

C.S.

Departmental
(Govt. House)

1934

No.

21/34

H.E. The Governor

SUBJECT.

1934

2nd February

Previous Paper.

Handing over of control of Government House Gardens to Agricultural Dept.

MINUTES.

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Minutes from H.E. the Governor of 2/2/34.

Agric. House.

To note H.E.'s instructions please. Will you kindly suggest a convenient date for the matter to come into operation.

MCH

3. 2. 34

The Hon. Col. Sec.

I have the honour to submit that arrangements will be made by the Agricultural Department to take control of the Government House Gardens and paddocks as from Monday 8th February. W.M.
5/2/34

Subsequent Paper.

4/1 Submitted. I have informed
the Gardener. The Treasurers and
Auditor will be informed in due
course.

MCH
Ct.
5.2.37

Thank you

11/11/37

Hon. Secy. Actg Secy for Bd Treas
Local Auditor. 8.2.37
To note.

MCH
Ct.
5.2.37

P.A.
11/11/37
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Memorandum from H.E. the Ag. Governor of 22/2/37

Agricultural advice.

Will you please arrange
accordingly as in para ① of Red ②
the vegetables could be sent to
South Georgia by the "Discovery"
sailing on 26/2/37.

Paras. 2, 3 & 4 for your
observations please.

A. J. G. for Lt.
22/2/37

The Hon. Col. Sec.

I have the honour to submit that arrangements are being made to forward two sacks of vegetables to the magistrate S. Georgia by "Overseer".

I have noted para (2) of Res. (2)

I regret that there were no tomatoes available for H.E. the Ag. Governor on the 20th inst. I have made inquiries and understand that Mrs G. Felton has been authorised by a member of H.E. the Governor's household to make application to the head gardener for some tomatoes. Mrs Felton made request on the 20th inst and the available supply (4 lbs) was delivered to her. The only other person receiving tomatoes is the Hon. S. Roberts but this seems to have been provided for in H.E. the Governor's minute of 2/2/37. Res. (1)

With regard to the sale of vegetables, I beg to state that only those definitely surplus have been disposed of. The cauliflowers sold would have been unfit for use in a few days.

As I have been acting in the matter under directions from the head of my department, I beg to request that H.E. the Ag. Governor's minute (res 2) be submitted to him on his return.

S.M. for Ag. 24/2/37.

Y/M.

Submitted.

C. J. C. S.
24/2/37

Thank you. I was not aware that Mrs Felton had been authorised to obtain tomatoes. This defect

the matter up.

mcH
Ag. Gov.
25. 2. 37

Agricultural Adviser

to note.

^{Call.}
for
25/2/37.

The Hon. Col. Sec.
noted.

Draw
12/4/37

1/11
17/1/37

Minutes from Ag. Adviser of 14/4/37

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(4-5)

Agri. Adviser.

Your minutes recd 3. If you can effect savings under vote for upkeep of gardens then an extra hand could be employed when required to clean up. In the past however the vote has been barely sufficient to meet expenditure on the gardens there being no funds for potatoes re.

2. Your 4-5 what is the estimated cost. Presumably a new item would be required under II The Governor. to cover cost of fodder, milkman re. re. The arrangements for some years has been that the cows have been looked after and

Milked by Mr. Headford as practically no cows as he has been allowed to keep a cow or so of his own.

Hon Col Secretary,

It would be difficult to imagine the production of milk under more appalling conditions of filth and carelessness than those at present pertaining at Government House and there is evidence on every hand that this accumulation of filth is by no means of recent origin.

This I submit is a very real reason why some change is desirable. The cost would not be great and in any case it would, I respectfully submit appear desirable that the supply of milk for Government House should come from a source where the strictest supervision and control might be exercised by the appropriate Department.

Apart from this Government House should not be dependent on private individuals for the supply of milk cows.

Approximate cost of the change recommended would be as follows:-

	4 cows	£24.	0.	0.		
	& other	1 Cream separator.	7.	0.	0.	
cow covers	apparatus.		5.	0.	0.	£36. 0. 0.

The cows would be owned by the Agricultural Department which would provide a suitable man for the purpose of milking etc.

Records could be kept which would throw at once much valuable light on the subject of milk production in Stanley. In the event of a model dairy coming into being, the cows from Government House could be transferred there and the Government House milk would then be supplied from that source.

If the Agricultural Department was in the position of using the cows at Government House for experimental purposes, this Department might then supply the fodder, which could be transported by its own lorry from its own tussac plantations.

