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(Formerly)

SUBJECT:

PUBLICWORKS DEPARTMENT

Major Works out to Contract in the United Kingdom.

KIV VOL I IS NOT TO LEAVE THE OFFICE (EXCEPT MR WEIR)

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

0825/J
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Imported Artisans
Repair and Maintenance Govt. Buildings.

BROADCAST GIVEN BY HON. COL. SEC. on 12. 8. 54.

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Good evening, everybody. Most of you probably heard the announcement last Friday night asking for offers of accommodation for a dozen artisans who are being recruited by Government in the United Kingdom. In actual fact, however, accommodation will be required later on for an appreciably larger number of workmen and this evening I want to tell you a little more about the work which has to be done in and around Stanley and the reasons for all this outside recruitment.

There are a number of major public works in the Colony which have to be tackled in the near future and which are long overdue. I will list them briefly and then go on to explain them in rather more detail.

Firstly, there is the Stanley improvements scheme or, as it is sometimes known, the Major Works Programme. Secondly, most of the Government houses and buildings are very badly in need of repairs and maintenance. And thirdly, it is proposed to construct a light vehicle track between Stanley and Fitzroy Bridge.

As regards the Major Works Programme, this covers the repairs to the Town Roads, the extension, improvement and purification of the town water supply and the extension and improvement of the town drainage and sewerage system. Just over a year ago detailed plans were made for putting this programme into effect and the best solution was thought to be to try and interest a firm of contractors in the United Kingdom in taking on the whole work. Unfortunately none were interested and Government decided that it must therefore tackle the job itself by recruiting its own labour - and, in view of the nature of the tasks and the expenditure involved, by appointing a qualified engineer to supervise the programme. Government accordingly indented for such an officer nearly a year ago, offering an attractive salary, but the Colonial Office have to-date failed to ^{find a} ~~interest any~~ suitable candidate.

It is now felt that we cannot afford to wait any longer and

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that a start must be made with such resources as we can lay our hands on. AS a result Mr. Barton and Mr. K. Luxton, members of Executive Council and Legislative Council respectively, have been briefed to try and recruit while they are in England a foreman and gang to make a start on the Town Roads, since these roads are deteriorating annually and in consequence will become progressively more expensive to repair. ^{Another} ~~Again,~~ ^{reason for making a start now is that} Major Pape, the Water Engineer whose very able report Government has had no hesitation in adopting, stated that whether or not we liked his scheme we would have to take some early action, ^{since} ~~as~~ our present heavily corroded water pipes would only last about another 4 or 5 years. AS regards the improvement and extension of the Town drainage and sewerage system this is also an urgent commitment and has been pressed for by both medical and civic authorities for a long time.

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Extract from Broadcast made by H.C.S. on 12. 8. 54.

(Original filed in 0326 - Broadcasts by H.C.S.)

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The question then arises "where will the labour come from for all these different schemes?" Contractors blithely inform me that they can get 30 or 40 men and start in straight away. That I can well believe particularly if the contract wages offered are sufficiently tempting, but the fact is that not only is there virtually full employment in the Colony at present but there is actually a definite shortage of labour, even under normal conditions, and as an example, last season, the Farms calculated that they were 85 men short.

Thus any local gang numbering 30 - 40 can only be obtained

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by inducing a number of men to leave existing employment on the farms, with Government, or with other regular employers of labour in Stanley. If they are taken from the farms we will soon kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, for if the sheep industry is disrupted, the money to pay for these works will not be forthcoming. If they are taken from the Government, then essential services in the Town will be disorganised. And it is no use tackling the Stanley Roads with a gang of much less than 30 men or by the time you get to the end of Ross Road you will need to start turning back and repairing what they have already done.

No - the only solution is to import that number of labourers and artisans which is essential to supplement local resources and to tide us over this period of extraordinarily heavy building and other commitments both in Stanley and the Camp for as you know for several seasons past most of the contractors have been fully occupied on the farms during the summer. And while on this subject I wish to make it quite clear that there is no question of vicitimizing local contractors and labour, or ^{of} doing anyone out of a job. Importation of labour is both costly and speculative and I can assure you that Government has no wish to bring in more than the bare essential minimum for the shortest period possible. I wish therefore to ^{re-iterate} ~~make it~~ quite clear that these imported men are intended to supplement local resources and that there will be plenty of work for all, both in the construction of roads and in the repair and maintenance of buildings, provided that the applicants are capable of doing a decent job of work.

