

C.S.

PORT & MARINE.

"Afterglow"

SHI/VES/2 # 13

1928.

No. 38/28.

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

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18th Jan.

Previous Paper.

Maintenance of H. M. C. S. "AFTERGLOW"
for emergency service.

MINUTES.

Respatch to S of S 11^o 36 of 25th Jan'y 1928
Special warrant No 2 of 1928.

Mr. Treasurer

Please withdraw S. W.

at pan. to Harbours Master to see.

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27. 1. 28

Harbours Master

S.W. withdrawn & h.p. passed to you

H. Cher

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Initials 1. 2. 28

M. M. M. M. M.

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Subsequent Paper.

P.P. 25/5/28
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P.P. 4/1/28

Minute from Harbour Master of 22 March 1928.

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Telegram from Goff of 23. 3. 28.

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Harbour Master,

For info.

2. A special warrant in the sum of £750 (i.e. £1000 less amount authorized by Special warrant 2/1928) should now be prepared.

3. Allowances, at the rate of 3/- a day to Mr S. Kelway and, at the rate of 3/6 a day to crew of 'Penguin' should be paid in respect of services already performed on 'Afterglow'.

S.M. 13
26. 11. 28 for C.S.

29. 3. 28. 2 Hds. Special warrant for 750 attached.

Red 9-10

1/10
11/10

to Ch. Secy

Special warrant No 16/28 submitted for approval.

S.M. 13
30. 3. 28 for C.S.

Harbour Master }
S. W. }
Harbour Master }

S. W. No 16/28 herewith.

S.M. 13
31. 3. 28 for C.S.

Harbour Master

J. W. 16/28 withdrawn.

M. Orange - Harbour

Recd

2. 4. 28

Harbour Secretary

Genl.

Recd 4. 4. 28.

Harbour Master

11. Minute to Harbour Master of 18 April 1928.

J.E. I shall be glad to

assist you in the matter of the

details of the receipt - see to see

at the short - side.

J.E.

13. 5. 28.

Harbour C.S.

Please. I shall like to see you before

I leave.

All.

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Harbour Master

(Enclosed, please.)

J. W.

14. 5. 28.

Submitted with N M's statement
which he has added to Red 11

W. H. 13
24. v. 28 a.c.s

H. C. S.

W. H. 13

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

25th January, 1928.

No. 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the previous correspondence, terminating with your telegram of the 28th of September, 1927, relative to the sale by this Government of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow", and to inform you that despite every effort it has not hitherto been possible to find a purchaser for the craft either at Punta Arenas or at Montevideo or again in South Georgia. I have hope still that it may prove practicable to dispose of her but in the meantime it is necessary to provide for her maintenance in proper order so as not immediately to abandon and to allow to fall into disrepair a vessel which has, as you are aware, but recently been overhauled at high cost.

2. I consider moreover that so long at any rate as the vessel remains the property of this Government it is most useful to have her available for emergency service round the coasts of the Colony. She is, for example, capable of rendering considerable assistance at a time of need in carrying mails to the West Falkland or in taking out Government officials to or bringing hospital cases from the distant parts of these Islands. As I have explained in my earlier despatches she does not warrant being kept in permanent commission

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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nor do I propose to consider such a step if only on the ground of unnecessary expense.

3. I have arranged therefore to retain the services of the Master, Captain F. B. Howatt, on the basis of a temporary agreement, terminable at a month's notice on either side, with his previous rate of salary, namely £20 per mensem, and I have caused the remainder of the crew to be discharged. I anticipate no difficulty in obtaining a crew from time to time as required and the Engineer of the Government launch "Penguin" Mr. G. Kelway is fully competent to take over that department.

4. I should explain that Captain Howatt will perform the essential duty of caretaker and watchman of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" and will in addition be available for any other suitable duties which may be allotted to him by the Harbour Master. Captain Howatt has been Master of the "Afterglow" for the last six years ever since the vessel was first commissioned in the Colony, he has a most valuable knowledge of these dangerous and difficult shores, and I am anxious furthermore to assist him in view of the fact that he is a married man with children and will probably not find it easy in the limited scope of local opportunity to obtain congenial employment outside the Government service.

5. I have stated above that Mr. G. Kelway will be required on occasions to take charge of the engineroom of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" and I would suggest that while so employed he might be paid allowance at the rate of 5/- per diem additional

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his salary as Engineer of the Government launch "Penguin"; similarly it will probably be desirable to take one or both of the crew of the "Penguin" to serve as mate or leading hands and in such event I would propose that they should in like manner be granted an allowance at the rate of 3/6 per diem.

6. In addition there will be the cost of stores such as paint and oil to be met whether the vessel is in commission or is laid up and, when she is running, of coal and of victualling for the personnel.

7. I have to seek your approval accordingly of the general arrangements as above described and in particular I would ask your sanction to the expenditure to be incurred in this connection during the current year in a sum estimated not to exceed £1,000 and to be debited against a new sub-head of Head VII. "PORT AND MARINE" Maintenance of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow".

8. In conclusion I would repeat that this expenditure is necessary in part to keep the vessel in a good state of repair and that such part of it as is not necessary on that account will be restricted within the most economical limits and will in any event be justified by the urgency or importance of the service and will be set off in some degree by savings in other directions such as on the provision under Head V. "POST OFFICE" 6. Carriage of Mails.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

38/28.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor,

Despatched: 23rd March, 1928. Time: 1054.

Received: 23rd March, 1928. Time: 1055.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

Repls 1-3 Your despatch of 25th January 36 Afterglow
I approve.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No. 16/1928

SPECIAL WARRANT.

[Signature]

Governor.

Date 30th March 1928

TO THE HONOURABLE
THE TREASURER.

Whereas it has become necessary, in the interests of the Public service, to incur certain Expenditure, not sufficiently^a provided for in the Estimates, as set forth in the subjoined Schedule,^b in anticipation^c of a vote of the Legislature^d and of the approval of the Secretary of State:—

a. to remain only in case of an excess on a vote.

b to be struck out if complete authority has been obtained c or d if either partial authority has been obtained.

You are hereby, on my personal responsibility, authorized and required to pay from the Treasury the sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds Shillings and Pence and to charge it to the Heads and Sub-heads of the Expenditure specified in the Schedule.

And for so doing, this, together with the proper Accounts, Certificates and Acquittances, shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge.

Schedule.

Particulars of Service.	To be charged to		£	s.	d.
	Head.	Sub-Head.			
Maintenance of Patrol Boat "Hinglor"	III Pat n In arries B. Patrol Boat.	2 Maintenance of "Hinglor"	750	0	0

Signature of the Officer submitting the Schedule for Warrant.

[Signature]

Date 30.3. 1928

(Special warrants are to be prepared in triplicate. One copy to be filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, one in the Treasury, and one to be furnished to the Audit).

