

C.S.

Accounts.

1923

MIN/GEO/1#16

No. 401/23

C.E. "I"

650

SUBJECT.

1923

22 May

Previous Paper.

Cost of Dr. H.A. Baker's Geological equipment.

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MINUTES.

Extract from Lr. from Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau 15th Oct 1920

Copy of Letter from Colonial Office to Crown Agents 20 Oct 1920

Y.S.
I attach G.O. M. P. 445/20. Encl 3 deals with the equipment required by Dr. Baker. The Abstract of the Crown Agents. Yes for January 1921 shows that a sum of £4,13/7 was expended under Head 'Geologist' Item 2 'Instruments' included in this amount is the cost of the Upsala Bulletin (£1.7.10) referred to in M. P. 664/21. No other sums seem to have been paid for Dr. Baker's equipment.

W.L.B.
O.S.E.S.O.

22 May 1923

Subsequent Paper.

Hon: Treasurer.

Accounts for 1920 show an expenditure
of £33 for equipment for Geologist: ~~the~~ the sum
includes £1.7.10 for Upsale Bulletin.
Do accounts show what other items were
which went to make up balance of £33?

JM

22 May 1923

Hon: Col: Sec;

The Pay Vouchers in support of the entries in
the Crown Agents Accounts have been sent to Audit and are not
filed in the Colonial Treasury. The following is entered in
the C.A.A/cs for 1920, viz:-

1920.

Nov. 15th;	Refund of amount expended by Dr. Baker in connection with appointment as Geologist.....(26)	£8.	8.	0.	
-do-18th;	rocket Aneroid.....(30)	6.	-	-	✓
-do-19th;	Railway fare and detention allowance to Dr. Baker.....(34)	3.	2.	4.	✓
-do-22nd;	Fee for special course in Oil Technology taken by Dr. Baker..(36)	7.	10.	-	✓
-do-22nd;	Refund of amount expended by Dr. Baker in purchase of a folding camera & two Geological Hammers.....(37)	7.	-	6	✓
Decr: 28th;	Book.....(43)	1.	7.	10.	✓
Total.....		£ 33.	8.	8.	

W. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.

29th May 1923.

Hon. Treasurer.

Can you please say what items were included in the sum of £4. 13/7 charged in the C. A's a/c for January 1921.

G.H.B.
O.C.Sec.
8 June 1923.

Hon. Col. Secretary,

The following appears in Crown Agents accounts, January, 1921:-

A. West & Partners - C.A. 1455a- Range Finder	£ 3 : 0 : 0
Townson & Mercer Ltd - C.A. 1455a- Blowpipe Outfit etc.	1 : 13 : 7
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	£ 4 : 13 : 7

Ray v. Handy.
for Col. Treasurer.
9.VI.23.

Y.P.

The following instruments &c, paid for by the Government, seem to have been taken away by Dr. Baker:

Packet aneroid	£ 6 of
Folding Camera	} 7 of 6
Two geological hammers	
Range Finder	3 of
Blowpipe outfit	1. 13. 7
Upsala Bulletin	1. 7. 10
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	£ 19 - 1 - 11

To write Dr. Baker asking for them

return or to refund amount
paid for them?

W.H.B.
Di C/Sec
11 June 1923

~~W.H.B.~~ 12 June 1923

Letter to Dr. Baker, 13th June, 1923. Encl. (3)

Letter from Dr Baker of 25th Sept 1923 " (4)

V.G.
Submitted.

W.H.B.
Di C/Sec
14 Nov 1923

When is the cost of
the items 1, 3 6 and 8 in the
second list shown as having been
~~refunded~~ refunded please?

W.H.B. 14 Nov. 23

I understand that no further
information is available than that
appearing in this paper.

Unless the Treasurer sees any
objection I propose to authorize a
settlement of the affair by the receipt
of the articles which Dr. Baker is
going to return and that the others
be written off.

W.H.B. 16 Nov. 23

Non Treasurer
Referred
G.M. 13
Dir/Sec
17 Nov 1923

Hon:Col:Sec;

I concur in the opinion expressed in His Excellency's minute of 16/11/23.