Finally I come to the question of accommodation for these imported men whose number~~s~~ may reach 60 - made up roughly of a road gang of 40, 12 artisans and 8 labourers - the last named to assist the artisans and perform general duties. Efforts to obtain accommodation facilities in the Naval Wireless Station have unfortunately proved unsuccessful and unless private billeting can be arranged it will be necessary to construct

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special quarters. This will not only prove costly but will cause a further delay in the start of the programme, to the frustration of Government and public alike.

It has however been suggested to me by one of the leading citizens in Stanley that the public are anxious to see these repairs and improvements carried out as expeditiously as possible and would be prepared to make a special effort to take in these imported men as lodgers. He cited the instance of up to 2,000 troops being billeted here in the emergency of the war and considered that in comparison 50 or 60 men would be a mere flea bite. I very much hope that this is so and if it is, those persons who are prepared to co-operate would not only be undertaking a definite public service but would also greatly simplify the task of the Administration in tackling this somewhat formidable programme. I therefore ask any member of the public who is prepared to make a firm offer to take in one or more of these lodgers to be so good as to forward his or her name to the Acting Superintendent of Works before the end of August.

In conclusion, I should ^{mention} ~~like to emphasise~~ that all these men are being carefully selected personally by responsible officers and that there is no reason to suppose that any of them will prove ^{to be} either unwelcome or unsatisfactory lodgers.

Goodnight everybody,

In 004/II → ^{ACD} see (12) when he office. the reduced rates ^{to be} ^{Chairman LAB.} ^{need in} Have we a record of mentioned at
x/ ? ^{14/3}

Original filed in 0326 - Broadcasts by
Colonial Secretary.

CCW

Statement to be read by News Reader (Miss G. Howlands)
directly after Colonial Secretary's talk on Friday,
15th August, 1954.

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You have just been listening to a rebroadcast of a talk given by the Honourable Mr. G. Campbell on the subject of Major Public Works in the Colony and the provision of accommodation for imported labour.

Arising out of this talk two queries have already been addressed to Government. One regarding the nationality of the workmen and the other concerning the board and lodging rates payable, and I am authorised to reply as follows:-

All the 60 workmen at present being recruited will be British. Should it prove impossible to recruit a sufficient number of suitable Britishers then foreign sources will be tried. But, if foreign labour has to be brought in, the public will be given prior information and the whole question of accommodation will be reviewed.

As regards board and lodging rates Government is not paying the board and lodging of these workmen. They will do so themselves out of their earnings as is the usual practice with other importees, and it is assumed that householders would charge the normal lodging rates prevailing in Stanley at present.

Any offers of accommodation to the Acting Superintendent of Works should therefore be accompanied by a statement of the rates which will be charged.

A.C.S.
153³. Pl. see Ex. Co. ruling 463
at 42 in 161/46 att. Chairman, L.A.B.
has seen. Pl see
#2 in 161/46.
S.M.
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25th August,

54.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

Accommodation for Imported Artisans & Labour.

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I am directed to inform you that the response to recent appeals for offers of accommodation for imported labour has been very poor and Government must therefore consider the question of constructing special quarters or adapting existing buildings.

2. One place which suggests itself as suitable for adaptation as temporary quarters is the Gymnasium and I am to request the early views of your Council as to whether you foresee any insuperable objections to this course. The Posts and Telegraphs Offices could return to the Curator's room, the Labour Federation could find or be found alternative temporary accommodation and some or all of the social activities which take place in the Gymnasium could be transferred to the Town Hall. The Falkland Islands Defence Force might even be able to offer some facilities for the social clubs in the Drill Hall.

3. In debating this matter I am to request that you will bear in mind the fact that the importation of this labour is entirely for the benefit of the population of Stanley.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(S.S.) G. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Bu 6/9.

