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TREASURY.  
TESOURIE.

F. 78/145

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA.

- (1.) OFFICERS OF GOVT. DEPARTMENTS TO ACCOMPANY EXPEDITION.
- (2.) MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPEDITION.

REFERENCES:  
VERWYSINGS:

78/145

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Telegraphic Address :  
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U.A.D. 16.

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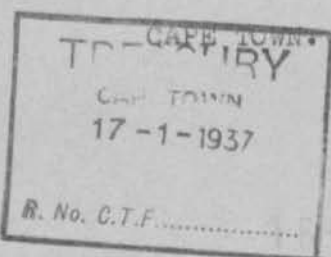
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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU EN BOSBOU,  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY,

UNIEGEBOU,  
UNION BUILDINGS.

PRETORIA.



THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE,  
CAPE TOWN.

I have to inform you that the Admiralty propose sending an expedition to Tristan da Cunha early in March next and have extended an invitation to the Department to detail a botanist to accompany the expedition.

The Department has nominated Mr. R.A. Dyer for that purpose and the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry has granted his approval for this officer to undertake the visit.

It is understood that Mr. Dyer will proceed on the visit as the guest of the Admiralty and that in consequence no expenditure on the part of the Department will be involved.

SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY.

*Minister  
For approval please.  
Agree means no addl.  
expense beyond officer's  
salary.*

WEB/CB.

*J. H. van der Merwe  
15/1/37*

*Approved  
15/1/37*

CTF. 13/37,

19th January, 1937.

THE SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY,  
CAPE TOWN.

With reference to your Minute No. C.T. 76 of the 16th instant relative to the expedition to Tristan da Cunha proposed by the Admiralty, I have to inform you that the Minister of Finance approves of the detailing of an officer of your department to accompany the expedition.

It is noted that no additional expenditure will be incurred but it is assumed, however, that the officer's salary will be paid by your department during his period of absence.

(Sgd.) J.G.H.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY.

*Minister  
For approval please  
Agree to the above and detail  
officer beyond office  
salary*

*file J.H. 19/1*

C.84.

CAPE TOWN.

Confidential

22nd January, 1937.

PROPOSED VISIT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER  
TO THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA.

The Secretary for Finance,

CAPE TOWN.

I beg to inform you that an invitation has been extended to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry to send a Meteorological Observer from this Department to the island of Tristan da Cunha for the purpose of carrying out a short investigation and taking observations.

This visit will take place about the end of February next. The observer will sail on the H.M.S. "Carlisle" leaving Cape Town probably on the 23rd February, arriving at Tristan da Cunha on the 28th of the same month, and returning about the 3rd March.

I understand that the observer will be the guest of the Admiralty, and that no additional expenditure will be incurred but, of course, his salary will be met as usual from our Vote.

The officer who has been nominated to go on this trip is Mr. I. Low who is at the moment stationed at the Wingfield Air Port, Cape Town.

I shall be glad if you will approve accordingly.

B.C.I.

DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION:

C.85.

22nd January, 1937.

The Director of Irrigation,  
PRETORIA:

Copy for your information. My C.76 dated the 20th instant refers. The Treasury state that S. & T. cannot be paid.

*L.P.*

B.C.I.

DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION:



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY,  
DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU EN BOSBOU,

UNION-BUILDINGS,  
UNIEGEBOU.

PRETORIA, CAPE TOWN.



THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

10-2-1937

Plants for Tristan d'Acunha.

With reference to the above subject, I have to advise that the Department has been approached to supply a small quantity of plants through its Division of Forestry with the object of assisting the inhabitants of Tristan d'Acunha to test out the suitability of certain forestry plants on the island. These plants are to be conveyed by H.M.S. Carlisle, which is sailing for the island on the 23rd instant.

The Department has agreed to supply 30 trays of plants (25 plants in a tray) and it will be appreciated if the Treasury will agree to these plants being supplied as a free issue. The value of the consignment is approximately 35/- f.o.r. Retreat railway station.

Arrangements will also have to be made by the Forestry Section to transport these plants to the dockyards at Simonstown which will involve the Department in a further expenditure of approximately 10/-. I shall be glad also to obtain Treasury approval to expend this amount.

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

*[Handwritten initials]*

THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL.

CTF. 13/37.

For your information. Copy of Minute No. C.T.1, dated the 10th instant, addressed to the Treasury by the Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry is enclosed.

DEPARTMENT OF (Sgd.) J.G.H.  
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

12th February, 1937.

THE SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

Re: Plants for Tristan d'Acunha.

