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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

453/16

Date of Receipt.

Governor's Office.



From		SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.		ADMIRALTY CEMENT. Colonial Government's application to purchase
No.	Date.	
108	30. 9. 16.	

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

MINUTES.

Despatch to Sec of State no. 190 of 24 Nov 1916.

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Registered Number of last Despatch

289/16

No. next Despatch

206/17

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 190.

Government House, Stanley.

24th November, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 108 of the 30th September, 1916, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Admiralty intimating that the Cement referred to in my despatch No. 123 of the 13th July is set aside for the construction of a reservoir for water supply in connexion with the Wireless Telegraph Station, and that the cement will not be available for issue to the Colonial Government.

2. At the time I had the honour to address you in July last, I understood that all works of construction at the Wireless Telegraph Station had been completed, and as I wished to reassure myself on the information then given me I visited the Station yesterday to question Lieut. J. R. Crawford, R.N.V.R., Officer in Charge, and Lieut. A. McLellan, R.N.V.R., Senior Marconi Engineer on the subject, and consult them as to the necessity for the construction of a reservoir.

3. I understand that it was originally intended to construct on slightly elevated ground, a large reservoir into which the water could be pumped direct from the river which runs by the side of the Station grounds. A dam has however been built

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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screen the river, and a natural reservoir has thus been formed. From this reservoir the water is pumped into large tanks on a higher level for use at the Power House and the Officers quarters. To safeguard ^{against} failure of supply into these tanks, two pumps have been erected so that in the event of one pump failing at any time the other pump is available for immediate use. The river reservoir has throughout the past year shown no signs of an insufficient supply of water.

4. In the circumstances it appears to me that the construction of the Reservoir contemplated in the first instance, is now no longer necessary, a view that is shared in by both Lieut. Crawford and Lieut. McLellan.

5. I may add that Lieut. McLellan informed me yesterday, when I told him I proposed to report the matter to you, for the consideration of The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that he was very glad to know that the matter would be further considered, as he had already written to Messrs Harson and Co. impressing upon them that the construction of the reservoir is no longer necessary.

6. Should the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty be pleased to take the matter into further consideration, and decide to abandon the construction of the proposed reservoir, and sanction the Colonial Government purchasing, from the stock at Navy Point, the cement asked for by my despatch of July last, I

beg that I may be informed by cable, as cement is required by the Colonial Government for works now in hand.

7. In the event of this Government being unable to obtain the cement from the stock at Navy Point I beg that the Crown Agents may be authorised to order and ship to this Colony by first suitable opportunity a supply as asked for in the enclosed indent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

* Give No. and date to be used in correspondence with the Crown Agents.

Indent No. 190 Governor Date 23rd November, 1916.

† Brief description of the goods required.

Indent on the Crown Agents for the Colonies for † Portland Cement.

‡ Department of the Colonial Government ordering the goods.

required by the † Public Works Department.

ADDRESS.

Requisition

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STANLEY.

If necessary that goods be shipped by a fixed date or by a particular vessel enter instructions here and briefly indicate reason for necessity.

Estimated total cost in sterling exclusive of packing and freight £25: 0 : 0.

Any other instructions to the Crown Agents as to the execution of this indent as a whole

No tin-lined cases to be supplied.

Space for local use only.

Charge to:

Public Works Store Advance Account.

I hereby certify that the above requisition is made for the current supply of an established and customary service sanctioned by His Majesty's Government, and that the expenditure has been duly sanctioned by the Governor.

Approved,

(Sd.) R. E. Hasseley.
Head of Department.
Colonial Engineer.

GOVERNOR.

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Indent No.* _____ Date* 5/12/161
 * To correspond with No. and date at head of first sheet.

Item No.	Quantity.	Description of Articles.	ESTIMATED COST IN ENGLAND.			Remarks.	
			Rate.	Total.			
				£	s.	d.	
1	200 casks	Portland Cement, England Brand of 400 lb. each	12/6	125	0	0	
		From Messrs The Ship Canal Portland Cement Co. Ltd. Ellesmere Port, Liverpool.					
Total estimated cost of the Indent			£.	125	0	0	

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH
No. 108. OF 30/9/16.

COPY.

C.P.D.W.20377/54134.

ADMIRALTY,

15th September, 1916.



Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd August, 38375/1916, enclosing a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, applying for a supply of Cement now lying at Admiralty stores, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Cement in question is set aside for the construction of a reservoir for water supply in connection with the Wireless Station, the work on the reservoir having been left over until the summer season on account of the danger of the cement work being damaged by frost.

2. My Lords regret, therefore, that the Cement will not be available for issue to the Colonial Government.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) W.Graham Greene.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

S.W.