2. I think the Local Auditor should see this paper, as to the disposal of the articles when received

Ruthompson
Colonial Treasurer.
19th November 1923.

Lr. from D. H. A. Baker 5 Dec 1923 (5)

Y.L.
Submitted,

A case has been received containing the articles as notified. The blow pipe outfit is broken. This was sent in a tin box within the case with unfortunately no packing to keep the glass tubes from shifting in the box.

2. Will Your Excellency be pleased to direct as to the storing of these articles.

G.M. 13
Dir/Sec
14 Jan 1924

Act. Ch. to take them was please
sup to L.A. please
ttttt 15 Jan 24

Colonial Engineer.

Will you please take over
articles.

GRH. 17

oic/see

15 Jan 1924

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

The articles mentioned in Dr
Baker's letter of 5th December have been received.
The blow-pipe outfit is broken.

RRB:asdy

Colonial Engineer.

15/1/24.

Local Auditor

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GRH. 17

oic/see

15 Jan 1924

Hon. Col. Secy.

Noted

M. Craigie Halkett

16.1.24

Letter to Dr. Baker, 20th Nov. 1924. (6)

Letter from Dr. Baker of 10th February 1925 - (7)

J.P.

The submission of this paper has been
overlooked as I instructed that care
should be taken to ascertain whether
the clinometer & the apparatus for
maps enlargement had arrived. It
is now clear they were not received by
last mail, but they will probably
arrive by the next.

Pl. on arrival, next mail

M. 29/1/25

GRH. 17

oic/see

19 Jan 1925

Inside Minute Paper.

Y.C. Submitted,

Clinometer & apparatus for maps enlargement have been received. Two (8) articles were very insecurely packed and the glass of the clinometer has arrived broken.

2. These articles to be handed over to the Colonial Engineer as in the case of the articles received in January, 1924.

acknowledgment should go to D. Baker later.

Y.C.
O.I.C. Secy
27 July 1923.
27 July 1923

Colonial Engineer,

Will you please take delivery of apparatus for map enlargement & clinometer.

Y.C.
O.I.C. Secy
27 July 1923.

O.I.C. / C.S.O.

The following articles have been received.

- I. Clinometer (broken).
- I. Apparatus for map enlargement consisting of 10 pieces in all.

Y.C.
O.I.C. Secy
28/7/25.

28/7/25.

Letter to D^r. H.A. Baker, 31 July, 1925. (9)

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Copy of letter to the Crown Agents for the Colonies from the
Colonial Office No. 51324 of 1920, dated 20th of October, 1920.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that he has approved of Mr. H. A. Baker who has been appointed Geologist in the Falkland Islands being supplied with the apparatus and articles shown in the enclosed list.

2. It is understood that Mr. Baker has already obtained items 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 12 and I am to authorize you on his furnishing you with the necessary receipt to refund to him the amount so expended by him. Lord Milner also approves of your purchasing in consultation with Mr. Baker the remaining items shown in the list but you should not without further reference to this Department incur any expenses in excess of a total sum of £40 including the amount refunded to Mr. Baker.

3. I am to suggest that if you are unable to obtain item 13 otherwise you should communicate with C. E. Fritz, Hofbohhandel, Stockholm.

4. As Mr. Baker is due to leave for the Falkland Islands next month it is desirable that the proposed purchase should be expedited. A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Baker with a request that he will place himself in early communication with you. His address is Woodview, Grosmont Road, Plumstead, Common, Woolwich, S.E. 18.

I am, etc.,

G. Grindle.

(1)

Extract from letter from the Imperial Mineral Resources
Bureau dated 15th October, 1920.

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He should be permitted to purchase the following apparatus and outfit :-

- (1) Plane table and Alidade
- (2) Range-finder, by means of which rough local surveys may be carried out.
- (3) Clinometer.
- (4) Aneroid.
- (5) Half-plate Camera.
- (6) Measuring Tape.
- (7) Geological Hammers. (2)
- (8) Apparatus for map enlargement or reduction.
- (9) Blow pipe apparatus and reagents for testing minerals.
- (10) Rucksack.
- (11) Wading Boots.
- (12) Map and Admiralty Chart of the Falkland Islands.
- (13) A copy of Halles Paper on the Geological structure and history of the Falkland Islands, published in the Bulletin of the University of Upsala Vol. II. 1912.

