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## SOUTH AFRICAN EXPENDITURE:

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO PAYMENTS.

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives by Act.

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Audit Office, 24th August, 1906.
The Controller and Auditor-General has the honour respectfully to inform the House of Representatives that some further payments made on behalf of the Government in connection with its service in South Africa have, though unsupported by the vouchers necessary to audit, been passed by the Audit Office at the request of the Treasury; and he begs leave to submit a copy of correspondence on the subject.

I have, \&c.,
J. K. Warburton, Controller and Auditor-General.

No. 1.
D. 06/061.

Defence Office, Wellington, N.Z., Sih April, 1906.
The Hon. the Minister of Defence.
Re Major Pilcher's Imprest Account.

I beg to submit herewith vouchers for expenditure by Major Pilcher in his account from July, 1900, to December, 1904, which being unsupported by receipts credit could not be given for same by Audit Department when the accounts were submitted.

These accounts have been in the Imperial Pay Branch for a considerable time, and were referred to this office for action on the 27 th January last.

A schedule showing payments by Major Pilcher unsupported by receipts was submitted for your decision in March, 1904, but unfortunately it appears to have been lost, and nothing has been done.

If you approve of these present payments, I will submit vouchers at once to Audit Department so as to have expenditure charged in account for 1905-06.

## Notes re Vouchers.

Voucher 262, for $£ 34$ 2s. 4d.: Payments to Lieutenant O. Hovell were made in accordance with instructions from this office.

Voucher 263 , for $£ 188$ 16s. 1d. : Expenditure on account of cains, telegrams, stationery, petty cash, \&c.

Voucher 264, for $£ 33$ 13s. 2d.: Expenditure charged hy Major Pilcher in connection with Coronation Contingent.

Voucher 265 , for $£ 449$ 15s. 1d.: Expenditure on cables in connection with New Zealand contingents. A recovery of $£ 120$ " 7 s . 2 d . was made by Major Pilcher and credited to Consolidated Fund "Deposits, Miscellaneous."

Voucher 266 , for $£ 2511 \mathrm{~s}$. 11d., is mostly on account of comforts for members of contingents.
Voucher 267, for $£ 506$ 8s. 3d., is expenditure on account of comforts, \&c., for New Zealand contingents out of moneys received from various sources by Major Pilcher, and which are credited to Consolidated Fund " Deposits, Miscellaneous,"

1-B. 20c.

Voucher 273, for $£ 72$ 11s. 7d. : These are miscellaneous payments made by Major Pilcher, being chiefly advances to members of New Zealand contingents whose accounts had been settled up before the debits were entered, and they appear to be irrecoverable except at considerable expense.

It would be hard to call on Major Pilcher to refund these amounts, and I would suggest that they be written off and Major Pilcher's account credited accordingly.

Of the total amount of vouchers, $£ 1,31018 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d ., for which your approval is requested, the sum of $£ 62615 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d . is at credit of "Deposits, Miscellaneous," leaving a balance of $£ 6848 \mathrm{~s}$. to be borne by the colony.

No. 2.
The Paymaster-General.
Have you any remark to make in respect to these matters, or papers bearing on subject?
R. J. S. $14 / 4 / 06$.

Hon. Minister of Defence.
No papers. Several efforts have been made to square up Pilcher's accounts, but absence of receipted vouchers and other causes have presented grave diffculties. I think the course suggested by the Under-Secretary is correct and should be acted on, and Major Pilcher's account closed.

Jas. B. Heywood.
17th April, 1906.
Write off as recommended, and credit Major Pilcher's account accordingly.
R. J. S. 17/4/06

No. 3.
Receipted vouchers are necessary to the passing of such claims to credit by an imprestee.
J.K.W., C. \& A.-G. 27/6/06.

Hon. Defence Minister.
In view of Audit objection dated 27th June, 1906, I recommend the attached memorandum to the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer be signed by you.