Reply at ~~132~~ 132a.

The Chairman,
Stanley Town Council,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 26.8.54 Time: 1534 Received: 27.8.54 Time: 0845

CONFIDENTIAL. Addressed to Governor of Kenya No 975 repeated to Governor of the Falkland Islands, No 154. My Savingram Priority No 1132 not repeated.

Vacancy Civil Engineer Falkland Islands. I shall be grateful to learn whether Roberts has accepted.

SECRETARY OF STATE

See 132 ^{NA.}
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Pr see (5) (52) + (59)
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Thankyou
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Bu 4/9

Bu. (well)
3/8

6th September,

54.

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131aConfidential.

To: Acting Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Construction of Camp quarters.

As it may be necessary to construct Camp quarters for the road gang and other imported labourers, I am to request that you will prepare a plan of the Camp and list the materials which will be required and which cannot easily be constructed and obtained locally together with a rough estimate of cost.

2. You should bear in mind

- (a) That the best site is probably the old Artillery Camp.
- (b) That upwards of 40 men may have to be accommodated and this number will include a proportion of skilled men.
- (c) That all bedding and household equipment will have to be provided.

(sgd) C. Campbell
Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

From W.E. the Governor, Nairobi, Kenya.

To W.E. the Governor, Falklands.

Despatched : 6th September, 1954 Time 1920

Received : 7th September, 1954 Time : 0845

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No 984. CONFIDENTIAL. Addressed to Secretary of State requested Governor of the Falkland Islands, No 364. Your telegram No 975 Vacancy Civil Engineer, Falkland Islands. R.A. Roberts.

Person named states owing lapse of time since he was interviewed he assumed other arrangements had been made to fill the post and has therefore accepted a revised contract appointment with City Council Nairobi. He is grateful for consideration but regrets in the circumstances he must decline the offer.

GOVERNOR, NAIROBI.

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The Town Council of Stanley

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(CONSTITUTED 1947)

[TELEPHONE 117]

Town Council Office,
Town Hall,
Stanley,



The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

September 7th. 1954.

Sir,

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~~II~~ In reply to your letter of 25th. August I am directed to inform you that the Town Council discussed the matter of accommodation for imported labour at a meeting held on Monday, September 6th. and are willing to place the Gymnasium at the disposal of the Government to be used for this purpose.

I am to request that the Council be given some two or three months warning to enable them to vacate the building in sufficient time for it to be taken over by the Government.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Martin W. H. Biggs

Town Clerk.

ACS
memo now filed
at 6 hours

See where is my recent memo. to
regarding a camp

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See see (7) 132a

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I have understood Sec to at (4) to
 go into the Camp question & I propose
 asking him to put up alternative
 plans at the Bym. The advantage
 of the Bym is that we might be
 able to arrange outside messing, as
 it is so central of this would save
 us a lot of worry & difficulty.

Good. Thank you

WJG

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Ap. Sec. informs verbally.

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As. 20/9

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(132) from Governor. Nairobi is pretty shocking. The history as we know it is as follows

- (91) In March, Roberts to be interviewed in Kenya
- (103) 2 May. suitable candidate dropped out. Further candidate (? Roberts) being interviewed.
- (118) June. Co. telephones [unclear] about Roberts' credentials.
- (129) August. Offer apparently already made to Roberts & Co. enquiries regarding his acceptance.

2) Co. were probably thrown out of step when the suitable candidate dropped out in May but I cannot help feeling that they have been dictators.

Oh. Dear!

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Won't the S/S. communicate further with us about Roberts? If so we'd better hold our fire till we hear what he's got to say.

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Bv. 1 week

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Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of Executive Council
held 14th September, 1954.

0825/I/II.

2. Arising out of previous Minutes.

(1) Recruitment of Engineer and labour for Major
works programme.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary informed
Members that the post of Engineer had been offered to and
refused by a Mr. Roberts, and that Mr. Barton has not yet
managed to obtain a road foreman and gang.

Whittle

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

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H.C.S.