He tells me that he has already purchased the items 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 12 under the mistaken impression that he was expected to buy his equipment and submit a claim for reimbursement. I should recommend that under the circumstances he should, as a special concession, be repaid the money so expended.

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401/23.

13th June,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to state that the apparatus and articles which you had permission to purchase from Government funds do not seem to have been handed over by you when you left the Colony.

2. The following articles are shewn in the Crown Agents accounts as having been paid for :

One pocket aneroid	...	...	...	26.	0.	0.
One folding camera)					
Two geological hammers)	...	...	...	7.	0.	6.
One range finder	...	...	...	3.	0.	0.
One blow pipe outfit	...	...	...	1.	13.	7.
One copy of Halles paper on Geological structure of Falkland Islands	1.	7.	10.
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				£19.	1.	11.

3. A complete list of the outfit which you had permission to purchase is attached and I am to request that all the items procured at the Government's expense may be returned without delay or the value of the articles refunded.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Dr H. A. Baker, D.Sc.,

Woodview,

Grosmont Road,

Plumstead Common,
Woolwich, S.E. 18.

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

APPARATUS AND ARTICLES PURCHASED BY DR. H. A. BAKER,
GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST, FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

1. Plane table and Alidade
2. Range-finder, by means of which rough local surveys may be carried out. ✓
3. Clinometer
4. Aneroid
5. Half-plate Camera
6. Measuring Tape
7. Geological Hammers (2) ✓
8. Apparatus for map enlargement or reduction
9. Blow pipe apparatus and reagents for testing minerals. ✓
10. Rucksack
11. Wading Boots
12. Map and Admiralty Chart of the Falkland Islands.
13. A copy of Halls Paper on the Geological structure and history of the Falkland Islands, published in the Bulletin of the University of Upsala Vol. II. 1912.

"Wood View",
Grosmont Road,
Plumstead Common,

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London, S.E.18.

25 September, 1923.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication No. 401/23. dated 13th June, 1923, referring to the apparatus and articles which I had permission to purchase from Government funds. These were not handed over by me when I left the Colony because many of them were required for use in England during the final stages of my work.

I note that you forward me two lists, one of articles shown in the Crown Agents' accounts as having been paid for, and the other giving a complete list of all the articles which I had permission to purchase. Some of the items in the second list were not obtained. The first list shows the purchases actually made.

As I now no longer require these articles I propose to return the following, as soon as possible :-

One aneroid	£6.	0.	0.
One range finder		3.	0.	0.

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One blow-pipe outfit	1.	13.	7.
One copy of Halle's paper on Geological structure of Falkland Islands	1.	7.	10.
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				£12.	1.	5.
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I note that in your communication no allowance has been made for reasonable wear and tear suffered by the articles supplied for my use during my survey, but I have no doubt that you will be prepared to make such reasonable allowance.

With regard to the item "Two geological hammers", one of these was lost in the 'camp' and the other broken, during the course of my work. I also suffered the loss of some hammers from my own private supply, but made no charge upon Government funds for these.

With regard to the folding camera supplied for my use, this on many occasions suffered considerable damage, and I found, on my return to England, that it was useless, and I was compelled to purchase another one, at my own expense, in order to carry out the photographic work involved during the preparation of my final report. During my stay in the Colony I incurred considerable expense in the purchase of photographic materials, certainly amounting to more than the value of the camera, and although I might have done so, I did not, at any time, make any charge upon Government funds in respect of this. I suggest as a

convenient and equitable arrangement the balancing of the cost of the camera against the cost of photographic materials purchased at my expense in the Colony. The camera is quite useless and there seems no point in returning it to the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Herbert, A. Baker,

(late Government Geologist for the Falkland Islands.)

(5)

"Wood View",
Grossmont Road,
Plumstead Common,
London, S.E. 18.

