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PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Last previous Paper

Plu. 73514/19

Encloses statement of accounts and receipts for stock purchased in South Africa. Suggests that the best purchase in England high class stud stock to value of £1000 or more.

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Sir H. Read*

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today - & we can ...*

W. Macdonald later ...

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12th January, 1920.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst. ^{over} 73544/19
(an answer to which has been delayed owing to my being touring
in Scotland). *To the Crown Agents* I have submitted a statement of expenses in
connection with the purchase of live stock in South Africa for
the B.E.A. Government.

copy of the
I enclose herewith a statement of accounts as also
a copy of the covering letter and further copy of a letter to
a Mr. Abbott in Natal, who I appointed as agent to complete
purchases and to arrange the shipment etc. of the stock to East
Africa.

The sum which I was authorised to expend was £5,000
of which I spent £4,574. 2. 2, including £45.8.0 for my passage
from Cape Town to Plymouth, which latter sum should be allocated
to item, "Passages" in the Agricultural Department Vote. The
unexpended balance of the £5,000 is therefore £609.5.10.

The stock purchased by me consisted of

9 Shorthorn Bulls
 10 Friesland Do.
 6 Ayrshire Do.
 2 Tamworth Pigs
 1 Jackass
 5 Merino Rams

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In addition to which Mr. Abbott was given \$5,000 to cover railage, shipping &c. expenses and to purchase as far as possible a further

2 Hereford Bulls
 16 Shorthorn Do (including 6 already shipped by him.)
 2 Ayrshire Do
 3 Friesland Do
 3 Polled Angus Do.

So the approximate number of livestock sent to B.E.A.

would be

25 Shorthorn Bulls
 13 Friesland Do
 8 Ayrshire Do
 2 Hereford Do
 3 Polled Angus Do.
 2 Tamworth Pigs
 1 Jackass
 5 Merino Rams

59 head at a cost not to exceed \$4,330. 14. 2.

It would be in the interest of the Government of B. . A. to purchase in England high-class Stud Stock for the Nivasha Stock Farm with the balance of the money, viz., \$69. 5. 10.

I am prepared to make the purchases, but might I suggest in view of the high prices ruling at home and to enable me to buy Bulls of extra quality, that \$1000 or more if the money can be obtained be sanctioned for this purpose.

The quality of the pure bred stock on the Government Farm at Nivasha has been brought to that high standard that from

a stock-breeder's point of view only the best of sires should be used on the farm; with the present and growing demand the purchase of such should prove an excellent investment for the Government. Last year I made a profit of over £5000 from the Heivasha Farm.

I am prepared, should you wish, to come to the Colonial Office at any time to discuss this matter. 251

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. Macdonald

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London. S.W.1.

EXPENSES IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA - PURCHASING BULLS, 252
 SHEEP, PIGS, &c. FOR THE EAST AFRICA GOVERNMENT DURING
 JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, 1919.

