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SUBJECT :

SOUTH GEORGIA.  
WORKS PROGRAMME 1958/59.

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NUMBER

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TELEGRAM.

No. 245.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th October, 1958 Time: 2000.

Received: 14th October, 1958 Time: 0900.

235/240. Works Programme King Edward Point summer 1958/59 includes,

1. Erection Diesel Shed.
2. Renewing Plumbing.
3. Concrete path.
4. Painting approximately 1/2 Station buildings.
5. Erection Squash Court.

Can Stanley P.W.D. let us have team one each plumber, carpenter, painter/mason. Money for 1 and 2 and 3 is voted under Subheads 41, 43, 45. According to your telegram 137/1954 erection of Squash Court should take competent labour 225 hours. Subhead 48 covers that. If it does not, saving of £200 could be quoted from Subhead 49. To cover wages of painter propose quoting saving of up to £200 from Subhead 49.

Accommodation same as last summer. Duration 2 months.

We shall work away at these things without assistance but we cannot manage them all especially Squash Court for which we need full time skilled labour in order to erect and ensure doing so in quick time so as to minimise wind damage risk. Denton Thompson, Gutteridge, Livermore and I discussed these generally in February.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L:FH

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(Intld) J.B.

Reply at 4.

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A.C.S.

1. Telegram at h.c. can issue.
2. Pl. have the file sent in for flight before the first shipping opportunity (including the anchorage) for South Georgia.

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To				
ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA.				Dep a/c

No. 253 Your 235/240 stop Works Programme stop We are very badly off here and a lot of essential work is being delayed stop I will see what I can do as regards plumber and mason nearer the time of a shipping opportunity stop Carpenter will be difficult and painter quite out of the question stop You will have to rely largely on your own resources.

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To

ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPS a/c

No. 282. Summer Works programme stop We are seriously short of all forms of skilled labour and it is a question of priorities stop plumbing and Diesel shed are particularly important and we are arranging for plumbing team consisting of Macdonald and Peck to come down on Biscoe leaving 26th November stop Diesel shed is being prefabricated here and will be on Biscoe stop It would help and by the time everything is taken into account probably nearly as economical if Pesca would undertake foundations and erection stop Masons carpenters and painters are particularly difficult at the moment and I should be glad to know whether Pesca can do it bracket yourtel 134 bracket stop early reply is requested so that possible alternatives may be explored stop If necessary we could help with sand shingle and concrete mixer stop

Para 2. Please confirm whether all plumbing equipment and supplies have arrived and advise on accomodation for plumbers

AGDT/IM

SECRETARY

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 146. From Administrative Officer, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 7th November, 1958 Time : 1500.

Received : 8th November, 1958 Time : 0900.

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266/529. Your telegram 282. Most of plumbing equipment and supplies received. No copies of Indents received here yet but copper tubing and fuel tanks for redfire boilers are expected items not yet received. They can be managed without for a start. Government stores expected by "Garden" and "Venturer" 14th November.

2. "Workshop", which I suggest it be called to avoid confusion with engine sheds, will be sited on good level ground immediately in front of engine shed thus foundation preparation will be relatively easy. Manager Pesca will assist with foundations and erection but unwilling to commit himself to exact dates. He will provide mechanically sand and gravel at site. Loan of concrete mixer from Port Stahley would be useful because Pesca mixer presently in use on further large extensions there. Request early dimensions foundations so that we ourselves can begin digging and shuttering now. Also if possible positions and length of projection above foundation of counter sunk bolts for holding down building.

3. Accommodation gaol feeding Discovery as before. You will realise that we shall be well doubled up until 20th December when Stansbury, Clement, O'Gorman and Goodwins depart. Nesbitt is with me. Quigley with Biggs. Brumby somewhere. 2 in Discovery big room of course.

4. Would much like to have Lawrence if only for December if that is feasible. We hope Gutteridge will be able to visit, possibly later.

*Reply at 8*

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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(Intld) A.G.D.T.

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To

ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

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~~18~~ Your 266/529

No. 287. / Workshop stop Concrete mixer will be supplied stop Foundations 20 feet by 140 feet outside measurements stop Important to note for digging and shuttering that doorway of workshop to connect by corridor with power house entrance is on north side and 7 feet 5 inches from east end wall of workshop bracket assumin/house runs north south and workshop east west

Para 2. It is difficult to describe positions of building down bolts and studding stop These are shown on plans coming with framed buildin in Biscoe and it would appear desirable to defer concreting until Lawrence arrives stop Assume you have copy of Quigley's plan showing position of doors and west and east ends of workshop stop If not comma original will be sent stop Level of foundations should be same as power house floor stop Para 3.

