

C.S.

CONFIDENTIAL

1938

No.

C/9/38

Colonial Secretary.

SUBJECT.

1938.

7th June.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT -

Reorganization of.

Previous Paper.

Vacancy in office of Executive Engineer

Slatt 29/36

MINUTES.

1. In conversation with Mr Roberts today I understood him to say that he would like to leave the Colony by the July sailing.

2. J.F. will wish a paper of particulars prepared for a successor? I understand J.F. wishes to obtain a qualified Engineer. With the valuable Electrical and other machinery perhaps a motor Engineer would be preferable. It should be possible to fix such an Engineer pay at £400 to £450 plus free (furnished?) quarters and fuel. I notice that in some of the West Indian

Subsequent Paper.

Colonies the salary for Subt. of
works is £400 to £500. On
the other hand it may be
desires to get a Subt. who
is a Surveyor.

WCH
7.6.38

A paper of particulars is necessary
In the smaller W.I. islands the public
works head are doubtless drawn from
the local population; it w^d be impossible
to get an engineer from abroad for 2 years
on the salaries paid.

Here we need a competent executive
engineer who is a mechanical
engineer. I do not ~~presently~~ consider
that a degree in engineering is
essential but an A.M.I.^{Mech.} E. is to
appreciated or whatever the term is for
a member of the Institute of Mechanical
Engineers. A.M.I. Mech. E. is I think
right.

The salary to be suggested can be
£450 - £550 and quarters (partly furnished)

Executive Engineer should be the
title

WCH, 7/6/38

The Hon. G. Roberts J.P.

Would you kindly assist by giving details of the duties of the office for the purposes of the "Particulars of Office" form. Duties of the Masters and Registrars of Shipping will emanate.

M.H.C.

7.6.38

Hon. Sec. Sec.

Submitted, the duties of the office and qualifications required are as follows:-

General maintenance of Public Works including making working drawings and preparing estimates for same.

It is essential that the officer selected should be able to organize and supervise labour, carry out small surveys of land and give description of boundaries.

He will be responsible for the maintenance of Government lorries, cars, harbour craft and other mechanical appliances used in connection with Govt services. It is therefore essential that he should have a thorough knowledge of internal combustion engines.

It is not essential that he should have a degree in engineering, but he should be an Associate Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, or something similar.

The officer selected will also carry out
the duties of Harbour Master and Registrar
of Shipping.

C. Roberts.
3/6/38.

J.R.

Form submitted showing
Suggested particulars of office.

MCH
14.6.38

First class passage will I think
be necessary but we can leave the
C.O. to tell us that as the leave
Regulations require a higher salary & qualify.

~~ttttt~~ 15/6/38

B. U. at the
mail. MCH
15.6.38

J.R.

Draft despatch submitted.

MCH
27.6.38

~~ttttt~~ 25/6/38

1-4. Despatch, No. 108 to S. of S. of 29.6.38.

H.

Despatch Submitted.

MCH
C.S.

1.7.38

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2/11/55

⑤ S. of S. Despatch No. 98 of 9.9.38.

Hon. Secs.

To note. As Mr Roberts
will retire on the 23rd
Septh instead of the 1st of
Octth will pension computation
be altered? MCH
C.S.

10.8.58

Hon. CS

In this case the date
of abolition does not affect the
Total Pension Payable, but the
proportions payable by the Home
Service + The Colony respectively
are affected as follows:—

Home Service = £94-5-7
Zaebland Co = £408-7-9

Corrected £502.13.4.

See C/1/38.

Best find £502-13-4
add 780 additions
 due to abolition
 of office... 23-2-3

Total Pension payable £525-15-7

See C/138

(2) The difference is accounted for by the reduction in the aggregate pensionable emoluments paid in the Colony in consequence of the revised date of abolition, i.e. the 30th Sept vice 30th Sept on which the calculations given in Red 25 of C/138 are based.

(3) Perhaps, these figures could be telegraphed to the Soff in order to avert possible adjustments in the apcs at a later date, please?

W. P. Forrest, Treas.
 12/10/38.

Telegram No. 10 to Soff 25/10/38

P.H.
 12/10/38

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Telegram No. 13 of 21/2/39 from Soff. 6.

M.

Submitted.

MCH
 25-2-39.

MCH 25/2

P.A.
MCH
 27-2-39.

H.C.

With secret telegram for S.O.

~~TTTT~~ 9/3/39

7. Telegram No. 17 to S. of S. of 3. 3. 39.

8. S. of S. Secret telegram no. 19 of 27/3/39

H.

Submitted for information.

MCH
C.S.

27. 3. 39.

~~TTTT~~ 20/3/39

P.A.

9. Extract from Governor's Secret telegram no. 45 of 3 July, 1939.

(10) S. of S. Secret telegram no. 10 of 12/8/39.

H. Submitted. May we ask for name and rank also if married?

MCH
C.S.

14. 8. 39.

Yes please

~~TTTT~~ 14 Aug 39

Y.E.

In reference to our conversation this morning in re
E.E. + O.C. Def. 7. salary (3-4) + (9) are pertinent,
but not definite.

AS 14/11/40

I consider the salary as payable
in respect of the office of Executive
Engineer only, the post of O.C. D.F.
being as always a peace time honorary

Please let me have the files with
Major Ward's letter of appointment
and my that with my despatch re
embarkments in view of O.C. D.F.

14/11/40

Y/E.

Files put up. —

(a) Reas 8, 13 clause 1, and Rea (15) of sub.
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(b) Reas 26-27 of sub. 157/39.