The whole of the cost for this year might be provided from the vote of the Agricultural Department, subhead, Stock requirements. and in every respect I submit a very useful purpose would be served.

Incidentally Headford has made it very clear to me that he would be glad indeed to see the last of cows at Government House as far as he is concerned.

In the meantime am I correct in assuming that His Excellency desires that I should as far as possible exert some control on the conditions under which milk is at present being produced for Government House.

D. S. New
Agricultural Adviser.
16th April, 1937.

J.

Submitted.

MCH
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16. 4. 37

The conditions reported by the A. Q. —
and I am indebted to her for drawing
attention to them — are alarming. Furthermore
the system by which a private individual
supplies cows to Govt. House in return for pasturage
for sheep is irregular and unsatisfactory. I disliked
in a minute some months ago that
it and wd prefer to buy milk if a good quality
could be assured. Furthermore one cow should suffice
for the requirements of Govt. House if full use were
made of it instead of as at present calves were
kept running with the cows.

2. There is only one sound arrangement that I
can see and that is for the Agricultural Department
to purchase and maintain two or three cows and for
Govt. House to pay for the milk @ say 6/- a quart
any surplus milk being sent to the Hospital charged
and paid for from the Hospital vote. The whole
business would then be run on proper lines as indicated
in the A. Q.'s minute above and would have the
advantages (a) of providing a model dairy and feeding
and milking system for a standard for other dairies
(b) of ensuring a supply of clean milk of good quality
to Govt. House and the Hospital. It is possible
that while four cows only are kept the Hospital
wd only come in when the Governor is in town ~~as~~
~~cream~~ and butter might also be obtained from the dairy
— the prices of them could be fixed by the A. Q.

3. If as I gather a reasonable return from the
expenditure could result for the above I authorize
the A. Q. to proceed in the matter. The question of
a charge for pasturage for sheep will also have to be
taken up and this will add to the returns for the milking
19/4/37

Agri. Adviser.

To note for action.

MCH
cl.

19.4.37.

(6) Minutes from Ag. Adviser of 5/3/37

1/2 Submitted.

2. Cost to be charged to XVI
Agriculture, new item "Stock
Requirements" ?

MCH
cl.
6.5.37

Yes please
~~until~~ 6/5/37

Agri. Adviser.

To note approval.

MCH
cl.
6.5.37

Recalled
4/6/37

(7) Minutes from Ag. Adviser of 3/6/37

1/2 Submitted

MCH
cl.
for C.S.
4/6/37

Confirmed.
MCH
5.6.37

Hon Agric. Adviser.

To note
BB.
for C.S.
5/6/37

The Hon. Col. Sec.

noted thank you.

BB
7/4/37

P.A.
7/4/37

Minutes from H.C. the Ag. Governor 17/8/37

(8)

A.A.
For your early report please.

Red.
17/8/37

Hon Col. Sec.,

I have the honour to advise that I have seen His Excellency the Acting Governor's minute of even date, and I should like to point out that the intention of His Excellency Sir Henniker Heaton's minute of 2/2/37 was, to put under this Department's control only that work of the Gardeners affecting plant and other cultivation.

I have always understood that the Public Works Department is responsible for the control of those matters affecting Government House itself, and that the heating of the conservatory was included in the Government House heating system.

From inquiries made from the Head Gardener on receipt of His Excellency's minute, the fault seems to lie with the poor condition and inadequate supply of peat.

Am I to understand from His Excellency's minute that he wishes the matter of heating of Government House, to become the responsibility of this Department.

D. S. A. New
Agricultural Adviser.
17th August, 1937.

Y.E.

— minute from the A.A. submitted.

J.P. 18/8/37

Hon. C.S.

The P.W.D. is responsible only for the fuel supply. Attendance to the furnace has always been done by the Garden Staff.

2. X of the A.A.'s minute is a matter for that office to deal with. The fuel could have nothing to do with the failure of the heating since at noon yesterday the radiators were so warm they could not be touched.

3. The A.A. will please instruct the Head Gardener that he is responsible to see that the heating is carried out efficiently while the Governor is in residence.

M.C.H.

Aa.

In your information and action accordingly.

18.8.37

J.P. 18/8/37

H.C.S.

noted

PA 24/8/37

Ray
4.A. 21/8/37

Y.E.

Is this the letter Y.E. wishes to see?

