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PUBLIC WORKS  
(Stanley Improvement Scheme)  
No. 135/25.

1925.

Crown Agents Telegram

SUBJECT.

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STANLEY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

13th February

Mr. G. Roberts selected as Officer in Charge of:

Previous Paper.

*PA 23/25*

MINUTES.

*Crown Agents telegram of 13th February 1925 - Encl ①*

*B.U. 17/25  
PA 20/25  
PA 28/25*

*Y.S. Submitted*

*10 Feb. 25*

*Mr. Challen has been informed verbally*

*M  
18 Feb 1925*

*Y.S. Submitted*

*Y.S. approved in L.P. Conf. 17.2.25 that Mr. Roberts' title should be Executive Engineer in charge of new works. May he be so gazetted on arrival? A letter of appointment will be issued in due course.*

*10 March 25*

*M. 14 March 1925*

Subsequent Paper.

*P. 5.8*

- Letter from Crown Agents 6 Feb 1925 (2)
- " " " " 8 Feb 1925 (3)
- Despatch from S of S No 13 of 6 Feb 1925 (4)
- Letter to Mr G. Roberts 13 Jan 1925 (4a)
- Letter from Col Office to Admiralty 8 Jan 1925 (4ab)
- Letter from "Adms" to "Col Office" 13 Jan 1925 (4c) (ue)
- " " " " 22 Jan 1925 (4d)
- " " " " 23 Jan 1925 (4e) (4d)
- Gazette Notice of appointment 23 Mar 1925 (5)
- Letter to Mr G. Roberts 25 March 1925 (6)
- (Copy to Treasurer)
- Letter from Crown Agts - Salary particulars of Mr Roberts - 4 Feb 1925 (7)
- Minute to Treasurer 26 March 1925 (8)

Letter to Ch. that Mr Roberts is entitled to free post while in the employment of Govt. and requesting that the necessary arrangements be made

~~TTT~~ 27 March 25

- Minute to Col. Engineer, 28<sup>th</sup> March 1925. (9)
- Despatch from S of S <sup>No. 31</sup> 27 Feb 1925 (10)
- Lr from Mr G. Roberts 9 Feb 1925 (10a)
- Lr from Mr L. White 9 Feb 1925 (10b)

G.G.  
 Submitted with draft letter to Mr Roberts & Mr White  
 G.H. 17  
 oic:sa  
 15 May 1925. Jan 21 May 1925.

Let Mr G. Roberts 22nd May 1925 - (11)

S of S. Despatch No 61 of 23 May 1925 - (12)

Y. E.

Submitted

2. Financial Officers to note?

The Executive Engineer will be informed of the charge against his vote by the Treasury in the usual way.

28 July 1925

Officer

28 July 1925

Mr.

30 July 1925

Hon Treasurer.

Auditor

for info.

28 July 1925

31 July 1925

Letter from Mr G. Roberts of 19th November 1925 - Encl (13)

Colonial Engineer

Passed to you with reference to Encl. (9).

You will no doubt adjust the matter now, and I can then inform Mr Roberts that the misunderstanding was due to an oversight.

R. C. S.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

19.XI.25

I much regret that the Colonial Secretary's minute of 28th of March was overlooked.

2. Instructions have now been given for an allowance of peat, at the rate of 54 loads per annum, to be delivered at the Cable House.

R. C. S.

Col. Engineer.  
23/XI/25

Minute to Executive Engineer, S.D.W. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1925. (14)

Extract from minute from Executive Engineer 10/2/26. (15)

E.E. Submitted for approval of increment being paid.

G.H. 13  
for E.E.  
16 Feb 1926

Approved by  
14 Feb 1926

Hon Treasurer.  
Executive Engineer }

For note.  
G.H. 13  
17 Feb 1926

Executive Engineer  
held & passed to you

H. Thompson  
Treasurer  
19 Feb

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Noted. G. Roberts

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IMPROVEMENT WORKS.  
19/2/26.

Minute from Ex. Engineer of 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1926. 16.

E.E. Submitted.  
G.H. 13  
for E.E.  
24 Feb 1926

Plan with the paper in which Mr Roberts was  
recommended for appointment: a duplicate was to S/S G.H.  
25 Feb 1926

Y.R. C.S. Conf. no. 17/1924 annexed.