T. F. "Gray,<br>For U.-S. Defence. 11/7/06.

No. 4.
Defence Minister's Office, Wellington, 13th July, 1906.
Memorandum for the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.
The Minister of Defence has the honour, with reference to the queries of the Audit Department dated the 27th June, and to the Defence Minister's direction of the 17 th April last, in connection with unvouched expenditure by Major Pilcher, to inform the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer that it is regretted receipts were not obtained by Major Pilcher for the expenditure, and, it being impossible at this date to obtain them, the Defence Minister would refer the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer to a previous occasion on which the Audit Department passed similar unvouched expenditure for credit of Major Pilcher on account of the exceptional nature of the circumstances which surround the payments made, almost at the seat of war.

The Defence Minister would request that the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer would under the circumstances resubmit the accounts to Audit under the conditions set forth, and on the assurance that the Department is quite satisfied with the nature of the payments, and to request that they be passed accordingly.

Albert Pitt,
Minister of Defence.
Secretary for the Treasury.-W.H.J. 17/7/06.

No. 5.
The Audit Office.
Will you kindly reconsider the matter, and under the exceptional circumstances which were occurring at the time the expenditure took place you may see your way to pass the unvouched disbursements.

Jas. B. Heywood, Secretary. 18th July, 1906.

If the proposal of the Government that this expenditure should be passed without the receipted vouchers is subject to the condition of a report of the matter to Parliament, if I think it necessary, no objection will be raised by the Audit Office.

A simple statement should be furnished, showing in one column the amount of account to be passed, and the total amount of all.
J. K. Warburton, C. \& A.-General.

21/7/06.

The Controller and Auditor-General.
The Defence Department will be asked to supply the statement as suggested. desired.
J.Mo.G.,

For Colonial Treasurer.
21st July, 1906.

No. 6.
Unvouched Expenditure (Major Pilcher).
Summary.

*Item 2, £449 15s. 1d., cables sent. A sum of £120 7s. 2d. has been recovered by Major Pilcher and credited to
Deposits, Miscellaneous," leaving a balanoe of £829 7s. 11d. payable by New Zealand Government.
$\dagger$ Item 5 , £506 8s. 3d. This sum wes receive
$\dagger$ Item 5 , $£ 5068 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d. This sum was received by Major Pilcher from various sources in South Africa, and is now at oredit of "Deposits, Miscellaneous." The actual net debit to the colony will therefore be $£ 6843 \mathrm{~s}$.

No. 7.
Statement of Accounts of Major Pilcher in connection with the Service of New Zealand Contingents in South Africa and at the Coronation, for which no Receipts were obtained to support Payments; being Accounts in addition to those reported in Parliamentary Papers B. $-20 \mathrm{~B}, 1902$, and I.-11A, 1903.

Schedule No. 1.


No. 7.-Statement of Accounts-continued.