Ref
21/9/57

Hon. C.S.

Please pass to Agric. Dept. to say how many cows are now being milked. I understand there will be three next week.

2. When can the Agric. Dept. obtain the services of a Dairyman? With the increase in the number of cows the Orderly and Caretaker cannot continue the milking since the work is taking up far too much of his time.

3. Will the Agric. Dept. please say the quantity of milk produced daily from the two cows and the quantity expected daily when three cows are being milked.

WCH

22. 9. 57

A.B.

Please furnish the information called for in the above minute from H.E. the 2/9/57.

Ref
22/9/57

The Hon. Col. Sec.

I have the honour to advise that two cows are being milked.

A cow which was drying off was replaced recently by one in full milk.

I have arranged for Headford to be relieved of his dairy duties from today.

The two cows may be expected to produce daily about four gallons.

S. Marshall
for Agricultural Adviser
24/9/37

Y.E. Submitted.

Red
25/9/37

Hon. Col. Sec.

I shall discuss this with Mr. Weir on his return. Please cause files to be brought up then.

MCH

Y.E.
Mr. Weir has now returned.

25.9.37

Red
25/9/37

Hon. C.S.

I understand Mr. Weir has not yet returned. He might see me with this file in due course.

McH
4.9.37

By Mr. Weir
Bp. 4/10/37
185 29/9/37

Ag. Advise.

W.r.t. Mr. Hemmick. Reasons minute of 19/4/37 on sheet 2 & the Inspector of Stocks minute on sheet 5 d/24/9/37. Will you please say if there is any milk available for the Hospital as the Hon. Sec. has enquired regarding milk supplies for the Hospital for 1938.

Recalled.
30/11/37.

Mr. Weir states that he has discussed this matter with Mr. Lewis but has not yet had time to write his report.

Ref
20/11/37

G. Weir
30/11/37

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Submitted - by the time Government House is supplied with milk, cream and possibly butter, I do not expect there will be any surplus milk available for Hospital supply in 1938.

D. Carter
Agricultural Adviser.
14th December, 1937.

T.E. minute from the A.A. submitted. A labourer is employed looking after the cows & cowshed the receives £2 in wages & apart from other schemes I don't think any Government would like to pay £2 for milk, cream & butter.

2. I shall now inform the Hon. Sec. that he cannot anticipate any supplies of fresh milk from the Ag. Dept during 1938. He can then arrange for tinned milk.

Ref
15/12/37

Accepted to Mr. 283/35.

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

I propose to hand over the control of the Government House gardens, green houses and paddocks to the Agricultural Department. I understand that the Agricultural Adviser is prepared to take over the charge. There will be no additional expenditure on the vote of the Department, salaries and upkeep being charged as at present.

2. Will you please issue the necessary instructions and inform the Treasurer. The wages of the staff and will be paid by the Agricultural Dept and the Treasury and Audit should be advised of the change.

3. The Govt House Garden orderly now receives something I believe for looking after the football ground or park. The A.A. will consider that being maintained. It is probable that the Golf Club may apply for the services of Mr McAlasney to look after the links out of working hours. I have no objection to any such arrangement.

4. As regards surplus vegetables for the

garden I have some sent to the Convent.
When the S.P.W. is directly responsible for
the house and premises in my absence
I have always instructed that he should
have produce from the garden. I wish
both these practices continued. Later
I would like some scheme worked out for
the disposal of other surplus vegetables to
officials with payment if this does not
interfere with the trade of market gardeners
in the town

~~TTTTT~~ 2/2/37

(2)

Hon. Col. Sec.

If there are any vegetables to spare in Gov. House gardens such as cabbage, turnips, carrots &c and some potatoes perhaps the Agric. Dept. will send a couple of sacks of vegetables to the Magistrate, S. Georgia.

2. Care must be taken that the garden is not unduly depleted and that a sufficiency is retained against the return of Sir Kenneth Stenton K. C. M. G.

3. The gardens are for the purpose of supplying Gov. House with produce or if the Governor is absent from the Colony then to the Officer Acting as Governor. I was surprised to learn on the 20th inst. that there were no turnips available as some person had obtained all there were. Evidently the same applies to Cauliflowers. Surplus only may be disposed of - a sufficient quantity of everything must always be retained for the use of the Governor or the Officer Administering the Govt.

4. I think the instruction appears to have been misunderstood. I think

it was intended that later some
arrangement should be made for
disposal of any surplus, proceeds
fixed re., and preferably the proposed
arrangement submitted for the
approval of the Governor.

h. c. H.

by Gov.

