

C.S.

ACCOUNTS
 (Expenditure)
 (Miscellaneous)
 DEPARTMENTAL (P.W.D.)
 PUBLIC WORKS
 (Miscellaneous)

19 42.

No. 130/42.

Executive Engineer.

SUBJECT.

CONFIDENTIAL

19 42

15th September.

Previous Paper.

Expenditure during the year 1942 under -

XIX. PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT.

XX. PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

MINUTES.

1-18. Minute from Executive Engineer of 15th September, 1942.

(2).

V.E.

Before giving decisions regarding the extra funds asked for in connection with Defence Works under XXI P.W.E. you wished me to go into the expenditure during the current year under heads XIX P.W.R. and XX P.W.E.

2. At red 1 is a report by the Executive Engineer. I have been through this with him in detail and submit the following observations. They take the form of a schedule showing provision and estimated savings followed by comments on the various sub-heads. :-

SCHEDULE

	Provision to 26/8/42.	Expenditure	Estimated saving	Estimated over expenditure
<u>XIX P.W.R.</u>				
Subhead 1.	31780	31173	6200	-
2.	700	969	-	269
3.	100	13	50	-
4.	1200	745	25	-
5.	50	5	-	-
6.	250	91	-	-
7.	200	139	-	-
8.	170	104	-	-
9.	225	106	-	-
10.	75	67	-	-
11.	75	-	50	17
12.	30	15	-	-
13.	100	3	75	-
14.	60	1	25	-

Subsequent Paper.

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Subhead 15./

	Provision to 26/6/2.	Expend're	Estimated Saving	Estimated over Expenditure
<u>XIX P.W.D.</u>				
Subhead 15.	£1175	£1019	-	£250.
16.	800	635	£100	-
17.	50	46	-	-
18.	50	-	40	-
19.	260	161	-	-
20.	500	9	350	-
<u>XX P.W.D.</u>				
Subhead 1.	170	-	170	-
2.	93	-	93	-
	£8115.		£1173. <u>536.</u>	£556.
			Net Savings £ 642.	

Subhead 1. Roads, Bridges, Drains : Up to the end of August expenditure was - - - £1173.

Sweepers 2/3 of £585 £390.

West Falkland Roads 156.

General Gang Foreman 2/3 of £190. 127.

Tar 52

Crusher 85

Other stores (Petrol, Oil, cement,
drain pipes etc.) 65

Labour: Average 5 men at 10/- per
day for 120 days 300 1173.

This is not unreasonable though the overheads are large and I will refer to this later.

At the above date there was a balance of £607 of which the Sweepers and Foremen will absorb £258 leaving a balance of £349. The few available labourers have done a little work since on drains but the Ex. Eng. agreed on an estimated saving of £200.

Subhead 2. Water Service : There will be an over expenditure of £269 on this. I am not yet satisfied and am dealing with this matter on a separate J.P.

Subhead 3. Repairs & Maintenance Govt. House : I am afraid carpenters will not be available except for urgent work for more than the present few days, saving £50.

Subhead 4. Repairs & Maintenance Govt. Buildings : The Military have now agreed to erect the wireless mast at F.I.D.F. Headquarters. The Ex. Eng. has asked me to cancel his recent application for funds for this purpose. The manufacture of the mast has been charged to this sub-head. This is a case where the P.W.D. junior artisans, curiously included "casual labour", to be profitably employed on wet days instead of drawing wet time pay. The arbitrary allocation of expenditure on F.I.D.F. Headquarters between XIX/4 and XXI/3 was quite irregular and I have now made it clear to the Ex. Eng. that this sort of thing must stop. No job must be undertaken unless funds are available for its completion under the correct subhead, without prior authority.

Subhead 5. Furniture Government House : This covers repairs, replacement of crockery etc. and it is hardly possible to estimate savings at present.

Subhead 6. Furniture Government Buildings : No comments.

Subhead 7. /

Subhead 7. Minor Works : I do not like the insertion in the Estimates of a lump sum for minor works, operated only by the Ex.Eng's discretion. Either a schedule of proposed minor works with itemised costs should be included in his estimates and strictly adhered to or, and this may be the better method in existing circumstances, a lump sum should be inserted but placed under financial requisition so that each job is specially authorised by me. This will ensure the correct use of the money.

Subhead 8. Unkeep of Public Baths & Gym : No comments.

Subhead 9. This covers mechanical maintenance for seven vehicles. The expenditure is reasonable.

Subheads 10 & 11. No comments.

Subhead 12. Unkeep & Erection of Fences : The handymen referred to by the Ex. Eng. are two semi-skilled carpenters. They will in fact not be available but we must keep some money for emergency repairs e.g. storm damage.

Subhead 13. Unkeep of Jetties : The Military are going to maintain the jetties but we would have to pay if for instance a Government craft damaged a jetty.

Subhead 14. Navigation Lights etc. : The work would be done by the P.W.D. Blacksmith and by P.I.L.F. personnel on Batteries by contract in their off duty time.

Subhead 15. Peat Supply : Apparently last year an over expenditure of £250 was incurred owing I think to under estimation. The Ex.Eng. states that he was instructed to charge this to 'Purchase of Stores' and to transfer the debit to this year's peat subhead in January. The result of this procedure inevitably means a corresponding over expenditure of £250 in the current year. I submit that the correct method is to issue a Special Warrant in December when the actual over expenditure is known, then we will start clear in 1943.

Remaining Subheads. : No comments.

3. My investigation seems to show that there have been some irregularities due largely I think to methods of financial administration which would not be found in a large Colony. Only a complete audit could bring to light further minor "wangles". The Ex.Eng. now fully realises that I shall require absolute adherence to Financial Regulations. The heavy over expenditure on water supplies and peat largely reduce the savings on other subheads of P.W.R. and P.W.E. and discounting these two items £1178 is saved on £8113, and with the existing organisation of the P.W.D. more could not be expected. The position is that most of the "casual labour" of the Department whose wages have to be charged out to various subheads are not casual labour at all. I do not wish to dilate on this aspect of the matter here as reorganisation bristles with difficulties, but perhaps Y.E. would discuss it with me when we come to do the Estimates. One incidental advantage of the system is that all sorts of jobs can be done on little or/

or no extra expense, e.g. stone fire places, but I am not sure that some reorganisation should not be attempted because the over head charges of this Department are disproportionate.

KB
Z.S.
17/9/42.

Minute to Executive Engineer of 18. 9. 42. 3-4.

PA

5A-5E

Minute from Executive Engineer of 8/10/42.

Y/E.,

(b)

I asked the Executive Engineer to try to let me have figures showing to what extent Government is committed in his Department by the present policy of guaranteeing employment. (5) is very interesting, though so many factors enter into the situation that it would be unwise to regard the figures as accurate in detail or to draw more than broad conclusions from them.

2. It seems that, in order to keep the men working, we must spend nearly £11,000 a year (excluding P.E) on labour and materials. The corresponding provisional figure in the estimates is just over £8,000 - over £2,500 short of the minimum.

3. We get little to show for our money and if we had always had to employ all the men on the pay-roll ourselves the expenditure would be even more disproportionate to our real needs and to results. Luckily we have in recent years been able to "hire" the men to War Expenditure or to the Navy. This has helped us financially but it has to some extent concealed the fact that our organization is unsound because it is based on a political rather than an economic policy. We have been forced to build up a Department with an ~~unflexible~~ staff which cannot be adapted to our needs. Further since we must employ ~~even~~ otherwise unemployable, the efficiency of the Department is much below what it should be. We do not get value for money.

4. At present it is not practical politics, even if it were desirable on other grounds, to break with the present policy and substitute old-age pensions and relief in some other form. Realising this, we are prepared to accept a very expensive and relatively inefficient P.W.D., but we are faced with a more urgent dilemma in trying to frame our wartime budgets. Our natural desire is to "cut" P.W.D. maintenance and construction to a minimum in order to save materials and release funds for war purposes. Previous papers on this file show that in this year, 1942, we can hope for very little saving and yet will have little to show for our expenditure. Although our main labour gang - nearly all the efficient men - has been released to the F.I.C. we have had to go on finding work for the remainder and they are absorbing nearly all the money and producing negligible results. We have aimed in preparing the 1943 Estimates not so much at trying to make large reductions in our P.W.D. expenditure - this has been proved to be impossible - but at trying to ensure that we get the best return for our money possible in the circumstances.

5. We can divide the P.W.D. staff broadly into two -

(a) Road workers. and (b) builders.

(a) We want to hand over the roads to the Military. But if we do this, there will be insufficient work for the General gang, Foreman and the 10 "casual" labourers, all of whom have to be paid. At (8) on M.P. 199/39 the E.E. suggests a policy of division designed to meet this. O.C. Troops, I believe, will expect us to continue to look after most of the roads. Whatever agreement is reached we must spend at least £1,700 on roads and should agree to do a proportionate amount of work.

(b) /

(b) "Builders" are mostly carpenters. We employ six of those, and it costs us probably about £5,000 to keep them employed (wages, handymen, materials, share of lorry transport, etc.) Again, we are anxious to "cut" maintenance and construction to a minimum. As it is we have only been able to make relatively few "cuts" and even so we shall, in theory, have the men idle part of the time. Luckily the vote is likely again to be saved by outside work but again at the expense of efficiency and economy. The carpenters can be employed for a considerable time on building battery huts under War Expenditure. The cheapest way of building these huts would be for the battery personnel to do the building as fatigue, carpenters only being called in for the joinery, but it may be necessary to employ carpenters for the whole job in order to keep them working. If necessary we can also probably lend three of them to the Navy. The obvious solution of retrenching three is impracticable. The only ones the F.I.C. would be likely to take are the three best. To retrench those would not only cause much resentment, but also lower our efficiency still further. We should not contemplate becoming entirely a ~~sink~~ of unemployables.

6. I have not written this minute with the object of advising any drastic alteration in the 1943 Estimates. I think we can rely on the factors mentioned in the preceding paragraph to provide enough work on the figures approved by Y.E. the other day. If we, in the event have to do more maintenance, minor works, and new construction than we have allowed for, it will be because military and naval works do not absorb as much skilled labour as we hope, and we must be prepared to face this when the time comes. I have, rather, tried to uncover the absurd situation into which we have driven and to place it on record for the future. Those notes may be helpful to Y.E. in connection with the Estimates discussion on Monday.

KB
Financial Secretary.
10th October, 1942.

Note.

Sent by P.C. the Governor

P.C.

7-8. *Minute from Executive Engineer of 4/11/42.*

9. *Minute to E/Engineer of 4/11/42.*

10. *Minute from Executive Engineer of 28/11/42.*

11. *Minute to Executive Engineers of 2/12/42.*

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Ex Reg

12. *Minute to Executive Engineers of 5/12/42.*

P.C.

Minute from Executive Engineer of 9/12/42. 13.

Minute from Executive Engineer 29/12/42. 14.

(15).

G.F.

S/W for £500 under Peat Supply submitted. The reasons are set out in the para dealing with S/W 15. in my minute on Sheet I., which G.F. approved. I understand that there will be additional over-expenditure of some £100 due to various causes, the principal one being that last year approximately this amount was charged to "light & fuel" & the necessary adjustment was not made in the Estimates for 1943. I will enclose the this re-submit detailed explanations & proposals for 1943 when the Applications for the other P.W.D. Special Headings 15 are received. In any case I think they will all be covered (except perhaps Cost of Training Bonus) by savings on other sub-heads.

Meanwhile will G.F. sign this S.W.?

NB
28.
4/1/43

(16)

The idea of charging "peat" to stores was that in a good peat year one could & should cut more than an ordinary year's requirement & so build up stock. The ideal would be to have three years supplies on hand - better peat & a bad season forecasted.

5/1/43

Minute from Executive Engineer of 6/1/43. 17.

(18).

G.F.

To see (17) & 3. S.W.'s submitted for signature.

2. (17) was written after discussion with myself. I have been into the whole matter thoroughly. Much greater care is now being taken in the financial administration of the P.W.D. particularly in the matter of securing proper authority when necessary and adhering to the terms of such authority. allocations & expenditure are now also more strictly controlled.

3. Two S.W.'s cover XIX. P.W.R. The third covers salaries of two clerks employed on authority early in the year. Adequate savings are available under the Heads to cover all these expenses. M.F. 118/41 deals with this Budget. Bonner's app't seems to have been allowed naturally.
3. S.W.'s to cover expenses on all Heads of the Estimate due to the C. of L. boners are being prepared with Treasury.

NB
8/1/

J.A.

19.	Wireless gear F.E. Reg.	8.4.43.
20.	— to —	1.6.43.
21.	— to —	14.6.43.
22.	— gear —	26.6.43.
23.	— do —	7.7.43.

(24)

Ex.F.E.

1. I think you have omitted the construction of the trailer pump garages for C.D. & £165. This should reduce your request for extra funds under $\frac{1}{4}$ to £635.

2. It is wrong that we should be making work for men of military age, particularly when the farmers are pressing for labour from the batteries. We are retaining in the Govt. employ men who are not essential. Of your four carpenters I believe Evans, Bennett & King are of military age. Evans cannot well be released as he is a Sgt. of Platoon Commander in the Infantry Company, but it might be possible to call up the other two & to release two men to the farms.

This would mean a saving of some £10 per week in wages & materials under $\frac{1}{4}$, totalling say £220 between 31 Aug & 31 Dec. this year. This would reduce your requirements to (£635 - 220) £415.

3. I should be glad if you would consider this. It presupposes that 3 carpenters will be sufficient for essential maintenance.

K.B.

9/7

(25)

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

In reply to yours (24).

Para. 1. Theoretically yes. Say £150. K.B.

2. I agree. ~~Bennett & King~~ could be released & this absorption in to a battery would produce no difficulty. I suggest only their base wages be considered £10 p.w. is too high.