	A	s	d	
June 28 Motor Car, Durban Point to Hotel	7	8		
Porterage	1	-		
July 1 Telegram to Abbot	4	6		(1)
2 Motor Car to Dun & Co., Durban Point re Shipment of Coffee	10	-		
Telegram to Mrs. Abbot re Husband's address in Rhodesia	1	1		(2)
4 Single fare from Durban to Joburg	13	17	6	
Porterage at Durban	2	-		
5 Do. and Motor Car at Joburg	5	6		
Telegrams to Abbott, Wierand and King	8	10		(3)
6 Motor Car to Late Sir George Farrars from Bedford to inspect Bulls		-		
Motor Car to Mrs. Hoggs farm to inspect Bulls		-		
7 Motor Car to Drysdale's farm to inspect Ayrshire Bulls (purchased two)	1	-		
8 Motor Car to Joburg Market and back to inspect Pigs		-		
Rail Fare Joburg to Pretoria		6		
Car and Porterage Hotel to Joburg Station		6		
Porterage and Car at Pretoria		-		
9 Motor Car to Union Buildings Pretoria to interview Secy. for Africa, P.V.O. and to Asst. P.V.O. re testing of Bulls		-		
Porterage and Motor Car to Pretoria Station		4		
Porterage and Do. at Joburg		5	0	
10 Car to Joburg Station for Wolveshoe to inspect Ayrshire Bulls		2	0	
Paid to Driver of trap to Drysdale's farm and back		2	0	
Car from Joburg Station to Hotel		2	0	
11 Paid Alex. Drysdale for two Tarworth Pigs		19	15	6 (4)
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July 14	Car to Station for Irene	
" 15	Driver of Private Car at Dr. Car from Joburg Station to Hotel	
	National Bank of South Africa transfer charges in Credit Note for £3000	22 10
	Telegram King arranging Motor Car	2
" 16	Alex Drvedale for 2 Avrenire Bulls	100
	Car Hotel to Joburg Station for Cookhouse	2 6
" 17	Porterage at Cookhouse	
	Car - Cookhouse to Bedford	2 12 6
	Car - Bedford to Kings, Princes town	
" 18	J. D. Van Niekirk for 5 Bulls	100
	King & Sons for 8 Bulls	24
" 19	Car Bedford to Grahamstown	
	" Grahamstown to Table farm (Whites) and back to inspect Bulls	1 11
	Wire to Edwards Sombie	4
" 20	Telegram to Nairnie testing Bulls	
" 21	Luke Brock for Bulllets and Hops	
	Car and Porterage to Grahamstown Station	2 6
	Car and Porterage at Joburg	2 6
	Telegram to Abbot Moor River	
" 22	Car to Mrs. Hogge farm	
" 23	Paid R. Abbot £3000 for payment of 4 Bulls purchased and forwarded to Nairobi and for the purchase of further Bulls	
	J. D. Van Niekirk for 5 Bulls & 6 Hops	
	Van der Byle for 2 Bulls	
	National Bank of South Africa transfer charges in Credit Note	22 10
	Car and Porterage to Joburg Station	2 6
" 24	Car and Porterage to King's Club	
	Driver of Private Car to De Beers farm and Lawrence's farm ins, testing Bulls	5

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July 31	Driver of Private Car to Huttons and Keddy's farms inspecting Jackass	5	-	254
1	D. Lawrence for Shorthorn Bull	150	-	-
	M. Buck for Jackass	150	-	-
	National Bank of S.A. for transfer charges on Credit Note	1	10	-
	Car and Portage Kimberley Club to Station	3	-	-
2	Car & Portage - Capetown Station to Mt. Nelson Hotel	4	-	-
4	Car from Hotel to Union Castle Offices	2	-	-
6	Car - Capetown to Sir Lowry's Pass and Stellenbosch to inspect Bulls	7	-	-
7	Taxi to National & Standard Banks	3	-	-
	J. Rawbone for 2 Ayrshire Halls	120	-	-
	National Bank of S.A., transfer charges on Credit Note	1	16	-
	Taxi from Mt. Nelson Hotel to Docks	5	-	-
	Union Castle Co. passage by Car Polonio Capetown to Plymouth	43	-	-
	Subsistence allowance from 26 June date of arrival at Durban and 7th August date of sailing from Capetown, 41 days @ 30/- per day	61	10	-

£ 4374. 2. 2

107 Jermyn Street,
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22nd December, 1919.

Gentlemen,

Before leaving Nairobi on the 18th June last, I was instructed to break my journey home at Durban (provided I could get a berth at a later date from Cape Town to England) and purchase stock for the B.E.A. Government, and a letter of credit was given allowing me to spend up to £5,000.

On my arrival at Durban on the 20th of June I proceeded to the Union Castle Office and got the Agent to telegraph to the Head Office at Cape Town asking for a passage on the "Cap Polonio" which was due to sail three weeks later, the interval being considered sufficient to make purchases of stock. My request was granted and later when I reached Pretoria I was given a free pass over the railways. This privilege together with many free runs in private motor cars enabled me to keep down expenses.

