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Executive Engineer.

SUBJECT.

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12th April.

SUGGESTED SHIPMENT OF P.W.D. STORES
BY CERTAIN ADMIRALTY STORE SHIPS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

*1. Minutes from Executive Committee, 12/4/40.**A.C.S.**Please attach papers*

- (a) Contract of any with F.I.C. re carriage
of food stores
- (b) Restrictions on quantity of unallocated
stores or value

*A.C.S. 14/4/40**A.C.S.**h.p.s. attached.**C.A.S. 16/4/40.**F.S.*

*F.S. remarks about increasing unallocated
stores of. Personally I agree as one can fairly
safely anticipate an increase in value, so
that the purchases would not only be a sound
investment but also in the end represent
considerable savings*

A.C.S. 19/4/40

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. ~~Mr.~~ Executive Engineer.

Please see Red 23 in up
4878 attached hereto.

Would you please say what
is the value of unallocated stocks at
present on hand?

cc: [Signature] for [Signature]
20/11/40

Memorandum Financial Secretary.

Red 23 noted. You will realize fully
that the value of unallocated stocks varies daily
& nothing more than an estimate is possible. On
these lines the figure at the moment is £3500.

W. E. 23. 11. 40.

Notes

① The value of stocks at present held
is estimated at £3500. This figure may
be increased on the authority of Red 23
of up 4878.

② The current estimates provide for
purchases to the value of £5000 against
estimated issues of £4800. (Please see page 32
item 20, 1940 Estimates). A considerable
portion of this expenditure is incurred in
London, and apparently was meant to
cover essential governmental needs for the
period of estimate.

③ With reference to 2(3) of Red 1,
I take it the projected works will be
charged to the Imperial Cost, covered by
"Advance warrant". The unallocated
stocks are proper will not, therefore, be
involved.

④ While the benefits accruing from

a favourable market are appreciated, it is essential that the colony's liquid funds with the CFAA should not be ^{or profit} subjected to further strains

I would suggest that the question be reviewed when the half-yearly financial returns are available.

[Signature]
for G.S.
26/11/40

E.E. To note + any remarks?

[Signature] 27/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted. Thank you.

It seems such a pity nothing can be done. We have been waiting for a large consignment of goods - since last November & our own stocks ~~are~~ in certain cases being exhausted, we are having to buy timber from F.I. Co. at 4 1/2 per foot for which we pay 2 1/2 d.

[Signature] F. 30.11.40.

F.S.

Can you let me know

(a) Liquid funds in London 1.1.40

(b) " " expended or anticipated up to 30.11.40

[Signature] 30/11/40

Star. Ct.

They stood at £48000 on the 1st Jan 1940, but are decreasing monthly at the rate

of £2000.

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2/5/40

E.S.

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3/4/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I find that the Dept. is responsible for only a small proportion of the monthly £2000 & even so it would appear to a "non-financial mind" that at present rate we shall have £24000 liquid assets still left next March.

W. H. A. V. 40.

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1/5/40

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

MINUTE.

12th April, 1940.

From The Executive Engineer

To The Honourable,

Public Works Dept.,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

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I understand from the Naval Officer in Charge that certain store ships not by any means loaded to capacity will from time to time be coming direct to the Colony from the United Kingdom, and I would submit for your very favourable consideration that the Government should take the opportunity (which could easily be arranged) of instructing the Crown Agents to load stocks of the heavier P.W.D. stores - (timber, cement, bricks, steel etc.) on such ships thereby effecting a very substantial economy on the present cost of transport of these goods.

In considering this proposition I would submit the following points be taken in mind.

(1) The need for authority to hold more than present unallocated stores in hand. The present limit is £500.

(2) The present serious delay in receipt of stores from the U.K. and resultant very low stocks in hand.

(3) The following projected or possible works - ~~Defence~~ ^{D. F.} ~~Force~~ W/T Station, Air Port and buildings, for which materials will be needed.

(4) The end of the war and the absorption of superfluous labour on productive works such as Roads, Water Supply, housing etc., where cheaper materials would in some measure counteract the extra drain on the Colony's resources for the labour.

Arthur Woodcock
Executive Engineer.

£5,000
See Estimates
1940.