| Date: |  | Amount in Question. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Item } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Details of Expenditure of this Amount. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\pm$ s. d. |  | Petty cash, cabs, telegrams, \&c. |
| Jan. 6 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 688 |  |
| 29 |  | 3150 | 713 |  |
| 31 |  | 0 1 56 | 720 | Exchange on cheques, Standard Bank. |
| Feb. 1 |  | 1100 | 3 | Paid expenses on box to O.C. Seventh Contingent. Paid interest on overdraft, Second Contingent Account. |
| 4 |  | 174 | 5 |  |
| 8 |  | 0 9 9.0 | 732 | Stationery for office. |
| 10 |  | 4150 | 5 | Petty cash, cabs, \&c. |
| 26 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 7 & 2\end{array}$ | 745 | Comforts to invalid, per Nurse Peiper. |
| March 6 |  | 5000 | 756 | Petty cash, cab-hire, telegrams, stationery, \&c. |
| " 27 |  | 500 | 783 |  |
| Jañ. 21 |  | 100 | 702 | Cable to Wellington, Lieutenant H. G. Heywood, Kitchener's Fighting Scouts. |
| 30 | . | 2100 | 716 | Refund to Major Powell on account of Captain Major, Battery Account as per letter, 27th September, 1902. |
| April |  | 0.84 | 783 | Cheque-book. Comforts, Trooper Spring. |
| " 2 |  | 0.90 | 91 |  |
| " 5 |  | 176 | 801 | " for invalids returning. |
| " 12 |  | $310 \quad 0$ | 811 | Rent of store for March. |
| " 29 |  | 1500 | 853 | Expenses, Major Pilcher's visit to hospitals, Nos. 11, 16, 18,20 , and 25 , and comforts for invalids. |
|  |  | 3100 | 4 | Expenses, Captain Jones, assistant in office, cabs. |
|  |  | 110 | 5 | Expenses, typing list of casualties, First to Eighth Contingents. |
| May | $\ldots$ | 180 | 885 | Expenses, forwarding stores, Durban. Petties, cabs, telegrams, \&c. |
| " 17 | ... | 500 | 908 |  |
| ", 26 | .. | 500 | 928 |  |
| 28 |  | $0 \quad 8 \quad 4$ | 931 |  |
| June 13 | ... | 500 | 971 | Petties, cabs, telegrams, \&c. |
| 17 | ... | 1106 | 985 | Comforts for men in hospital. |
| 18 |  | 500 | 8 |  |
| 30 | $\ldots$ | $0 \quad 30$ | 1018 | Wire to Pietermaritzberg. Exchange on cheque. |
|  |  | $0 \quad 2 \quad 0$ | 9 |  |
| July 7 | $\ldots$ | 6188 | 1021 | Rail-fare, Lieutenant Early, to Newcastle. Comforts to invalids, s.s. "Salamis." |
| " 12 | $\ldots$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 4\end{array}$ | 8 |  |
| " $\% \quad .30$ |  | 0 5 9 | 1077 | Shipping-charges on box, Sixth Contingent. |
| Aug. 19 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 8 & 4\end{array}$ | 1116 | Cheque-book. |
|  |  | 500 | 1128 | Petty cash. |
| 25 |  | 0198 | 1135 | Extra cost of cable, Lieutenant Clark. Exchange on cheque. |
|  |  | 019 | 6 |  |
| $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Sept. } \\ \text { Nov. } & 11\end{array}$ | $\ldots$ | 8119 | 8 | Sick-comforts distributed by Nurse Speed. |
|  |  | 500 | 1203 | Petty cash. |
| " 27 |  | 3116 | 1214 | Collecting and shipping baggage. |
| $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Dec. } & 16 \\ & 1903 .\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $0 \quad 4 \quad 2$ | 1238 | Cheque-book. |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| March 30 |  | $\begin{array}{lrr}5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 1279 | Salary, book-keeper. |
| April 2 | $\ldots$ | 1140 | 83 | Petty cash. |
| June 30 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 6 & 2\end{array}$ | 1289 | Cheque-book, 4s. 2d. ; exchange, 2s. |
| March 13 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 1290 | Advance to Trooper H. McDonagh against pension. |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lrr}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 0\end{array}$ | 1298 9 | Collecting and delivering baggage from October, 1902, to January, 1903. <br> Erecting granite memorial at Klerksdorp. |
|  |  | $18816 \quad 1$ | 9 | Erecting granite memorial at Klerksdorp. |

Amount of Schedule No. 1, £188 16s. 1 d.

No. 7.-Statement of Accountis-continued.
Schedule No. 2.-Statement of Cables sent.


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No. 7.-Statement of Accounts-continued.
Schedule No. 2.-Statement of Cables sent-continued.


No. 7.-Statement of Accounts-continued.
Schedule No. 2.-Statement of Gables sent-continued.

