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ANT/GEN/1 # 4

C.S.

1922

No. 398/22

Governor

SUBJECT.

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BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

11th May

Rescue of Members of:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute by the Governor d 11th May 1922. — Encl. ①

Attack of with help and also Mr. Bennett's report

15/5/22

Extract from Mr Bennett's Report (M.P. 351/22). — Encl. ②

Despatch to go on by

22 May 1922

Despatch to S of S. No 74 of 22 May 1922 — Encl. ③

Y.S. Submitted

2. P.S. would be too late by the time the reply of the S of S is received to order the salver and obtain it before Captain Andersen's return. May the order be sent to the Crown Agents by the next mail with instructions to carry it out on confirmation by the S of S

3. Would Y.S. be pleased to indicate the terms of the inscriptions on the articles

26/6/22

Subsequent Paper.

H.P.S.

Para 2. *pleas parua*

Inscription

*Presented to Captain (Christian name in place) Anderson
by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands
in grateful recognition of his education and
moderate action in effecting the rescue of
Mr. T. Bayshaw + Mr. M.C. Lester at Andvud Bay
Graham Land on the 18th of December 1921.*

*Presented to Captain (Christian name in place) Skedsmo
by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands
in grateful recognition of his meritorious and
determined assistance in effecting the rescue of
Mr. T. Bayshaw + Mr. M.C. Lester at Andvud
Bay Graham Land on the 18th of December 1921.*

22 June 1922

Letter to Crown Agents of 26th June 1922 Encl (4)

5 of 8 Despatch No 88 of 28th July 1922 ————— Encl (6)

Y.R.
 Submitted
 No advice has yet been
 received from the CA.

H.P.S.

ttttt 3/10/22

If saliva + binoculars do not arrive before
 Brenda Lynn calls here on way south it
 will be necessary to defer presentation until
 her return in March or April
 L. Magistrate S. Shetlands / 22 should see correspondence
 3 Oct 1922.

Magistrate, S. Shetlands

Accordingly. Will you
 please also show Mr. Bennett.

ttttt 4/10/22

Mr. A.G. Bennett. C.O.

To see, please.

J.H. Arncliffe.

P.M. South Shetlands.

4/10/22

M. S. Shetlands

Seen. & Returns, Thanks,

A.G. Bennett.

H. 10.22

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted and returned please.

2. This is indeed satisfactory.

J. Hamilton
Magistrate.
South Chesham.

4th October 1922.

Advances of orders placed ————— Encl (6-7)
Advances of stores sent by post ————— Encl (8-9)

Salvos received
10.15. / 4.1.23.

J.R.

Submitted

The total cost appears to be
as follows

Salvos £ 20. 7. 10

Binoculars £ 8. 14. 7

£ 29. 21. 5

Is this to be charged entirely
against Dependence? It will
be included in the next supplementary

Estimate for 1922-23

TTTTT 4/1/23

H.C.S.

The inscription says furnished by the
Army but I did not think of the
point at the time. The expenditure
is properly repaid to the Dependence
& should be so charged.

2. Salvos + binoculars are in safe in Govt's office. M.
4 January 1923

Mr. Sec.

For note

Will you please include the amount in your supplementary estimates for the Dependencies. The authority of the Govt is Dec. 80 of 25 July 1922 herein

W.H.H. 6/1/23

Hon:Col:Sec;

Will you kindly let me know the Head and Sub-head to which this is to be charged, please.

W.H.H.

Colonial Treasurer.

5th Jan: 1923.

Mr. Treas.

*It will have to be a new item ? 23 B 1922
Is a special warrant necessary?*

W.H.H. 7/1/23

Hon:Col:Sec;

I gather that the Name of the "New Item" to which this expenditure is to be charged in the Accounts of the Colony, is of no importance, but that such expenditure will be charged against "Dependencies Extraordinary" and not "Dependencies Ordinary Expenditure", please ?

W.H.H.

Colonial Treasurer

8th January 1923

Hon:Col:Sec;

In so far as the Accounts are concerned
a Special Warrant would not seem to be called for
under Colonial Regulation 281, in order that this
expenditure may be taken on charge by the Colonial
Treasurer, in his accounts, please.

H. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.
8th January 1923.

Y. S.

Submitter

*It will have to be charged to
Ordinary Expenditure and is charged
to a S.W.?*

TTTTT 10/1/23

H.C.S.