The "Cap Polonio" was delayed until the 7th August for certain engine repairs but the extra time which I had in the Union did not allow of my purchasing all the animals required as owners in many instances were not disposed to sell except at the forthcoming auction sales, and I had therefore to leave the sum of £3,000 with Mr. R. Abbot of Mooi River Hotel to complete

purchases, his expenditure to be accounted for direct to the Agricultural Department Nairobi.

I enclose copy of correspondence with Mr. Abbot and others for transmittal to Nairobi.

In the accompanying statement of my expenditure I show an outlay of £4374. 2. 2 as against £4391. 11. 0 drawn under my letter of credit, the difference being £17. 14. 10 for which I enclose a cheque. I may state that my subsistence allowance did not cover my actual expenses and such are far below what would have had to be paid were the purchases of the stock entrusted to a private agent.

I have submitted receipts for the various items of expenditure as far as it was possible to obtain them.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) A. C. MacDonald.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4 Millbank, London.

P.S. The letter of credit is enclosed herewith. A.C.M.

P.O. Box 4556,

JOHANNESBURG.

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28th July, 1919.

Dear Mr. Abbott,

I have purchased for the B.E.A. Government the following stock:-

From James & Sons, Bedford	8	Short Horn Bulls
" J.D. Van Niekerk "	8	Friesland Bulls
" Mr. Van der Byl, Irene	2	Friesland Bulls
" Mr. Drysdale,	2	Ayrshire Bulls
" Mr. Thompson through Mr. Drysdale	2	Ayrshire Bulls
" Mr. Drysdale	1	Tamworth Boar and
	1	" Sow
" Mr. Van Niekerk	5	Merino Rams.

I have paid for all these purchases with the exception of the two Bulls from Mr. Thompson which if they pass the tuberculin test will you please pay Mr. Drysdale his Agent the sum of £115.10.0

I am handing you over the sum of £3000, to cover (a) the approximate cost of six short horn Bulls which you have already sent to British East Africa (b) the freight of the above 22 Bulls, 2 Pigs and 5 Rams approximately £440, and for the payment of further purchases of stock which you have kindly undertaken to obtain namely

2 Hereford Bulls
10 Short Horn Bulls
2 Ayrshire Bulls
3 Friesland Bulls
4 Black Polls.

For one of the Friesland Bulls you can pay up to £300. The others I gather you can obtain at an approximate price of £80 each delivered Mombasa. I have arranged with the Union Castle Company, Durban for the shipment of all the stock by the "Berwick Castle" sailing from Durban about the 23rd of August but it might be well for you to get into touch with the Company in case of any delays in the sailing of the Steamer, further I shall be glad if you will arrange for a white practical man to accompany and take charge of the stock to Mombasa.

A Cablegram should be sent to "Agriculture" Nairobi when the stock is shipped stating the number of animals and the approximate date of arrival of the Steamer at Mombasa.

In view of the shortage of pasture in the Bedford District I shall be glad if you can have stock purchased by me there taken to Myoi River until shipped in fact it would be well to have all purchases concentrated on your farm immediately after purchase. Payment will be made you for any expenses incurred on food stuffs as also railfare etc. of the animals.

I have asked Messrs King & Son as also Mr. Van Niekerk each of them to send a boy in charge of the stock as far as Bloemfontein so as to insure them being watered and fed there. If there are any other points on which you want information please communicate with me to the Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, before the 6th of August.

Yours sincerely,

A.C.M.

P.S. If you can purchase a young Berkshire Boar and also a Long Black about six months old I shall be glad if you would do so and forward them with the other stock.

I have instructed those people from whom I have purchased stock to send you the tuberculin certificates as also the Pedigree of the stock and also to communicate with you direct should they wish for any particulars with regard to the forwarding etc. of the animals.

Please render a full statement of expenditure to the Asst. Dir. of Agriculture, Nairobi.

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