C. J. P. V. L.
15/11/40.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th June, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 108.

The salary proposed for the new office is on the scale 2250 per annum, rising by annual increments of 250 to 2500 per annum, with free partly furnished quarters and fuel for an allowance in 1938 of 250 per annum.

Sir,
I have the honour to refer to your telegram, No. 21 of the 17th of May, 1938, and to your despatch, Staff, No. 9 of the 19th of May, 1938, conveying your approval to the retirement from the public service of Mr. George Roberts, I.S.O., Director of Public Works, and to the abolition of that office.

2. I have to state in this connection that Mr. Roberts will leave the Colony on or about the 10th of July, next. I propose to grant him such leave as he will be eligible for prior to his retirement. I propose further that the abolition of the office of Director of Public Works should take effect as from the 1st of October. Mr. Roberts' leave will have terminated by that date.

3. As foreshadowed in paragraph 5 of my despatch, No. 4 of the 8th of May, 1938, I recommend the appointment of an Executive Engineer who has a thorough knowledge of internal combustion engines. I do not however, consider it essential that the officer selected should hold a degree in engineering, although it would be reassuring if he were an Associate Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers or some similar body.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. The salary proposed for the new office is on the scale \$450 per annum rising by annual increments of \$25 to \$550 per annum, with free partly furnished quarters and fuel or an allowance in lieu at the rate of \$50 per annum. I annex the usual paper of particulars.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

H. HENNIKE

NOW VACANT IN THE COLONY OF THE PALKLAND ISLANDS.

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| 1. Duties of Office, and qualifications required for their performance. | The officer selected will be head of the Department of Public Works. The duties include general maintenance of Public Works including making working drawings and preparing estimates. The officer should be able to carry out small surveys of land and give details of boundaries. Firmness and skill in handling labour are essential. He will be responsible for the maintenance of Government motor vehicles and harbour craft and all other mechanical appliances used in the public service. He should have a thorough knowledge of internal combustion engines. The officer selected will be required to carry out the duties of Harbour Master and Registrar of Shipping. No previous experience is necessary for such duties. |
| 2. Emoluments of Office
(a) Pensionable
(b) Non-Pensionable | (a) \$450 per annum rising by annual increments of \$25 to \$550 per annum. |
| 3. Allowances, quarters, and other circumstances affecting the value of the Office, including grant of free or assisted passages to the officer and his family on first appointment on leave. | Free quarters and fuel or an allowance at the rate of \$50 per annum in lieu. Quarters are partly furnished. The Officer is required to pay 5% per annum on the value of the furniture. Free Second Class passages granted to the officer and his family, not exceeding three full fares. Similar free passages to and from the United Kingdom when leave is granted in conformity with the leave and passage regulations. |
| 4. Nature, number, and amount of securities required, and mode of giving them. | The Officer is secured in a Bond in the sum of \$200 and is required to pay a premium of \$1 per annum. |
| 5. Acts, laws, or ordinances, making provision respecting any of the above matters with reference to the sections in which such provision is made. | Nil. |
| 6. Whether house accommodation is available or readily procurable, whether furniture, etc., should be brought from England, and any other particulars of a like nature likely to be useful for the information of candidates. | See No. 3 above. Heavy furniture, such as Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Bookcase and Chest of Drawers is provided. The Officer will require to supply table and bed linen, kitchen utensils, cutlery and window furnishings. All these are obtainable locally at a slightly higher cost than in the |

7. Whether free medical attendance and medicines are provided.

the United Kingdom.

Yes.

8. Whether and, if so, what rates and taxes are payable.

Water rate £2. 0s. 0d. per annum.
Electric light fees about £10 per annum.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,.....

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 7th February 19 39. Time :...

Received : 19 ... Time :...

Red H.

No. 10. My despatch No. 108 of 29th June, 1938, grateful to be informed if an Executive Engineer has been selected.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 21st February 19 39. *Time*: 1617.

Received: 22nd February, 19 39. *Time*: 1030.

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No. 13. Your telegram No. 10 Executive Engineer no adequately qualified candidate replied to advertisement and at the present moment enquiries are being made regarding likely candidate serving in Jamaica. Will inform you of result by telegraph.

SSECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 3rd March, 1939. Time:...

Received: 19... Time:...

No. 17. Secret. Officer Commanding the Defence Force has resigned civil employment and has left the Colony. He cannot be replaced locally. Vacancy should be filled as early as possible and I would suggest that office of Executive Engineer see your telegram of the 21st February, be filled by the appointment for three years of an officer of the Royal Engineers on loan or who is on pension.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 27th March, 19 39. Time: 1811.

Received: 28th March, 19 39. Time: 1115.

Rec'd 6

No. 19. Secret. My telegram No. 13 Executive Engineer
Jamaica candidate has refused and War Office are now being
approached as suggested in your telegram No. 17.

Rec'd 7

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.....

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd July, 19 39. *Time* : 15.30.

Received : ... 19 *Time* :

No. 45. Secret.

I suggest that emoluments of the Executive Engineer who will command local Defence Force be raised to £600 if that will expedite selection of candidate but I regard early appointment as essential.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 12th August, 1939. *Time*: 0008.

Received: 12th August, 19 39. *Time*: 1230.

No. 48. Secret my telegram No. 19 Executive Engineer.
Appointment has been filled at a salary of £600 a year.
Officer sails August 26th.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Read (circled)

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 15th August, 19 39. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 56. Your telegram No. 48 would be grateful to be furnished with name and rank of officer selected also if married.

GOVERNOR.

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