9 p.m. agreed K.B. 12/7

R.S.E.
10/VI/43.

To see from (22).

2. On receipt of this I asked the Executive Engineer to let me have figures to show how the money has been spent and how he proposes to spend the extra money now asked for

3. We reduced the provision under XIX/4 to £750 in the hope that the labour could be employed on Defence Works, but we fully realised that if this did not happen, the provision would be insufficient. The situation was fully explained in my (6) on this file, of which para: 6 is particularly relevant.

4. In the event the army built the new battery hutments. This has saved us probably £1,200 on XXI/3 but we shall have to provide more money under XIX/4 to give our men corresponding employment.

5. I am keeping an eye on the maintenance work being done and do not think there is anything in para: 3 of (23) which has not be justified. The programme in para: 4 is reasonable, though I have made it clear to the Executive Engineer that no alterations to his own bathroom can be made until he can satisfy the Board of Health. The Executive Engineer assures me that the essential parts of the programme can be done with three carpenters only. The release of two to batteries and the corresponding release of two men to farm employment is an obvious step.

6. The following figures show how the cost of employing the building staff would be distributed if the same staff were maintained

	<u>1942.</u>	<u>1943.</u>
Navy and Army	566	400
M.W.E.	245	190
XIX/7. Minor Works	250	350 (approved).
XIX/4. Upkeep, Govt. Buildings	1256(act.)	750, (provision). 650 (£800 asked for less £150. for A.R.P. pump sheds included under M.W.E. above)
	£2317.	£2340

The cost remains constant, the cost of living bonus being largely offset by an incidental consumption of less material this year. If we release two carpenters we can save about £200 on XIX/4 (1st Aug.- 31st Dec. @ £9 per week = £198), the only corresponding extra debit being their "make up" pay under XVII/20.

7. In these circumstances I think we must envisage further provision of £450 under XIX/4. offset by savings on XXI/3. but to ensure strict control and a check on extravagance I recommend that the money be issued in instalments, and that the Executive Engineer be instructed to apply for a Special Warrant for £250 now, and to obtain further authority when that is exhausted.

(27)
[Handwritten signature]
14/7/43

KB
12th July, 1943.

Memorandum to Executive Engineer of 15.7.43.
(28)

28.

G.K./S.W. submitted for eq. as in (28).

KB
20/7

Memorandum to Executive Engineer of 22/7/43.
Memorandum to Executive Engineer of 29/7/43.

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32 - 33. Minute from the Executive Engineer. 6/11/43.

34.

Y.E.

The Executive Engineer came to see me a few weeks ago again in some anxiety about the financing of his department. We had several discussions and this minute is the outcome of them. If this application for funds is approved, expenditure under P.W.R. will have been as follows:

Actual 1942	Revised 1943	Estimate 1944.
£9774.	£9427.	£9605.

We are, in fact, asked to continue the process of restoring "cuts" made in the 1943 draft estimates, a process which is inevitable when we have a fixed labour force. The total will be some £800 short of the original draft, ~~estimate~~.

2. I have investigated the work done this year and cannot lay my finger on any undue extravagance, apart from the general inefficiency of the labour available. In particular I have suspected extravagance in the work at Sullivan House, but am relieved to learn that the ratio of costs of labour and materials works out at about 50:50, which is the basis of our present estimating.

3. I must, however, take a serious view of the way in which the Executive Engineer (a) incurs commitments beyond the resources of his ~~notes~~ without first estimating and obtaining the necessary authority. e.g. Over-expenditure of £600 on roads. He should have foreseen this when planning the removal of the stone-crusher and his joint road programme with the garrison and not have waited till he was already overspent.

(b) disregards instructions. He was authorised in July to spend up to £250 on maintenance of buildings and to apply for further authority up to £450. He not only spent the whole £450 without reference, but he did not approach me until he had overspent this by some £125;

(c) submits inaccurate and misleading estimates of his requirements. The reason why he has to ask for another £~~125~~ under maintenance of buildings is simply because the £800 he asked for in July (rightly reduced to £450) was wrongly calculated. He merely doubled his expenditure of £740 in the previous six months and added £60, ignoring the fact that all his carpenters had been on loan to the Admiralty for half that time. In the even it was I and not he who traced this error.

4. You may ~~wish to~~ discuss with me in the morning and you may also wish to send for the Executive Engineer.

N.B.

9th November, 1943.

35. Minute from Executive Engineer of 13.12.43.

Y/E.,

(36)

At (35a) is a schedule showing the finally revised figures of overexpenditure under Head XIX.

2. The nett overexpenditure is up by another £345, making the total £9,772 as against an Actual of £9,774 in 1942.

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3. S/h 1. Roads, up by £100 due to the handing over by the Army of another stone-crushing plant which now has to be operated by the Department. This was unforeseen. The Army labour gangs have also been doubled and this automatically increases our own costs on petrol. We must take full advantage of the Military labour at present available.

4. S/h 2. Water Service. This £100 should have been foreseen in November. It represents increased cost of petrol for the pumping station. £70 is due to charging 3/- a gallon as against 1/11 in 1942 and this will be offset by a lower charge (adjustment by recasting of stocks) from now on. The other £30 is due to extra pumping - the Military consumption from the new reservoirs being greater than was expected.

5. S/h 4. Buildings, is down by £50 owing to further Military work.

6. S/h 15. Peat-Supply, up by £250. I attach a schedule (35b) showing comparative wages for the period 6th October - 2nd December, 1942 and 1943. You will see that those for the 1943 are up by £247 during this period. The reason for this is that last year cutting was very slow and lasted into January. This year good cutters have been obtained and the work has been done in half the time, which transfers expenditure from the 1944 vote to the 1943. There should be a corresponding saving early in 1944. The Executive Engineer assures me that so far no new peat has been delivered to quarters. Last year 25% was new peat. This year the proportion may be 30% owing to increased consumption, but it will not be carted yet. Some of the peat recently carted has been damp owing to the rain.

7. I submit Special Warrants to cover the overexpenditure. The limit of £250 has not been adhered to, but I think we may disregard it in present circumstances.

8. Head XIX is to be kept under Quarterly Financial Requisition in 1944, and a ~~votes~~ Ledger will be kept in the Treasury. I have also asked the Executive Engineer to submit a Programme of Work for the year in quarterly periods.

(37)

18/11/43

KB
16th December, 1943.

Minute to Executive Engineer of 20.12.43. 38.

Minute from Executive Engineer of 28.12.43. 39.

Minute to Executive Engineer of 3.1.44. 40.

Minute to Executive Engineer of 10.2.44. 41.

Minute from Executive Engineer of 6.3.44. 42.

(43)

b.w.

25.3.44

5. P.S.
1. £7 extra approved for forces.

2. What was your year's expenditure on peat 1st Quarter 1943
was £768. This year it will be £600. - a reduction of £168 for
the same period. Against this must be set the increase

(35b) of £247 in Oct. & Nov. 1943, for which a corresponding
saving ought to occur in the present Qtr. In effect
the cost of peat 1943/44 season is up by £24. - which you
will no doubt explain in your promised return.

Meanwhile I approve a further £110, thus quarter's
allocation up to £600 & leaving £800 for

Sgt/dec.

3. O.P.T. to date.

KB 7.2.44.

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

1. Nona Thank you. Since writing no (42) a fence has been damaged by a Government pony. Repairs have cost £1. 6. 3. After allowing for the £7 I have a balance of 5/- to meet this. May the £7 be increased please to £8. 10. 0 or additional authority given for £1. 10. 0 to save attorney keeping books.
2. Nona Thank you.
3. This is returned to you first in view of para 1. above

A.W. E.

8. 8. 44

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B.K.Q.

1. Fence. £8. 10. 0. approved.
2. O. I. C. T. to be given (43).

A.B.

10/3/44

(46)

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

Nona. Thank you.

A.W. E.
11. 3. 44

(47)

O. I. C. Treasury.

To you accordingly please.

(48) A.W. E. 11. 3. 44.
Hon. Secy.

Nona thank you.

Ch. Sup. C.
11/3/44.

49. Receipt from Executive Engineer of 9. 3. 44.
50. Receipt from Executive Engineer of 11/3/44.

Minute to Executive Engineer of 14. 3. 44.

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Minute from Executive Engineer of 20. 3. 44.

Minute to certain occupiers of Government Houses receiving peat allowances.

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Minute from Executive Engineer of 24. 3. 44.

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Minute from Executive Engineer of 27. 3. 44.

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Minute to Executive Engineer of 29. 3. 44.

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Minute from Executive Engineer of 27. 3. 44.

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Minute to Executive Engineer of 5. 4. 44.

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Minute from Executive Engineer of 28. 4. 44.

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" from

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4.2. It may interest you to know the revised Public Works expenditure estimate for 1944 as worked out for the Financial Requirements for the last Quarter. It cannot be absolutely final because of the effect of weather on peat cutting.

B.T.
7.7.44
Rev. 30/9/44.

Approved Est.	Revised Est.
XIV. P.W.D.	3707.
XV. P.W.R.	9605.
XVI. P.W.E.	800.
	<u>£ 14,112</u>
	<u>14,089</u>
Net Saving	<u>£ 23</u>
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2. The above is in spite of a steady increase in the labour gang from 39 in 1943 to 57 (including 6 boys) now.

3. The relatively low expenditure is again due to outside work for the Admiralty & to work done in connection with the T.H. fire which is not charged to these heads. As usual there is little return for the money. (No. I suppose it is all maintenance. But what a drain.)

KB
21/9/44

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Inside Minute Paper.

64. minute from Executive Engineer of 4. 10. 44.
 65. " to " " .. 5. 10. 44.
 66. " from " .. 11. 10. 44.
 67. " to " " .. 13. 10. 44.
 68. " from " " .. 17. 10. 44.

(69)

G.E.

S.W. submitted. This is the bill received some 3 years ago of which the charges have only recently been advised. Spares, costing even more, are taken into unallocated stores. K.B.

70. Minute from Executive Engineer of 18. 10. 44. ^{18. 10. 44.}
 71. Minute from Executive Engineer of 19. 10. 44.
 72. Minute to Executive Engineer of 19. 10. 44.
 73. " " " " 19. 10. 44.
 74. " from " " 25. 10. 44.
 75. " " " " 27. 10. 44.
 76. " to " " 28. 10. 44.
 77. " from " " 3. 11. 44. ^{B.U. 6/1/45}
 78. Copy of minute from S.C. to General Foreman, P.W.D., of 24/11/44.
 79. minute from Executive Engineer of 5. 12. 44.
 80. " " O.I.C., Public Works Dept., 18. 12. 44. <sup>R.O. 2/10
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 81. " to " " " 19. 12. 44.
 82. " from " " " 21. 12. 44.

RECORDED S.E.H.P. H.P. H.P.

Y/E.,

At the close of the year's working necessary applications are submitted for Special Warrants under Heads VIII, XVIII, XIX and XX.

2. As you are aware Heads XIX and XX have been subject to quarterly Financial Requisition and control has been as close and constant as possible as I could make it.

3. The final costs of the P.W.D. are greater than I hoped when I wrote (62) :

Head XVIII.	Net Overexpenditure	£14. 13. 8.
" XIX.	" "	£627. 1. 10.
" XX.	" "	£380. - - (including
		Fordson Lorry).
	Total	£1051. 15. 6.

4. Schedules are submitted giving the details of the sub-heads and I have added explanations. The principal causes of the over-expenditure have been (a) the Fordson Lorry and (b) a steady increase in the number on the pay-roll from 47 to 73. Most of these look like being permanent, though the F.I.D.F. peat-cutters may revert to military duty.

5. The only over-expenditure not covered by these Special Warrents is (a) for unallocated stores which must be included in the "Omnibus Warrant" as liabilities are not yet fully known, and (b) £490 under S/h XX/3 for the Fordson Lorry which has already been authorised under Special Warrant, No. 4/1944.

6. On the whole I have no reason to be dissatisfied with the efforts of the Executive Engineer to keep his expenditure down in the very difficult circumstances of his department.

AB
2nd January, 1944.
31st December.

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MINUTE.

No. 121/42

15th September, 1942

To:-

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From:-

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

- on labour file

With reference to your minute of the 1st I have already replied to you in another minute on the points you raise in para 1. as to labour problems.

2. The fact that there is a lack of labour would appear, as you suggest in para 2, to result in the saving of the bulk of the departments expenditure, but there are three important factors that enter in to make this saving much less than you perhaps anticipate.

Firstly, the 24 labourers released in March last were the lowest paid men.

Secondly, the average weekly payroll for the department up to the time these men were released was £150 - or £7,800 p.a. - this came down in April to average of £100 or £5200 p.a. From this it will be seen that but for the services to other Government departments and Admiralty the total voted for the year of £7850 (including as it does materials as well as labour), would have been inadequate. In passing, I would note that labour to materials cost is now 1:3.

Thirdly. If any man applies to me for work I am still bound to employ him after consultation with Director of Agriculture as to his eligibility.

The result is I find myself with men who are really unfit or too old to work and who are only fitted for certain types of work. While the resultant work is not wasted, the money spent could have been saved or spent with greater advantage in more propitious time.

3. The following notes are given in reply to your para 3. As explained in my previous relevant minute instruction to carry out various works (A.R.P. Huts, W/T Masts, Military Hument, etc) would vary any programme showing possible savings, the following notes are therefore based quite exclusively of these potential works. The adoption would result in larger savings. Similarly my figures are based on pre bonus figures as any over expenditure as a result of this will I understand, be automatically covered by a S.W.

4. Head XVIII P.W.

Savings.	Storekeeper on Military service.	£200
	General Foreman.	146.
	Foreman Carpenter.	104.
	Grade IV Clerk.	40 490
Increases.	General Foreman.	125
	Temporary Clerk.	54
		<i>179 179</i>
	Net saving	<i>36</i>

Further savings could be made in administrative costs as already reported. The storeman and General gang foreman should be a general charge against the Department, as it is a physical impossibility to attempt to allocate accurately their cost against the various subheads in which they are almost daily involved.