*a special warrant should issue
+ Legislative Council should be invited
to approve of expenditure.*

Sh.

12 January 1923

Mr. Isa.

S.W. referred for favour of comment

TTTTT 12/2/23

*For S.W.
S.W. submitted
C.H.S.
12/2/23*

Hon:Col:Sec;

The expenditure in question would seem
to be covered by the Secretary of State's approval
(Col:Reg:281 (iv)) in S.of S. Despatch No 74 of the
2nd May 1922, please.

2. The expenditure in question will I take it
appear in the Crown Agents Accounts for the year
1922, according to enclosures (8) & (9).

3. In so far as the Treasurer's Accounts are

concerned a Special Warrant would not seem to be required in view of Col:Reg:281 (iv), but the Leg: Co will be required to vote the expenditure under Col:Reg:304, please.

W. A. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.

13th February 1923.

Y.B.
Submitted

May the S.W. be withdrawn?

*Sam of opinion the up till 14/2/23
Mynall & Co. 14/2/23
General a special 15 Nov 1923
for all expenditure.*

Hon Col Treasurer.

Signed S.W. No 6 herewith.

*W. A. B.
for C.O.
20 Feb 1923*

Hon. C. L. Sec

S.W. No 6 for £29 = 2 = 5

withdrawn.

W. A. Thompson
Treasurer:
21/2/23.

*The salute was presented to Captain Anderson
at the Minisculars to Captain Skidmore at
Government House on Sunday 24th April 1923.*

*The Hon: W. A. Thompson Colonial Treasurer
The Hon D. J. & W. Drane Colonial Surgeon
Mr J. E. Hamilton Inspector of Salt Stills
were present.*



Bagshawe (R) and Lester (L) taken when
Cape left them at Waterboat Point.
This boat is up-ended as part of hut
on right of photograph below.



Photograph by A.G. Bennet - captioned by Bennet
L to R: Captain Hansen (Who was Hansen? Capt. & Ketchum was
master of the whale catcher 'Graham')
A.G. Bennett
Lester
Capt. Andersen (rs. Svend Foyn I).
Bagshawe

Donated to Archives by Canon Stephen Palmer 23-x-95

351/22

DATE.....



● From Governor to Colonial Secretary

With reference to para 3 of your despatch of 6th May in 351/22 a separate despatch should go to Sqs about rescue of members of British Antarctic Expedition reference being made to telegram sent early in 1922.

2. Mr. Bagshaw + Mr. Lester returned by Svend Fyn on 3rd April they were only here a few hours. Both of them spoke with deep gratitude + high appreciation of action of Capt O. Andersen (Svend Fyn) in effecting their rescue. They also referred to difficulties in navigation experienced by Captain SKEDSMOW(?) of the cutter "Graham" in pushing down to Water Boat Point (Andvua Bay) so early in the storm in spite of ice.

3. I did not see Capt Andersen on 3rd April but was able to speak to him by telephone. I expressed thanks for + appreciation of behavior he had done. After discussing matter with you I consider the the Govt, (which might have been engaged in a difficult piece of rescue work) as Mr. Darwin (C.O.) expressed in a private letter to me written in November 1921.

Should recognize their services by presenting
a salute to Capt Andersen & a pair of
binoculars to Captain Skedonow. (Lt Col. Jones
told me yesterday that binoculars would be
more useful than a telescope) Approval of Sqs
may be asked in same despatch.

St.

11 May 1932

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ISLAND ISLANDS.

p. 74.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd May, 1922.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honour to attach a report on the rescue of Mr. Bagshawe and Mr. Lester, the two members of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition, who were left at Andvord Bay in the summer of 1920.

2. Considerable doubt existed as to whether these two young men, who were quite inexperienced in Antarctic regions would survive the year during which they were left with an upturned boat and some wooden cases for a home. This Government regarded their position with no little anxiety and the captains of all the whaling factories proceeding to the South Shetlands in November of last year were requested to interest themselves in the matter.

3. Captain O. Anderson of s.s. "Svend Foyn II" made it his business to despatch the whale catcher "Graham" to Andvord Bay as soon as possible after his arrival in the South Shetlands. He himself went in the catcher accompanied by Mr. Bennett, the Whaling Officer.