J.S.  
26/7/26

M.P.S.

Mr. Roberts was in Admiralty employment at the time the conditions of his temporary employment under the Govt are annexed (see enclosure D in P.S.O. No. 17/24) and he was not conversant with Admiralty regulations.

2. Mr. Roberts may be informed that the leave of absence for which he may become eligible on the satisfactory completion of his engagement under the Government will commence from the date of disembarkation in England.

J.S.  
24 July 1926.

(Note: officers in the Army are allowed to accumulate vacation leave for a period of 3 years instead of 2 years as in most Armies)

J.S.

17. Minute to Ex. Engineer, Improv. Works,  
100 March, 1926

Min. to Mr. Roberts

Memorandum from Executive Engineer, 19/2/27. 18.

~~Exec Eng~~ E.E. 22-2-27.

Mr. Treasurer

Payment of increment approved

1. Mr. W. Roberts with effect 1st July at £400 p.a.

as per 7.2.27.

Yours

22.2.27.

Hon. Col. Secretary

noted

A. Cherr.

for Treasurer

23/2/27.

Letter to Mr. G. Roberts, 5th July, 1927. 19.

Despatch to S. of S. No. 151 of 19/8/27. 20-21.

Mr. Engineer.

Please see vol 21-20 with reference

to our conversation of the other day.

Yours

19.8.27

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted and returned

G. Roberts

E.E. 19.8.27

PA  
9/8/29

# TELEGRAM.

*From :* The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

*To :* The Colonial Secretary.

*Dispatched :* 13th February,

192 5. *Time* 4 pm

*Received :* 14th February,

192 5. *Time* 11.40  
am.

SECRETARY

FORTSTANLEY.

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XYCZEEJWEN.

Meaning:

Roberts and family officer in charge New Works ~~White~~  
~~clerk New Works Jones Assistant Master~~ sailed Lagarto  
7th February.

Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
 TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
 CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
 THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED  
 AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: 26 W/Pass. 10311/25.  
 TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."  
 TELEPHONE, 7780 VICTORIA

4, MILLBANK,  
 WESTMINSTER,  
 LONDON, S W. 1.

6th February, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to the appointment of Mr. G. Roberts as Officer in Charge of New Works, Stanley, I have the honour to report that passages have been arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and child in the s.s. "Lagarto", due to leave Swansea on the 7th of February.

2. Mr. Roberts is entitled to expenses to ship for himself and family and we understand that he intends to submit a claim in this respect upon his arrival.

3. The total amount due to Mr. Roberts in this respect is £4. 16. 6., which is arrived at as follows:-

3rd class rail fares from Gillingham to London	12. 0.
3rd class rail fares from London to Swansea	£3. 14. 6.
Amount to cover portorage, etc.	10. 0.
Total	£4. 16. 6d.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,

*W.A. Wickham*

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
 FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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*[Handwritten mark]*



Telegrams "Crown. London."

M

Pass, 10311/25

All communications on this subject should bear the Ref. No. and date of this letter given below, and should be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W. 1.



1925

Mr. G. Robert

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the agreement into which we have entered with the officer named above on his appointment as Officer-in-Charge of New Works, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

A passage has been provided for this officer and family in the s.s. "Lagarto" due to leave Swansea on the 7th. February 1925.

I have the honour, to be, Sir,

Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. A. Birchall".

for the Crown Agents.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY *MC*

PASSAGE AGREEMENT  
GENERAL.

M/Passage 10311/25

Agreement made this 28th. day of January

One thousand nine hundred and twenty five -----

Between George Roberts, of 94, King Street,

Gillingham, -----

in the County of Kent -----, of the one part,  
and THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, London, for and on behalf  
of His Majesty, of the other part.