5. XIX P.W.R.

1. Roads, Bridges and Drains. £1780.

A permanent annual charge of £585 is made against this vote for 3 road sweepers. A payment of £156 was made from this head for the construction two years ago of a dirt road on the West Island. A proportion of the ganger foreman's wages averaging £190 p.a. with overtime is also paid from this vote, when he is not engaged on peat supplies. Therefore some £750-£800 is paid from this head irrespective of any constructive work. Other than tarring last spring (cost of tar £52. 10.-) no major road work has been done. Minor patching has been done as men were available. It will be seen that a considerable saving is anticipated under 20. This has been effected by better all round organisation of the labour gangs work, the general better weather and the small size of the gang. The point is raised here as in bad weather the gang have been employed at the Quarry crushing stone for roads and the cost charged to this subhead. A new engine for crusher had to be

bought from Store A/c to replace one loaned to F.I.C. This cost £85. 3. 5.
 Balance at 26/8/42. £607. 6. 6.
 Anticipated saving. 50. -.

2. Water Service. vide M/P 90/33. £700. Debit balance 26/8/42 - £269. 5. 1.

3. Repairs Government House. Balance 26/8/42 - £87. 6. 2.

Carpenters now being free the conservatory is to be repaired and overhauled. There is not likely to be a saving as if labour is available much maintenance is necessary at Government House.

4. Repairs Government Buildings. £1200

Expenditure to 26/8/42.

Stores.	221.
Labour.	521.
	<u>745.</u>

Balance at 26/8/42.

£455.

This sub-head with sub-head 1 carries the bulk of the Permanent staff employed.

Major works carried out during the present year are the alterations to Admiralty Cottage, completion maida Qrs at the Hospital, repairs and alterations to the Asst. Medical Officer's Qrs, bunks for Walker Creek and street numbering.

On wet days the construction of lattice masts as an alternative to men standing idle and being paid from Wet Time, and the completion of the work at Headquarters. Whether the last items should have been charged against this sub-head may be questionable, but in all the circumstances I feel it was justified. Before the new work could start certain repairs and alterations were needed at Headquarters which is a Government Building - these repairs were charged to Buildings, U.W.E. XXI. (3). although they possibly should have been charged to XIX (4), as a result XXI (3) became exhausted before the new work was completed. Having in mind that a S.W. for XXI (3) sub-head would be necessary before the end of the year and necessary adjustment could then be made, and that the work was so urgently needed in anticipation of the arrival of Imperial Troops and Stores, I completed the work from XIX (4).

The amount involved was £170 and the cost of the original repairs charged to XXI (3) £86.

5. Furniture Government House. £50.

Balance at 26/8/42. £46. 19. 9d.

I do not feel justified in pronising a saving on this small vote although, except for any unforeseen circumstances there will possibly be.

6. Furniture Government Buildings. £50.

Original Vote	£50.
Special Warrant. 8/42.	£200. £250.

Balance at 26/8/42. £158. 11s. 11d.

Furniture for Colonial Secretary's Quarters has since been bought out of store (ex Major Fleuret) and goods ordered from Montevideo for Legal Adviser's Quarters still have to be paid for giving a balance at date of £55. I do not anticipate any saving.

7. Minor Works. £200.

Balance at 26/8/42. £61. 10. 1d.

A peat shed for the Stock Inspector has been met from this vote and also payment for cement loaned from Admiralty to construct dam at Trout Hatchery for which account was not received till June of this year. I estimate that the balance will be needed to instal lavatory basin, W.C. and drain etc at Admiralty Cottage when labour is available. No saving can therefore be anticipated.

8. Upkeep Public Baths.

Balance at 26/8/42. £66. 7. -.

Caretakers wages, Aug - Dec.inclusive. £57. 10. -.

As the R.E's have just supplied and installed a new boiler I do not think vote will be overspent but there will be no saving.

9. Motor Transport.

Balance at 26/8/42. £118. 15. 11.

No saving anticipated as maintenance old lorries very expensive.

10. Carts and Horses.

Balance at 26/8/42. 8. 7. 6.

A horse was purchased in June at - 35. 16. 10.

and the old horse was sold at - 17. 19. -.

17. 17. 10.

*encl'd to
Par. 1b.*
A S.W. for this amount may be necessary to carry on this vote till December 31st. (Vide M/P 51/42)

11. Upkeep of Sea Walls. Balance at 26/8/42. £75. 0. 0.

As it is improbable that labour will be available a saving of £50 can be anticipated. Two small repairs are urgent and will have to be done men there are.

12. Upkeep of Fences. Balance 26/8/42. £15. 2. -.

No saving is anticipated as with handymen now available many fence repairs are needed.

13. Upkeep of Jetties. Balance at 26/8/42 £96. 16. -.

Cabour. Vide my previous report no further work being anticipated this year a saving of £75 can be promised.

14. Upkeep of Navigation Lights and Beacons. £60.

Balance at 26/8/42. £59. 12. 6.

It is hoped to do certain essential works before the end of the year. Virtually no maintenance has been done since the war. A saving of £25 is promised.

15. Peat Supply. £1175.

Balance at 26/8/42. £155. 10. 5.

There will definitely be no saving on this vote, the increase of supplies following arrival of Imperial Troops has meant that carting has started much earlier so that financial balance is already low for the time of the year.

16. Light and Fuel. £800. Balance at 26/8/42. 765. 14. 8.

Less Lump sum payable

to E. & T Dept.

600. -.-.

165. 14. 8.

As peat stocks remain good in quantity and quality no coal issues to Quarters are anticipated and I can therefore promise saving £100 (one hundred).

17. Tools. £50. Balance at 26/8/42. £4. 4. 5.

When the blacksmith is not definitely engaged on other maintenance work he sharpens and repairs tools - this year he has not been so fully employed in other ways and the result is the practical exhaustion of this vote.

It might appear advisable that the smith should be on the P.E. basis. No saving will be possible.

18. Drainage of Peat Banks. £50. Balance at 26/8/42. £50.

Lack of superfluous labour will save £40 here.

19. Holiday Pay. Balance at 26/8/42. £99.

There may be a saving here. Should work just before Christmas become slack, men will go on their holiday, but I anticipate most applications will be as usual early in the New Year. There is a small payment (half time pay for men injured recently at present being met from this vote for lack of any other head more suited to the case.

20. Payment for Wet Time. £500. Balance at 26/8/42. £91. 3. 9.

This big saving has already been explained and I think £350 is a moderate estimate of saving that I can promise.

XX P.W.E.

1. Extension to sewer. £170. No expenditure.

This is one case where shortage of labour has caused work to be delayed and I regret this necessary work should be held up.

2. Alterations to Post Office. £93. No expenditure will be possible this year.

(4) The proposed savings are therefore.

XVIII P.W.		£
XIX P.W.R.	1.	50.
	11.	50.
	13.	75.
	14.	25.
	16.	100.
	18.	40.
	20.	350.
		690
XX P.W.E.	1.	170..
	2.	93.
		263
Total.		124.

A. W.
Hypara & County four.
On Thursday
Oskar Woodfah.
Executive Engineer.

I would ask your indulgence for the many alterations following so many interruptions in preparing this minute.

Confidential

(4)

No.

130/42.

MINUTE.

18th September, 1942.

From

THE FINANCIAL COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To ... the Executive Engineer,

GRANLEY.

Recd.
I have to refer to your Minute No. 121/42 of the 15th September regarding your departmental expenditure for 1943. I have discussed the whole question with His Excellency and am directed to inform you as follows : -

2. X VIII. P.W.D. Old men cannot in existing circumstances be dispensed with. The Storeman and the General Gang Foreman should both be provided for under X VIII/2. Casual Labour, with corresponding reductions for 1943 elsewhere.

3. XIX. P.W.R. S/2. Water Service. I await a reply to my minute to you on this subject.

S/h 4. His Excellency remarks that the changing of the balance of work at F.I.D.F. Headquarters to this sub-head was quite irregular. He does not, however, propose to alter the allocation in this particular case.

S/h 7. A lump sum may be inserted in the Estimates but I shall place it under Financial Requisition and no work may be undertaken without my written approval in each case.

S/h 10. It is understood that the proceeds of the sale of the horse have been actually credited to Revenue. This is correct.

S/h 15. A Special Warrant should be applied for towards the close of the year to cover any excess expenditure, authority being hereby given for work to proceed without interruption. Savings under XIX should be hypothecated.

S/h 19. His Excellency has ruled that the employees who were injured in the course of their duties should receive full and not half-pay.

3. In future I would ask you to exercise particular care, not only in the allocation of expenditure to the correct sub-head but also in regard to excess expenditure. In no circumstances should any work be started unless it has been authorised and unless you are also satisfied that sufficient funds are available for its completion. Prior written

authority/

authority must always
interview with him in
in strict absolute confidence
always be quoted on your
charge, Treasury, to ensure
detailed information regard-

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No. _____

MINUTE.



8th October, 1942.

To:-

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From:-

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

Following our discussion on Monday as to the amount to be allowed in 1943 estimates for "Roads, Bridges and Drains", the following minute is written in an endeavour to explain the situation in connection with this head in particular and the P.W. heads generally.

I give in appendix "A" a nominal roll of the workmen employed by P.W.D. at this date together with their trade and whether active members of the Defence Force. I have included the last information to shew that those who are in the Force are key men in the Department and the others are unfit for military service - i.e. the question of unloading surplus men to Defence Force is not possible. Nor would the Admiralty or F.I.C. give work to others than the skilled men. If therefore all the men at present on my books plus those who in due course will be returned from F.I.C. are not to be stood off, work of some sort must be found for them even though the work is not essential or necessary at this time. I think therefore the question is not whether the work is essential but whether as the result of this compulsory expenditure the Government will get some return for its money.

Commencing in a fortnight or three weeks time every casual labourer and the lorries will be almost fully employed for the following 5 months in peat cutting carting etc. My problem is for the other seven months.

I submit in appendix "B" the work on which the various groups have normally to be employed and the subhead from which they are paid, the weekly salaries and annual cost. These figures are purely for labour, materials and transport are an additional cost to each head.

In appendix "C" I analyse the casual labour in detail. We must have casual labour to meet emergencies (such as stopped drains etc) or occasional routines (handling stores from 'Fitzroy'), and these are the only men available. In order to have them when really needed we must employ them permanently.

Then there is the question of keeping employed the three workmen who receive P.E. It is impossible to disassociate them from the rest of the vote for the Department. In the case of the Foreman Mechanic and Carpenters, materials are essential if they are to do their work and again lorry charges often result from their labours. The mason has in addition to lorry charges and materials at least one labourer as mate. I trust therefore it will be seen that these men and their work cost more than just their bare salaries.

Finally in appendix "D" I shew the minimum estimated cost to keep present staff employed - i.e. the total annual wage bill (from appendix "B") of £6,445 plus a proportionate amount as the cost of materials in each subhead which are an essential corollary to their employment. This disregards any men who may return from F.I.C. if and when foreign labour is imported although many men so released will go to Batteries. Any saving as a result of work for other departments is also ignored, and although in the past this factor has made this department's estimates adequate it cannot be expected so to do in future.

Eustace Brodrick.
Executive Engineer.

(King F. P.E.).
+ Evans, C.

APPENDIX "A".

+ Bennett, S.	Carpenters. (6)
McAtasney, W.J.	
Robson, R.L.	Handymen. (3).
+ King, R.	
Blyth, A.	Painter. (1).
Stewart, W.H.	
Allan, H.	Smith & mate. (2)
Wilson, E.	
Kelway, E.	Storeman. (1)
Lehen, M.	
Biggs, B.C.	Lorry drivers. (3)
Smith, P.S.	
Summers, E.V.	Lorry drivers mates. (3)
Dettleff, C.	
Goss, S.	Plumbers. (2).
Nunn, H.	
Jacobsen, M.	Enginemen Water works. (2).
Aldridge, E.	
Aldridge, H.	Quarryman. (1)
Lehen, D.	
Clifton, J.	Gang Foreman. (1)
Gleadell, E.J.	
+ Bannes, J.S.	Casual Labourers. (10)
Bonner, R.L.	
Rowlands, C.	35. + Active members F.I.D.F.
Goss, J.	
Pallini, H.	
Halliday, H.	
Peck, D.	
Jones, J.	
Kelway, F.	
Anderson, C.	
McKenzie, W.	

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APPENDIX "B".

Trade.	Employed on	cost normal week including bonus.	Annual cost.
Carpenters and Handymen.	A.R.P. Huts and then W/T Masts till complete then Military Hutments & repairs Government buildings.	£31. 10. -.	£1638. -. -.
Painters.	Repairs Govt. Bldgs.	3. 11. 3.	185. 5. -.
Smith & Mate.	Repairs Govt. Bldgs. Tools, Roads. Lights & Beacons.	6. 18. 9.	360.15. -.
Storeman.	Casual Labour. Govt. Furn. (Removals).	3. 9. -.	179. 8. -.
Lorry drivers & mates.	Roads, cleaning heaps of sweepings etc. Peat supply. Repairs Govt. Bldgs. (carriage of men & materials). Transport of stores (ex 'Fitzroy'). Motor Transport (oiling & punctures). Fuel & Light (delivering coal). Water Service (carriage of petrol and materials). 20. 5. -.		1053. -. -.
Plumbers.	Repairs Govt. Bldgs. Water supply. (including watering ships). 7. 2. 6.		370.10. -.
Enginemen, Water works.	Water supply.	7. 5. 8.	378.14. 8.
Quarryman.	Seconded R.E. (3. 11. 3.).		
Road sweepers.	Roads.	9. 11. 3.	497. 5. -.
Foreman Ganger.	Casual Labour.	3. 18. 9.	204.15. -.
Casual Labourers.	Mainly peat supply and roads.	32. 5. -.	1677. -. -.
			<u>6544.12. 8.</u>

APPENDIX "C".