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I have been lookin' into the matter of billets, the road gang.
 We spoke re. Gym. versus R.A. camp, & although this is urgent, I
 think we have missed the most urgent problem namely beds -
 bedding - crockery - cutlery, linen etc.

It would perhaps be an unwise investment to obtain or
 indent for these things until we are certain that we are going
 to get a gang, but we must bear in mind that if we do - then
 we should need these commodities before the gang's arrival.

I find that we have single army beds as follows. 19 loaned to
 Marines - 12 loaned to Fids. - 2 to C.D.W. personell, & 1 in store:
 a total of 34. We have no single mattresses or ~~blankets~~ biscuits,
 but plenty of pillows. Neither have we crockery or cutlery. It is
 possible that F.I.D.F., or Cathedral authorities may possess these
 things for loan or hire.

It would perhaps be advisable to instruct C.O.'s. to purchase
 Ex. H.D. beds - biscuits, & blankets for despatch as soon as there
 is any indication that the required gang can be recruited, & if
 crockery etc. cannot be obtained locally, then we would have
 to get these for you ^{from N.I.}
 Your early ~~instructions~~ ^{instructions} would be appreciated.

ag. s/w.
 h.h. 14/9.



ag. s/w. I had not overlooked this
 problem & that is the reason why I have
 asked you to consider the whole question &
 list our requirements. What has the hospital
 got in the way of surplus beds & bedding?

- 1) What do the Marines & F.I.D.F. do about blankets mattresses
 or ~~blankets~~.
- 2) We will discuss further on Saturday.



H.C.S.

My apologies for & above.

I wrote this in the evening, after my return from the post bank, &
 picking up your memo 0285/1. Next morning with a view to looking
 into the matter of billets, in the Gym., found that you had mentioned
 the subject in (C) of that memo.

ag. s/w.
 h.h. 16/9.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 21 August, 1954.

No. 114 Saving CONFIDENTIAL



126 by Priority Confidential telegram No. 145.

Vacancy for Civil Engineer .

Particulars of Mr. R.A. Roberts are as follows:-

Roy Allenby Roberts.

Born 26th September, 1919. Married, one child.

Education:

County Grammar School, Gillingham, Kent. 5/1930 - 5/1936.

Qualifications

Testamur of Institution of Municipal Engineers 1948 in subjects Roads and Road construction. Sewerage and Sewage disposal: Local Government Law and Administration: Building Construction and Quantities, Public Cleansing, Water Supply. A.R.I.Mun.E. 1948.

Experience

Articled Pupil, Borough of Chatham 5/1936 - 7/1939.
Engineering Assistant, Borough of Romford 7/1939 - 10/1946.

/Engineering

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Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of.....

Date.....

No..... Saving

Engineering Assistant, Borough of Wansted and Woodford 11/1946 -
3/1947

Engineering Assistant, Borough of Dagenham 3/1947 - 12/1947

Senior Assistant, Borough of Dagenham 1/1948 - 3/1949

Assistant Engineer, City Council of Nairobi 3/1949 - 1/1954

Chief Assistant Engineer, City Council of Nairobi 1/1954 - to date.

War Service

9/1940 - 11/1945.

Person named was interviewed by the D.P.W. Kenya on 8th April, 1954 and reported as follows:-

"Mr. Roberts is a presentable young man with a good social manner and plenty of self assurance.

He is not fully qualified, but appears to have had a good technical training in those subjects allied to Municipal Engineering; he has however had little experience of structural design. His technical ability is well spoken of by members of the Public Works Department drainage staff who have had dealings with him in connection with Drainage and Sewage disposal works in Nairobi Municipality.

I consider that he is technically competent to fill the position."

Mr. Roberts has been to the Falkland Islands: his father was Mr. G. Roberts, Director of Public Works, Falklands from 1925 to 1938.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of

Date

No. Saving

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A copy of the Savinggram to Governor Kenya requesting him to offer the appointment to Mr. Roberts and a copy of the offer of appointment are enclosed for your information.

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I will keep you informed of developments.