Whereas George Roberts ----- (hereinafter called the  
Person selected) hath been duly selected for appointment as Officer-in-Charge of New Works,  
Stanley,  
in Falkland Islands (hereinafter called the Colony), and will be provided with a passage to that Colony

Now the Person selected, in consideration of the premises, doth hereby agree that should he fail to proceed to  
the Falkland Islands ----- as and when directed, or, within the period of three years from the date  
of his arrival in the Colony either quit the Colony without leave or leave the service of the Government of the  
Colony, except on giving three months' notice or be dismissed or removed from his appointment in consequence of misconduct, he will refund and repay  
to the Government of the Colony or to the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London, the amount paid for his  
passage to the Colony and for the passage of any member or members of his family.

Provided always that nothing herein contained shall bind or oblige the Person selected to repay the aforesaid  
passage money if at the time he shall leave the service of the Government of the Colony, as aforesaid, the Colonial  
Secretary of the Government of the Colony, or person acting as such, shall certify that the Person selected is unable  
from bodily or mental infirmity to continue in the performance of his duty.

Witness our hands the day and year above written.

Signed by the said George Roberts

in the presence of

Signature, (Sgd) G. Denyer,  
Address, 94, King Street, Gillingham.  
Occupation, Engine Room Artificer, R.N.

Of the Witness.

Sign here  
over a  
Sixpenny  
Stamp.

(Sgd) G. Roberts  
28th. January 1925

Signed by Francis Meredyth Pearson

(on behalf of the Crown Agents for the Colonies) as aforesaid

in the presence of

(Sgd) E. Bellevue

of the Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

(Sgd) F.M. Pearson

DUPLICATE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 13

DOWNING STREET,

6 February, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 7th January, I have the honour to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Mr. G. Roberts and Mr. L. E. White have been selected for appointment as Officer in Charge and Accounting Clerk respectively in connection with the New Works at Stanley. Passages to the Colony for Mr. Roberts and his wife and child, and for Mr. White, have been provided in the S.S. "Lagarto" leaving Swansea on the 7th February. Copies of the letters offering the appointments are enclosed, and I request that you will give Mr. Roberts and Mr. White formal letters of appointment when they arrive stating that you appoint them on the conditions embodied in those letters.

To Mr. Roberts  
13 Jan.

To Mr. White  
25 Jan.

To Adm. 2 Jan.

To do. 13 Jan.

From do. 22 Jan.

To do. 23 Jan.

3. I also enclose a copy of correspondence with the Admiralty with regard to the secondment of these officers.

You will observe that Mr. White has been engaged with salary at the rate of £250 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £300 per annum. In view of the urgency of the matter I approved of Mr. White being offered a higher commencing salary than was originally intended, on the assumption that you would have no objection. You will also note from the correspondence with the Admiralty that it has been necessary to acc

GOVERNOR,

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., K.B.E., C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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liability for the salaries of Mr. Roberts and Mr. White at the appropriate Admiralty rates for the period from the 25th January to the 6th February, both dates included, and that there will in each case be a claim for pension contributions.

3. Although it is proposed that Admiralty Works Department and Office routine should be followed as far as may be possible I assume that there will be a careful check on all expenditure.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY.

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85/24/25.

Downing Street,

13 January, 1925.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to inform you that with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, he proposes to select you for appointment as Officer in Charge of New Works, Stanley, Falkland Islands. The salary of the post is at the rate of £600 per annum rising by annual increments of £50 to £700 per annum, and full salary at the rate of £600 per annum will be paid from the date of your departure from England. A furnished house and fuel will be provided free.

2. It is to be understood that your engagement will be for a period not exceeding three years from the date of your departure from England, but that it may be terminated at an earlier date on three months' notice on either side.

3. Provided that your services have been satisfactory, you will, on the expiration of the three years'

G. ROBERTS, ESQ.

years' engagement, or on its earlier termination by the Government, be granted three months' leave of absence on full salary and free 2nd class passages back to England for yourself and your wife and child. Should you, however, wish to terminate the engagement before the expiration of the three years for any other reason than ill-health, you will not be entitled to such return passages or leave of absence.

4. You are to understand that your employment will be under the Colonial Government, that your emoluments will be paid solely from the funds of the Colony, and that the appointment will be subject to the Colonial Regulations in force for the time being so far as they may be applicable. A copy of the latest edition of the Regulations is enclosed.

Col. Regulations.

5. You will be seconded from the service of the Admiralty during the period of your employment with the Government of the Falkland Islands, and it is understood that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury are being approached with a view to the conservation of your pension rights.

