O.I.C. in reply to 29.

CB
9.9

Hon Col Sec

C.

NOIC informed accordingly.

AM SEI
10.9.47.

PA CB
10/9

Paint Etc Offered to P.W.D. but Declined.

Patt No.	Description.	Quantity.
-	Paint, Powder, Aluminium.	260 lbs.
2.	" " Red Lead.	2128 lbs.
80.	" " Blue Ultra.	77 lbs.
700.	" " Red.	46 lbs.
76D.	" " Sienna Raw.	14 lbs.
8ID.	" " Umber Turkey.	92 lbs.
370A)	" Paste, Blue-Black.	1792 lbs.
37I.)		
372.	" " Titanium White.	16576 lbs.
507A.	" " Dark Grey.	4928 lbs.
689.	Driers, Paste.	686 lbs
-	" " Blue.	200 lbs.
-	Anti-Fouling Composition. Red	6 cwts.)
-	" " "	17 cwts.
I2.	Enamel. Light Grey.	175 Gallons.
II.	" Dark Grey.	135 Gallons.
774.	Varnish.	7 gallons.
775.	Thinners, for Patt 774.	2 pints.

Book value £806 + 31%
 Replacement ? £2000

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perhaps E.E.) realises. If we are to replace it in there we have to pay it more for about £2000 worth of paint we don't want for some years (says O.T.C. P.W.D.) — i.e. for the stocks at 31.

X

3. If we could get the Army to accept a cash payment in book value of replacement in U.K. value for all the paint (i.e. + 31% Dept. charges) it would pay us. If not, I feel we shd. explain & say that we do not require the paint at 31 etc. & ask them to ship it home.

4. Try x 1 ?

ARL
27.9

B

Cs.

para. 1. what "remainder" ?

" 2. It wd. appear that a good deal of this paint is of a type that we shd. have no use for anyway apart from the fact that there is far more of it than we had bargained for. (rather EE where because it was to be)

2. Unless ∴ Army. will agree to ...

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YE

A

33 B §1 'Remanides' is
quantity in an usipully take, valued
at £706. Does YE wish to see a
list of it?

2. Draft term. for comm. pr.

A.B.L.
29.9

B

Can we count on obtaining the necessary lumber and
timbers? I take it that we could dispose of a good
deal locally?

MC. 20/IX

C

O.T.C. P.W.D.

31-34. In spike. Re. reply
to HE & B.

A.B.L.
29.9

Slon. C.S.

D

B. Not locally, and probably difficult
and costly from U.K. In the past form this
point would be of little or no use to anyone.

With the necessary thinnings I feel sure we
could dispose of a lot of it, subject to price,
but buying thinnings at the present time
would increase the final cost considerably.

A.B. O'Leary
2-10.

Y/E

34 D with B (r 19). Let the
 Draft be in issue? If the Admin.
 would agree to § 2 we can try
buying the amount we really require
 (£706 worth) & releasing an eq.
 for which amount of licensed oil we
 of no allocation in the U.K.?

2. O.C. P.L.D. has no more oil
 to export oil. Business for the £706
 worth.

Abel
 4.7

✓ mc
 4/x

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 6. 10. 47 Time: 16.25. Received:Time:

23 No. 573. My telegram No. 400. Admiralty Surplus Stores.

Now that detailed specification is available it appears that much of paint is of doubtful use to Government and that a quantity book value £806 is surplus to our immediate requirements.

2. I shall be grateful however if Admiralty may be asked whether they are prepared to sell entire quantity amounting to some £1512 for cash failing which regret amount referred to in paragraph 1 must be refused.

See 40,41

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

LJH.

*B.S.O. informed verbally as above
He now says book value of paint
we want is about £650 not
£706. AKL
7.x*

*B.S.
7.11
AKL
7.x*

No.

MINUTE.

37

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

21st October 19 47

To Hon Colonial Secretary

From Supervisor E & T Dept.

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

28.30

With reference to the recent correspondence in connection with the purchase of Shale oil from the Naval Stores at the Camber, I have to advise you that the whole consignment of shale oil - 464 gallons complete in 232 steel cans - is now available for 2/6 a gallon including container.

As before reported the oil is very well suited for the engines at Fox Bay and represents sufficient for more than one years service.

I seek your authority to purchase this oil now by S.W. at the value of £58. the estimate for maintenance of Fox Bay W/T Station in 1948 being correspondingly reduced.

