

C.S.

ACCOUNTS	
REVENUE.	
LEGAL - RATES.	
No.	270/35.

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C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

193 5.

1st October.

Previous Paper.

GOVT OFFICERS QUARTERS

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF WATER RATE

MINUTES.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTE DATED 1ST OCTOBER, 1935, RECEIVED FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (ORIGINAL FILED IN M.P. 221/35.)

I believe that official quarters are now supplied with water free of charge. Do you not consider that it would be reasonable to charge occupants of the quarters the same as private houses. I understand that about 30/- per ~~month~~ would be fair.

I consider that the Government House should pay a water rate - £3 a month if 30/- is charged to householders.

(Itld) H.H.H.
1/10/35.

M. I agree. Under Regulation 4 of the Stanley Water Supply Regs, 1934, the rate is 1/- for every twenty shillings of the annual value of private property as assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Stanley Rating Ord. 1928. Govt. House and all other Govt. Quarters could be assessed by the Rating Board and officers would require to pay water

Subsequent Paper.

rate on such assessment.

MCH
cl.
2. X. 55

The amounts mentioned by me are yearly and not monthly but were stated as per month by a slip.

I understand that 30/- a year is approximately what a house equivalent to Senior Officers Quarters w^d pay but as the rental w^d I take it to be £50 a year the sum payable would be £2-10. Govt House could not of course be rated in the same way as its size is out of all proportion for private residential purposes £5 a year w^d probably be fair.

I do not care about this being to the Rating Board as Govt Quarters are I think always or nearly so free of municipal rates in Colonies but please ask the D.P.W. opinion on what sh^d. be paid (a) for Senior Officers Quarters (b) for Junior Officers Quarters and (c) for cottages.

~~W. H. H.~~ 2/2/55

Director Public Works.

Will you kindly consider and state your opinion.

MCH
J. X. 55

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

Reasons

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Submitted. List of Government quarters with what I consider to be fair assessment values according to their size and amenities. On the whole the figures are slightly higher than the private properties in the town.

G. Roberts

Director of Public Works.
7th October, 1935.

M.
Submitted. The scale appears to be fair:

*McH
CS
8.10.35*

If only water be charged in respect of the cottages otherwise the rates ~~will~~ just

I wd like Heads of Departments give the opportunity of making ~~deleg~~ representations in the matter before the charge is imposed

14/10/35

3-4.

Minute to:—

Hon. Treasurer, 15/10/35.

Hon. S.M.O., — — —

.. D.P.W. — — —

Supt. of Education — — —

Chief Constable — — —

Chief Electrician — — —

Minute from Electrician 17/10/35 (5)

P.A.
15/10/35

Minute from Hon. Col. Treasurer 16/10/35 (6)

Minute from Hon. S. H. O. 17/10/35 (7)

Minute to Dept. of Education of 31/10/35 (8)

— — Chief Constable of 31/10/35 (9)

Minute from Secy G. 7/11/35 (10)

— — Chief Constable 4/11/35 (11)

Hon. Treasurer.

To see reds 3 and 4 please.

Do you desire to make any representations?

MCH
Ct
4. XI. 35

Hon. Ct.

I have no representations to make at present but should like to see the file before the preparation of the estimates for 1937.

J. R. R. C.
7/11/35

Submitted.

2. Heads of Depts. have made no representations.

3. Rate as shown on red 3 might be paid

on 1st January next.

MCH
Ct
5. XI. 35

~~Handwritten signature~~ 8/11

Office

To comply to H.O's plan.

(12) Minute to Heads of Departments of 13/11/35.

✓ MCH
13. XI. 35

(13) List of Occupiers of Govt Quarters etc

Hon. Secy.

To withdraw list of occupants of Govt. quarters who are required to pay as from 1st January 1936, the water rate on the assessed value of their quarters.

MCH
21. XI. 35

Hon. Secy.

Noted.
21/11/35

Local Auditor

To note, please
21/11/35

Hon. Secy.

Noted.
Gordon C. Roberts
29/11/35 for Local Auditor

7 Minute from D.P.W. 27/11/35

14-18

Director Public Works.