- Bonner, R. L. Released from D.F. on compassionate grounds. Spare lorry driver who will be so employed as spares are received for repair of lorries.
- Rowlands, C. Masons Labourer (Mason P.E. man).
- Goss, J. A completely unskilled man and one who is not a reliable workman.
- Pallini, H. Government chimney sweep who must be employed in normal hours in order to retain his services.
- Halliday, H. Unskilled labourer with a bad heart, who cannot do heavy work.
- Peck, D. A good worker who prior to R.E.s taking over the quarry was Quarryman. Recently injured and now recovering slowly. I hope to get him seconded to R.E.s.
- Jones, J. An elderly unskilled labourer.
- Kelway, F. Anderson, C. } Two very old men both more or less cripples.
- McKenzie, W. Quite a good worker but slightly mental.

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APPENDIX "D".

Cols. 1. a & b represent vote necessary in order to meet wages and materials. When left blank little or no labour charges are included or are not considered in appendix "B".

	(1) (a)	(2) (b)	Total.	Draft Estimates.
XVIII P.W.				<u>Revised Estimates</u>
(a) Personal Emoluments.			2782	2632 2782
(b) Other Charges.				
2. Casual Labour.				
Foreman. 230.				
Storeman. 180.				
Two odd men. <u>340.</u>	750		750	750 - 750
3. Books & Ledgers.			10	10 10
4. Miscellaneous.		<u>50</u>	3592	<u>50</u> 50 <u>3442.</u>

XIX P.W.R.

1. Roads, Bridges. etc.	1500	250	1750	1730. 2100
3 road sweepers 510.				
other labour. <u>990.</u>				
2. Water Service.	550	250	800	800. 800
3. Repairs Govt.House.	150	250	400	50. 110
4. Repairs Govt.Bldgs.	800	800	1600,	750 1400
5. Furniture G.House.	15	15	30	30. 60
6. Furniture G.Bldgs.	25	25	50	60 60
7. Minor Works.	500	450	950	250. 250
8. Upkeep Public Baths.			200	200 200
9. Motor Transport.	50	250	300	250 250
10. Carts and Horses.	15	70	85	85. 85
11. Upkeep Sea Walls.	55	30	85	85. 85
12. " Fences.	15	20	35	35. 35
13. " Jetties.	50	50	100	50. 100
14. Lights and Beacons.	40	40	80	80. 80
15. Peat Supply.	1200 <u>1120</u>	280	1480	1400 <u>1480.</u>
16. Light and Fuel.	25	775	800	800 800
17. Tools.	55	15	70	70. 70
18. Drainage Peat Banks.	50	10	60	30. 60
19. Holiday Pay.			285	285. 285
20. Wet Time.			550	550. 550
21. Purchase of Stores.			200	200. 200
22. Transport of Stores.	60	40	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u> 30 -
			<u>9930</u>	<u>7820.</u>

XX P.W.E.

1. Sewer Extension.	100	70	170	170 170
2. Hospital Laundry.			75	75. 75
3. Wash houses.	90	90	180	- 180
4. Extension Agric.Cottage	250	250	500	- 500
5. Extension Customs Shed.	200	150	350	- 350 350
6. Purchase 6 wheel lorry.			500	- 500
			<u>1775</u>	<u>1775</u>
	<u>6545</u>	<u>4180</u>	<u>15377</u>	<u>11,857</u> <u>14427</u>
				<u>14,347.</u>

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xx. 640
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995
- 395

Add 160.
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285 (19)
550 (30)

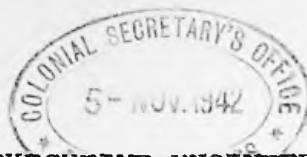
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MINUTE.

No. _____

From

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
THE XXXXXXXXX XXX XXX XXX

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

4th November, 1942.

To The Hon. Financial Secretary,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

Reverting to our recent discussions on hypothecated savings on certain subheads in head XIX P.W.R. I regret to inform you that all those arranged cannot be effected through circumstances which have subsequently arisen and over which we have no control. For the same reason and also in attempting to keep expenditure down to effect these savings (by putting men on other work) certain other votes may be overspent.

2. I append a statement shewing position of votes as at week ending 28.X.42. excluding October stores and have set this out to shew balance irrespective of bonus, which will in any case be covered by a S.W., Votes not shewn will not be affected.

3.

1. Vote subhead.	2. Balance Vote A/c Bk.	3. Hypoth- icated saving.	4. Amended Balance	5. Plus bonus	6. Final balance.	7.
XVIII.						
2. Cas. Labour.	19.	19. 1.	-	19.19.1.	15. 4.10. 35. 3.11.	31. 1.--
XIX.						
1. Roads, etc.	226.	15. 3.	200.	26.15.3.	70. 7. 8. 97. 2.11.	70.17.6.
2. Water Service.	-.	-.	-	Debit 184. 8.3.	23. 8. 9. 160.19. 6.	55. 8.6.
4. Repairs G Bldg.	168.	17.11.	-	168.17.11.	40. 8. -.	209. 5.11.
7. Minor Works.	30.	4. 1.	-	30. 4. 1.	3.19. 7. 34. 3. 8.	
15. Peat Supply.	52.	4. 9.	-	52. 4. 9.	16.17.11. 69. 2. 8.	
19. Holiday Pay.	34.	3.11.	-	34. 3.11.	15. 5.10. 49. 9. 9.	28.13.9.

In the 7th column I shew the amounts needed to pay until 31.XII.42 'Regular wages'. (e.g. XVIII(b)2 Storman, XIX. 1. Three roads workers XIX 2. Two foremen, XIX 19. One Deputy man).

4. I offer the following notes on each item.

XVIII (b) 2. Casual Labour. The gang foreman's wages were after our discussion charged to this head. I now understand this was not to have been done until the new financial year. The result is a reduction of this vote but if his wages had been charged to Roads it would only have still further aggravated the situation on that subhead.

XIX (1) Roads. Since the matter was under review expenditure has been incurred by two obstinate cases of blocked drains, a track road to get the new heavy lorry to the peat banks, the present repairs to Surf Bay Road, the erection of the street barriers also on materials supplied for the repair of Chartres Bridge.

(2) Water Service. This has already been dealt with under a separate minute.

(4) Repairs Govt. Buildings. Installing the new washing machine in the Hospital, altering the Savings Bank Counter, painting fence round reservoir by water pumpman when not pumping.

(7) Minor Works. In order to keep the masons employed a start was made on the additional W.C. etc to Admiralty Cottage, the carpenter is continuing the work. The mason is now building a small shed in the dockyard to keep him employed.

(15) Peat Supply. I understand a S.W. for £250 is agreed for this head.

(19) Holiday Pay. Following the recent accidents to workmen this vote has been drawn on as agreed for Sick Pay. One man is still so paid.

May I have authority please to

(1) Delete part if not all the hypothecated savings under XIX.1.

(2) Submit a S.W. for sick pay when ~~it~~^{final amount} is known to avoid overspending XIX. 19. should this be necessary.

Rushbrook
Executive Engineer.

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O.I.C. Treasury,
Copy for your information

130/42.

No.

for G.S.

MINUTE.

From

FINANCIAL SECRETARY,
~~THE COLONIAL OFFICE, V~~

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Executive Engineer,

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

With reference to your minute of 4th November it is appreciated that considerable expense will have to be incurred this year on the repair of Surf Bay road which was not anticipated when you hypothesised £200 savings under XIX 1. These repairs must, of course, be carried out and the hypothecation may be disregarded on the understanding that every endeavour will be made to economise on the work. I understand that the Gang Foreman's wages are in fact being charged to roads.

2. With regard to subhead 19 Holiday Pay, I agree that it was necessary to charge the wages of the injured workmen, while off duty, to this subhead and that other men's holidays falling due before Christmas must be paid for. A Special Warrant should be applied for later if necessary.

K. G. BRADLEY
Financial Secretary.

No.

MINUTE.

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From

Executive Engineer.
~~COLONIAL SECRETARY~~

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

28th November, 1942.

To The Honourable,

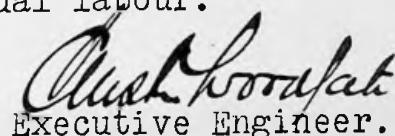
The Financial Secretary.

Stanley.

With reference to the savings hypothecated under XIX.3. Repairs Government House I regret these cannot be effected. May authority be given to reduce the amount of these savings from £50 to £25. Against this I am now in a position to increase previous estimated savings on the other subheads as follows,

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 5. Furniture Government House | £10. |
| 6. Furniture Government Buildings | £20. |
| 13. Upkeep of Jetties | £10. |
| 14. Lights and Beacons | £15. |
| 16. Light and Fuel. | £20. |
| 20. Wet Time. | <u>£80.</u> |
| | <u>Total £155.</u> |

In view of these savings may I be allowed a Special Warrant on Tools for £15 in order to cover the recent increased expenditure on this head as a result of debiting hitherto unpriced stores, issued early this year but cost of which has only just been received and a further Special Warrant for £25 on casual labour.


A. H. Chorlton
Executive Engineer.

Copy to C.I.C., Treasury for information.

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No. 133/42.

MINUTE.

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

2nd December, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Refer to
With reference to your minute of the 28th November, I note that the savings hypothesized under XVII/B will not now amount to more than £25, but that other savings will occur on the Head amounting to £155 in addition to those already hypothesized. In these circumstances application may be made for a Special Warrant for £15 under sub-head 17. Tools, owing to increased costs.

Refer to
2. I understand that the estimated over-expenditure of £25 on XVIII/C. Casual Labour, is due to the wages of the General Gang Foreman being wrongly charged to this Head. My minute of the 18th September, paragraph 2, clearly referred to 1943 and not 1942. This error should be corrected not by a Special Warrant, but by adjustment, if necessary, in consultation with the Treasury.

Financial Secretary.

No. 130/42.

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MINUTE.

5th December,

1921.

From

To The Executive Engineer,

The Financial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to the attached application for a Special Warrant for £250 under XIX/15 Peat Supplies, the point of the request in my minute of the 18th September was that a Special Warrant should be asked for towards the close of the year when the net over-expenditure on the sub-head could be accurately estimated. This application should surely be postponed until about the 29th December ?.

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R. G. BRADLEY
Financial Secretary.

No. _____



MINUTE.

9th December, 1942 .

(13)

To:-

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From:-

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

With the non arrival of spares for Lorries from Montevideo the Motor Mechanic is endeavouring to extemporize a second lorry. In order to do this it has become necessary to purchase out of store a chassis costing £44. 17. 3d.

This unexpected expenditure may possibly result in subhead XIX 9. becoming exhausted. Should this arise may authority be given please to have the overexpenditure up to the cost of the chassis covered by a Special Warrant if necessary.

Appropriate savings on other heads have already been indicated.

*Spares Ex-Rq. To carry on &
repairs towards end of
month, are not actually to
over-expend w/o authority.*

KTB 11/12.

Buster Brookhart.

Executive Engineer.

No.

MINUTE.

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be quoted.)

(14)

29th December, 19 42

From

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

Recd 12
In accordance with your minute of the 5th inst. the attached
Special Warrant is re-submitted. Final details of over expenditure
on this head will be sent as soon as known.

R. H. Lovelock
Executive Engineer.

(17)

MINUTE.

No.



6th January, 1943.

To:

FINANCIAL
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From:

The Executive Engineer,
Stanley.

With reference to your previous minutes on M.P. 130/42 regarding P.W.D. expenditure I am now in a position to report on the year's working for 1942 and to submit outstanding applications for Special Warrants where necessary. The cost of living bonus is being dealt with by the Treasury.

2. I attach a schedule showing the expenditure, Head XIX detailed under subheads from which you will see that there is a net saving of £706.3 on the original provision.

3. Your authority for all overexpenditure on subheads is quoted in the last column.

4. The only item which seems to call for additional explanation would appear to be £103 further overexpenditure on peat supplies.

The £250 previously authorised was to make up for the £250 charged out to Unallocated Stores in January 1942. Apart from this the provision for 1942 proved insufficient for the following reason. In 1941 peat cutting expenditure to the extent of approximately £140 was charged to subhead 16. Light and Fuel. As this happened after the 1942 Estimates were submitted the necessary addition for 1942 was not made. Rather than repeat this questionable allocation in 1942 I am asking for a Special Warrant (there are of course corresponding savings on subhead 16).

5. I would also explain that if it had not been for the heavy extra consumption owing to billeting I could have cut enough peat this season to maintain the years reserve accumulated last year without incurring this overexpenditure of £103.

6. The position in regard to 1943 is that we shall have a years supply in reserve and, now that outstanding debits from 1941 have been cleared up should be able to maintain or even increase this reserve without overexpending the £1400 provided in the Estimates. If over-expenditure occurs it will be solely due to an anticipated 50% increase in the price of petrol recently landed.

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7. On the general question of policy I do not consider that it is worth while building up much more than a years reserve because of the excessive wastage which occurs in peat stacked on the banks for more than one season.

Alexander Woodhall
Executive Engineer.