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CDE/P.4665

3 AUG 1954

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd to inform you that he has pleasure in offering you temporary appointment to the Colonial Service as a Civil Engineer in the Falkland Islands. The actual terms of your service, a summary of which is set out in the enclosed statement, will be laid down in the agreement which you will be asked to sign with the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, London.

2. If you wish to accept this offer of appointment on these conditions you are asked to inform the Governor of Kenya in writing. He will then make the necessary arrangements for you to be medically examined. Subject to the medical report proving satisfactory, the Governor will later make the necessary arrangements to provide you and your family with free passages to the United Kingdom when the date on which you will be required to leave this country for the Falkland Islands is known. On your arrival in the United Kingdom, you will be required to consult the Crown Agents regarding various aspects of your duties in the Falkland Islands. In the event that you accept this offer, I am to inform you that your services are required most urgently in the Falkland Islands and it is hoped that you will be prepared to leave Kenya at an early date. Your appointment would take effect from the date of your departure from Kenya.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Sgd. F. R. FAIRCLOUGH

R. A. ROBERTS, ESQ.

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16 SEP 1954
FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

Conditions of Service attaching to the temporary appointment of Civil Engineer in the Falkland Islands (for the Falklands Development Plan).

1. Appointment. The appointment is non-pensionable and will be for a period of three years. It will be subject to the Colonial Regulations and to the local General Orders in force for the time being, in so far as they are applicable. A copy of Colonial Regulations (Part I) is enclosed.
2. Salary. The salary is at the rate of £1,600 per annum (fixed). Half salary of the appointment will be paid from the date of departure from Kenya, and full salary from the date of arrival in the Colony. During the period of detention in the United Kingdom the cost of board and lodging for yourself and your family would be met from Falkland Islands Government funds.
3. Allowances.
 - (i) An overseas allowance is payable at the rate of £200 per annum.
 - (ii) No cost of living allowance is at present payable in the Falkland Islands.
4. Quarters. Quarters, equipped with basic furniture, will be provided at the rate of 5% of salary. Fuel is not provided, but can be obtained at approximately £50 per annum. The officer should take linen, cutlery and blankets etc., with him.
5. Leave. Vacation leave on full salary will be granted at the rate of 4 days a month in respect of each completed month of resident service in the Colony, to be taken on the satisfactory completion of the period of the officer's engagement.
6. Passages. Free passages from Kenya to the Falkland Islands via the United Kingdom will be provided for the officer, his wife and children, not exceeding the cost of 3½ adult fares in all, on first appointment, and free passages back on the satisfactory completion of the period of the officer's engagement.
7. Medical Attendance. Free medical attendance and medicines are provided for the officer, his wife and family whilst resident in the Colony.
8. Duties. The duties will include construction of a new water supply for Stanley and reconstruction of the Island's road and sewerage systems, together with general maintenance of a civil engineering nature.
9. General Information. General information as to the conditions and cost of living in the Falkland Islands is contained in the accompanying prints. Government officers are liable to taxation imposed by local enactments.

COLONIAL OFFICE,

August, 1954.



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PRIORITY

S A V I N G

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of KENYA

DATE 4 ^{AUG} July, 1954.

No. 1132 Saving.

CONFIDENTIAL

Your savingram No. 569/54 of the 27th April.

Vacancy for Civil Engineer, Falkland Islands.

I should be grateful if the enclosed letter to Mr. R.A. Roberts, offering him the above appointment on temporary terms to the Colonial Service, may be forwarded to him care of P.O. Box 651, Nairobi. Extra copies of the letter are enclosed for your information.

2. If Mr. Roberts accepts the offer, I should be grateful if you would arrange for him to be medically examined (including a chest X-ray) and would inform me by telegraph whether the medical report is satisfactory and, if so, the earliest date by which he could arrive in the United Kingdom.

3. The passage position between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands is difficult and, to avoid Mr. Roberts being unduly delayed in the United Kingdom en route for the Colony, it would be advisable for me to arrange the onward journey from the United Kingdom before any firm arrangements are made for him to leave Kenya. When I have an estimate of the date by which Mr. Roberts could arrive in this country, I would then advise you of the onward passage arrangements I am able to make and would ask you to arrange passages for him and his family from Kenya to the United Kingdom accordingly.