With reference to your Minute No. C.T.1 of the 10th instant, I beg to inform you that the Treasury has no objection to the free issue of the 30 trays of plants and the expenditure that will be involved in transporting the plants to the dockyards at Simonstown, provided your Minister approves.

(Sgd.) J.G.H.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

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*[Faint signature]*

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
TELEGRAMADRES

"DEFENCE"

P.O. Box  
POSBUS 47 CAPETOWN.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO  
THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE.

ALLE BRIEWE MOET GERIG WORD AAN  
DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERDEDIGING.



In reply please quote  
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G.O.C. 45/71/1937.  
No.....

TREASURY  
CAPETOWN  
22-2-1937

R. No. C.T.F. 13/37

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
CAPETOWN.

DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING,  
KAAPSTAD.

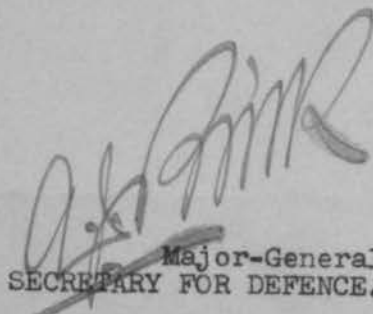
18th February 1937.

THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

Loan of tents to the Admiralty for the  
Expedition to Tristan da Cunha.

With reference to the attached copy of communication from the Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry, I cannot accept the position that the cost of any loss or damage to the tents in question should be borne by the Defence Department. The service for which the loan was made has nothing to do with this Department. The loan was made at the request of the Minister of Agriculture and was granted on the condition that that Department would be responsible for any loss or damage in accordance with Stores Regulations.

Has the Treasury perhaps some other suggestion to make as to the method by which any charges for loss or damage may be met?

  
Major-General,  
SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE.

J. Lowe - Meteorological Officer  
Wingfield.

C.T. 76.

CAPETOWN.

17.2.1937.

THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE.

Loan of tents to the Admiralty for  
the expedition to Tristan  
da Cunha.

With reference to your minute M.O.C.45/71/1937 of the 3rd instant, relative to the above subject, I beg to advise that as discussed with you, this Department finds it extremely difficult to assume responsibility for any loss or damage that may be sustained in connection with these tents. As only one officer of this Department is accompanying the expedition to Tristant da Dunha, it is felt that this charge cannot be legitimately borne in full by this Department, and it is considered that as this loan is one which is made to the Admiralty, there is no reason why the Department of Defence should not bear the responsibility for loss or damage.

I have discussed this matter with the Treasury and the Secretary for Finance agrees with the views expressed above. He intimated that there would be no difficulty as far as your Department is concerned, in obtaining a write-off of any loss which may be sustained as a result of this loan.

The issue vouchers forwarded to this Department are returned herewith.

(Sgd.) P. Viljoen,

SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY.

COPY.



THE SECRETARY:

Loan of Tents to the Admiralty for the expedition  
to Tristan da Cunha.

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At the request of the Minister of Agriculture the Department of Defence agreed to the loan of 4 Bell and 1 Marquee tents to the Admiralty for use in connection with the expedition to Tristan da Cunha. This loan was made by Defence on condition that the Department of Agriculture would be responsible for any loss or damage in accordance with stores regulations.

The Department of Agriculture feels that as only one officer of the Department is accompanying the expedition and as the loan of the tents was made to the Admiralty it cannot assume full responsibility for any loss or damage which may be sustained.

Incidentally an officer of the Department of Irrigation is also accompanying the expedition. Both Government officials are guests of the Admiralty.

The matter is submitted to the Treasury for decision.

*Minister*  
In all the circumstances I  
feel we would be perfectly  
justified in charging any loss  
or damage to the Treasury  
Miscellaneous Vote and I  
recommend accordingly.

*Approved  
next*

*L. G. H.  
25/2/37*

*J.R.J.*  
Cape Town.  
24th February, 1937.

*25/2/37*

Loan of Tents to the Admiralty for the Expedition to Tristan da Cunha.

at the request of the 25th February, 1937.

The Department of Defence agreed to the loan of 4 Bell and one Marquee tents to the Admiralty for use in connection with the Expedition to Tristan da Cunha.

THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE,  
CAPE TOWN.

Loan of tents to the Admiralty for the Expedition to Tristan da Cunha.

*according to Def. claim 6 has tent was loaned.*

The Department of Agriculture has been advised with reference to your Minute No. G.O.C. 45/71/1937 of the 18th instant relative to the loan of 4 Bell and one Marquee tents to the Admiralty for use in connexion with the expedition to Tristan da Cunha, I have to inform you that any loss or damage which may be sustained may be charged to the Treasury Miscellaneous Vote.