P.W.R.	IX	Estimate 1942	Add S.W.	Revised estimate	Actual expenditure including Hyp. savings.	Deduct cost of living bonus.	Nett Actual expenditure	Hypothicated savings	Total actual savings	Over expend- iture.
1. Roads. etc.		1780.---		1780.---	1827. 8. 9.	109. 2. 8.	1718. 6. 1.		61. 13. 11.	
2. Water Service.		700.---	201.---	901.---	1028. - 4.	38.16. --	989. 4. 4.			88. 4. 4.
3. Rep.G.House.		100.---		100.---	93.18.11.	6. 1. 4.	87.17. 7.	25. --. --	12. 2. 5.	
4. Rep.G.Bldgs.		1200.---	756.7.7	1200.---	1256. 7. 7.	56. 8. 2.	1199.19. 5.			7.
5. Furn.G.House.		50.---		50.---	31. 2. 2.	2. --	31. --. 2.	25. --. --	25. --. --	18. 19. 10.
6. Eurn.G.Bldgs.		50.---	200.---	250.---	231. 9. 7.	8. --	231. 1. 7.		18. 18. 5.	
7. Minor Works.		200.---		200.---	201.16. 9.	4.17. 9.	196.19. --		3. 1. --	
8. Public Baths.		170.---		170.---	169.13. 1.	11. 8. 6.	158. 4. 7.		11. 15. 5.	
9. Motor Transport.		225.---		225.---	236.12. --	10.13. 9.	225.18. 3.			18. 3.
10. Carts & Horses.		75.---		75.---	89.17. 8.		89.17. 8.			14.17. 8.
11. Sea Walls.		75.---		75.---	60.10. 2.	1.16.10.	58.13. 4.	50. --. --	50. --. --	16. 6. 8.
12. Fences.		30.---		30.---	29.17.11.	2. 9.	29.15. 2.		4. 10.	
13. Jetties.		100.---		100.---	81. 9. 3.	3. 3.	81. 6. --	75. --. --	75. --. --	18. 14. --
14. Lights & Beacons.		60.---		60.---	36. --. --	1.10. --	34.10. --	25. --. --	25. 10. --	
15. Peat Supply.		1175.---	250.---	1425.---	1624. 3. 8.	96. --. 4.	1528. 3. 4.			103. 3. 4.
16. Light & Fuel.		800.---		800.---	758. 2. 9.		758. 2. 9.	100. --. --	100. --. --	41. 17. 3.
17. Tools.		50.---		50.---	62. 1. 1.		62. 1. 1.			12. 1. 1.
18. Drainage Peat Banks.		50.---		50.---	40. --. --		40. --. --	40. --. --	40. --. --	10. --. --
19. Holiday Pay.		260.---		260.---	401.15. 3.	43.17. 2.	357.18. 1.			97.18. 1.
20. Wet Time.		500.---		500.---	409.19. 1	8. 3. 9.	401.15. 4.	350. --. --	350. --. --	98. 4. 8.
		7650.---	651.7.---	8301.---	861.7.---	389.12. 3.	8280.13. 9.	690. --. --	1027. 9. --	317. 2. 9.
					8670. 6. --					

Net actual expenditure
Deduct S.W. Col. 2.

8280. 13. 9.

Total actual savings.
" overexpenditure.

1027. 9. --

317. 2. 9.

Deduct hypothicated savings.
Expenditure of original estimate.

651. --. --

7629. 13. 9.

net savings.

710. 6. 3.

1942 Estimate.

7650. -.-.

Expenditure.

6939.13. 9.

Net savings.

710. 6. 3.

No.

MINUTE.

Mailed To:-

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

8th April, 1943.

Mailed From:-

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

The new carthorse has now been broken in and with a younger horse the string which holds the present harness together is inadequate and dangerous. May authority, (subject to import licence) be given please to purchase a complete set of carthorse harness in Montevideo. The departments cart has just been fitted with the remaining spare wheels and shafts and it would be highly advisable to get a new set of wheels and shafts at the same time.

I understand that the wheels and shafts will cost about £20 and the harness £9. Money is available at the moment under XIX 10. Carts and Horses for the latter but a S.W. may be necessary before the end of the year if this expenditure is approved.

The shafts and wheels would be paid for out of XIX. 22. Unallocated Stores. as they are not immediately required.

*App'd as above
S.C.A. informed. AB 18/4*

Aust Brodrick
Executive Engineer.

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From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

1st June, 1943. (20.)

To The Executive Engineer,

BRADLEY.

In reference to your minute of the 27th May, your proposal to
purchase from the Navy and instal petrol storage tanks in the dockyard
with a capacity of 6,000 gallons is approved at an intended total expenditure
of £25 against MM/7 Minor Works.

a. It is understood that should this storage capacity at any time
exceed that required for normal petrol storage space will be available
for the storage of fuel oils used by the Electrical Department.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Recd 6 in
26/43

No. 21/63.

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MINUTE.

(21)

19 43.

14th June,

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Rec'd W
in 74/43*
With reference to your minute of the 9th June and previous correspondence, your proposals for stone-crushing, road maintenance and artificial stone-making are approved.

2. The acceptance of £143. 3. 3. compensation for the quarry is agreed to, and this sum should be credited to Revenue sub-head IX/8 Unforeseen.

3. Capital expenditure on opening up the Eliza Cove stone source should not exceed £125 and should be charged to XII/1 Roads, a Special Warrant being applied for later on if necessary against which the above revenue credit of £143 will be, in fact, offset.

4. Capital expenditure on the block-making project should be limited to £155 and charged to XII/7 Minor Works. This will over-expend the provision by £100. A Special Warrant can be applied for towards the end of the year.

5. His Excellency desires me to draw your attention to the deplorable waste of paper involved by your three minutes under reference being typed double-spaced and on only one side of the paper.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Expenditure under XIX P.W.R.
4. minor works

M.P. 14/43.	Town Hall Lavatory	Not to exceed	£ 100.
" 16/43.	Petrol Storage facilities	" " "	95. 40.
" 74/43.	Block-making	" " "	155.

350

M.P. 74/43. Olive Cave 1. Roads.
Stone Run 125.

No.

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



26th June,

1943.

From

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to inform you that I am left with a balance of £49. 18. 6d. at date under vote head XIX. 4. Repairs Government Buildings, which amount with balance of stores for the month and the current weeks wages will be practically exhausted.

2. The draft estimate for this head was cut from £1400 to £750 on the assumption I imagine, that Naval and Defence Force works would give employment to the workmen concerned (chiefly carpenters) for six months. The work on the W/T masts finished in March and the R.E.s practically built the new hut at Ordnance Point and no buildings were eventually needed at Sapper Hill. As far as I know at the present no further ~~for~~ Navy or Defence Force is in view therefore I estimate some £800 will be needed to provide work for the ~~rest~~ of the year.

3. Under no P.W.D. vote can I envisage this amount of saving although there is £350 in P.W.E. XX.4. Extension to Customs Shed which will not be used.

4. While I realise savings in other Departments votes are no concern of mine the matter is so highly relevant to the point under discussion that I must point out that for reasons stated in para 2

above, £800 at least will be saved on XXI.3. Building Construction unless some new policy not at present even known of is introduced.

5. I would be grateful of early instructions.

John Woodall
Executive Engineer.

No.

MINUTE.

7th July, 1943,

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To



THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From, The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

Under the present system of accountancy, the cost of any particular work does not appear and can only be ascertained by extracting from the old time sheets the hours worked thereon and calculating at appropriate rates. Similarly stores are not issued to a particular work but the vote head from which it is being paid. If in these circumstances you wish the detailed allocation you mention it can be done, but the amount of work involved would I submit be quite disproportionate.

2. I append therefore division as between materials and labour of the expenditure to 30. VI. 43 under XIX. 4. Repairs Government Buildings and shew the major works involved with a few typical minor repairs. While I fully realise you know the situation I will once again say that it is the necessity of finding work for men and not necessity of work that is the guiding factor.

3. Amount of expenditure to 30. VI. 43 from subhead XIX. 4.

Labour	£449. 11. 4d.
Materials	290. 1. 2d.
Total.	£ 739. 11. 6d.

Works included in the above:-

Repairs, extensions and alterations Admiralty Cottage.
Stone hut for Masons in Dockyard.

Repairs hot water system Gymnasium.

Extension Projector Room at Gymnasium.

Repairs Sanitary Shed.

Repairs to Floor etc. Blacksmiths Shop.

Repairs Marine House East.

do Marine House West. *Redecoration Cottages.*

do Police Cottages.

do Town Hall.

General Repairs Agriculture Cottage.

do do School Roof.

Minor Work St. Mary's School for Infants Dept.

New Tiled floor to Urinal Secretariat.

do do do to Hospital Sluice Room.

Hot water boiler repairs at Hospital.

Repairs War Memorial Wall.

Moving Government Officers furniture.

Repairs Sullivan House.

(x) Repairs locks, windows, taps, water fittings, grates ranges etc. in most quarters and buildings.

4. For the remainder of the year there will be the usual small essential repairs as (x) above. As a means of keeping workmen employed the more extensive works suggested are:-

Completion Marine House East repairs and new wash house. *about £25*

Repairs and redecoration Sullivan House.

do Repairs Town Hall.

Alterations to Bathroom and proper drainage system

Harbour Masters Quarters.

Repairs serious wet rot in Porch Harbour Masters Quarters.

External Painting all quarters as suitable labour and materials become available.

Rushworth

Executive Engineer.

No. 130/42.

O.I.C., Treasury, copy for your information.

MINUTE.

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15th July, 1943. (28)

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Recd 23
With reference to your minute of the 7th July, re the inclusion of
the trailer-type garage in this year's programme and the calling up of
two carpenters for whole-time military duty as from the 1st August, it
seems that the further provision necessary under Head NEX/4 should not
exceed £150.

2. You should apply now for a Special Payment for £250 and when
this is exhausted, seek authority for the balance of your requirements.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

No. 97/43.

Copy to O.I.C., Treasury for information.
MINUTE.

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(30)

22nd July, 1943.

To The Executive Engineer

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Ref'd in
97/43*

With reference to your minute of the 20th July, benches of the new type may be constructed forthwith up to a maximum cost of £50 against Head XIX/6.

2. You should apply for a Special Warrant under XIX/6 to cover the cost of Mr. King Prime's furniture and the Cinema seats as soon as the latter are completed, but no such application should be made in respect of the benches until the actual overexpenditure on the sub-head has been ascertained.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

No. 100/17.

MINUTE.

(31)

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2nd September 19 43.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Executive Engineer

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

You are authorized to issue such orders as will be under 100/-
as may be necessary to provide sufficient stores and materials for the
present requirements of the Hospital.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

MINUTE.

No.

6th November, 1943.

From

To The Honourable,

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Executive Engineer,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I write in confirmation of our recent discussion on the question of extra provision being made for the current year for four subheads of P.W.R. XIX.

2. Subhead 1. Roads.

Draft estimates for 1942 asked for £2100. As no major road work was anticipated this was cut to £1730. With the helpful co-operation of the Garrison all roads are now being repaired and they are supplying men and transport which if paid for by Government at civilian rates would cost nearly £150 p.w. The Government agreed as their share to keep the crushed stone supply and this entails all spare labour being put on to roads. That is Government pay out £55 p.w. and get work done to the value of £205. Quite irrespective of wanting to take full advantage of this beneficial arrangement road work was essential to keep open communications to peat banks and the men now working on roads would have to be employed in some way.

Authority is sought for a further overexpenditure of £600.

Overexpenditure at 27.10.43.	177.	14.	4.
Credit amount authorised for Crusher at Eliza Cove.	125.	-.	-.
	52.	14.	4.
	57.	18.	8.
Wages W/e. 3. 11. 43.	15.	4.	8.
October Stores			
Total overexpenditure 3. 11. 43.	125.	17.	8.
8 weeks wages at £55 p.w. w/e. 10.11.43. to w/e. 29.12.43. Stores November and December	440.	-.	-.
	50.	-.	-.
Estimated total overexpenditure	595.	17.	8.

3. Subhead 3. Repairs Government House.

Draft estimates for 1942 asked for £110. and this was cut to £50 in anticipation of there being neither men or materials to do any work. Paint and men did become available however and over £30 was spent in the early part of the year in doing very urgent painting on Greenhouses. The eastern gate to the football field was twice broken by army transport and work on replacement cost £12. A wooden sink for the remodelling of the glass pantry has been made but no further work has been possible owing to the lack of funds.

Authority is requested for £25 additional expenditure.

Overexpenditure at 3.11.43.	7.	12.	-.
Stores October	1.	1.	6.
Total overexpenditure. 3.11.43.	8.	13.	6.
Estimated expenditure to 31.12.43.	16.	6.	6.
" overexpenditure by 31.12.43.	25.	-.	-.

4. Subhead 4. Repairs Government Buildings.

This subhead was the subject of searching enquiry earlier in the year (see (25) on this M/P). I was then authorised to apply for a Special Warrant for £250. as the first instalment of

of £450. I regret that I misread my instructions at red (28) and expended the whole of the £450 without seeking interim authority, not that the present situation could have been altered therby. Since I raised the matter with you still further overexpenditure has occurred, see appended statement.

The present situation has arisen as a result of basing calculations on the £800 originally asked for in red 22. I arrived at this figure by taking the amount spent up to 30. 6. 43 (£740) and adding £60 for contingencies. The actual amount spent by or through the department was £740 under subhead 4. and £600 on Admiralty, War Office and H.M.E. work. To estimate on this basis therefore I should have asked for £1340. The deduction made for releasing carpenters & A.R.P. sheds would have given a revised figure of £990 (i.e. £1340 less £200 for carpenter and £150 for A.R.P. Sheds). The wages of one carpenter and one handyman only are included in the estimated weekly wage bill of £25. This leaves the remaining four carpenters unprovided for. They are all working for W.D. at the present and will be so employed till nearly the end of this month.

There has so far been too much urgent work to release two carpenters, but as far as I can foresee there is no reason why they cannot go when they finish at Mount Low, although repair work may slow down as a result. As to the other two one will be employed on repairing boats and the other could work on the extension to Agricultural Cottage under minor works with your approval.

I request that authority be given for expenditure of a further £500 over and above that already sanctioned.