4. The cost of the passages and any costs incurred in connection with the medical examination will be recoverable from Falkland Island Government funds through the Crown Agents in London.

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(124)

We have never had a specific reply since cv (126) ^{S/S} they thought they had got Roberts. Roberts failed to make a case vide (132) & at (133) we a/c. from S/S.

2) S/S has not even bothered to comment on the Roberts fiasco & there seems little point in pursuing the matter. I suggest we return now to (124) & request a reply.

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What about telegraphing

Gov. K./tel 984/of 6/9/

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is not now decept! which is ~~most~~ disappointing! 0

I should be grateful for your advice requested in (124). " ^{mytel 215}

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ACL Issue as above
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(5) & (7) 132a

At an S.F.C. meeting this subject arose and Mr. Hardy was vociferous in opposing the use of the Gymnasium and considered it quite wrong to deprive the public of this amenity. He proposed canvassing Leg. Co. to oppose it en bloc.

2. However one member of Leg. Co. is Mr. S. Luxton who was one of the Town Councillors who agreed to the Gymnasium being used and the Camp Members may well feel that Stanley inhabitants could suffer a little inconvenience to get their roads mended.

Basically also the matter is of no direct concern of Leg. Co.

3. Despite the sneaking feeling that Mr. Hardy is prepared to disagree with the Town Council whenever possible, I feel sure that the public will be very sorry to lose the Gymnasium even temporarily.

4. I am myself not keen on appropriating it, but the alternative is expensive building and the advantage of the Gymnasium is that it may only be required temporarily since Stanley inhabitants may well agree to lodge the road gang once they have had a look at them.

5. Mr. McWhan suggested that if we built accommodation for the gang it should be with a view to using the buildings as a permanent hostel after the gang have left. The hostel would accommodate F.I.D.S. and other stray bachelors (floating imported farm labour etc.) and would ease the local housing situation considerably since a lot of the present congestion is caused by lodgers.

6. This is an attractive idea but

(a) Will we ever get anyone to run it? and

(b) What will be the cost? Assuming we build something on the lines of a Camp Cookhouse the following are figures supplied by Mr. Creece.

Cookhouse for 12 men Port Stephens	£11,000
Bunkhouse (without galley) for 40 men, Goose Green	£22,000.

7. Again on the subject of camp construction I feel we must take into consideration that the gang may not agree to be billeted indefinitely in Nissen Huts.

8. As I feel we must be prepared in advance it might be prudent to take the opportunity of Mr. Gilruth's Leg. Co. visit to discuss in Ex. Co. I suggest also Mr. Cameron's attendance might be optional.

As in §8
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AS 20 Feb 1948
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 22.10.54 Time: 1615 Received: Time:

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No 273. Your Savingram No 114. It appears from Governor of Kenya's telegram No 984 of 6th September that Roberts will not now accept which is disappointing. I should be grateful for your advice requested in my telegram No 215.

GOVERNOR

Reply 143

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Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of Executive Council
held 25th October, 1954.

0825/J.

5. Accommodation for labour force.

It was decided to defer the question of accommodation for the road gang until the type and nationality of the labourers was known.

Whittle

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Bu 6/12

Chamber

Extract from Minutes of Informal Meeting held ^{in Council} ~~at Government~~ House on 26/10/54.

(Original filed in 0562/3 - Leg. Co. Minutes of Informal Meetings).

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1. Accommodation for Labour Force.

His Excellency explained that until the nationality of the labourers for the road programme was known, the question of accommodation must be deferred.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 26.10.54 Time: 1915 Received: 27.10.54 Time: 0845

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CONFIDENTIAL. No 188. Your telegram No 273. Civil Engineer.

I regret efforts to fill this post have so far been fruitless. Some ex-serving officers have been lately approached but it has not proved possible to interest them. D.B.O'Shea late D.D.P.W.Nyasaland and A.P.Weir D.D.P.W. Hong Kong now on leave prior to retirement are being approached.

If neither of these are interested on present terms I will address you further.