6. Free 2nd class passages to the Colony will be provided for yourself, your wife and one child, on your signing an agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, S.W.1., by which you will be bound to repay to the Colonial Government the cost of such passages in the event of your terminating your engagement except on giving three months' notice, or for reasons of mental or physical infirmity.

7. I am to request you to inform me at the earliest possible date whether you accept the appointment on the terms indicated in this letter. If so, it is understood that you will be prepared to sail for the Colony by the S.S. "Legato" leaving Swansea on the 7th of February, by which steamer passages have been booked provisionally.

8. I am to add that steps are being taken with a view to the appointment of an Accounting Clerk acquainted with Admiralty Works Department and office routine.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. CRINDELL

2007.  
No. 85/1925.

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DOWNING STREET,

IMMEDIATE

8th January, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 3rd November and 30th December (C.E.7867/24), I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to request you to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that approval has now been given for the execution of the proposed public works at Stanley, Falkland Islands.

2. Mr. Amery will therefore be glad to take advantage of the willingness of the Lords Commissioners to lend the services of Mr. G. Roberts to supervise the works, and a letter offering Mr. Roberts such employment is being prepared for transmission to him through your Department. If the necessary accommodation is available it is proposed that Mr. Roberts should be provided with a passage to Stanley by the S.S. "Lagarto" leaving Swansea on the 7th February and I am to enquire whether, in that case, arrangements could be made for him to be borne on the pay of Naval establishments up to and including the day preceding embarkation, after which he would begin to draw pay from Colonial funds. I am also to ask that immediate steps may be taken to secure the consent of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the conservation of Mr. Roberts' pension rights. The Colonial Government will if necessary be prepared to accept liability for the usual pension contribution.

3. As it is proposed that Admiralty Works Department and Office routine should be followed as far as may be possible it is desired to secure the services of an

THE SECRETARY,  
ADMIRALTY.

accounting



accounting clerk familiar with such routine. An application to be considered for the post has been received from Mr. L. B. White, a clerk in the Civil Engineer-in-Chief's Department, who, it is understood, has recently returned from employment on Admiralty works at Stanley; and I am to enquire whether the Lords Commissioners are prepared to recommend him for engagement with the Colonial Government and if so whether they would be willing to lend his services to the Colony. If so and if he is an established officer it is presumed that arrangements could be made to preserve his pension rights in which case the Colonial Government would also be prepared, if necessary, to accept liability for the usual pension contribution.

4. Mr. White has however pointed out that the commencing salary to be offered by the Colonial Government £250 a year (rising to £300) is less than he was receiving while engaged on Admiralty work in the Colony; and Mr. Amery would be glad to be informed of the actual pay and allowances, if any, which he received from Naval funds while so employed.

5. If Mr. White were selected for the appointment arrangements would, if possible, be made for him to leave with Mr. Roberts by the steamer of the 7th February.

6. I am to request the favour of an early reply to this letter.

I am etc.,

(Sgd) G. GRINDLE.

85/4/25.  
Copy.

Downing Street,

13th January, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 8th January, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you (under flying seal) the accompanying letter to Mr. G. Roberts offering him the appointment of Officer in Charge, New Works, Stanley, Falkland Islands, and to request that, if the Lords Commissioners see no objection, it may be forwarded to Mr. Roberts at the earliest possible date.

2. Mr. Amery presumes that Their Lordships will be prepared to reabsorb Mr. Roberts on the completion of the works at Stanley or in the event of its being found necessary to terminate his engagement at an earlier date.

I am,

Sir, etc.,

(Sgd) G. Grindle.

THE SECRETARY,  
ADMIRALTY.

22nd January, 1925.

Sir,

I have laid before My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letters of the 13th and the 8th instant No.85/24-25 relative to the proposed loan to the Colonial Office of the services of Mr.G.Roberts, an Acting Foreman of Works, and of Mr.L.B.White, a Temporary Accountant Clerk, in connection with public works at Stanley, Falkland Isles.

My Lords desire me to state for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that They agree to the loan of these officers, subject to the assent of H.M.Treasury and that They propose that their salaries shall be charged to the Colonial Office from the 25th instant, inclusive, as they are on leave, which will expire on the 24th instant, and no further use could be made of their services by this Department after that date.