4. Mr. Bagshawe and Mr. Lester were fortunately found to be in good health and they arrived in this colony on the 3rd of April. They both spoke with deep

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

gratitude,

H. L. S. CHURCHILL, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatch from
Secretary of State
14 of 4th
May, 1920.
Telegram to Secretary
State of 12th
May, 1922.

gratitude and high appreciation of the action of Captain Andersen in effecting their rescue. They also referred to the difficulties in navigation experienced by Captain Skedsmo of the catcher "Graham" in pushing down to Andvord Bay so early in the season in spite of ice. I may add further that Captain Andersen took the last of the fresh meat on board his ship to the men.

5. I am of opinion that this Government which might have been engaged in a difficult piece of rescue work should recognize the services of Captain Andersen and Captain Skedsmo by presenting a silver to the former and a pair of binoculars to the latter.

6. I seek your sanction for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$35 for the above service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

May, 1922.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON THE WHALING SEASON 1921-1922

AT SOUTH SHETLANDS AND GRAHAM'S LAND BY MR. A. G. BENNETT.

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Captain O. Andersen, "Svend Foyn I" of Sandefjord, who caused one of his whalers ("Graham") to proceed, and personally went to the rescue of Messrs Lester and Bagshawe of the "Cope Expedition", cannot be thanked sufficiently for his heroic gratuitous services to these men, especially when his lesser kindnesses and thoughtfulness are considered. I most strongly recommend that if the conditions of the Expedition admit, that some appreciation of Capt. O. Andersen's services should be forwarded by the Government for the rescue, kindness and carrying home of these otherwise abandoned British men. While everyone considered it expedient that those men should be rescued, Capt. Andersen was the only one who considered a couple of whales and a few tons of coal of less value than two human lives.

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Minute.

To Hon.Colonial Secretary.
From Stipendiary Magistrate
South Shetland.

22nd.June 1922.

In accordance with the verbal instructions of His Excellency I append the Christian names of the two whaling captains, the date of the relief and Mr.Bagshawe's initials.

Captain Ole Andersen

Captain Sverre Skedson

Mr. T.W.Bagshawe

18th.December 1921.

J.H. Hamilton
S.M. South Shetland

392/22.

26th June,

22.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has sought the sanction of the Secretary of State for the expenditure of a sum of £35 for the purchase of a silver salver and a pair of binoculars which this Government desire to present to Captain Ole Anderson and Captain Sverre Skedsmo in recognition of their services in rescuing Messrs T. W. Bagshawe and M. C. Lester, members of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition, who were left at Andvord Bay, South Shetlands, in the summer of 1920.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to purchase these articles, on the confirmation of the order from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to have the following inscriptions engraved on them :-

SALVER.

"Presented to Captain Ole Anderson by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands in grateful recognition of his chivalrous and resolute action in effecting the rescue of Mr T. W. Bagshawe and Mr M. C. Lester at Andvord Bay, Graham's Land on the 18th of December, 1921."

BINOCULARS.

"Presented to Captain Sverre Skedsmo by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands in grateful recognition, 18th of December, 1921."

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

The Crown Agents for
the Colonies,
4, Millbank,
London, S.W.1.

H. Hemmiker-Heaton,
Colonial Secretary.

DUPLICATE



FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 88

Borning Street,

28

July, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 74 of the 22nd May, forwarding a report on the rescues of Mr. Bagshawe and Mr. Lester of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition, who were left at Andvord Bay in the summer of 1920.

2. I have much pleasure in approving your proposal to present a silver to Captain O. Andersen, and a pair of binoculars to Captain Skodanow, in recognition of their services in effecting the rescues.

3. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has, at my instance, instructed His Majesty's Representative at Christiania to inform the Norwegian Government of the proposed presentation, and to request that the cordial thanks of His Majesty's Government may be conveyed to Captain Andersen and Captain Skodanow for their valuable and humane services.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

GOVERNOR,

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

etc.,

etc.,

etc.,

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S Department.

Date. 30th. January, 1923..

To

THE HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

I have the honour to apply for a Special Warrant for £29...2...5.
on Head ~~I...Dependen-~~ Subhead. 18. New Item
cies

The present state of the Vote is as follows :-

	£
Amount provided in Estimates	-
Special Warrant already issued No.	-
" " " " "	-
Actual Expenditure to date	-
Outstanding Liabilities incurred.....	29. 2. 5.
Balance remaining on vote	-
Estimated Expenditure to 31st December	29. 2. 5.

H. K. McAlister

Head of Department.
Colonial Secretary

Comments of }
Treasurer. }

EXPLANATIONS.

(If general authority has been given for the Expenditure the number of the Minute Paper and the Secretary of State's despatch, if any, should be quoted).

