

1919

Common

Drains

No.

792.

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Ag. Chief Inspector  
of Stock

SUBJECT.

1919.

9<sup>th</sup> October.

Drainage of Stanley Common.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Foreman of works. ①

For your report please, as to amount of drainage necessary; whether work possible by Government labourers or put out to contract; and estimated cost.

T. R. Spurgeon  
Administrator.

9.10.19. ②

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

The Common as a whole requires draining, but it is a work which would have to be spread over a number of years.

2. I have consulted with the Chief Constable who knows the Common well, and he informs me that there are three places in particular where the necessity for drainage is urgent, viz: - the Rookery stream, Felton's stream, and Mount William Valley.

3. This work could not be undertaken by Govt. labourers, but might be given out to

contract

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contract in the early part of next year. Or, perhaps the prisoner might profitably be employed on this work.

4. It is difficult to estimate the cost of draining the Common without first going over the ground, but I think if £100 were expended during the next 3 or 4 years that the results would justify the outlay. I would suggest that a ~~new~~ sub-head (Drainage of Common) be created under Public Works Extraordinary, and that a sum of £30 a year be provided for at least 3 years.

(3)

18.10.19

J.W.  
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Office

To be brought up at meeting of Leg. Council to consider 1921 Estimates.

Nov 3/19

T. R. St. Johnston  
Adm.

Report of Chief Inspector of Stock, 17.5.20.

H. L.

(4)

Submitted.

A. J. J.  
21.5.20

(5)

I quite agree with the Chief Inspector, but see (3) which shows the correct procedure to be adopted.

W. W.  
21.5.20

Stanley.

9th. October 1919.



His Excellency The Administrator

Sir

In continuation of your conversation of yesterday, I think some draining might be done to the Common and prove of great advantage. It would be of special benefit if a little draining were done at the Head of Felton's Stream, as quite a number of animals feed in that direction, if this could be managed without incurring too much expense. I also think it would be a very good plan if the Government could each year in the dry season do so much draining or ditching as it is called here.

I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Chief Inspector of Stock mentioned in the text below.

Ag. Chief Inspector of Stock.

His Excellency the Administrator

Sir

In continuation of the Ag Chief Inspector of Stock's minute of 9/10/1919. I have inspected the common and certainly think that it needs draining badly. I would suggest that \$50 a year be used instead of \$30 for at least three years, or the whole draining of the place could be put out to tender. Some of the streams are badly blocked particularly two on the East side of the common where they enter the sea. If this work is undertaken I think it would be a benefit to those people who graze their animals there as at present a number are lost every year through getting bogged in the bad places

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant

17-5-1920

Chief Inspector of Stock

B. A. Brown