A. Mervin
Supervisor E & T Dept.
21.10.47

*YE 37 with 28.30. This is low business
The oil costs us more than to pay in*

38

A

any case the containers have been
fitting in an extra bucket than
2 gallon petrol bins.

2. Caption? ASL
B

App^d. I hope BSO will let us have
me 2 1/2

final look at articles
for disposal; we
could do with 0.9.
the embalment?

a bel across flap.
relope.

J.E.T.

20 notes appre. of yr.

(37)
J.E.T.
22.X.

1
Hon Collee

Thank you

AM SE
22.1



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17302/47.

SAVING.

0148

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of

FAIKLAND ISLANDS.

Date: 22 December, 1947.

No. 122 Saving. PRIORITY.

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MPA/36

Your telegram No. 573 of 6th October, 1947.

Admiralty Surplus Stores.

I enclose for your early observations and comments a copy of a semi-official letter which has been received from the Admiralty.

61

SECEP.

Reply at 47

COPY

A.O.S.D.345/47.

41
A.O.S.D.,
Room 22A,
West Block Ground,
Admiralty, S.W.1.

12th December, 1947.

Dear Dr. Johnson,

36 I refer to your letter 17302/47 of the 27th October enclosing a copy of Falkland Islands telegram No.573 of the 6th October 1947.

2 The value of the paints stated by the Naval Authorities in the Falkland Islands to have been supplied to the Government of the island, based on prices which will appear in the new Rate Book, and for some items, particularly linseed oil, on later contract prices which will appear in the first errata to the new Rate Book, is £1,136. Including oncosts at the home rates (and excluding the freight factor) the repayment value would be £1,311.

3 The present value of the balance of the paint, valued at 1943/44 prices at £806 would be in the region of £1,400.

4 It thus appears that the Falkland Island Government's offer is £1,512 for approximately £2,700 worth of paint. If, however, the linseed oil content of the paint (1,000 gallons) is being replaced free of charge to the Admiralty the offer is equivalent to about £2,500.

5 It should be emphasised that the paints in question are not surplus to Admiralty requirements; on the contrary, they are in very short supply and we only agreed to their transfer in order to assist the Falkland Island Government. In these circumstances we do not consider that the paint could be sold other than on a full repayment basis.

23 A/6 We suggest you inform the Falkland Islands that they can retain the paint which has already been handed over, but which they describe in their telegram No.400 as of "doubtful use", for £1,300. Alternatively, they can have the whole lot for £2,700.

7 If either of these two offers are accepted, it would be understood that the oil content of the paint would be replaced in kind in the United Kingdom out of the Crown Agents quota and that the value of the oil would be set against the prices mentioned in the last paragraph.

8 Should the Falkland Islands Government decide they do not wish to take over any of the paints on the terms mentioned, the local Naval Authority will be instructed to return it to the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) G.T. Whitehouse.

Dr. J.C. de Graft Johnson,
Colonial Office,
Dover House,
Whitehall.

DEMAND, SUPPLY, OR RECEIPT NOTE FOR OCCASIONAL SUPPLIES

Supplied By The Base Supply Office

Received By The P.W.D.

H.M.S. PURSUIVANT

The Falkland Islands Government.

At Falkland Islands

At Port Stanley F.I.

Date Nov. 19th 1947

Date Nov 19th 1947.

Classification of Stores Fixtures or Spare Gear.

Naval Stores.

Pattern No.	Article.	Denomination	Quantity Supplied.
	<u>Class & Group E.6.</u>	cwts	5 ¹¹
2	Paint, Red Lead, Dry	"	5 ¹¹
104	" Zinc Oxide, White	"	56
109	Putty, white	"	7 ¹ / ₂
111	Paint, Red Oxide of Iron	"	4
373	Driers Cobalt	Gallons	15
409	Paint, white lead oil	cwts	11 ¹ / ₂
Like 409	" " " "	"	18
513	" Stone Colours (Buff)	"	20
536.	" White Lead Oil	"	1.
	<u>Class & Group E.7.</u>		
10	Enamel white	Gallons	230
12	" light grey	"	50
42A	Knetting	"	18 ¹ / ₂
69	Gold Size	"	8
78	Turpentine Spirit	"	240
86	Varnish grade II	"	25
88	" extra hard drying	"	15
90	" Japan Black	"	17
104	Polish French White	"	7.
105.	" " Orange	"	22.
	<u>Class & Group E.7</u>		
773	Driers Liquid	gallons	240
1315	Varnish Shellac	pints	38
-	Spirit white	gallons	224
2.	(B) Composition, anti corrosive	cwts	3.
	<u>Class & Group E.9.</u>		
-	Oil Linseed, Raw	gallons	160
	Oil Linseed Boiled.	"	120.