Overexpenditure at 27.10.43 after
(allowing for additional authority
of £450 and £75 for Projector Room,
Wages Week Ending 5.11.43.

121.	5.	3.
12.	19.	9.
52.	-.	-.

Total unauthorised overexpenditure at 3.11.43.	186.	5.	-.
Wages 8 weeks at £25 p.w.	184.	-.	-.
Stores November and December.	100.	-.	-.
Total estimated unauthorised overexpenditure	470.	5.	-.

5. Subhead 6. Furniture Government Buildings.

I have been carefully through all the labour and store vouchers for this vote head, but can find no case of either unnecessary expenditure or extravagance. The furniture belonging to the Government is getting old and therefore becomes increasingly costly to maintain, that at the hospital particularly so. Many repairs to the Town Hall chairs have become necessary with increased usage. I am satisfied that an all round increase in minor repairs of this type are the cause of the overexpenditure and the original amount allowed - £60 was quite inadequate.

I request authority for further expenditure of £75.

Overexpenditure at 3.11.43.
after allowing for £145 for Cinema
Seats £75. 10. for furniture purchased
from Mr. King-Prime and £50 for
Town Hall Seats.
Stores for October.

36.	19.	4.
4.	6.	8.

Total unauthorised overexpenditure	41.	6.	-.
Estimated amount to meet demands to 31.12.43. say.	33.	14.	-.

£ 75.	-.	-.
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I request authority for further expenditure of £75.

(32)

Final draft

6. On the assumption that the above requests are approved P.W.R. in its final state will appear as follows:-

Subhead	Appd Est. 1943	Extra expend. previously sanctioned	Extra now asked for.	Total 6-11-43	Hypothe- cated savings	Over Exp.	Under Exp.
1.Roads.	1730	125	600 76%	2455	-	720	- 150 760
2.Water Serv.	800	-	-	800	-	-	-
3.Rep.G.Hse.	50	-	25✓	75	-	25	-
4.Rep.G.Bldgs.	750	525	500 46%	1775	-	1025	-
5.Furn.G.Hse.	30	-	-	30	10	-	10
6.Furn.G.Bldg.	60	270.10	75✓	405.10	-	345.10	-
7.Minor Works.	250	100	- (est.)	350	-	-	100 150
8.Public Bths.	200	-	-	200	-	-	-
9.Motor Trans.	250	192	-	442	-	192	-
10.Carts & Hrs.	85	-	-	85	-	-	-
11.Sec Walls.	85	-	-	85	80	-	80
12.Fences.	35	-	-	35	-	-	-
13.Jetties.	50	-	-	50	55	-	35
14.Lights etc.	80	-	-	80	50	-	50
15.Peat Supply.	1400	-	- tabo	1400	-	-	-
16.Light & Fuel.	800	-	-	800	80	-	80
17.Tools.	70	-	-	70	-	-	-
18.Drainage of Peat Banks.	50	-	-	30	-	-	-
19.Holiday Pay.	285	-	-	285✓	-	-	-
20.Wet Time.	550	-	-	550 550	350	-	350
21.Trans.Stores.	30	-	-	50	-	-	-

Total overexpenditure 2312.10
Total savings. 705 705

Comparative Statement

Ref. Ordnance 1607170

Total P.W.R. 1943.	7820.	47820
Overexpenditure 1943	2312.10.-.	1507
Draft Est. 1944	10295. -.-.	9427.

47820
1507
9427.
10295

Ashoo Woodall
Executive Engineer.

No.

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MINUTE.

13th December, 1943

(35)

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Further to my interview on Friday last, herewith amended statement
as instructed. ** necessary S.S.s.*

Executive Engineer.

Charles Woodall.

Subhead	Appd. Est. 1943.	Appd. addtl. expd.	Further addtl exp. applied for 6.11.43.	Total 11.12.43.	Hypothe- cated savings	Over expd.	Under expd.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Roads.	1730	125	600	160	2615	-	885
2. Water Serv.	800	-	-	100	900	-	100
3. Rep.G.Hse.	50	-	25	-	75	-	25
4. Rep.G.Bld.	750	525	500	-50 *	1725	-	975
5. Furn.G.H.	30	-	-	-	30	10	- 10
6. Furn.G.B.	60	270.10.	75	-	405.10.	-	345.10.-
7. Minor Wks.	250	100	-	-	350	200	- 200
8. Pub.Bths.	200	-	-	-	200	-	-
9. Mot.Trans.	250	192	-	-	142	-	192
10. Carts & Hrs	85	-	-	-	85	-	-
11. Sea Walls.	85	-	-	-	85	35	- 35
12. Fences.	35	-	-	1	36	-	1
13. Jetties.	50	-	-	-	50	40	- 40
14. Lights etc.	80	-	-	-	80	70	- 70
15. Peat Supply							
	1400	-	-	250	1650	-	250
16. Light & Fuel.	800	-	-	-	800	100	- 100
17. Tools.	70	-	-	-	70	-	-
18. Drainage Peat Banks	30	-	-	-	30	5	- 5
19. Holiday Pay.	285	-	-	-	285	-	-
20. Wet Time.	550	-	-	-	550	360	- 360
21. Transport of Stores	30	-	-	-	30	-	-
						Total Overexpenditure	2773.10.
						Total Savings.	820.
						Nett Overexpenditure	1952.10/-.

Comparative Statement

Total P.W.R. 1943. 7820.

Nett Overexpend. 1943. 1952. 10. -.

9772. 10. -.

Draft Est. 1944. 10295. - -.

* Amended estimate shows that £50 less is now required than asked for at 6.11.43.

(35b.)

Comparative Statement brekky walls
for Peat Supply 1942 & 1943

	1942.	1943	
week ending:		week ending.	
7th Oct.	14. 3. 2	6th Oct.	8. 18. 9
14	11. 12. 8	13	7. 11. 11
21	18. 5. 6	20	33. 11. 6
28	15. 11. 1	27	58. 8. 1
Stons.	8. 14. 9	Stons.	19. 6. 1
4th Nov.	55. 19. 6	3rd Nov.	97. 5. 1
11	56. 1. 9	10	97. 5. 0
18	63. 17. 7	17	97. 11. 5
25	68. 5. 4	24	94. 16. 5
Stons.	8. 9. 5	Stons.	27. 10. 11
2 Dec.	<u>80. 13. 9</u>	1st Dec.	<u>76. 2. 4.</u>
9	<u>401. 9. 6</u>	8th ..	<u>648. 07. 6</u>
16	59. 9. 3		<u>401. 9. 6</u>
23	48. 12. 2		<u>1246. 18. 0</u>
31	58. 11. 2		
Stons	12. 0. 0		

1943.	
Jan. 6	34. 11. 3
13.	86. 14. 6.
20.	76. 17. 9
22.	37. 0. 0
23	<u>77. 10. 6</u>
	Gradually decline
	to the end of March.

No. 430 D.G.

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MINUTE.

20th December, 19 43.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer,
STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Recd 35
With reference to your minute of 13th December, I return herewith one copy of each of the Special Warrants submitted which have all been signed by His Excellency.

It is most important that there should be no re-occurrence of this next year and on present evidence it does not look as though it will be possible to grant any Special Warrants except in cases of extreme urgency. I should be grateful if you would submit a programme of work for your Department covering 1944 and divided into quarterly periods. Heads XIX and XX will be held under Financial Requisition and it will be necessary for you to apply in good time for each quarters requisition stating in detail my variation from the years programme referred to above. In order to enable the Warrant for the first quarter to be assessed in time the programme should be submitted with as little delay as possible.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Copy to O.I.C., Treasury,

For information. A
duplicate P.W.D. Votes Ledger should be kept
by you.

No. 130/42

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MINUTE.

28th December, 1943

(39)

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From The Executive Engineer,

Public Works Dept.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Recd 38
In accordance with the instructions in your minute dated 20/12/43, I attach a programme to show how the men will be kept employed for the first quarter of 1944 which I have compiled to the best of my ability, and even in this short time wide variations will in all probability have to be made, and to attempt to forecast further ahead would mean the submission of a completely fictitious document.

With the great increase in routine office work that will be entailed by the new system, I cannot with my present staff keep up-to-the-minute records of costs and this is essential. I request therefore that the present temporary clerk may come back on full time without however in any way altering the understanding whereby she is to be released at the first possible moment.

The estimates assume that the two carpenters now employed will be released for military service at 1.1.44.

It will be noted that in several cases the amount of the present financial requisition is more than a quarter of the whole amount voted. This does not mean of course that the whole amount now asked for will be spent in the first quarter, but in an unpredictable item like repairs one must be covered against unforeseen eventualities.

Aust. Goodall.
Executive Engineer.

XIX P.W.R.
Subhead.

Work proposed.

1. Roads.

Completion resurfacing Eliza Cove and W/T Road and commencement Surf Bay Road, repairs. Scavenging, drain clearance and maintenance in Stanley. Complete footpath in Davis Street.

2. Water Service.

Pumping, maintenance, new connections, filter cleaning.

3. Repairs Government House.

Maintenance, Repairs as they arise, soaps and cleaning materials.

4. Repairs and maintenance Govt. Bldgs.

Painting outside all quarters (if and when weather permits) Maintenance and repairs to Quarters. Soap and clearing materials to Public Buildings. Blackout in Gymnasium and barrier at entrance.

5. Furniture Govt. House.

Repairs, crockery, glass and kitchen utensils.

6. Furniture Govt. Buildings.

Maintenance and repairs.

7. Minor Works.

Agricultural cottage extension.
Blockmaking house.

8. Public Baths

Caretaker's salary and stores.

Costs to 29th Mar 1944
Labour. Materials. Total.

Total
for
year

✓
832 286
1118. 2800
1000.

✓
156 65
221 830

✓
52 20
22. 75
19

✓
299 130
429. 1400
400.

✓
2 3
5 5

✓
33.10/- 52
25. 100

✓
40 40
80 826
150 50
200

✓
41.5/- 4.10/-
45.15/-
200

Remarks.

Forecast based on assumption Garrison will continue to supply working parties, transport and no time lost through weather.

continuing
Conditional on garrison/take most of yield from Mt. William and also no serious bursts etc.

It is not anticipated that this amount will be expended, but if it is not other heads will need supplementary F.R. before 29.3.44

The actual amount required may be, from last years figures, £40

The amount expended under this head is entirely dependant on the way furniture is treated in Govt. Bldgs and quarters.

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P.T.O.

AIX P.W.R.

Subhead.

9. Motor Transport.

Work proposed.

Costs to 29.III.44.

Total
to
41.

Remarks.

Labour Materials Total

Greasing of lorries, upkeep
Medical Car and running spares,
puncture mending.

55.5/- 9.15/- 65 ✓ 300.

10. Carts & Horses.

Wages for man feeding horse at
weekends and holidays, and
tussac and oats for horse.

3.5/- 13. ✓ 16.5/- 100

11. Fences.

Repairs to fences around quarters
as need arises following gales etc

7.10/- 2.10/- 10. ✓ 50.

12. Jetties.

No work anticipated in first
quarter, amount to cover emergency
only.

7.10/- 2.10/- 10. ✓ 50

13. Lights & Beacons.

Painting Mangearry. All work will
be done in present quarter.

35. 5. ✓ 35. 40.

14. Peat Supply.

Carting peat from banks. Rickling
and stacking on banks. Cleaning
peat sheds. Petrol & Lorry charges.

400. 90. ? 490. ✓ 1400.

15. Light & Fuel.

Cartage & cost of fuel to Govt.
Buildings.

10. 10. ✓ 20. ✓ 800

16. Tools.

Maintenance, sharpening & repairs.

15. 5. ✓ 20. ✓ 70.

17. Drainage Peat Banks.

Provisional item.

10. - . ✓ 10. ✓ 30

18. Holiday Pay.

Provisional item.

50. - . ✓ 50. ✓ 300

19. Wet Time.

-do-

100. - . ✓ 100. ✓ 150.

20. Transport of Stores.

Wages & lorry hire,
carriage stores.

10. 10. ✓ 20. ✓ 30

21. Plant.

Provisional.

50. ✓ 15. ✓ 50. ✓ 150

22. Unallocated Stores.

20. 10. ✓ 30. ✓ 200.

Copy to O.I.C., Treasury for information.

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MINUTE.

3rd January, 1941. (40)

From The Financial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Refd 39
With reference to your minute of the 26th December and our subsequent conversation, you are hereby authorised to spend during the period ending the 29th March the amounts shown in the attached schedule against the various sub-heads of Head XIV. No expenditure is yet authorised against Head XX.

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2. In cases where more than 25% of the total provision is allowed it will be understood that a corresponding reduction will be necessary later on.

3. In the event of any commitment arising which is likely to cause an over-expenditure of the Warter's allocation, application should be made for the extra funds required before the commitment is incurred.

4. I regret that it is not possible at present to increase the sum voted for the Temporary Clerk. The extra work will presumably fall on the Grade IV Clerk and I trust that he will deal with it satisfactorily.

K. G. BRADLEY

Financial Secretary.

No. 71/143.

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MINUTE.

10th February, 19 44. (41)

To The Executive Engineer

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Recd 1 in
14/43.* With reference to your minute of 7th February, His Excellency has
approved the plans of the blocksheding shed and store as submitted. I
return one copy.

2. It is noted that the increase of \$15 on the original estimate
of \$155 represents the cost of the store, and the current expenditure
now approved for this item total is \$170.

3. Some of the buildings should be examined by His Excellency
and, if necessary, the Board of Health, before work is begun.

K. Q. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

No. _____

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MINUTE.

(42)

6th March,

1944.