No provision made on Estimates.

To cover cost of Salver and Binoculars presented to Captains Andersen and Skedsmo in recognition of their services in rescuing two members of the British Antarctic Expedition in the South Shetlands, 1921.

M.P. 398/22

ADVICE OF STORES SENT BY POST.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the despatch of the undermentioned stores by post.

" $\frac{C}{P.P.}$ 1598/2 (This reference and the date of this letter should be quoted in all communications.)

Colony Falkland Is.

Indent No. C.S. Lr. No. 398/22 of 26/6/22

Dept. -- Special A/c (if any) --

Despatched from London

Addressed to The Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Date of posting 3/11/22



Number of Parcels, &c.	Description of Stores.
1	Salver.

ENCLOSURES

Invoice :—

Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company Ltd.

Insurance

£

s.

d.

In duplicate

20

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To The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, S.W. 1.

10/11/1922 . WR

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INVOICE.

● THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Dr. to

GOLDSMITHS & SILVERSMITHS COMPANY LTD.
112, REGENT STREET, LONDON, W.

Of

Crown Agents'
Reference,
i.e., Colony and
Reqn. No.

Falkland Is.

Dept. G.

1598/2

Date

Nov 6th 1922

To be filled in by the Contractor.

(This space for use in Crown Agents' office only.)

Account

Falkland Is.

Indent No.

of

19

C.S.

Letter No.

398/22

of

26.6.

19 22

Shipped by S.S. "

" on

3. 11.

19 22

F.O.B.

W. & S. Ltd.

Item Nos.	Quan- tity.	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.			Rate.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
			T.	c.	q.	lb.						
1		Solid Silver Salver 12 ins diameter with Shaped border - Engraved with inscription Postage. &c								20		
										5	6	
										20	5	6
										Net W		

Carried forward ...

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CA .
24/11

INVOICE.

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Dr. to Messrs W. Watson & Sons Ltd.,

Of 31, High Holborn,

Date 22nd November. W. C. I. 192*

Crown Agents' Reference, i.e., Colony and Reqn. No. G/Palkland Is. 1593/1.

Dept. Col. Sec. Lr. No. 303/22 of 20/6/22.

To be filled in by the Contractor.

(This space for use in Crown Agents' office only.)

Account

Indent No.

Shipped by S.S.

F.O.B.

Y Falkland Is.

Letter No. 348/22

Parcel Post

of

" on

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W. & S. Ltd.

Item Nos.	Quantity	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.				Rate.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
			T.	c.	q.	lb.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		Mr. Lynceus x6 Prism Binoculars, of our own make, with American focussing, as sample sent, but without graticules, Object Glasses 30mm, lustproof, lamp-proof and water-proof, complete in Brown Leather sling case.									13. 15. 0.		
											less 50 1/5% discount 4. 8. 0.		
											6. 10. 0.	25. 10. 0.	
		Engraved:- "Presented to Captain Gverre Skelton by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, in grateful recognition, 19th December. 1921".											
		Eight pounds, ten shillings.											
		Package addressed to:- The Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, FALKLAND IS. Land											

PACKING PARTICULARS AND CHARGES.

Crown Agents for the Colonies
(Store Branch.)

~~xxxxxx~~ despatched by parcel post
shipped per S.S.

18.11.22.

SUMMARY OF PARTICULARS:—

20.11.22.

despatched To be shipped to Falkland Is addressed:—

Nos.	CASES.	BALES.	GROSS WEIGHT.	CONTENTS.

Req. 1593 O. H. M. S.

Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

All packages should be weighed immediately on receipt and before a receipt is given to the Shipping Coy., and, if the weight of any package differs to any appreciable extent from the weight marked on the outside of the package and given in these packing particulars, the B/L should be endorsed to that effect.

Dept.
or Account

Indent No.

PACKING CHARGES:—

To packing and delivery to ship, viz.: super: feet at per foot

(Description of packing wood box & impregnable paper

£	s.	d.
	1	0
	1	0

PARTICULARS IN DETAIL:—

Nos. CASES. BALES.

No 1 parcel contg 1
1

Pair "Lynceus" prism binoculars with lanyard.
Brown leather sling case for above.

Supplied by Messrs Watson & Sons Ltd.
Contract 1 complete.

Measurements.	Net Wt	Gross Wt.
	lb oz	lb oz
0/11 0/7 0/5	3 1	5 4

Ma.