

C. S.

ACCOUNTS
(Expenditure)

WAR/W2H/9#8

1946.

No. 287/46.

Assistant Treasurer.

SUBJECT.

1946.

23rd December.

Previous Paper.

WAR EXPENDITURE OF FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT.

MINUTES.

1.

Memorandum from Assistant Treasurer of 23.12.46

(2)

E.C.
Will you please furnish an estimate
of the cost of repair of roads damaged
by the H.Q.
Sh. Facs.
23.12.46.

(3)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I am of the opinion that by the
time the roads are put back to the condition
they were in immediately before the German
arrived, the Colony will have spent some £10,000
in doing this.

Chas. E.
27.12.46.

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HE.

Subsequent Paper.

I am afraid there has been
delay in obtaining the info for

Which R. asked & it is the subject of his file

2. Totals are:-

Colony - including Civil Defence	£147,125
Dependents	5,498
Repairs of roads say	10,000
Free Gift to H.M.G. say	50,000
(investments need not have been realised)	

£212,623

+ Tom Hall - no 64/44
below.

CO.

5.

Abel
30.12.46

1. Why were the investments realised?

2. From 1 as p1 we should deduct the pay of

those unskilled labourers who would normally have been earned on Govt. pay. will share since returned to it. Can this be computed for?

MO. 24/1/47.

E.E.

8.

Can you answer 2 of (5) pl.?

2. HE's Dept. dept. how R. pencil is any info you can give.

Abel
24.1.47

Knownable Colonial Sundry.

1. It is impossible without tremendous work involving search through military pay sheets for the war period to arrive accurately at this figure.
2. I feel one could take 20 men on average from P.W.D. pay roll ^{full time} on military pay during the war years. On this basis their wages would have been £19,800.
3. I have put in two pencil notes as requested on His Excellency's draft despatch. There are two other points
 - (a) The Admiralty have damaged both Govt. letters very badly (The Dockyard letter was damaged by H.M.S. Afterglow) & so warpage fees were charged. Both letters will have to be repaired at considerable cost say £2000.
 - (b) The Town Hall was designed by H.B. Creswell R.E. I.R.A. & all the materials were ordered by the C.B. from drawings prepared by him. These materials arrived here prepared but were framed & fixed locally. i.e. there was no contractor as suggested in His Excellency's draft.

OK. F.
3.2.47.

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A.T.

Can you find out the value of voluntary gifts for the people of the F.I. for ~~Spitfire Funds~~ Red x. The War Charities? And (2), how much has been submitted for Spitfire Funds & the like?

ABE
3.2.47

P.S. A.T. to answer \$1 of 5 on return from here.

Say £20,000

Too be included.

(9)

A.T.
Can you furnish the details requested
in (8) pt? *W. J. G. 3/2/47*

(10)

Hon. C.S.

The total amount subscribed by the public towards various
War Charities amounted to £28,389. 4. - as detailed hereunder :-

1. Red Cross Society	£ 19,819. 17. 4.
2. Fellowship of the Bellows (formerly Beaverbrook Fund)	5,439. 13. 3.
3. King George V Fund for Sailors	1,684. 6. 10.
4. St. Dunstan's Fund	1,206. 4. 5.
5. London Distress Fund	239. 2. 2.

£28,389. 4. -

W. J. G. 4/2/47

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(2) in (8) ?

ABE
5/2

Hon. C.S.

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The sum of £5,439. 13. 3. (2 above) was subscribed solely for the
purpose of Aircraft Production. In addition to this the Govt. contributed
£50,000 towards the same effort.

2. Free of Interest loans to Imperial Govt. totalled £28,830. 6. 3
made up as follows

Falkland Is. Co. Ltd.	£20,000. - -
General Public	8,830. 6. 3.
	<u>£28,830. 6. 3.</u>

W. J. G. 5/2/47

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A.T.

5 §1 Can you say?

C.B.L.
5.2.47

Jan 26

The colony held no cash balances
therefore must have had to use
kahunas.

Ch.
91
10/2/47.

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M.E.

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§1 Re see 14 which seems to
be a curious reason. Surely the
restrooms could have been handed over
to H.M.G.

2. §2 Re see 7.

3. I don't think we should take up the
Tetry question.

4. Figures of private gifts - loans
are at 10 & 12. I am not sure how
much of this to include.

5. Unless V.E. has any further
instructions, may be D. be fixed?

C.B.L.
11/2/47

16.

M.C. 12/2/47

V. odd

No harm in
mentioning it - it
will have to be
repaired eventually.



Despatch No. 19 to S. of S. of 14. 2. 47. 17.

PA
Abe
12/3

FALKLAND ISLANDS -) WAR EXPENDITURE 1939/45.

1 Pay and Allowances	£ 103688.	13s.	2d.
2 Defence and Field Works	5287.	—.	9.
3 Erection and Maintenance of Buildings	4355.	18.	2.
4 Arms and Ammunition	7416.	10.	6.
5 Stores	1757.	10.	5.
6 Uniform and Equipment	7414.	—.	7.
7 Transport	4161.	4.	9.
8 Fuel and Lights	156.	18.	3.
9 Miscellaneous Expenses	2012.	17.	2.