It is expected that Mr.White will be established shortly as a Departmental Clerk, Third Grade, since he has passed a recent examination for that position. While he was serving at the Falkland Islands, his emoluments were as follows :-

Salary.....	£109.11.0.
Bonus.....	74.16.0.
Allowances:-	
House.....	50. 0.0.
Colonial.....	<u>50. 0.0.</u>
	<u>£284. 7.0.</u>

Application is being made to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the conservation of Mr.Roberts' pension rights, and also of Mr.White's, in anticipation of his establishment.

With regard to the offer of the Colonial Office to accept

liability

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office, S.W.1.

liability in both cases for the usual pension contribution, My Lords understand that the funds of the Government of the Falkland Islands are public funds within the meaning of the Superannuation Act, 1892, and that in these circumstances it will not be necessary to proceed under Section 4 of the Superannuation Act 1914, as the officers will be eligible for more favourable treatment under the Treasury Rules dated the 31st July, 1911.

The letter enclosed for Mr. Roberts with your letter of the 13th instant has been forwarded to that Officer.

I am etc.,

(Sgd) Charles Walker.

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IMMEDIATE

DOWNING STREET,

23rd January, 1925.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd January (C.E.393/25) and to transmit to you, under flying seal, the accompanying letter to Mr. L.B. White offering him the appointment of Accounting Clerk, New Works, Stanley, Falkland Islands, and to request that, if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty see no objection, it may be immediately forwarded to Mr. White.

2. Liability for the salaries of Mr. G. Roberts and Mr. White at the appropriate Admiralty rates will be accepted for the period from the 25th January to the 6th February both dates included and the Crown Agents for the Colonies will be authorised to make the necessary refund to Naval funds if a claim is made to this Department in due course.

3. With regard to the penultimate paragraph of your letter I am to explain that, although the revenues of the Falkland Islands are a "public fund" under the Superannuation Act, 1892, pensions for service in the Colony can be awarded only as provided by the local Pensions Ordinance. The officers in question are not being appointed <sup>to offices</sup> pensionable under the Ordinance and will not be eligible on final retirement for pensions in respect of their service in the Colony. It was for this reason that pension contributions were suggested in the case of these officers.

4. It is assumed that no action is required by this Department in regard to securing the consent of the Lords Commissioner of the Treasury to the proposed arrangements.

I am etc.,

(Sgd) G. Grindle.

THE SECRETARY,

ADMIRALTY.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

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No \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
25th March, 1925.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
make the following appointments in connection with the  
Schemes for the Improvement of Stanley:

GEORGE ROBERTS, ESQUIRE,  
to be Executive Engineer in Charge of New Works.

Mr. LEON BEDE WHITE,  
to be Clerk, New Works.

Both appointments take effect from the 7th of  
February, 1925.

By Command,

H. Henniker-Heaton,  
Colonial Secretary.

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25th March,

25.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, regarding your secondment from the service of the Admiralty to supervise the new works in progress for the improvement of Stanley, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Executive Engineer in Charge of New Works, on the terms and conditions embodied in the letter to you from the Colonial Office, dated the 13th of January, 1925. As stated in paragraph 4 of the letter, your appointment will be subject to the Colonial Regulations in force for the time being, and I am to say that under Regulation 332 you may be required to furnish security.

2. The salary of the post is at the rate of £600 per annum rising by annual increments of £50 to £700, and full salary at the rate of £600 per annum will be paid from the 7th of February, the date of your departure from England.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

G. Roberts, Esq.,

Stanley.

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OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

4, MILLBANK, WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN LONDON."



4th February, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to subjoin particulars concerning the Salary of

Mr. G. Roberts

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

*T. Stalker*

for Crown Agents.

To The Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands.