Gutteridge will travel in Biscoe but he and Lawrence must return December stop Can you provide assistance for Lawrence

~~RE:~~

SECRETARY

SGT/IM

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*Reply 210*

*BU, 18/11/58*

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia

*To* Colonial Secretary

*Despatched* : 13th November, 1958 *Time* : 13.00

*Received* : 13th November, 1958 *Time* : 15.15

8 283/529. Your telegram No. 287. Grateful if original plan be sent assistance can be provided for Lawrence.

*See 12 para 3*

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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(Intld)  
A.G.D.T.

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STANLEY SOUTH GEORGIA

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No. 298. Peck plusbers note not now available stop Lawrence will stay on to assist Macdonald after completing workshop foundations

SECRETARY

Time

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19th November, 58.

To: The Administrative Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Summer programme of work - South Georgia.

I am directed to refer to your telegram No. 235/240 of the 13th October, 1958, and to subsequent telegrams in connexion with the summer programme of work at King Edward Point.

2. As I said in my telegram No. 282, we are seriously short in Stanley of all types of skilled labour and priority must first be given to the important jobs in South Georgia such as the new workshop and the plumbing.

3. The workshop is being framed by the Falkland Islands Company and will be shipped in the "John Biscoe". Cutteridge is taking with him the drawing of the workshop prepared by Quigley, together with a layout plan prepared by the Company. Quigley's drawing is for a building 60'0" X 20'0" but as you are aware, it has been reduced in size to 40'0" X 20'0".

4. Lawrence is going down in the "Biscoe" and will prepare the concrete foundations. Perhaps you can spare Biggs to assist him. It is noted from your telegram No. 266/529 that Pesca will assist with the erection of the building, although the manager is unwilling to commit himself to exact dates. You will, no doubt, keep in touch with him on this point.

5. As regards the plumbing, it was proposed that McDonald and Peck should do this work but Peck has now cried off because we are not permitting excessive overtime to be worked, as happened last year. However, Lawrence is a most useful man and Cutteridge is convinced that he and McDonald will be a good plumbing team. Lawrence will, therefore, remain in South Georgia after he has completed the workshop foundations and then go onto the plumbing with McDonald.

6. Hours of work for the artisans coming from Stanley are to be as follows:-

Monday to Friday:	ordinary time 8 hours, overtime 4 hours
Saturday:	Ordinary time 5 hours, overtime 4 hours
Sunday:	Overtime 4 hours.

The number of hours to be worked weekly is 73, (45 at ordinary time of 4s/3d per hour, 24 at time and a half and 4 at double time) with payment for 89 hours. McDonald and Lawrence will each receive a bonus of £25 on satisfactory completion of the work. You might consider making Ikkint the timekeeper.

7. It is regretted that we are unable to provide the services of a painter. We have only one painter in Government service here and there is enough work locally for two or three men.

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8. We are also desperately short of carpenters and cannot spare a man to go down in the "Biscoe" this time to assist in erecting the squash court. However, the position will be reviewed early in the New Year and if it is possible to spare a carpenter for a month or so the urgent need to erect the court will be given priority.

9. The concrete paths are a problem. It is most unlikely that it will be possible to send anyone down from Stanley this summer unless there is a sudden change in the labour position. If we can assist in any way we shall certainly do so.

10. Gutteridge, who is familiar with what is required in the plumbing line, will be available to lay out the work for McDonald. He, Gutteridge, will have to return to Stanley in the first "Biscoe".

11. I should be grateful if you would ensure that the concrete mixer is returned at the same time.

(Sgd) A.G. Denton Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SGT/LJH.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched: 11th December, 19 58 Time: 1800

Received: 12th December, 19 58 Time: 1230

No: 529.

I would very much like to retain concrete mixer after "Biscoe"s" departure for making concrete path and finishing Squash Court foundations.

ADMINOFF.

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Reply at 15

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To	ADMINISTR SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPS A/S UNSPEC

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NO. 332 YOUR 525 STOP VERY MUCH REGRET MIXER MUST BE  
 RETURNED ON BIGGER STOP CAN YOU NOT HIRE ONE FROM PESCA

SECRETARY

*Handwritten initials*

Time 53/47

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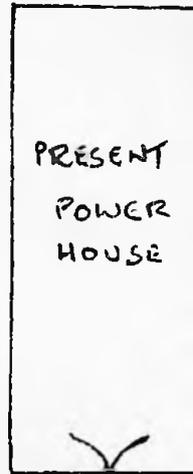
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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				
ANTHONY SOUTH GEORGIA				DEPT A/C

NO. 3.    REGRET THAT FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS FORTHCOMING  
 JANUARY RUN OF SHACKLETON TO SOUTH GEORGIA HAS BEEN  
 CANCELLED STOP WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO ARRANGE FOR A  
 RUN IN LATE FEBRUARY

*Repeat*

Time	1200/TH	<i>Phoned w/T. Stn.</i>	SECRETARY	1200	5/1/59	<i>PA u 16/1/59</i>
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