22.2.57.

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MINUTE.

14th April, 1937

From

Agricultural Adviser,

Stanley.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to inform you that in order to keep the Cow-shed and grounds in the immediate vicinity of Government House clean and tidy it appears to be necessary to employ some part time help in addition to the garden staff.

I have a man available who is on light work at 9d per hour, and who could be utilised when necessary for this work. Could savings be made for this from Upkeep of Government House Gardens?.

Stanley
Agricultural Adviser.

No.

MINUTE.

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14th April, 19 37

From

To The Honourable,

Agricultural Adviser.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley.

I have the honour to advise that as far as I am able to judge there does not appear to be any reason why the cows which supply the milk for Government House should not be owned by Government.

They could then be controlled if His Excellency so desires by the Agricultural Department which Department is already responsible for the care of Government House gardens and paddocks.

The ideal if I may suggest it, would be the maintenance at Government of sufficient cows in full milk to provide ample milk and cream throughout the year.

Four good cows should do this, two in summer and two in winter. A small separator at a cost of about six or seven pounds would be a big improvement to setting milk in pans, and calves should not be allowed on the premises unless they are kept in a special paddock which might be fenced off on the hillside above the garden. These calves should be fed on separator milk and should at no time have access to the cows as at present.

The Cowshed and surroundings are at present in a filthy state and this matter is receiving attention.

The cows at present being milked are owned by Messrs McGill and Headford. A third cow also owned by Mr. McGill was removed today as she has been for sometime a source of menace to the Head Gardener, as a result of her frequent depredations amongst the hedge plants on Government House front lawns.

If His Excellency decides in favour of this recommendation I do not anticipate difficulty in securing suitable cows in time to arrange the milk supply to coincide with His Excellency's return from leave.

Negotiations /

Negotiations might be opened with Mr. McGill with a view to the purchase of some of his cows, but if he is not inclined to sell, cows can be had from other sources.

Sanford
Agricultural Adviser.

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MINUTE.

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..... 5th May, 19 37.

From

To The Honourable,

..... Agricultural Adviser,

..... The Colonial Secretary,

..... STANLEY.

..... STANLEY.

I have the honour to advise that I have carefully perused and noted the contents of His Excellency's minute 19/4/37, and I will arrange at the earliest possible moment for the purchase of one suitable cow, which will enable me to clear out the cows and calves which are at the moment an unnecessary source of pollution to buildings and paddocks.

The Agricultural Department can then carry on with the utensils etc., al/ready on hand, until some extras, which will be required can be obtained from the United Kingdom, such as Churn, separator, strainers, buckets, etc., I presume in the meantime the charge will be made against, Stock Requirements.

Stanley
Agricultural Adviser.

No.

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MINUTE.

3rd June, 19 37

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From Agricultural Adviser,

STANLEY.

I have the honour to advise that a cow has been purchased by the Agricultural Department, and arrangements have been made to supply His Excellency the Acting Governor with milk at 6d per quart, from the 1st instant.

Barber
Agricultural Adviser.

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From His Excellency the Governor

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to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Hon. C. S.

I understand that the Gardeners are responsible for stopping the hot water boilers for heating Govt. House. This morning all the radiators were cold. Please pass to the Agric. Adviser to ascertain who was responsible for the failure of the heating. He should instruct the staff ~~that~~ to keep the heating going properly in cold weather.

WCH

17.8.51

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MINUTE.

3rd June, 19 37

From Agricultural Adviser,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Barber
Agricultural Adviser.

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MINUTE.

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15th December, 1937.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Agricultural Adviser,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to previous correspondence contained in M.P. 21/37 on the subject of Milk Cows kept at and milk supplied to Government House, I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be good enough to submit your recommendations in regard to this matter at an early date.

ys

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Excerpted to
M.P. 283/35

Hon. C.

Please to inform the S.M.O.
I should have thought fresh milk
preferable for Hospital Patients —
however this is for the S.M.O
to decide.

2. I hope the Agric. Adviser
will be able to send in his
recommendations at ~~an~~ early date.
I suppose it is not intended
that a dairy should be established
for the sole use of Govt. House —
if so then presumably all the
cost of running same should be
charged to II The Governor.

McH

15. 12. 37

⑨. Minute to Agricultural Adviser of 15.12.37.

P.A

16/12/37.