

C.S.

SCIENTIFIC

AGR/GRA/1#3

(Grasses)

1923

No. 66/23

H. E. The Governor

SUBJECT.

1923

Provision of grass seed for Sandy Areas

15th January

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute from H.E. the Governor of 15th January 1923 — Encl. ①

Telegram to Mr. Dean of 17.1.23. — Encl. ②

Letter to Mr. J. Mc Gill of 18.1.23 — Encl. ③

Telegram from Mr. Dean, Pebble Island of 20th January 1923 — Encl. ④

Y.S.
Submitted with telegram for Mr. Dean.
I have punctuated it as it is I think
intended to read.

t t t t t 22/1/23

H.E.S.

Will you please reply Mr. Dean's note for his
generous offer + suggesting that a collection +
transport of seed involve expenditure at
least out of pocket expenses might be refunded
Government paying freight.

Mr.
23 January 1923

Subsequent Paper.

696/23.

Telegram to Mr. Dean of 23.1.23. — Encl (5)

Letter from Mr. G.T. Dean of 23rd Jan 1923 — Encl (6)

Y.B.
Submitted

2. Expenditure of £10 to be authorized and Mr. Dean thanked.

3. The seed is not required until the spring and it will do if brought in in the last winter? provided Mr. Dean has more facilities for spreading the seed out and drying it than we have here. He might be prepared to do this?

You this would be a great advantage.

TTTTT 2/2/23

J.R.

3 W. May 1923.

Letter to Mr. Dean of 6th February 1923 — Encl. (7)

Chief Sec.

Y.B.
Submitted

Is the cost to be charged against

XIV of incidental expenses please!

TTTTT 7/2/23

A.C.S.

In one copy of draft invoice had XIV item 4 was altered to "planting of grass" but I see another copy as paper in Cuzco from description is Urtica. In addition to seed (sown grass) there will be other expenses in connection with planting. Does Thomas see any sense of it to call expenditure being charged to item 4? The description complete had in 1924 Dec 9 1923

Am Lues
Referred
tell 15/2/23

Hon: Col: Sec;

I see no serious objection to this expenditure being charged to Head XIV. "Stock" (4) "Planting of Tussac", which would seem preferable to its being charged to (5) "Incidental Expenses".

2. If I might make a suggestion, I think this expenditure might be "earmarked" and charged to (4a) "Sand grass seed", to be met from savings under Item (4), please. By this means, it would be possible to know exactly what had been expended.

W. Hutchinson
Colonial Treasurer.
15th February 1923.

Y.S.
Submitted for approval

J.R.
tell 16/2/23
14 February 1923

Letter from Letter from Mr. J. B. Betts
of 11th May 1923 Encl (8)

Y.S.
The seed heads on arrival were
delivered to at Govt House

W.H.B.
O'Connell
2 July 1923.

To F.O. please for further advice on
dealing with these seeds
tell 4 July 1923

Forest Officer.

Accordingly.

G.R.B.

O.C. Secy

6 July 1923

O.C. Secy.

1 The sand grass seed at present is under thrashing operations and a fair quantity of seed is likely to be obtainable

2 A portion of the seed will require to be sown in spring on some vacant piece of ground to ensure a supply of plants for transplanting.

3 The remainder of the seed along with the thrashed heads can be sown at the Eastern W/Station in spring.

4 I might suggest part of Sullivan House Garden for sowing the seed to obtain plants.

James Reid
Forest Officer

12/6/23.

J.R.

Submitted

G.R.B.

O.C. Secy

13 July 1923

Bring up to top.

Will you please acknowledge
Mr. Betts' letter and thank him
for the trouble taken and also
arrange for £2.00^{per month} to be paid to
the estate. I do not know
who the owners are.

ttttt 20 July 23

Letter to Mr. J. C. Betts, 21/7/23. Encl. (9)

Vouchers passed in favour of
Messrs. C. & Dean B. 24/7/23
24/7/23

Letter from Mr. J. C. Betts of 8th Sept 1923 — Encl (10)



DATE 15th January 1923

From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

1

Within the last 12 or 15 months sand has drifted
over a large part of the paddock at the Eastern
W/T station. The Colonial Engineer has told me
that repair work which was carried out last winter
was much interrupted with by drifting sand: he is also
of opinion that drift is allowed to continue damage
will be caused to power station.

2. Will you please telegraph to Mr G. Dean at Port Moresby
+ enquire whether he can make arrangements for supply
to Govt of say 50 bags of kernels of sand grass + if so
at what price: it is important that Mr Dean can
specie return to collect + transport a large quantity.

3. Experience at Port Moresby + elsewhere has shown that it
is necessary to plant the sand grass so as to
stop the drift of sand at its source.