In their letters Mr^s Evans and Mr^s Arthur state the rental was raised on account of alterations and water supply. Your letter of 5th Sep^r 1930 mentions improvements and hot water supply. It seems clear therefore that the rent was raised on acc^t of improvements and hot water supply. If you consider the persons in question might be so informed.

MCH.
et.
28. 11. 35

Hon. Col. Sec.

Reply has been sent. Copy Revs 19-20 attached for information.

C. Roberts.

D.P.W.
28/11/35.

P. A.
MCH.
29. 11. 35

Minutes from Hon. S.M.O. of 20/3/36

(21-22)

Hon. D.P.W.

For your recommendation please.
Do you consider such ^{payments} should be automatic?
P.A.C.
20/3/36

Hon Col. Sec.

Yes I recommend that refunds be automatic.

It is seldom this occurs.

Owners of private property in the Town pay water rates to the nearest month they occupy the premises.

I submit that the same ruling should apply to officials.

Dr Edmunds might be charged $\frac{5}{12}$ of 50/- this will give him a rebate of £1-9-2.

C. Roberts.

D. P. W.
22/5/36.

C. C. Gray.

Please effect refund.

P. & C.
29/5/36

Hon Col. Sec.

Voucher has been prepared in favour of Dr Edmunds, in the sum of £1-9-2.

2. Are refunds to be made to officials for the periods when they are on leave from the Colony, during which time they are not using the water?

Ans:

b. G. Lee

1. 6. 36

How. D.P.W.

Please see the minute of the C.C. Com.

It would appear that the rate was fixed on the assumption that the quarters would be occupied for a whole year.

2. In the event of an officer proceeding on leave he has no claim on the quarters should Govt. require them for other purposes, again an officer may proceed on leave during which he is transferred to another Colony in which case it would be difficult to justify a claim for waste rate.
3. My view is that the waste rate is on the Property. The Property belongs to Govt. who grant the use of quarters subject to the payment of such rates as may be fixed. Likewise in the case of private property the owner may let his property nevertheless he is liable for the payment of waste rate. Do you agree?

C.P.
1/6/36.

Hon. Col. Sec.

When an officer goes on leave and the Dues are held for his occupation on return to the Colony, the rate should be paid.

This is the only tax which the Govt. asks their officials to pay, and I do not think there will be any quibble.

If the occupier of a private house in town leaves the Colony for a period of 6 or 7 months this Dept would expect the rate to be paid.

C. Roberts
D.P.W. 2/6/36.

Y.E.

- 1. The question arose as to whether officers should or should not pay water rate whilst on leave.
- 2. I referred the matter to the Hon. D.P.W. and submit his reply.
- 3. Will Y.E. please give a decision on the matter.

J. Es. 3/6/36

This question has been a subject of contention in various forms in most Colonies

When an officer has the ^{occupation} use of quarters containing his furniture ^{whether in the Colony or not} he is liable for water supply. If the house is empty and is disposed of by Govt he is not liable. In D. Edwards case 6 months relief should be refunded

~~Es.~~ 3/6/36

Hon. D.P.W.

Please note the decision of H.E.

J. Es. 4/6/36

CC

Try

To note the decision in the board record in your minute dated 1/6/36

P.A. 4/6/36

Hon. Col. G. ...

noted. and ...

J. Es. 4/6/36

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

C. Roberts.

D.P.M.
5/6/36.

PA
5/6/36

Letter from Mr. A.W. Beardmore of 30.9.37.

to

(23)

(24)

PA
7/8/37

A.W. to note refs (23) + (24)

Res
17/6/37

PA
11/10/37

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

for C.S.
11/10/37

Hon. Treasurer }
Local Auditor }

Ad for letter
to note
11/10/37
for C.S.
11/10/37

PA
11/10/37

H. B. S.

The only authority for levying a water rate upon occupants of official quarters appears to be section 1435. I can find no support for the legality or rectitude of such executive approval but, possibly, this means was used as, under the "Stanley Dale Supply Ordinance 1927", the Governor-in-Council has no power to make regulations as to the price at which water may be supplied to any where but not private land, (private) premises or (private) tenements. The Ordinance would have to be amended before regulations could be made applying to official quarters.