SECRETARY OF STATE

The tone of this above is slightly apologetic & with it may be. We must await a further communication.

H.A. (142)
Re 20 (143). They have still not answered on (124) specifically but I sup do not think we should harass them further for the present.

BU 10/11

28 Dec 1954 ORA

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Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of Executive Council
held 25th October, 1954.

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2. ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

(i) Road Engineer.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary reported that the Colonial Office were still unable to recruit an Engineer.

Whittle

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 4.12.54

Time: 1030

Received: 45.12.54

Time: ¹¹⁵⁰~~0845~~

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CONFIDENTIAL. No 206. Your telegram No 215 and my telegram No 188 Circular.

DD.Pa.

A.P.Weir has expressed interest in post but only for short tour. I shall be grateful to learn whether tours could be reduced to 1 year and 18 months and also whether 2 short tours would be necessary.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Reply 150

See 153

*I have postponed
reply until after ExCo.
as we will be reviewing
our major work policy based
on the Barlow's report.*

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM HON. MR. H. C. HARDING, J.P.
TO HON. COL. SEC. OF 3. 12. 54.

(Original filed in 1636 - Revision of Pay, Allowances etc
for Stanley workers).

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4. German Road Gang. The importation of a German road gang to repair the Stanley roads now appears to be the only solution. These men will have to be housed in separate quarters, probably of the Wissen Hut type, and I think it important that someone who knows conditions in the Colony should select the type of huts sent out.

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order of work
see map

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7. Major Works Engineer and Gang.

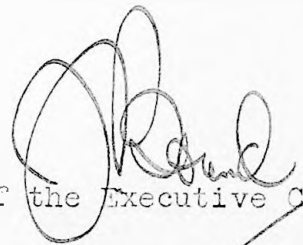
(a) Road Engineer.

Honourable Members agreed that the prospective British candidate (Mr. Weir) should be offered appointment for a short period in the first place.

(b) Labour Gang.

Council advised that a gang of 20 - 25 Germans to include a foreman, lorry driver, artisans etc. should be recruited through Mr. W. Cordier.

Further action on 0825/3 -
Importation of German labour
for Major Works.



Clerk of the Executive Council.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 16.12.54 Time: 15.0 Received: Time:

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No 207. Your telegram No 206. A.P.Weir. One tour only of 18 months should be sufficient and suggest that second tour should be subject for mutual negotiation when progress of work can be gauged.

2. I would agree if necessary to initial tour of one year but would much prefer eighteen months.

GOVERNOR

[Signature] See 152 + 153

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 21.12.54 Time: 1600 Received: Time:

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No 312. My telegram No 307. A.P.Weir. If person named appointed ~~gr~~ateful he be directed to call at Crown Agents before sailing and supervise ordering of material and equipment required to implement Major Pape's water supply scheme for Stanley (your Savingram No 126 Colony refers).

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I am asking Crown Agents to arrange also for him to meet Major Pape.

GOVERNOR

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26th February, 55.

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Major Works Engineer.

Mr. Weir ex Deputy Director Public Works Hong Kong has been selected for the post of Major Works Engineer and arrives here on March 12th. He will be in charge of the planning, direction and supervision of the major works programme and will in no way be concerned with matters of routine public works which remain under your supervision and control.

It is inevitable however that the two jobs will overlap and interlock and that he will look to you for much assistance from the Public Works Department Office and works organization. It will therefore be necessary for you to work in close liaison with him and to afford him such assistance as you can. He in turn will be expected to give you such assistance as you require.

It may well be that additional clerical assistance will be needed either in his office or in yours and, at least initially, he will require a guide to show him round the various installations.

Could you please consider the implications of his imminent arrival and discuss with me the dispositions which you think should be made. You should also discuss the accounting aspect with the Colonial Treasurer.

(Sgd) C. Campbell.
Colonial Secretary.

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STANLEY MAJOR WORKS PROGRAMME.

It is learnt that Mr. A. F. Weir, a Civil Engineer and an ^{Deputy} ex-Director of Public Works in Hong Kong, has been appointed to carry out the Stanley Major Works Programme. Mr. Weir is expected to arrive in the Colony by the next "Fitzroy" about 12th March.

copy sent to news reader

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19th March,

55.