Certified true copy of navy form S-549
 Signed by L7(S) MARKS R. N. 19.xi.47.
 E. J. Bunting 15/1/48.

EE.

A.

I have not seen his file. Please study it & furnish me with your early report on 40-41.

B.

ABL
14.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. 41 is not clear in that I do not know which prices refer to which quantities of paint.
2. I attach a list of paints actually taken over by P.W.D. Signed by the Supplying Officer W(S) Marks. R.N.
3. May we telegraph for estimated cost of this please, ⁽⁴²⁾ as I am not sure that this is the quantity referred to in para. 7 of 41. (telegram 400 makes no mention of "doubtful use" - but telegram 573) ³⁶
4. Quite definitely, P.W.D. need some paint having only a total of 250 gallons in stock, for the quantities being on indent, ⁽⁴³⁾ but the attached list should be sufficient for 7-10 years if used on Government work only.
5. Therefore may we take action as in para 3 above please (I have spoken to W Marks R.N. this morning and he does not seem to think that the Admiralty would be too keen on the return of the paint)

E. J. Bunting

15. i. 48.

See 45

— do —

X

44

C. A

H. C. S.

1. You handed me this file on Monday 12 Jan 1948. and I have seen Lt Marks RN this morning 21 Jan 1948.
2. The list of paints which have been taken over by P.W.D as shown on 42 agrees with the list despatched to the Admiralty by Lt Marks.
3. I would point out again the confusion arising in para 6 of 41, as the paint which P.W.D has taken over is not the paint described in telegram 573 (36) as being "of doubtful use."
4. It therefore appears that
 - (a) F.I. Government will have to pay £1300 for the paints taken over.
 - (b) The Crown Agents will have to hand over the oil content of the paint, the value of such oil content being offset against the £1300. The present world shortage of oils is so acute that objections by the Crown Agents may be anticipated.

NSP and head note - 3552

E. J. Bunting

21.1.48.

B

F.

Meanwhile, for copies x n 43 even having regard to the extension building programme: - recommend that the rest of the paint shd. be sent home?

Adl
23/1

H. C. S.

C.

1. Assuming the labour position remains the same as now exists the paints taken over by P.W.D should last 7-10 years always providing the colours are acceptable
2. As an engineer I cannot recommend that paint should be taken home since from a long term point of view paint will have to be sent out here

E. J. Bunting 22/1

YE.

35, 36, 40 - 44

31, 36

41

We have had the paint lists at 42. The Book value is (nominally) ~~£706 + 31%~~ ~~£1154~~ £650 + 31% = £836. The new Rate Book will show value as £1136 which with "on. costs" (but freight free) is £1311. The Army will see for £1300 (see A n 41) less value of oil content to be replaced in kind in U.K. by C.A.A. cost debited to this Govt.

2. This will last for 7-10 years (44 C §1): & we shd. accept it.

3. The rest shd. go home, because we don't wish to sink our money in paints which may never be required (36 §1): for we have no desire to be a dog-in-the-manger.

4. A n 41 is doubly mis-leading. '23' is the wrong reference, & 36 §1 means the paint remaining over & above that already taken.

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A

5. Accept the paint lists at 42 costing £1300 (A m 41) on the basis of 57 of 41. Is the remainder 4?

ABL
28.1

B

As proposed + subject to X of C on 44. Admittedly latter ignores the not unimportant consideration of freight on numerous shipments to etc. attention might be invited?
Mc 29/1

C

EE.

To see - to report on X on C on 44 etc.

ABL
29.1

H.C.S.

D

What kind of report is required please

E.S. Bunting 20.1.48.

E

EE.

You have discussed "D" with H.C.S.?

ABL
5.2.48.

H.C.S.

F

The colours should prove satisfactory but it is probable that additions will be required from time to time if special colours are required for any purpose

E.S. Bunting
9 Feb 48.

F.I. Ref: 0148/47.

C.O. Ref: 17302/47.

Copy to Naval Officer-in-Charge for info.
and appropriate action, pl.,

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 10th February, 1948.

No. 26. SAVING.