(Sgd.) J.G.H.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

*copy to Def. Dept  
accept my  
C.A.M.*

TREASURY  
PRETORIA  
- 1-3-37  
Ref. W.S.

*N.B.  
Def. claim for  
6 bell tents + 1 marquee  
loaned - 10% depreciation  
on £89-18-11 i.e. £8-19-11  
pd. as at 31/5/37*

*Mr. Fisher  
baught*

*Mr. Kotze  
R. note.  
noted.*

*File*

*my 1/3*

*28/4*

See  
J. Lowe, the Meteorological Officer at Wimpfield also (Navigation Department) also accompanied the expedition to Tristan da Cunha which sailed yesterday.

N.A.  
24/2/37.

unposted  
Ask Genl Bunker how many tents have been loaned to Admiralty.

{ 4 Bell Tents  
1 Marquee Tent  
J.H. 24/2.

... for the expedition  
Cunha.

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Minister of Agriculture  
25th February, 1937.

Admiralty for the  
da Cunha.

your Minute No. G.O.C. on

relative to the loan of 4

Admiralty for use in which

Tristan da Cunha, I have

image which may be sustained

miscellaneous Vote. Government

according to  
Def. claim & that was  
correct.

gd.) J.G.H.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
In all the circumstances I  
deem it would be perfectly  
justified to allow my loss  
on purchase of C.T. currency  
miscellaneous Vote.

TREASURY  
PREToria  
4-5-37  
Ref. 13/37

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Mr. Fisher  
Bought  
File  
28/4

Mr. Kotze  
P.C. note  
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CTF.13/37.

25th February, 1937.  
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THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE,  
CAPE TOWN.

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(Sgd.) J. G. H.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

20 1937/2 US/41/1937 dd 18/2/37 sent

to Mr. [unclear] together with long reply etc

TREASURY  
PREY  
1937

26/2

NA  
Def. class  
6 bills tent  
loaned -  
on £89-18-  
pd. a

Mr. [unclear] sent



Telegrafies Address:  
Telegraphic Address:  
IRRIGATION."



Verwys in Antwoord a.u.b. na  
in Replying Please Quote  
No. C.354

UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

BESPROEIJINGSDEPARTEMENT,  
IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT,

~~PLAZA GEBOU,~~  
~~PLAZA BUILDINGS,~~  
PRETORIA:

at CAPE TOWN,

9th March 1937.

TREASURY  
CAPETOWN  
10-3-1937  
R. No. C.T.F. 13/37

VISIT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVER TO ISLAND OF  
TRISTAN DA CUNHA.  
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The Secretary for Finance,  
CAPE TOWN.

With reference to my minute C.84

*not received*

of the 22nd January last, I shall be glad to have  
your formal approval in this matter.

*Miss Dew*

*Pl ask Mr Mullane to  
let you have a copy.  
W.A.*

*10/3/37*

*Copy attached*

*[Signature]*  
DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION.

*[Signature]*

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINISTER OF FINANCE  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES  
CAPE PROVINCE

11th March, 1937.

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THE DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION,

CAPE TOWN.

Re : Visit of Meteorological Observer to Island  
of Tristan da Cunha.

With reference to your Minute No. C 354 of the 9th instant, I beg to convey herewith Treasury approval to cover the recent visit of a Meteorological Observer to the Island of Tristan da Cunha.

(Sgd) J.G.H.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE.

*File*

*WA*

22/5/37

TREASURY 38/1.  
PRETORIA  
22-5-1937.  
Ref. No. F. 78/145

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21-5-1937

THE SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

With reference to your Minute No. S. 5819 of the 24th April, 1937, I am directed to convey the Commission's recommendation for the payment to Dr. L.A. DYER, Botanist in your Department, of an amount not exceeding £7:11:0 representing the under-mentioned expenses incurred by him when he recently accompanied an expedition to the Island Tristan da Cunha for the purpose of collecting flora:-

(a) Mess bill on board ship .....	£4:17: 6
(b) Gratuities to personal Servants.	£1: 0: 0
(c) On Island for services rendered by the Islanders.....	<u>£1 :13: 6</u>
Total.....	<u>£7:11: 0</u>

In regard to the officer's claim in respect of the property stolen, I am to inform you that the Commission desires the Department to specify the articles lost and the purchase price thereof.

The annexures which accompanied your minute are returned herewith.

copy to Audit Office

Expenditure approved by Treasury if funds are available  
Ref. No. 78/145  
22/5/37  
SECRETARY FOR FINANCE

J. S. HURTER.  
SECRETARY : PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.