Appointment.	Officer in Charge of New Works, Stanley.
Date of Sailing.	7th February, 1925.
Salary Particulars.	Salary or half salary has been paid from the ---- of -- 192 - to the --- of -- 192 -- . An advance of £ --- has been made, which should be recovered locally.
Outfit Allowance.	An outfit allowance of £ --- has been paid.
Leave Foregone.	--- days' leave have been foregone, which should be added to subsequent leave granted.
Home Allotment.	The Sum of £ ---- will be paid by the Crown Agents on the --- in respect of salary for the period --- and thereafter The sum of £ 8. 13. 4d will be paid monthly, commencing with salary in respect of the month of March, 1925 . These payments should be recovered locally.
W. & O. Pension Scheme.	D/F. --- Rate of Contribution £ -- per annum, plus £ -- per annum additional --- . Date of commencement of contribution --- 192 --. Contributions collected to --- 192 --.

DB 13. 2,000 Sets/8/24. W. & S. Ltd.



No. 135/25.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY,

26th March, 1925.

To The... **Honourable the Treasurer,**

I am directed by the Governor to attach the  
correspondence noted below for **your information and guidance.**

**A deduction from Mr. Roberts' salary of £8. 13/4 will  
be made monthly commencing with the month of March, in  
respect of a Home allotment payable by the Crown Agents.**

H. HENNIKER-HEATON,

Colonial Secretary.

Date	Description
1925.	
25th March.	Letter to Mr. G. Roberts.

135/25.

No.

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

MINUTE.

28th March, 19 25.

*From*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* The Colonial Engineer,

Stanley.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that a condition of the appointment of Mr. G. Roberts as Executive Engineer in Charge of New Works is that he will be provided with a furnished house and fuel free. The house known as the cable cottage has been allotted to Mr. Roberts, and I am to request that you will make the necessary arrangements to supply his requirements in the matter of peat.

H. Henniker-Heaton,  
Colonial Secretary.

DUPLICATE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 31



DONNING STREET,

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February, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 15 of the 5th February, on the subject of the secondment of Mr. G. Roberts and Mr. L. S. White for service in the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to transmit to you copies of letters from these officers applying for pension contributions on their salaries.

5th Feb.

5th Feb.

3. I have to explain, with reference to the 5th paragraph of their letters of appointment, and to the 2nd paragraph of my despatch, that it has not been found possible to arrange for the preservation of their pension rights for the period of their employment abroad and that the period during which they will be seconded for service with the Government of the Falkland Islands will not count for Imperial pension. Further, they will not be able, on return to their substantive appointments, to re-enter at the scale which they would have reached had they continued to be employed at home, but will lose their accrued increments. In these circumstances it was thought equitable that each should receive, at the end of the period of secondment, a lump sum equivalent to the amounts which would have been required from the Colonial Government, being 12% per annum of their respective salaries, as contributions towards their Imperial pensions. It was not intended, however, that these amounts should be paid forthwith.

GOVERNOR,

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., K. B. E., C. M. G.,

etc., etc., etc.

3. I shall be glad if you will cause Mr. Roberts and Mr. White to be informed accordingly.

Sir, I have the honour to be,

With reference to Sir,  
the Ministry of the Navy, Your most obedient,  
and to better the service of the humble servant,

I beg to request that the pension contribution will be  
to my salary by 10%, and that (Signed) L. S. AMERY.  
at present at Lloyd's Bank, Pall Mall, West.

I understand that the pension contribution will be  
10% of my salary.

This request is made in accordance with a letter  
received from the I.C.A. in C. 23912/1941 - 1942,  
stating that in connection with the fact that the Local  
Commissioners of the Treasury have advised that during  
the period of leave, the death gratuity is not payable and  
that the period of leave is not to be counted as service for  
pension. But that the Colonial Office are prepared to pay  
pension contributions during the period of leave.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
L. S. Amery

The Secretary of State  
Colonial Office  
London, W.C.

Co. (10a)  
M.V. Jagarto,

Swansea,

9th February, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to the loan of my services from the Admiralty to the Government of the Falkland Islands, and to letter No.85/24/25 dated 13th January 1925.

I beg to request that the pension contributions on my salary be paid, and that the amount be paid to my account at Lloyds Bank, Gillingham, Kent.

I understand that the pension contribution will be 12% of my salary.

This request is made in accordance with instructions received from the (C.E. in C.25912/25/14A - 5/2/25), stating that in connection with the loan the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have intimated that during the period of loan, the death gratuity is not payable and that the period of loan cannot count for pension or increment. But that the Colonial Office are prepared to pay pension contributions during the period of loan.