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Financial Requisitions.

up to

I shall be grateful if further provision for the period 1. 3. 44. may be made in the case of ~~Aux.~~ 11. Fences and 14. Peat Supply. I give the following reasons for this request and also the amounts:-

1. Fences: In order to keep my labour gang employed and having no transport, I had to switch them to repair the fence around the Government Radock. At that time there was a balance of £8. 1s. 5d. on this subhead. The fence was repaired but its cost for labour was £9. 19. 4d. making an overexpenditure of £1. 4s. 1d. Stores amount to approximately £5. 10s. or a total overexpenditure of £6. 14s. 1d. I would suggest extra provision therefore of £7. - - for the current quarter.

For your information the labour gang costs some £25 per week to maintain.

2. Peat Supply: Balance at 1.3.44. was £49. 7s. 11d. Four pay days remain in this month. Anticipated expenditure to this date is £160. Additional provision is therefore requested for £160. In connection with Peat Supply I would point out that the consumption has increased by over 1,000 loads in the past two years. I shall be addressing a minute to you on this point when I have collected all the data to put before you.

Arch. Goodfellow
Executive Engineer.

No. 150/42



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MINUTE.

49

7th March, 1944.

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

1. In continuation of my minute of the 8th inst. and in reply to your 45 on M.P. 150/42.

2. The additional £114 referred to in comparing the first quarter of this year and last is accounted for by;

- Only two lorries are available for transport and one of these cannot go on to the banks, the peat therefore has to be brought to the roadside by horse and cart - this is done by our own horse and cart and by contract. The contract price is 1/- per load.
- More peat will have to be left on the banks this year as it cannot all be carted with shortage of transport, in the time available, this means extra stacking.
- No assistance (even though questionable) has been received from the Army this year.

3. The reasons I give in support of my application for additional provision at the end of last year were based on actual fact and having suggested that provided weather conditions were favourable some saving should be shown on the current year, I was alarmed when I found that additional provision would be needed for the present quarter, for pro rata, an overexpenditure might be more likely than a saving. There is little doubt that in addition to the reasons given in para 2. the serious additional cost is caused by the enormous increase in the peat that now has to be supplied.

Up to 1941 each Government Quarter and Building was allowed an entitlement of peat and on the total of this for 1942, 4,238 loads were required. It is on this figure that all subsequent peat estimates were based. For 1942 cost was calculated at 5/7d. per load -- that is £1180. (The approved estimate was £1175). The actual expenditure for 1942 was £1604 the extra being chiefly accounted for by purchases from 1941 and Cost of Living Bonus.

In 1943 estimate was increased by £225 on account of Cost of Living Bonus and was approved at £1400 — i.e. the basic figure of 4238 was still being used and a revised figure of 6/7d per load used. Peat supplied during 1943 was 5100 an excess of 862 loads which at 6/7d gives £283. 14. 10d. The actual cost for 1943 was £1634. 13. 10d. and the difference between this and £1483. 14. 10d (the estimated cost based on 5100 loads) is accounted for by repayments from Military Vote and Sullivan House.

Since 1942 the following additional supplies have had to be met Registrar General, Agricultural Officer, two Wireless Operators, the Caretakers Hospital and Town Hall. A total of 548 loads minimum. The rest of the extra demand has been the Town Hall and Officers Quarters in cases where the officers contract is for "free fuel" and not a fixed quantity.

On this basis I estimate for 1944 a minimum total of £142 loads will be needed, which at 6/7d amounts to £1725 . 9. 10d. or £25. 9. 10d over and above the amount voted.

4. I can only suggest that Government make an appeal to officer for every economy to be made in the use of peat, particularly in the peat sheds, with a hope that the demand may be reduced.

Rush Goodall
Executive Engineer.

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MINUTE.

11th March, 1944.

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From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Head No. 13. Light and Beacons.

The long delayed and essential work of painting Langesry Light was commenced in December. The work was let on contract at £50. Some materials were purchased last year and a payment of £20 made on account of the contract. I have a balance of £27. 15. 11d. on the financial requisition for the current quarter and there is £5 left unexpended on the vote head. i.e. a gross balance of £32. 15. 11d.

With the scraping and scaling of the ironwork the iron ladder up to the light has been found to be eaten almost through at its junction with the tower and is unsafe. It should be replaced at once. I estimate this will cost £15 and may I have authority please for the necessary over-expenditure.

Rushwoodall
Executive Engineer.

34.

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14th March, 1944. (51)

From Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

D.W.Y. We discussed your minute of the 6th March. Expenditure on peat this year should, on present showing, leave you some £700 after the end of the present season for use in the period October to December. Corresponding expenditure for this quarter has been

1942	£643
1943	£843.

The increase being due to unusually quick cutting in 1943.

2. We agreed that it might be possible to keep within the approved estimate if the following two steps were taken

- (a) You will draw up a set of "instructions" for the proper care of peat in the sheds which I will circulate for careful observance by all householders in receipt of government peat.
- (b) You will limit peat deliveries in the first instance to the quantities issued last year. If you fill the sheds with this delayed carting you will issue more than is needed because people will start with full sheds later than usual.

3. I approve over-expenditure on XIX/44, Lights & Beacons to a maximum of £15, giving a total allocation of £55 for this quarter instead of £35.

A Special Warrant can be asked for later when savings can be hypothecated.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

(52)

17th March, 1944

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red S. I thank you for your confirming minute of the 14th inst.

The £700 leaves only £100 for the middle six months of the year. Carting will continue into, and inter-littent costs will arise during this period. While I will do everything possible to keep the commitments down to the lowest possible level I feel you should be informed of the situation. The decrease in 1944 is due to quicker cutting at the end of 1943.

2. I append some notes as requested and which you have kindly said you would circulate. These need only be sent to Govt. House, Culiven House, Nos 1, 4, 5 & C Officers Quarters, Admiralty Cottage, Harbour Masters Quarters, Agricultural Office and Agricultural Cottage, as all other quarters are given a fixed allotment. I am having screens made for the quarters named.

3. In discussing the problem with my peat foreman he agrees that proper use of sheds will mean a big saving. He also points out that with the evening classes at the Government School their demands will be doubled and also that we now have to supply the Infants Dept. at the old Catholic School.

Points for Peat Control.

1. It is essential particularly with the present seasons hard brittle peat that it should not be walked on in the shed as it quickly crushes to dust.

2. To avoid this a small space about 6' sq. should be cleared just inside the small door and down to the floor of the peat shed, peat sod walls being built round it on two sides as necessary to prevent peat falling into this space. This work has in most cases been done by P.W.D. men.

3. Where whole sods are required they should be picked from the face of the stack to avoid climbing over the peat.

4. Peat should be chopped in the cleared space and it will be found frequently that enough small peat falls down when pulling out the whole sods. Before chopping each day all loose peat should be shovelled against a screen (which is being supplied). The 'nobblings' so obtained are often enough to make chopping unnecessary. The resultant peat dust will be removed by P.W.D. as required.

5. The Peat Foreman P.W.D. will on request instruct peat boys or others on any of the above points that are not clear, but the essential thing is that no climbing or walking over the peat in sheds must be allowed.

Aust. Hoyle.
Executive Engineer.

No. 130/42.

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From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

MINUTE.

53

20th March, 1944.

To The Occupiers of -:

~~Government House,~~

Sullivan House,

Officers Quarters Nos. 1, 4, 5, & 6,

Admiralty Cottage,

Harbour Masters Quarters,

Agricultural Office,

Agricultural Cottage¹

CIRCULAR.

The Buildings of the occupiers to which this circular is addressed are now given as much peat as is necessary for the year and are not, as in other cases, issued with definite rations. You will appreciate that this privilege must carry with it an equal responsibility for ensuring that the peat issued is used with the greatest possible economy.

2. I enclose some notes on peat control which have been prepared by the Executive Engineer who asks you to ensure that these instructions are followed as closely as possible.


Colonial Secretary.

Points for Peat Control.

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MINUTE.

(54)

24th March, 1944.

From The Executive Engineer,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I enclose financial statement in support of, and shewing my financial requisition under various heads for the second quarter of the present year, and also a Works programme for the same period.

To follow

2. The following comments are offered in explanation of certain items on the financial statement.

- (a) Minor Works. 7. (a). Extension Agricultural Cottage.
Until today when the vote a/c book was checked a saving of 3/5d. was shewn as the final balance on this work. An error in addition in February last, makes the over-expenditure shown when corrected after checking today.
- (b) Minor Works, 7. (b) Blockmaking. The proposals in my minute of the 23rd. Inst. are not included in the statement.
- (c) Public Baths; Additional provision for the purchase of towels during present quarter.
- (d) Lights & Beacons: The S.W. is not actually a S.W. but authorised overexpenditure inserted here for convenience.
- (e) Peat Supply: My recent application was based on the average earnings of piece workers in previous weeks - 4 weeks @ £40 = £160 - weekly earnings with the fine weather and keeping lorries on nothing but peat except in most urgent cases has given for the past three weeks £33, £54 and £56 respectively.

The new requisition is made up as follows,

Wages W/e. 29. 3. 44.	11. 10. -.
Overexpenditure at 22. 3. 44.	11. 12. 4.
Foremans Wages 25.3.44. - end of June.60.	- -.
Balance for carting, stores and contingencies 25.3.44. to end of June.	126. 17. 8.
£ 310.	- -.

Some 800 loads require still to be carted.

- 4 (f) Light and Fuel: Additional provision for coke issues, and £600 to E.&E. department for street lighting.

Ruth Hoodfoot.

Executive Engineer,

P.W.D. FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF FINANCIAL REQUISITION FOR 2ND QUARTER 1944

STATEMENT ON QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE.

SUBHEADS.	1. Roads.	2. Water Service	3. Repairs etc. Govt. House.	4. Repairs etc. Govt. Bldgs.	5. Furniture Govt. House.	6. Furniture Govt. Bldgs.	7. Minor Works.	8. Public Baths.	9. Motor Transport	10. Carts & Horses.	11. Fences	12. Jetties & Sea Walls	13. Lights & Beacons	14. Peat Supply.	15. Light & Fuel.	16. Tools.	17. Drainage of Peat Banks	18. Holiday Pay.	19. Wet Time.	20. Transport of Stores.	21. Plant.
Appd.F.R. for 1st Qtr	1000	221	19	400	5	25		45.15	65	16.5	10. 8.10 18.10	10	35 20 55	490 110 600	20	20	10	50	100	20	50
Act. Exp. 1st Qtr. ending 22/3/44.	501.5.3	203.4.4	18.3.4	333.19.8	-	12.18.10		45.7.5.	59.9.11	8.19.5	18.5.10	14/2	41.15.5 611.12.4	15.18.10 6.2.2	-	48.13.4	60.19.7	4.9.-	13.6.5.		
Balance at 22/3/44	498.14.9	17.15.8	16.8	66.-4.	5	12.1. 2	See special Statement below.		7.7.	5.10.1	7.5.7. ^x	14.2.	9.5.10 13.4.7	11.12.4	4.1.2 13.17.10	10	1.6.8	39.-.5	15.11.-	36.13.	
Est. exp. 2nd Qtr.	1000 499.	221	19	400	5	25		52	65	16.5.-	10	9.5.10 13.4.7	200	725	25	10	26	90	15.11-	50.	
+F.R. for 2nd Qtr.	501-	203	18 29.	350. ⁴ 453.	-	12.10.-		52	65	10 ^x	10	-	-	210	720 ^x	12.10.-	-	25	50	-	13

* Based on assumption that balance remaining from 1st Quarter is available to be carried forward.

^x includes £600 Pub Buildings
allow for 2nd & 3rd Qtr.

STATEMENT FOR MAIN VOTE HEADS.

Appd. est. 1944	2500	830	75	1400	5	100	825	200	300	100	50	50	40	1400	800	70	30	300	150	30	150
Special Warrants.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 ^(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amended appd est. 1944	2500	830	75	1400	5	100	825	200	300	100 [?] 200?	50	50 ^{35.}	55	1400	800	70	30	300	150	30	150
Total F.R. for 1st & 2nd Qtr.	1501	424	37. 48	853. 750	5	37.10	667.1.11	97.15	130	26.5. 31.5.	28.10	10	55	810	740	32.10	10	75	150	20	29. 63.
Balance remaining on vote head at 22.6.44.	1580. 1999.	406	38. 27.	650. 547.	nil	62.10	157.18.1	102.5.	170	68.15. 79.	91.10	40 25.	nil	590	60	37.10	20	225	nil	10	87. 121.

MINOR WORKS.

7 a. Extension Agricultural Cottage.

Appd.F.R.1st Qtr. 80. - . - .

Actual Expd. 87. 1. 11.

Balance. 7. 1. 11.

Est. 2nd Qtr. Work completed -----

F.R. 2nd Qtr. -----

7 b. Blockmaking Shed.

200. - . - .

199. 11. 8.

8. 4.

7c. School Heating.

375. - . - .

223. - . 8.

351.19. 4.

+ Provisional Figures.

1. Interpolated annual part of ladder hanging pt.

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VERY URGENT.

From The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th March,

1944

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To Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

The main boiler at the Town Hall developed leaks in three or more sections on Friday evening. The boiler has been in continuous service for 28 years and on inspection all other sections were found to be badly corroded on the furnace side and very short life remains for them. Previous leaks have been temporarily patched pending the arrival of a new boiler. Now that this has arrived I recommend its installation both for efficiency and safety.

Provision was previously made for this in 1940. The cost of the new boiler is £102. 15. 5. May I have authority for this expenditure, please, at the first possible moment.

Appd & place.



Executive Engineer.

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26.3.44

Copy to Treasury for information.

(56)

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MINUTE.