C.B. 16-12-41.
2.A.

Y/E.

Comments of L.A. submitted.

C. J. J.
for C.S.
17/12/41.

In view of above it looks as if this rate collection will have to be waived for 1942. There is no need to inform officers, but merely not send in demand note. But what is the position as regards rates already collected? Pl. refer to L.A.

[Signature] 17/12/41

L.A.

Referred.
C. J. J.
for C.S.
17/12/41.

H. B. S.

As at present a successful action to recover probably lies but presumably it is unlikely that any official would bring an action. For the meantime an amendment to the Ordinance could be passed & made retrospective but retrospective legislation is usually undesirable and it is difficult to obtain the approval of the L.C.S. for it.

[Signature]
L.A.

18-12-41.

Y/E.

Submitted.
C. J. J.
for C.S.
18/12/41.

∴ let sleeping dogs lie, & that is all

too involved. In any case they acquiesced
in the levy, as I did myself - but
future not to be demanded.

AS 19/11/41

Mr. J.S.

to note for necessary action.

C. J. Ford
19/12/41

Hon. Sec.

Necessary action will be taken.

AS

F.S. 19/11/41

Minute from Executive Engineer of 4/8/42. 25.

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No. 270/55.

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

MINUTE.

15th October, 19 55.

To The Hon. Treasurer, ✓

STANLEY.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to inform you that it is proposed that in future public Officers should pay annually a water rate of 1/- in the pound on the assessed value of the quarters they occupy.

I attach for your information a list shewing the assessment of each house and the water rate payable.

I am to enquire whether you wish to make any representations in the matter before the charge is imposed.

MCH

Copies sent to:-
Hon. S.M.O. ✓
" D.P.W. ✓
Supt. of Education. ✓
Chief Constable.
Chief Electrician. ✓

Colonial Secretary.

M.P. 270/35.

LIST OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

<u>House.</u>	<u>Occupant.</u>	<u>Assessed Value.</u>	<u>Water rate @ 1/- in a</u>		
			<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Government House.	His Excellency the Governor.	100.	5.	0.	0.
Colonial Secretary's Quarters.	Colonial Secretary.	75.	3.	15.	0.
Part Marine Qrs, Drury Street.	Senior Medical Officer.	50.	2.	10.	0
Senior Officers Qrs 1.	(Now unoccupied. For Colonial Treasurer).	50.	2.	10.	0
" " " 2.	Supt. of Education.	50.	2.	10.	0
" " " 3.	Medical Officer.	50.	2.	10.	0
Cable House.	Director of Public Works.	40.	2.	0.	0
Junior Officers Qrs 1.	Mr. W.D.A. Jones.	30.	1.	10.	0
" " " 2.	" A.W. Beardmore.	30.	1.	10.	0
" " " 3.	" V.J. Lellman.	30.	1.	10.	0
Quarters on Ross Road.	" G.W. Butcher.	30.	1.	10.	0
Admiralty Cottage.	" W.A. Allan.	30.	1.	10.	0
Harbour Masters Qrs.	" A.C. Bennett.	30.	1.	10.	0
Part Marine Qrs, Drury Street.	" G.L. Daillie.	30.	1.	10.	0
Dockyard Cottage.	" G. Kelway.	30.	1.	10.	0
Gardeners Quarters.	" H. Evans.	30.	1.	10.	0
Police Cottage No. 1.	P.C. Norris.	25.	1.	5.	0
" " No. 2.	P.C. J. Lanning.	25.	1.	5.	0
" " No. 3.	Mrs Evans.	25.	1.	5.	0
" " No. 4.	Mrs Atkins.	25.	1.	5.	0
" " No. 5.	P.C. E. Swain.	25.	1.	5.	0
" " No. 6.	P.C. E. Headford.	25.	1.	5.	0
Chief Constable's Qrs and Gaol.	Chief Constable.	25.	1.	5.	0
Double Cottage, Allardyce Street.	East Side... A.H. Biggs.	30.	1.	10.	0
	West " .. Mrs Pearson.	30.	1.	10.	0
Carried Forward.			£46.	0.	0

<u>House.</u>	<u>Occupant.</u>	<u>Assessed Value.</u>	<u>Water rate @ 1/- in £.</u>		
			<u>s.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
	Brought forward.		46.	0.	0.
The Deanery.	The Very Rev. the Dean. (Now paying water rate @ from Church Funds).		1.	16.	0.
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			47.	16.	0.