10 { Civil Defence :-
Evacuation, A.R.P. etc.

8987. 19. 8.

£ 147125. 15. 5.

1939	£11985.	10s.	6.
1940	25858.	11.	10.
1941	13658.	14.	9.
1942	32123.	17.	9.
1943	28005.	9.	2.
1944	20610.	16.	7.
1945	11924.	12.	10.

£ 147125. 15. 5.

Direct contribution 127 000
Free gift 50 000
War damage, say 45 000
Subs. to war charities 28 400
War loan 28 800.

deduct

20 000

127,125

£ 279 300 say £280,000.

DEPENDENCIES

South GEORGIA DEPENDENCIES

1939	£1202.	5.	1.
1940	2825.	15.	4.
1941	1036.	17.	8.
1942	368.	11.	6.
1943	15.	1.	8.
1944			
1945			

£ 5498. 11. 3.

GIFT
~~Loan~~ To HM GOVERNMENT
INVESTMENTS REALIZED

287/46

£46639. 16. 2.

HICH WAS DEBITED TO RESERVE FUND

Assistant Treasurer

First copy filed in 0040
"Development Policy"

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

STANLEY.

12th February, 1947.

PAID 12/12/47

No. 19.

112.

Red 84b

in 136/46

"col Development
& Welfare"

I have the honour to refer to your enclosure 2 of Circular Despatch of the 12th November, 1945, in which you informed me that the sum of £150,000 had been allocated to this Colony under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act (1945).

1. While in normal circumstances I should consider this allocation most generous it will clearly be insufficient for completion of the development plan outlined in my Confidential Despatch of the 22nd January, 1947, and there are no suggestions which do not appear to have been put to you before and which I think, you would have wished to take into account.

2. I refer, primarily, to the direct contribution which this small Colony, with its limited resources, has made to the war effort and to the damage it has suffered as the result of becoming a military garrison during the war years.

3. As to the first I have ascertained that the Colony's war expenditure between 1939 and 1945 was no less than £177,125 made up as follows:-

1 Pay and allowances	£103688.	13.	10.
2 Defence and Field works	5287.	0.	0.
3 Erection and Maintenance of Buildings	4355.	18.	2.
4 Arms and ammunition	7416.	10.	6.
5 Stores	1737.	10.	3.
6 Uniform and Equipment	7914.	0.	7.
7 Transport	4161.	1.	0.
8 Fuel and Lights	1563.	18.	3.
9 Miscellaneous expenses	3012.	17.	2.

10 Civil Defence

(vacation, A.R.P. etc.)

8987. 11. 8.

£177125 11. 2.

From which £50,000 may be deducted for Public Works Department and transferred to full time military pay during the period. To this must be added £50,000 being a free gift to His Majesty's Government, a total of £177,125 in all. I am inclined to doubt if any Colony has made a direct contribution to the war effort on quite the same scale i.e. in relation to its resources.

4. The second two items in the Development Plan referred with my despatch under reference are occasioned directly by the military garrison.

(a) Re-building of the Town Hall and

(b) re-making of the Town Roads.

In regard to (a) the findings of the final enquiry held showed that the fire broke out between 5.30 p.m. when the last members of a military concert party which had hired it for rehearsal left the building and about 6.0 p.m.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ARTHUR CHURCH JONES, F.C.S., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

And/

Extracted to
64/44
Enquiry
into destruction
of Town
Hall.

17a

Extracted to
64/44.

and arson and the possibility of defects in the heating or lighting systems having been ruled out it was undoubtedly the result of a cigarette carelessly dropped by a member of the party. Since, quite obviously, the insurance policy could never hope to cover the cost of rebuilding a claim should have been preferred at once but no steps were taken to this end. Mr. H. A. Cresswell F.R.I.B.A. designed the Town Hall and all materials were ordered by the Crown Agents for the Colonies from drawings prepared by him. On these it would doubtless be possible to frame an estimate of the cost of re-building to-day and I shall be pleasantly surprised if it can be done for less than £35,000.

Extracted to
199/39 "Repair
of roads in
about
Stanley"

(b) The Town roads which were adequate for all potential traffic before the war proved quite inadequate for the heavy military traffic to which they were subjected and it is clear that they will have to be re-made; exclusive of the extensions to the Admiralty S.T. station at the one end and to Surf Bay at the other the work is unlikely to cost less than £10,000. Here again a claim should have been made.

6. In round figures, therefore, I put the war commitments of this Colony (as distinct from subscriptions from the public for war charities amounting to £25,400 and loans amounting to £25,800) at about £112,400 which I trust that you will be disposed to agree is very considerable for so small a community and venture to hope that, should occasion demand, you will be prepared to entertain an application for supplementary provision. I note incidentally that the allocation to St. Helena and Ascension from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund was £200,000.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(sgd.) WILES CLIFFORD.