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SUBJECT.

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Selection of Mr. H. A. Baker as
Government Geologist

19th Oct.

Previous Paper.

CPH 339/20

MINUTES.

Hon Treasurer.

*Please note.
C.P.H. 339
for C.S.
8/1/21*

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted accordingly.

*H. H. Thompson
Treasurer
19-1-21.*

Subsequent Paper.

COPY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 123.

Downing Street,

19th October, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 98 of the 26th August, I have the honour to inform you that I have selected Mr. H. A. Baker for appointment as Government Geologist in the Falkland Islands.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to take a free 1st class passage for Mr. Baker by the s.s. "Orita" sailing some time in November.

3. I request that you will give Mr. Baker, after his arrival in the Colony, a formal letter of appointment stating that you appoint him on the conditions embodied in the letter from the Colonial Office of the 27th September of which a copy is enclosed.

27th September.

18th October.

4. I have also to enclose a copy of a further letter to Mr. Baker from which it will be observed that it is proposed to make arrangements for half his salary to be paid to his wife in this country. A copy of any instructions issued to the Crown Agents on the subject, will be communicated to you in due course.

I have etc.

(Sgd). Milner.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COPY.

Enclosure to despatch No. 123 of the 19th October, 1920.

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Downing Street,
27th September, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that he proposes to select you for appointment as Government Geologist in the Falkland Islands with a salary at the rate of £600 a year. The term contemplated for the duration of the appointment is two years, with an interval of some months in this country, but it will be subject to termination at any time upon three months notice by either party. When travelling on duty in the Colony your expense will be refunded. You will be required to undertake a comprehensive survey for coal and oil, and to investigate generally as to the prospect of obtaining minerals.

2. You are to understand that your employment will be under the Colonial Government; that your emoluments will be paid solely from the funds of the Colony; and that the appointment will be subject to the Colonial Regulations in force for the time being. A copy of the latest edition of the Regulations is enclosed.

3. The Regulations dealing with the removal of Officers will be found in Chapter 11 section 5. Although the appointment is not pensionable Regulations 51 and 52 will apply to you as if you were an officer in receipt of pensionable emoluments not exceeding £100 a year; but you must also understand that you will hold the appointment ~~subject~~ subject to the pleasure of the Crown, and the pleasure of the Crown that you should no longer hold it may be signified through the Secretary of State, in which case no special formalities are required.

Col. Regns.
H. A. BAKER, ESQ., M. Sc.

4. You

4. You will be provided with a free 1st class passage to the Colony, on your signing the usual agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, S.W.1. by which you will be bound to repay to the Colonial Government the cost of your passage in the event of your leaving the service two years of the date of your arrival in the Colony for any other reason than mental or physical infirmity. You will also receive a free passage back to England if you retain the appointment for two years or if the Governor should determine it at an earlier date, provided that your conduct has been satisfactory.

5. You will be entitled to half salary from the date of your embarkation from this country, and to full salary from the date of your arrival in the Colony.

6. If you are prepared to accept the appointment you should communicate at once with Dr. J. W. Evans, of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau, in regard to the settlement of a preliminary course of study and a programme for your work. You will be required to undergo a short course of study in this country before embarkation beginning on the 5th October. You will receive full salary while so employed, and up to date of your embarkation if you embark by the first available steamer. If you are required to proceed to any place out of London for the purpose of study you will receive your railway fares 3rd class and an allowance for each night necessarily spent away from home.

I am etc.

(Sgd). G. Grindle.

50155/1920.

Downing Street,
18th October, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th October, in which you have expressed your acceptance of the conditions stated in the letter from this Department of the 27th September, and to inform you that you have been passed as physically fit for service in the Falkland Islands. You have accordingly been selected for appointment as Government Geologist on the terms communicated to you in the above mentioned letter.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to take your passage by the s.s. "Orita", sailing in November.

3. You should communicate with the Crown Agents whose address is 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1., as to the agreement which you are required to sign with regard to the cost of your passage.

4. You will receive a formal letter of appointment from the Governor when you arrive in the Colony.

5. Having regard to the difficulty of communication with the Falkland Islands, a special arrangement will be made for half your salary to be paid monthly to the credit of Mrs. Baker as desired, but in accordance with the spirit of the Regulations as to family remittances, the payment will have to be paid one month in arrear, i.e. the first payment to be made at the end of January if you England in November. If you will again communicate with this Department shortly before you sail the necessary instructions will be given to the Crown Agents.

I am,

(Sgd.) G. Grindle.

H. A. BAKER, ESQ., M. Sc.