I am etc.,  
(Sgd)G.Roberts.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.

Copy.

M.V. Lagarto,

at Swansea.

9th February 1925.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

With reference to the loan of my services from the Admiralty to the Government of the Falkland Islands, and to letter 43288/1925 dated 23rd January 1925, I beg to request that the pension contributions on my salary be paid, and that the amount be paid into my account at Lloyds Bank, Easton, Portland.

It is understood that the pension contribution under the Colonial Government is about 12% of salary and I shall be glad if I may be informed of the amount payable.

This request is made in accordance with instructions received from the Civil Engineer-in-Chief, Admiralty (CE. in C.25912/25/14B/dated 5/2/1925) stating that in connection with the loan the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have intimated that during the period of loan the death gratuity is not payable and that the period of loan cannot count for pension or increment, but that the Colonial Office are prepared to pay pension contributions during the period of loan. I have, etc.  
(Sgd) L.B. WHITE.

135/25.

22nd May,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 9th of February, 1925, and to confirm the intimation made to you that the period of your employment in the Colony will not count for Imperial pension nor increment of salary in your substantive appointment. I am also to confirm the arrangement for payment to you, in consideration of the loss of your pension rights and accrued increments of salary, of a sum equivalent to 12% per annum of the salary which you will draw from Colonial funds. I am to say, however, that it was not intended that this amount should be paid forthwith, but in a lump sum at the end of the period of your service with this Government, and that arrangements for payment will be made accordingly.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

G. Roberts, Esq.,

Executive Engineer,

Stanley Improvement Works,

Stanley.

COPY.

21841/25.

Downing Street,

20th May, 1925.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this ~~office~~ Department (No. 2815/25 of the 23rd January, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you the accompanying claim from the Admiralty in respect of the loan of the services of Mr. G. Roberts to the Government of the Falkland Islands.

2. I am to authorize you to pay to the Accountant General of the Navy, from Falkland Islands funds, the sum of £12. 8. 6 in respect of salary to Mr. Roberts from 25th January to the 6th February inclusive

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Grindle.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies.





Improvement Works,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

18th November, 1925.

Official Residence "Cable House".

Sir,

I beg to submit that instructions may be issued with regard to the supply of fuel to official residence "Cable House".

1. Heat was supplied to the Cable House last season by the Public Works Department both prior to my arrival and during my residence there. This supply being exhausted I approached the Colonial Engineer with a view to securing a further quantity. He has kindly let me have some to go on with, but stated that he had no authority to supply this season's heat to the stove house.

2. In the letter of my appointment to the Falkland Islands, dated 18th January, 1925., No. 88/24/25., received from the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, paragraph 1 states that house and fuel will be provided free.

3. Although every care has been taken to economise with the fuel and only two fires (Dining Room and Kitchen) out of the five in all have been in use the quantity supplied has been exhausted in the 9 months of my residence. At times I should also like to use the Drawing Room fire, and, during the Winter months, consider this a necessity both for personal comfort and for the preservation of my furniture.

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5. I beg to submit therefore that instructions may be issued for the supply of peat to Cable House, and that I may be informed of the authorised annual quantity to be supplied.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*G. Roberts.*

Executive Engineer.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
FISHLAND ISLANDS.

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MINUTE.

(It is requested that, ~~135/25~~ reference to this letter, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

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25th November, 25.

*From*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To*.....  
The Executive Engineer,  
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Stanley Improvement Works,  
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Stanley

With reference to your letter of 19th instant on the subject of the supply of peat to your residence "Cable House" it has been ascertained that a previous instruction on the subject has been overlooked. Arrangements have now been made for the usual free allowance of peat, viz, at the rate of 54 loads per annum, to be delivered at "Cable House."



Colonial Secretary.

No.

MINUTE.

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

.....10th February.....1926

From..... Executive Engineer

To

I. Works

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Extract from minute from Executive Engineer.

I beg to report that the annual increments of my ~~sixty~~ salary is due as from the 7th February. 1926, and submit that the necessary authority for payment of increment, stated in letters from the Under Secretary of State and Colonial Secretary's letters, dated 25th March 1925 no. 135/25, may be given.