5th December, 1923.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Post Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

Following on my previous letter I now have the honour to return the undermentioned items of apparatus and articles which I had permission to purchase from Government funds during my geological survey of the Colony.

One aneroid - - -	£ 6 - 0 - 0
One range finder - - -	3 - 0 - 0
One blow-pipe outfit - - -	1 - 13 - 4
One copy of Halle's paper on Geological structure of Falkland Islands -	1 - 7 - 10 ^v
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	£ 12 - 1 - 5

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant,
Herbert A. Baker.

401/23.

20th November,

24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th of September and the 5th of December, 1923, on the subject of the return of apparatus and articles purchased from the funds of this Government and taken away with you when you left the Colony. The articles referred to in your letter of the 5th of December have now been received. The blow-pipe outfit was unfortunately broken in transit. It was found to be in a tin case with no packing to protect the glass tubes.

2. I am to draw your attention to an apparent misunderstanding in your letter of the 25th of September. The list of articles shown in the Crown Agents Accounts as having been paid for, refers only to those purchased by the Crown Agents and not to those purchased by you, the cost of which was afterwards refunded. These were included in the second list. You state that "Some of the items in the second list were not obtained. The first list shows the purchases actually made." Dr. Evans however states in a letter of the 15th of October, 1920, to the

Dr. H. A. Baker, D.Sc.,

Colonial/

Grenada.

Boys' Secondary School,
St Georges,

B.W.I.

Colonial Office that you had informed him that you had already purchased items 1,2,3,5,8 and 12 shewn on the second list under the impression that the cost would be refunded. The Secretary of State then authorised the Crown Agents to refund your expenditure on this account and to purchase the remaining articles. The accounts shew that the Crown Agents refunded to you the sum of £8. 8. 0 on the 15th of November, 1920, in respect of the amount you had expended. It would appear from the correspondence that all the articles on the second list except a ruck sack and waders were paid for from Government funds.

3. I am therefore to request you to be good enough to return to the Colony at your early convenience the following articles (1) Plane table and alidade (2) Clinometer (3) Apparatus for map enlargement or reduction.

4. I am to state in conclusion that His Excellency has no objection to accepting your suggestion that the cost of the camera should be balanced against the cost of photographic materials purchased at your expense in the Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 7

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

GRENADA,

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

10th February, 1925 .

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 401/23 of date 20th November, 1924, on the subject of the return of apparatus and articles purchased from the funds of the Falkland Islands' Government and taken away with me when I left the Colony. I regret to learn that the blow-pipe outfit was unfortunately broken in transit. It must have received exceptional buffeting . The metal cases containing these sets are usually regarded as providing all reasonable protection.

2. At this date I find it difficult satisfactorily to clear up the misunderstanding which has arisen in connection with the purchase of my outfit. I recollect that I began to purchase the various articles which I should be requiring, under the impression that the cost would be refunded. I was then informed that it would be necessary for me to obtain official permission before proceeding further in the matter. The result was that certain articles were purchased officially, and a refund made to me, others were obtained privately and paid for by me, and others again, though on the official list, were never obtained. However, there can be no doubt of the correctness of the two official lists to which you refer. I find that I have with me here the clinometer and the apparatus for map enlargement or reduction, and these I am forwarding to

to you. With regard to the plane-table and alidade I regret to say that this was lost in the "camp" on one occasion when I was riding to Port Harriet. It was strapped to my maletas, together with my best geological hammer, and dropped off unnoticed. The articles could never afterwards be found although I always made a point of looking for them whenever I passed that way. Mr. Hugh Harding was with me at the time of their loss and will doubtless recall the incident.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Herbert A. Baker,

Director of Education.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

GRENADA,

18th Feb.

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APPARATUS RETURNED BY DR. H. A. BAKER TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1. Clinometer.
2. Apparatus for map enlargement or reduction.

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401/23.

31st July.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th February and to inform you that the clinometer and apparatus for map enlargement have been received. The parcel containing the articles was delivered in a tarn condition and the clinometer was found to have been broken.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

Dr. H. A. Baker, D.Sc.,
Education Department,
Director's Office,
Grenada.