The following Government dwellings are not connected to the water main.

Housing Block (West). Mrs. C. Roberts.
Mr. F. Buse.
W. Smith.
M. Mc. Mullen.

Housing Block (East). E. Whitney.
G. Thompson.
L. Grant.
H. Biggs.

C. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.
7th October, 1935.

Copy sent to:-
Hon. S.M.O.
" D.P.W.
Supt. of Education.
Chief Constable.
Chief Electrician.

No. 270/35.

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MINUTE.

13th November, 19 35.

To The Hon. Col. Treasurer,

STANLEY.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red 4. With reference to my minute of the 15th of October, 1935, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that as from the 1st of January next, occupants of official quarters will be charged a water rate of 1/- in the pound on the assessed value of their quarters.

2. The amounts payable in this connection by officers in your department are shown in the list which accompanied my minute referred to above, and I am to request that you will notify the officers accordingly.

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

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LIST OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

<u>HOUSE.</u>	<u>OCCUPANT.</u>	<u>Assessed Value.</u>	<u>Water rate @ 1/- in £.</u>		
			<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Government House.	His Excellency the Governor.	100.	5.	0.	0.
Colonial Secretary's Quarters.	Colonial Secretary.	75.	3.	15.	0.
Port Marine Qrs, Drury Street.	Senior Medical Officer.	50.	2.	10.	0.
Senior Officers Qrs. 1.	Colonial Treasurer.	50.	2.	10.	0.
" " " 2.	Supt. of Education.	50.	2.	10.	0.
" " " 3.	Medical Officer.	50.	2.	10.	0.
Cable House.	Director of Public Works.	40.	2.	0.	0.
Junior Officers Qrs. 1.	Mr. W.D.A. Jones.	30.	1.	10.	0.
" " " 2.	" A.W. Beardmore.	30.	1.	10.	0.
" " " 3.	" V.J. Lellman.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Quarters on Ross Road.	" G.W. Butcher.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Admiralty Cottage.	" W.M. Allen.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Harbour Masters Qrs.	" A.G. Bennett.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Port Marine Qrs, Drury Street.	" G.L. Dailie.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Dockyard Cottage.	" G. Kelway.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Gardeners Quarters.	" H. Evans.	30.	1.	10.	0.
Police Cottages No. 1.	P.C. J. Norris.	20.	1.	0.	0.
" " No. 2.	P.C. J. Lanning.	20.	1.	0.	0.
" " No. 3.	Mrs. Evans.	20.	1.	0.	0.
" " No. 4.	Mrs, Atkins.	20.	1.	0.	0.
" " No. 5.	P.C. E. Swain.	20.	1.	0.	0.
" " No. 6.	P.O. E. Headford.	20.	1.	0.	0.
Chief constable's Qrs. and gaol.	Chief Constable.	25.	1.	5.	0.
Double Cottage, Allardyce Street.	East Side... Mrs. A.M. Biggs.	30.	1.	10.	0.
	West " G. Pearson.	30.	1.	10.	0.

£44. 10. 0.

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MINUTE.

27th November, 1935

From. ~~To~~ Director of Public Works,
Stanley.

~~From~~ To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

M.P. 270/35.

Water rate chargeable to occupants of Government quarters.

Submitted.

Letters received from Mrs M. Evans and Mrs J.L. Atkins. The former came to see me to protest against paying water rate. She stated that she was of the opinion that the 10/- month increase in rent which was made in January 1931 should cover the payment for water.

2. I attach a copy of letter which was sent to Mrs Evans and Mrs Atkins in September, 1930. At that time the rents for the Police Cottages were £2. 0. 0. per month payable by private tenants, and in consideration of improvements which were carried out then, such as front porches, flush lavatories, etc., it was approved to charge all private tenants occupying these quarters £2. 10. 0 per month.