G. Roberts.  
Executive Engineer.



From.

Executive Engineer,  
Improvement Works,  
Port Stanley.

To.

The Honourable  
Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley.

17th February, 1925.

Stanley Improvement Works. Staff - Leave.

With reference to the above and to paragraph 3 of letter of appointment from the Under Secretary of State dated 13th January, 1925., No. 65/24/25., stating that 5 months leave on full salary will be granted on the expiration of 5 years engagement, I beg to submit that I may be informed when this leave will commence.

2. Whilst serving under the Admiralty on the Oil Fuel Installation in 1924., when it was proposed that my services should be loaned from that Department to the Colonial Government, I was in ignorance of any Colonial regulations and had in mind, when proposing the condition in connection with leave, the regulations in force under the Admiralty, viz., one month's leave on full salary for every 12 months service, which leave commences from the day of reporting at the Head Office (or date of disembarkation in England).

3. It is now noticed from the Government notices in the Falkland Islands Gazette that leave granted by His Excellency the Governor to officers dates from the day of departure from the Colony.

4. In view of the above I respectfully request that I may be informed from what period the leave mentioned in the letter of appointment will commence.

*G. Roberts.*  
Executive Engineer.

No. 135/25.

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

MINUTE.

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...1st March,.....1926.

To The Executive Engineer,

Stanley Improvement Works.  
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From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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With reference to your memorandum of the 17th February, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the leave of absence for which you may become eligible on the satisfactory completion of your engagement under this Government will commence from the date of disembarkation in England.



Colonial Secretary.

No.

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

COPY.

MINUTE.

18

19th February, 1927.

From Executive Engineer,

To

Improvement Works,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Port Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I beg to report that the annual increments of salary of Mr. E. B. White and myself are due as from 7th February, 1927, and submit that the necessary authority for payment of the increments, stated in letters from the Under Secretary of State and Colonial Secretary's letters dated 25th March, 1925, No. 136/25, may be given.

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(SGD.) G. ROBERTS.  
Executive Engineer.

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135/25.

5th July, 27.

Sir,

I am directed to convey to you the expression of the Governor's satisfaction on the occasion of His Excellency's visit of inspection to the Water Works and other activities within the province of your department.

2. I am to add that His Excellency was much impressed by the evident efficiency in all that he saw and desires me to state his high appreciation of the excellent work which has been and is being performed by you with local labour in the face of the many difficulties natural in this Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

G. ROBERTS, ESQ.,

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

STANLEY IMPROVEMENT WORKS.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th August, 1927

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 151.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch, No. 13 of the 6th of February, 1925, relative to the secondment from the Admiralty of Mr. G. Roberts and Mr. L. B. White for appointment as Officer in Charge and Accounting Clerk, respectively, in connection with the Stanley Improvement Scheme and to invite your notice of the fact that the period of the engagement of these officers for three years under this Government will terminate on the 6th of February, 1928.

2. I would state that in view more particularly of the additional expenditure on the Stanley Improvement Scheme approved by your telegram of the 5th of July, 1927, it will not be practicable to complete the programme of works authorised by the 6th of February, 1928, and that it is most desirable that the services of Mr. Roberts and of Mr. White should be retained for some time further and in any case until the end of the coming summer.

3. Mr. Roberts and Mr. White are both willing to remain on in the Colony in their present employment until the end of April, 1928, and I would therefore ask your sanction to extend the period of their engagement for a term not exceeding three months /

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

months from the date of its expiration on the 6th of February, 1928. In the event of your approval of my request I would also ask that the necessary consent thereto of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may be obtained.

4. I would add that Mr. Roberts and Mr. White are both eligible for the grant of three months' leave with full salary at termination of their engagement exclusive of the time taken on the voyage from the Colony to the United Kingdom and that on the assumption that they leave the Colony by a convenient sailing early in May they would be ready for re-absorption on to the Admiralty establishment at the beginning of September, 1928.

5. On account of the long delay which appears probable to occur if your answer to this despatch is to be sent by the present infrequent service of mails I should be grateful for the conveyance by telegram of your consent, or otherwise, to the proposals which I have put forward in it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.