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Prize Court. Remuneration
of Officers -

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Honourable Colonial Secretary,

I annex for your information copy of my Confidential despatch to the Secretary of State of the 8th March, 1917, and of the Secretary of States reply Confidential, 9th May, 1917, with respect to the remuneration of Officers of this Government for Prize Court work.

I have by an open minute dealt with the matter for action.



Governor.

15th August, 1917.

"Josephina"..... £430-19-1.
 "Bangor"..... 480-18-11.
 "Pax"..... 304-2-3.
 "Edna"..... 41-19-1.

£1257-19-4.

In each case I have submitted by my numbered despatch, noted in the margin, that payment be made from Imperial funds to the Crown Agents on behalf of the Colony.

4. With regard to the question of remuneration to the Officers of the Prize Court; Mr T.N.Goddard, acting as Proper Officer of the Crown; Mr W.A.Thompson, acting as Marshall, and Mr M.Craigie-Halkett, Registrar of the Court, are all paid officials of this Government I submit, however, for your consideration that the Officers of the Court might be allowed to receive remuneration, and I recommend on the payment to this Government of the costs and expenses etc. due in respect of the several Prizes dealt with in this Colony, that the following sums be paid to the Officers named :-

For Prize	Mr Goddard.	Mr Thompson.	Mr Halkett.	Mr G. Brown.
"Josephina"	£7	£6	£8	£1-10-0
"Bangor"	4	6	7	10-0
"Pax"	6	2	6	1-10-0
"Edna"	3	-	3	10-0
	£20.	£14.	£24.	£4-0-0.

Mr Brown, who is also a paid officer of this Government acted as shorthand writer to the Court.

5. Should you approve of the Proper Officer of the Crown receiving the remuneration recommended the amount in respect of each prize should be added to the above mentioned total.

I have etc.....

(Sgd.) Douglas Young.

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

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Downing Street,

9th May, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of the 8th March, regarding the payment of remuneration to the Proper Officer of the Crown and certain officers of the Prize Court in the Colony, and to state that I approve the scale of remuneration proposed for Messrs Thompson, Halkett and Brown.

2. With regard to Mr Goddard your despatch appears to have been written before you received my Miscellaneous despatch of the 10th January, regarding the remuneration of the Proper Officer of the Crown and other officers performing services in connection with matters of prize. You will have observed from the despatch that the intention of His Majesty's Government is that the Proper Officer of the Crown should be remunerated by payment of fees on the scale laid down in Appendix C to the Prize Court Rules, 1914, including reasonable fees for attendance in Court and that his bill of costs drawn up on these lines should be taxed in the manner suggested in the second paragraph of the despatch.

3. I consider it desirable, unless you have any special reasons to the contrary, ~~th~~ that Mr Goddard's remuneration should be ascertained in the manner directed in my despatch of the 10th January and that he should receive remuneration on these lines instead of on those suggested in paragraph 4 of your despatch.

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4. I should be glad, therefore, if unless you have any strong reason for adhering to the course suggested in your despatch, you would cause bills of costs on the lines directed in my despatch of the 10th January to be drawn up and taxed in the Colony and forwarded for transmission to the Treasury. Should local conditions render taxation in the Colony undesirable, you will of course send the bills to me for taxation by the Registrar of the Prize Court in this country, and should you desire to adhere to the proposal made in the second paragraph of your despatch, you should none the less send me detailed bills of costs shewing the amounts which would be payable to Mr Goddard if he were paid remuneration in accordance with the despatch of the 10th January, in order that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury may be enabled to compare such bills of costs with the scale of remuneration proposed in your despatch.

5. With reference to the accounts transmitted in your despatch Nos. 33, 34, 35 and 36 of the 8th March, regarding the "Josephina", "Bangor", "Pax", and "Edna", I regret that I am unable, for the present to deal with these accounts as they involve certain general questions which cannot be decided until a decision is reached regarding the constitution of the prize fund. I hope, however, to be in a position to proceed with these matters at no very distant date.

6. With regard to the Order of the Court of the 23rd February, in the case of the S.V. "Pax", a copy of which was enclosed in your despatch No. 35 of the 8th March, I have to call your attention to the fact that

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this order appears to be faulty both in respect to the reference contained in it to the Order in Council of the 3rd February, 1915, and by reason of the omission , immediately before the words in brackets referring to Fee 49, Appendix B, Prize Court Rules, of a reference to the sale price of the cargo. I consider it desirable that an application should be made to the Court for the amendment of this Order so as to make the Order correspond in these respects with the terms of the Order of the 23rd February, 1917, regarding the s.s. "Josephina ", a copy of which was enclosed in your despatch No. 33 of the 3th March.

I Have etc.....

(Sgd.) Walter H.Long.