G. Roberts.
Director of Public Works.

Enclosures
Copy letter to Mrs Evans - 5/9/1930.
Copy letter " " " 15/11/35.
Letter from " " " 26/11/35.
Copy letter to Mrs Atkins. 15/11/35.
Letter from " " " 26/11/35.

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Police Cottage No. 3.

Port Stanley,

26th November, 1935.

Sir,

with reference to your letter of the 15th inst.,
re water rate, I beg to draw your attention to
a letter received in the year 1929 when an
increase of £6 per annum was charged on the
Rental of this Cottage owing to alterations and
water supply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Mrs. M. Evans.

No 3. Police Cottage

The Director of Public Works,
STANLEY.

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Public Works Department ,

Stanley .

15th November, 1935 .

Madam ,

I am directed to inform you that , as from the 1st January 1936 , a water rate of £1. 0. 0 per annum will be payable for Police Cottage No 4 . , occupied by you .

I am ,

Madam ,

Your obedient servant ,

(Sgd) G. Roberts

Director of Public Works .

Mrs Atkins ,
Stanley .

Police Cottage No. 4.

Stanley,

26th November, 1935.

Sir,

with reference to your letter of the 15th inst., I beg to inform you that in the year 1929, I received from your Office a letter, stating that an increase of £6 per annum would be charged on this Cottage to cover previous alterations and water supply.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. L. Atkins

The Director of Public Works,

STANLEY.

Public Works Department,
Stanley.

28th November, 1935.

Madam,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th November, 1935, in which you state that in the year 1929 an increase of £6. 0. 0 per annum was charged on the rental of the cottage occupied by you owing to alterations and water supply.

2. In reply I have to inform you that the letter to which you refer was dated the 5th September, 1930, stating that as from the 1st January, 1931 the rental would be increased from £2. 0. 0. to £2. 10. 0. per month in view of the improvements which had been carried out to the quarters. No mention was made regarding water supply.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) G Roberts

Director of Public Works.

Mrs. J.L Atkins,

Police Cottage,

Stanley.

Public Works Department,
Stanley.

25th November, 1935.

Madam,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th November, 1935, in which you state that in the year 1929 an increase of £6. 0. 0. per annum was charged on the rental of the cottage occupied by you owing to alterations and water supply.

2. In reply I have to inform you that the letter to which you refer was dated the 5th September 1930, stating that as from the 1st January, 1931 the rental would be increased from £2. 0. 0. to £2. 10. 0. per month in view of the improvements which had been carried out to the quarters. No mention was made regarding water supply.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,



Director of Public Works.

Mrs. M. Evans,

Police Cottage,

Stanley.

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MINUTE.

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

19th May, 1936.

From ^{To} Honourable,
Senior Medical Officer
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

From, Medical Officer,
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Having paid water rate of £2.- 10s.- Od. on Government quarters No 6 which I am vacating this month, I have the honour to request that a rebate be granted in respect of the portion of the year when I shall not be using water at these premises i.e. May, 24th to Dec. 31st.

H J Edmunds

Medical Officer.

Stanley,

Falkand Islands.

30th September, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that a refund of Water Rates may be made to me in respect of the period during which I shall not be occupying Government quarters, i.e. from a date early in October to the end of the present year. The refund will amount to approximately 7s/-.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Beardmore

The Hon. Colonial Secretary

Stanley

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270/35.

30th September,

37.

Sir,

Recd 23

With reference to your letter of the 30th of September, 1937, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that a refund of water rates may be made to you in respect of the period during which you will not be occupying Government quarters, i.e. from the day of your departure *until 3rd Dec*

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. W. Beardmore,
STANLEY.

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No.

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MINUTE.

4th August, 19 42

From

The Executive Engineer.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have to inform you that Hon. A.R.Hoare has now vacated Senior Officers Quarters No 2. He is now, I beleive, entitled to a refund of Water Rate (from 14/7/42) amounting to £1. 4s. 7d. As Refunds of Revenue are controlled by your department will you please arrange for the payment of this amount.

Rush Woodgat.
Executive Engineer.

*Ver: passed
7/8/42
[Signature]*

*app'd
KR
7/8.*