40 Your Saving Telegram No. 122 of the 22nd of Decem-
ber 1947. Admiralty Surplus Stores.

44 This Government accepts the first suggestion in the
sixth paragraph of the enclosure in your Saving Telegram
i.e. it will retain the paint already handed over for
£1,300.

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436 2. I would observe however that my telegram No. 400
of 1947 did not refer to any paint as of "doubtful use" :
and that the paint referred to as such in my telegram
No. 573 of 1947 was some of the remainder of the stock
which this Government does not require. To save time
the Naval Officer-in-Charge has been requested to arrange
for the return to the United Kingdom of the paint not
required, in view of the forthcoming closing down of the
Royal Naval Station here.

3. I should be grateful if the Crown Agents for the
Colonies could be instructed to make the necessary pay-
ment to the Admiralty subject to such adjustment as may
be required by the replacement in kind of the oil content
of the paint in the United Kingdom out of their quota.

Reply at ⁵² 4 GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

MINUTE.

21st January, 1948.

From Supervisor E & T Dept,
Stanley

To The Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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Copy - 0284/D

To meet various charges connected with the New W/T Station, including transport, purchase of fuel oils and service stores I beg to request that a provisional sum of £200 might be made available.

Subject to your approval I have taken the liberty of preparing a Special Warrant to cover this amount.

I understood from a conversation we had some weeks ago, that it was not necessary for us to send to Montevideo for Gas Oil, because ample supplies would be available from the Navy stocks which are being acquired by the Government. Can this be confirmed please.

A. Mace
Supervisor E & T Dept.

21.1.48

EE
— 47 L:

2. 48 Re Navy has no gas oil?

ARL
12.2

49

H.C.S.

I have spoken to Lt Marks and Lt Jones this morning. The amount of gas oil available at the 31st March 1948 will be approximately 5000 gallons

C. S. Bunting

13 Feb 1948.

SEI.

48, 49

B.S.O.

Re. negotiable draft with

CB

14.2

Hon. C.S.

I applied to BSO but have had no information as yet. In view of uncertainty, supplies must be ordered from Montrose as before

AMJ. SEI

12.3.48

S.K.T. A

Les. order for M.V. if necessary. but
he must buy the Admiralty one
as well if we can get it.

Abel
15.3

Am CS

B

I will push for a reply from B.S.O.

AM. SEI
21. 3.. + 8

EE. Le sphe. C

K.I.V. the jeep, etc

Abel
23/3

H.C.S. D

noted by

EEB 15/4/48.

BU 31/5/48
30/4/48
19/4/48

EE. E

Re. report on purchase of jeeps etc.
2. Like of the other to get spares for
the one I understand is a few
chassis?

3. 30 cars. - other lorries?

by
3.5

H.C.P. F

1. As I informed you verbally on Saturday May 1st there
are no spares available for the jeep from Admiralty sources

2. 1 x 30 car is "hooked" for the Town Council - no spare
available for the other & price as suggested by the na

EEB 4. 5. 48.

EE.

50 F §1

Hence 50 E §2.

S.S.

H.C.S.

The jeeps ~~so~~ bought by the F.I.C are of the same type as those of the Admiralty. Presumably therefore the F.I.C will obtain spares and thus possibility of purchase exists

EFB 7/5/48.

EE.

Re. say what we can actually purchase, & whether the (former) jeep which has been 'canonized' by R.W.D. is available.

S.S.

H.C.S.

As yet we have purchased nothing as the jeeps will not be available until the R.N leaves. The understanding is that Government will buy one jeep for sixty pounds (subject to no great damage happening to the jeep during the time the R.N still retain)

The damaged jeep which would have been useful for spares has been sold by the R.N to Mr Pallini

EFB 13/5/48.

PA S.S.
14.

0148

DECODE.

No. 55.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 14. 5. 48 Time: 11.15 Received: 15. 5. 48 Time: 09.30.

No. 146. Your telegram No. ⁴⁷ 26 Saving. Admiralty Surplus Stores.

Admiralty estimates that linseed oil content of paint transferred was 250 gallons while in addition 280 gallons linseed oil were handed over separate - making a total of 530 gallons. The replacement cost of oil is given as £434. As total Falkland Islands indebted^{ness} is £1300 the cash payment required is £866.

47 In accordance with last paragraph your telegram Saving Crown Agents are being instructed to pay the sum of £866 to Admiralty.

G.T.C.
L.H.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C.E.
Y. y. i. pl.
dh. Jones.
15. 5. 48.

H.C.S.
noted by E.P.B. 17/5/48.

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17/5