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No. 31/34.

Hon. D. of P. W.

SUBJECT.

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PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A FORD OPEN TOURER
(COLONIAL MODEL) FOR USE ON "CAMP" TRACKS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1/2 Minute from Hon. Director of Public Works. 1/2/34.

*M. Submitted.**C. J. J. Sec.
2/2/34.**Hon. Col. Sec.*

I agree that the Govt. Saloon Car is unsuitable for rough track work and that a car which has the necessary power and will stand rough usage is required. When the question of what amount is to be expended on "track improvements" has been settled, the provision of a Ford Tourer as recommended by Hon. Director Public Works can

Subsequent Paper.

be considered. This paper should
be brought up when the matter
of "track improvements" is being
dealt with.

MCH
2. 2. 34

Hon. D.P.W.

No note.

C. J. J. J.
3/2/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

C. Roberts,
2/2/34.

Y.R. Submitted for information.

cf. 16/2/34.
C. J. J. 5/2/34.

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12. 2. 34.

Hon. C.S.

Approval as charge against

Head XVI subhead 2 "Ribbon Tracks...."

subject to concurrence of Hon. Treasurer.

Y.R.

14. 2. 34.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

1st February, 1934

From Director of Public Works,

Stanley.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

In connection with the formation of tracks for the improvement of overland communication between the different stations on the Islands, I have the honour to report that for some time past I have been considering the type of car which would be most suitable for travelling over the camp tracks. Having recently made the journey in a Ford car between Fitzroy, North Arm and return to Darwin, a distance of 113 miles, in 6 hours 40 minutes, I am satisfied that the most suitable cheap car for this type of work is the Ford. It is light, has a higher chassis, the springing is more suitable and it has a more powerful engine than the Morris.

2. The existing Morris-Cowley saloon car is a very efficient car for ordinary work, but it will not stand the rough track work; during the last few days both front springs have broken whilst on the tracks, and if the car continues on this work the chassis and body will soon be ruined. I submit that it would be advisable to retain the Morris Cowley saloon car in good order for use on official occasions, and to obtain for track work as early as possible:-

A Ford open tourer (Colonial model) with a 24 H.P. engine, re-inforced transverse springs, oversize tyres, and a set of Parson's chains.

I estimate the cost of this car at

£210 plus £40 freight etc.... £250. New.

OR

£130 plus £40 freight etc.... £170. Second hand.

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3. I suggest that the cost would be a legitimate charge against Public Works Extraordinary "Tracks to Camp".

4. It may be possible that the Ford works in England are not manufacturing a car to the above specification, as there is no demand for this type in England, but it is possible to obtain one either new or second-hand.

5. I would submit for approval that an indent be prepared, and that the Crown Agents for the Colonies be asked to refer any questions to me whilst I am on leave in England.

G. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.