4. I understand that Mr. Mc Gill has a supply of
improved sand grass seed: if suitable arrangements
can be made the Govt could take over the seed +
make an experiment in planting on its possessions in
accordance with recommendations of Commission which
reported on the subject several years ago.

15 January 1923

TELEGRAM.

From : The Colonial Secretary

To : Mr. G. T. Dean, Pebble Island

Dispatched : 17th January, 19²³ *Time.* 3.0 pm

Received : 19 *Time.*

DEAN

PEBBLE

REQUEST YOU INFORM ME BY TELEGRAM IF YOU CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR CUTTING AND SHIPPING TO STANLEY PREFERABLY IN YOUR SCHOONER
FIFTY BAGS OF HEADS OF SAND GRASS IN SEED AND IF SO AT WHAT PRICE

SECRETARY

3

66/25

18th January,

25.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to enquire whether you have a supply of Sand Grass Seed for planting in the Peninsula. If that is the case the Governor directs me to suggest that it be taken over by the Government for carrying out the necessary work at the place in question.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. McGill,
Stanley.

TELEGRAM.

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From : Mr G. T. Dean

To : The Colonial Secretary

Dispatched : 20th January, 1923 *Time*. 1.0 am

Received : 21st -do- 1923 *Time*. 11.15 am

COLONIAL SECRETARY

PORT STANLEY

RE SAND GRASS CERTAINLY, NO CHARGE, REGRET DELAY

PEPLY

DEAN

TELEGRAM.

From : The Colonial Secretary

To : Mr, Dean, Pebble Island

Dispatched : 23rd January,

19 23 *Time.* 4.0 pm

Received :

19 *Time.*

DEAN

PEBBLE

YOUR GENEROUS OFFER ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE STOP

GOVERNOR DESIRES HOWEVER ACTUAL LABOUR COSTS AND

FREIGHT TO BE DEFRAYED BY GOVERNMENT

HEATON

LIMITED



Pebble Island
West Falkland Isles.

23/1/23 (6)

The Colonial Secretary.
Port Stanley.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of 10-day's date, and note that the Government will defray cost of labour and freight in connection with the sand glass seed.

It would I presume be more satisfactory if I gave you particulars now. The cost for cutting bagging and carting fifty bags of heads of seed will be ten pounds.

With reference to freight, I do not propose to send my schooner.

is into Stanley until late in the winter, you will however I presume, want the seed by first opportunity after it is collected.

Our experience with this particular kind of sand grass — and we have tried many different times to collect seed — is that it should not be collected until early April.

I have the Honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
George J. Deane.

66/23.

6th February, 23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 23rd of January with reference to the sand grass seed which you have been good enough to promise to supply.

2. If you have facilities for drying the heads of seed at Pebble Island it would be a great convenience if that could be done and the bags sent into Stanley in late winter in your schooner.

3. The cost for bagging and carting has been noted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

G. T. Dean, Esq.,
Pebble Island,
WEST FALKLAND.



Pebble Island,
West Falkland.

4th May, 1923.

To the Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Stanley.

Sir,

I hope that you received the seven bags of Sand Grass seed heads which I sent into you by the "Afterglow" a fortnight ago. The weight of seed heads is 158 lbs, and am very sorry indeed that I could not have sent more, but owing to so much wet just at that time we were unable to cut anymore, but hope to have better luck next season to complete your order. The 158 lbs will sow a large piece of land, because all the sand grass you saw on Pebble Island when you were here last November came from 28 lbs ~~XXX~~ of seed only.

*Excerpted
to
M.P. 822/22*

I am also very sorry having to inform you that we were unable to kill and try-out any Jackass Penguins this year, because the birds had all left land before we finished our dipping. They had all left land and went to sea about the end of March.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Betts

Manager.

19.

66/23.

21st July,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th of May and to inform you that the seven bags of sand grass seed were duly received per the "Afterglow".

2. I am to express to you His Excellency's thanks for the trouble and care which has been taken in this matter and to say that a sum of £2 has been paid to the credit of the account of Messrs G. T. Dean and Brothers with the Falkland Islands Company in defrayal of the cost of bagging and carting of the seed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

J. C. Betts, Esq.,

Manager,

Pebble Island,

WEST FALKLAND.

1330



Pebble Island,

West Falkland.

8th September, 1923.

10

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st July, No.66/23. which I only received yesterday per "Karina Kirsten" for which I am very much obliged.

I note that you received the seven bags of sand grass seed per "Afterglow" quite alright, and that the sum of £2.0.0. has been paid to the credit account of Messrs. G.T.Dean and Brothers with the Falkland Islands Company in defrayal of the cost of bagging and carting of the seed, so please kindly except ^{our} sincere thanks for same.

We hope to complete your order next year for sand grass seed if possible.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Betts

Manager.