To: The Civil Engineer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Major Works Programme.

This confirms the various points we discussed to-day:-

(1) Water Supply.

- (a) You will indent for all materials and equipment required to implement Major Pape's report and check any indents already forwarded (I doubt if there are any)
- (b) In due course you will examine with the Superintendent of Works the possibility of a start being made on some of the unskilled or semiskilled work with the use of contract labour.
- (c) You will arrange with the Superintendent of Works for work to start when possible on the building to house the filtration plant.
- (d) You will check with the Superintendent Power House the arrangements for a supply of power to the filtration plant.
- (e) You will submit for approval any modification of the Pape scheme which you may wish to recommend e.g. length of piping, route of pipe line, retention of Mount William reserve supply etc.
- (f) You will prepare revised estimates for the Scheme as soon as practicable.

(2) Major Works General.

- (a) You will peruse the papers on this subject.
- (b) You will visit the site, check the plans and make final arrangements for constructing and equipping the German labour camp.
- (c) You will check all machinery already ordered for the Programme together with outstanding indents and place indents for such additional equipment and materials as may be required.
- (d) You will plan a scheme, supported by estimates, for the repairs and renovation of the Stanley roads, drains, sewers, and pavements based on tar-sprayed water-bound roads with cement stretches where necessary. Your plan should include any recommendations you may wish to make regarding compulsory acquisition of land.

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- (e) You should keep in mind the need to fit power and telephone cable extensions into the ordered sequence of repair work.
 - (f) You will check the composition of the German labour gang and advise if any variation is necessary.
3. You will discuss with the Colonial Treasurer the accounting procedure to be adopted with particular reference to the Colonial Development and Welfare grants.
 4. You will examine the Falkland Islands Company road diversion agreement and plan the diversion and make any necessary recommendations for safeguarding Government's interests.
 5. You will at all times maintain close liaison with the Superintendent of Works with particular reference to the use of the facilities of his Department.

G. CAMPBELL

Colonial Secretary.

C. C. /LJE.

(Handwritten initials)

No. *0254/12*

MEMORANDUM.

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



25th March 19 55

To Hon Colonial Secretary

Civil Engineer

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Indents for essential Construction Plant.

In order to prepare Indents I attach a draft cable to the Crown Agents for the purpose of obtaining quotations

A.P. Weir
(A.P. Weir)
Civil Engineer.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	C.A. Regn. No. Falkland Islands	6817	should be quoted on all correspondence relating to this	26.3.55
To	indent.			
	GROWN LONDON			HOA/C

PLEASE CABLE FOR QUOTATIONS AND DELIVERY DATES FOLLOWING GROUP FOUR PLANT ONE
 AVELING TRENCH CUTTING MACHINE WITH CONVERSION SET STOP SIX NUMBER WILLIAM JONES
 SEVEN STROKE FIVE AND SIX NUMBER TEN STROKE SEVEN PNEUMATIC TORBINS STOP ONE PETROL
 FLEXIBLE INTERNAL VIBRATOR ARLAN OR EQUAL STOP ONE POWER RAMMER WARSON BEING OR PEGSON
 STOP TWO NUMBER AVELING THREE YARD DOMERS WITH GAS OR DIESEL MOTOR, TEN B ACCEPTABLE
 STOP HALF YARD DIESEL CHASESIDE SHOVEL WITH CRANE ATTACHMENT AND BULLDOZER / ALTERNAT-
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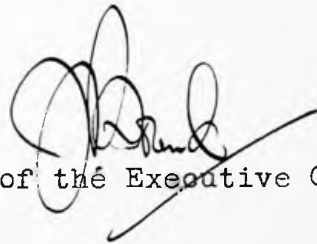
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held 7th April, 1955.

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4. MAJOR WORKS PROGRAMME.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary reported that the arrangements for recruiting a German gang were proceeding satisfactorily and that it was hoped with the help of Mr. Young to get out the advance party in June and the remainder a month or two later.



Clerk of the Executive Council.