29th March, 1944.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Recd 5/4
With reference to your minute of 24th March and in confirmation of
our discussion, the allocations approved under Head XIX up to the end of
the quarter ending 30th June, 1943, are as follows :-

Subhead 1 Roads	-
" 2 Water Service	£203.
" 3 Repairs etc., Govt. House.	£29.
" 4 Repairs, etc., Govt. Bldgs.	£453.
" 5 Furniture, Govt. House.	-
" 6 Furniture, Govt. Bldgs.	£12. 10s.
" 7 Minor Works.	
" 8 Public Baths.	£52.
" 9 Motor Transport	£65.
" 10 Carts & Horses	£10.
" 11 Fences.	£10.
" 12 Jetties & Sea Walls	-
" 13 Lights & Beacons	-
" 14 Peat Supply	£210.
" 15 Light & Fuel	£720.
" 16 Tools	£12. 10s.
" 17 Drainage for Peat Banks.	-
" 18 Holiday Pay	£25.
" 19 Wet Time	£50.
" 20 Transport of Stores	-
" 21 Plant	£ 14.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

No. 130/42



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27th March, 1944

From The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

In continuation of my minute of the 24th the following works programme is submitted for the 2nd quarter of the current year.

(a) Roads. A definite programme cannot be formulated in view of the transport problem. But on the assumption that one lorry will become available during the period I propose to complete Eliza Cove Road up to Callaghan Gate, following which Surf Bay Road should be repaired. The ramp roads in the Dockyard will be completed in the meantime.

With regard to the roads in the Town these are rapidly getting worse and are now almost a danger to foot traffic. As they are tar painted they can only be repaired with tarmacadam and re-tarred. The very small patching that was recently done on Ross Road cost £63 for tar alone and its benefit has now disappeared with the formation of more and larger potholes elsewhere. I estimate with tar at its present price and if obtainable it would cost between £700 and £800 for tar alone to patch and re-tar the whole of the roads previously tarred. I am quite unable to justify or recommend such an expenditure and I consider the original idea of tarring roads in the Colony was much too idealistic as the amount of traffic does not raise sufficient dust to be a nuisance. The Government is now faced with two alternatives. Either an enormous immediate expense for repairs with tar patching and a recurring expense for each future year for painting or the alternative of scarifying the existing roads (in part at least) and relaying and grading with a water bound road. There is a third alternative - the best of all - and that is to scarify the roads and put down a 6" reinforced concrete mat, but the reinforcement for this would be difficult to obtain at this stage, such a road however would remove all future cost of upkeep. I would be grateful as to which of the first two courses I am to pursue when Surf Bay Road is completed.

I put up the following proposal under roads although you may feel it should be treated as a minor work. I refer to the length of road from the War Memorial to the most westerly gate at Government House. The condition of the road here is as bad as anywhere. Its original alignment is most dangerous and with the small sheltered seat on the south side the road becomes a death trap for small children who, with their mothers, frequent the seat. The cessation of so much Army traffic has lessened the danger to vehicles themselves. I submit therefore that to repair and perpetuate the present road and its evils should not be considered but a new road built from the War Memorial and following more the line of the sea wall up to the above mentioned gate should be made and the old road torn up and planted with turf. This would then make one of the pleasantest spots in town. As to the new road, it would in part be on (comparatively) newly made up ground. Here would be the ideal spot to put down a reinforced concrete road as a small laboratory experiment for future development. For reinforcement I would use a home made mesh of barbed wire, which I feel if carefully done would answer as well as patent ~~read~~ mesh and thereby solve another future problem. I estimate the cost of forming this new road and preparing the ground for grassing at £650.

(b) Water Service. Repairs and maintenance. The Garrisons consumption is very high but this matter is being checked with a view to reducing pumping.

(c) Government House Repairs. Normal repairs and maintenance. The following works need to be done urgently but no provision has been made.

(i) Greenhouse. Cut away rotted wood work at east end and build up with concrete blocks to window level.
Cut away rotted plate on South side and replace with blocks.

£78. 0. 0.

(ii) Strip and render the foundation of the conservatory and the West end of the house. £21. 0. 0. ✓

(d) Repairs Govt. Buildings. Normal repairs and maintenance as they arise. Renew doors at the West end of the Town Hall. During the past Quarter a new cloak room and peat shed at the Infants School has been completed and light screens in the Gymnasium.

(e) Furniture Govt. House. Only very minor repairs anticipated.

(f) Furniture Govt. Bldgs. An additional F.R. may be needed when the cost of covering the furniture at the Hospital, as instructed by you, is known. The present application is for normal current repairs.

(g) Minor Works. In addition to the three items already approved, I would like authority to proceed with the installation of the Petrol tanks in the Dockyard. An expenditure of £95 was approved for last year. In view of recent experiences with the time taken by the labour gang I feel this sum should be increased to £120. The actual commencement of the work is dependent on the sealing of the tanks which the Naval Base Engineer Officer is having done as opportunity offers. I feel however the work should be given priority.

(h) Subheads 8 - 21 Normal routine expenditure.


A. H. Woodall
Executive Engineer.

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(58)

5th April, 1944.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Recd 176
on 322/30*

With reference to your minute of 31st March you are hereby authorised to incur such over-expenditure as may be necessary during the year on sub-head 5. Furniture, Government House, to effect such repairs and purchases as His Excellency may desire.

2. Similarly essential repairs and maintenance at Government House as may be approved by His Excellency must be carried out under sub-head 3. Repairs, etc., Government House.

3. In submitting your application for the quarterly financial requisition you should give details of any over-expenditure incurred and hypothecated savings under any other sub-head.

4. The roof of Government House should be repainted during His Excellency's proposed visit to Douglas Station next week.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

27th June, 1944.

(61.)

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I enclose statement in support of Financial Requisition in duplicate for the 3rd. Quarter of the current year.

You will note an increased demand for Roads, Repairs Government Buildings and Wet Time. All three heads were directly affected by the Town Hall Fire as had this not happened the current allocation for Roads would have been quite inadequate, the internal painting of the Gymnasium (not anticipated at 22. 3. 44.) would not have had to be done, and in the case of wet time the carpenters would have finished block making shed instead of doing work of rehousing displaced departments. You will observe that a Special Warrant will be necessary to meet the F.R. asked for Wet Time.

I have only shewn hypothecated savings where these are probable at this stage of the year. Several others will I hope eventually be possible.

In order to employ masons I am asking for money on two P.W.E. Votes. In both cases the estimates were prepared and first included four or five years ago and since then wages and materials have both increased 25%. While every possible precaution will be taken to keep costs down an increase of up to 50% may be anticipated.

I would invite your attention to the fact that during the 2nd Quarter this year the number of employees has risen from 43 to 55 men.

Oliver Woodall
Executive Engineer.

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MINUTE.

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4th October,

19 44.

From THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

To THE HONOURABLE,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I would draw your attention to the very damp state of the Public Works Store. I had of necessity to deposit all my plans in the Store after the Town Hall Fire and was rather alarmed at their condition when I withdrew them to my Office. Furthermore the only heating arrangements in this Store is an open grate in the Storeman's office, which to my mind is inviting disaster.

I would suggest for His Excellency's approval the installation of a central heating system using up old material and some new at a cost of £50. The Plumbers could undertake this work when nothing else of importance is required of them or when they have slack times which would normally be taken up in clearing their shop, tools, or some such unremunerative work.

John Woodall
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

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MINUTE.

(65)

5th October, 19 44.

To The Executive Engineer

From The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Ref 64
With reference to your minute of 4th October, I have to confirm
our telephone conversation to the effect that no expenditure should be
incurred in heating the Store in 1944 but that it should be done under
upkeep of Government buildings in 1945.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

17th October,

19 44. (68)

From THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

To THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Final charges have now been received from the Competent Authority covering the cost of Lorry ex U.S.A.

In order to credit "Deposits, Bulk Supplies" with this charge I attach hereto a Special Warrant for the sum of £490. 7s. Od. arrived at as follows:-

Cost of Lorry	£526. 0s. 0d.
Balance available of Vote 8/3.	35. 13s. 0d.

SPECIAL WARRANT. £490. 7s. 0d.

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Signed

Dick Goodall
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

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MINUTE.

18th October, 1944.

From THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To THE HONOURABLE,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

Recd 6/1
In continuation of paragraph 4 of my minute of the 27th June, 1944 the provision in the Estimates for the erection of Wash-houses for the Police Cottages will not be sufficient. Will you please say whether all work should stop when funds are expended pending additional provision in 1945 or whether a Special Warrant may be issued now.

For your information one wash-house is completed and the foundations and copper bases of the remaining two virtually so. This represents approximately one half of the work yet to be completed.

The Balance available on the vote is £60.



EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

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To C.I.C.Treasury,
Copy for your information. MINUTE.

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

19th October, 1944.

To The Executive Engineer,

STANLEY.

Q90 With reference to your minute of 16th October, I understand that a further £60 is required for the Police Cottage wash-houses under Head XX/2. I presume that the cause of this is under-estimation. Clearly the work must be finished and you are authorised to over-spend this Sub-head up to a maximum of £60. A Special Warrant may be applied for in December for the net over-expenditure under the Sub-head quoting the saving under Sub-head I.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

24th November,

44.

(78a)

Executive Engineer,

General Foreman,

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

In setting out the following general programme and directive for the Department during my absence on leave I do so with a view of helping you. From our past mutual experience of the many difficulties that beset the carrying out of any planned programme, a lot of my suggestions may result in mere wishful thinking and, therefore, I would here and now make it clear that I realise you must have a free hand and act on your own good judgement in the end.

2. Generally. You will be in sole charge of the Department and are directly responsible to the Governor, through the usual channels. I fully anticipate that you will receive endless proposals, suggestions and "bright ideas" from outside the Department, but your adoption or consideration of them should be made on their merits and not because of the seniority or position of anyone making the proposals.

Mr. Mills will act as foreman of Works and the other sub-foreman and charge hands will continue their present functions unchanged.

In order to help me to pick up the threads on my return I would be most grateful if you would keep, or have kept, some form of daily journal giving particularly any rulings or precedents and if necessary a cross reference to any minute or M.M.

3. Finance. The necessary funds in order to keep the works going will, I anticipate, be your biggest problem as it has been mine. The Financial Requisition for the rest of the present year should about last, but great care will be needed and some works may have to be deferred. Additional money for peat supply, if necessary, must be obtained.

The Financial Requisition for the next quarter will be easier and should be based on the provisional programme that follows. It should be sent in about this and no balances from this year are included.

4. Stores. The Store should shut for stocktaking for the last seven days of the year and in order to produce the U.A.S. balance sheet set out as laid down by Secretary of State. As from 1st January, 1945 the value of stores sold and purchased and on hand should be kept from day to day and a (say) weekly balance drawn; this will avoid the colossal annual task that now arises in January.

Local purchases should be kept to absolute essentials. A watch must be kept on the machinery, earmarked from Army stocks, as otherwise they may be sold elsewhere.

5. Programme of Works. The order shewn will have to depend on circumstances and in the case of 1944 will have to be dependent on finance.

Trades.	1944	1945
1. Carpenters	Hut for Dependencies.	(a) Repair, especially gates, cutters, windows and wash- houses.

		(b) Bedroom, Marine East.
		(c) Meteorological Station.
		(d) Maids' Room, Hospital.
		(e) Jetties.
		(f) Travelling "doss house".
2. Painters	(a) Painting Dockyard buildings. (b) General maintenance, painting buildings generally.	(a) Painting Dockyard buildings. <u>1 9 4 5</u>
3. Masons	(a) Drain from Government House Cowshed and Pavilion. (b) Drain, South side of Callaghan Road. (c) Piles for Fox Bay.	
4. Plumbers	(a) Clean out boilers and cylinders, Government Quarters and buildings. (b) Complete heating scheme in Block Shed.	
5. Labour Gang	(a) Peat supply. (b) Assistance 2 (a), 3 (b) and (c) above. (c) Sea Wall from Harbormaster's Quarters to Jetty. (d) Complete road in Dockyard. (e) Cleaning filters as needed (Mr. Mills). (f) Pulling down Tussee Point Hut.	

In the event of demobilisation taking place during the period under review, then the additional men should be formed into road gangs and these gangs once established should not, except in most exceptional circumstances, be drawn on for any other work. Overalls will be provided and wet time will therefore not arise. The order of work should be:

- (i) Canopus Road from Hodson Villas to Surf Bay.
- (ii) Ross Road from "First and Last" to Sullivan House.

Any foreman, charge hand or skilled worker will be given his old job in P.W.D. even though this means displacing a man who has been carrying on during the war. As far as possible no new charge hands should be appointed, but use made of the present masons etc. If it is necessary to appoint anyone it must be a temporary arrangement and the man so informed.

If there is a time lag between demobilisation and commencing road programme then the men could either work on the new Sea Wall (5 (c)) or commence quarrying stone at Charles Point. If the latter is done it should be on "piece work" rates and only selected stone shipped. I suggest Braxton be sent out for a week to shew them the sort and shape of stone wanted.

6. It is superfluous to tell you that P.W.D. is the main target of all criticisms within the Government, despite our best endeavours. With your help and the co-operation of all the staff we have now reached a standard of efficiency that can at least withstand genuine criticism with impunity. In your good hands I leave the Department confidently knowing we shall not go backwards.

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5th December, 1944.

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From THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To THE HONOURABLE,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

STANLEY.

In continuation of my minute of the 27th October, 1944,
Recd 75.
I append hereto a Special Warrant for the sum of £25. 18. 9.,
under Head XIX Public Works Recurrent, subhead 9 Upkeep of Motor
Transport covering overhaul of the Morris Lorry.

I would add that this subhead is now practically exhausted
and while every effort will be made to carry on until the end of
the year this may not prove possible.

S.W. submitted

Must. Goodfellow
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

Copy to Treasury for information.

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19 44.

19th December,

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer-in-Charge,

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

In confirmation of our interview of today, you are authorised to incur minimum over expenditure necessary on the various subheads of Head XIII on the "basis discussed" in order to meet essential charges between now and the 31st December.

2. We will hold a further discussion on the 29th December with a view to preparing the necessary Special Warrants on the three heads of Public Works expenditure for the year.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.