|  | Date. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { yin } \\ & \text { Question. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ftem } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Details of Expenditure of this Amount. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1902. |  | \& s. d. |  |  |  |  |
| June | 18 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{lll}313 & 6\end{array}$ | 7. |  |  |  |
| " | 21 |  | 290 | 9 | " Commandant, " 18 words. |  |  |
| " | 21 | ... | 175 | 1000 |  |  |  |
| " | 21 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 6\end{array}$ | 1 |  | R. J. Seddon, London, 19 words. |  |
| " | 21 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 3 & 10\end{array}$ | 2 | " | Commandant, 53 woràs. <br> Seddon, London, 64 words |  |
| " | 21 | $\ldots$ | 4160 | 3 |  |  |  |
| " | 25 |  | 1 5 | 4 | " " 17. |  |  |
| " | 25 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 15 & 8 \\ 1 & 18 & 8\end{array}$ | 5 | " | Defence, 8 words. |  |
| " | 25 |  | $\begin{array}{lrrr}1 & 18 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 & 1\end{array}$ | 8 |  | Premier 44 ," |  |
|  | 28 |  | 160 | 14 | " | Commandant, 22 words. |  |
| July | 1 |  | 0196 | 1011 |  |  |  |
| " | 7 | ... | 01411 | 7 |  | Premier, 17 words. |  |
| $\ldots$ | 7 |  | $0{ }_{0} 6.2$ | 8 |  |  |  |
| , | 7 | $\ldots$ | 129 | 9 | $\because$ | Commandant, "14 words. |  |
| "' | 7 | $\ldots$ | 140 | 20 |  | Seddon, London. |  |
| " | 7 | $\ldots$ | 16100 | 4 | $\cdots{ }^{*}$ ", " ${ }^{\prime \prime} 220$ words, re Ninth Contingent. |  |  |
| " | 7 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}17 & 14 & 3\end{array}$ | 5 | " | Commandant, 218 words. |  |
| " | 12 | $\ldots$ | 1190 | 7 |  | Seddon, 26 words. |  |
| " | 12 | $\ldots$ | 01710 | 30 | " | Commandant. |  |
| " | 16 | $\ldots$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 11\end{array}$ | 2 | ", Premier, 33 words. |  |  |
| " | 16 | ... | 01711 | 3 | " | $\prime \prime$ <br> 11 |  |
| " | 17 | ... | 0163 | 5 |  |  |  |
| " | 17 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 16\end{array}$ | 6 | " | "" 10 " |  |
| " | 21 | $\ldots$ | 1142 | 44 | " 21 " |  |  |
| " | 21 | $\ldots$ | 0115 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| " | 22 | $\ldots$ | 1660 | 8 | " 16 " |  |  |
| " | 24 | $\ldots$ | 1142 | 1054 | Defence, 21 |  |  |
| " | 24 | ... | 220 | 5 | Premier, 48 |  |  |
| " | 30 | ... | 0115 | 70 |  |  |  |  |  |
| " | 30 | ... | $213-8$ | 80 | Commandant, ${ }^{\prime \prime} 33$ words. |  |  |
| " | 30 | ... | 108 | 1 | Major Andrew, Albeny. |  |  |
| , | 30 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 7 & 1\end{array}$ | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. | 7 | $\ldots$ | 2.20 | 1101 |  |  |  |
| " | 19 | .. | 129 | 15 |  |  |  |
| " | 21 | $\ldots$ | 0106 | 9 | "" 12 |  |  |
| " | 21 | $\ldots$ | 1126 | 1120 | Defence, 20 |  |  |
| " | 22 | ... | 138 | 2 | Premier, 27 |  |  |
| " | 22 | ... | 1175 | 3 | Defence, 23 | Defence, 23 |  |
|  | 22 | $\ldots$ | 1112 | 4 | " ${ }^{\prime}$ Premier, 91 |  |  |
| Sept. | 1 | $\ldots$ | 3198 | 37 |  |  |  |  |  |
| " | 15 | ... | 4180 | 9 | "" " 112 |  |  |
| " | 15 | $\ldots$ | 0185 | 40 | " 21 " (1/9/1902). |  |  |
| " | 15 | $\ldots$ | 0115 | 1 | " 13 " ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ (5/9/1902). |  |  |
| , | 15 | ... | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 9 & 7\end{array}$ | 2 |  |  |  |
|  | 25 | ... | 2186 | 57 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 10 | $\ldots$ | 1.60 | 81 | , |  |  |
| " | 10 | ... | 0150 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| " | 17 | $\ldots$ | 01711 | 4 | ", Commandant, 11 words. |  |  |
| " | 17 | $\ldots$ | 1141 | 5 | ". Premier, 21 words. |  |  |
| " | 17 | $\ldots$ | 1126 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| " | 28 | $\ldots$ | 089 | 92 | ", Defence, re Fitzroy. <br> ". "re Lieutenant Jack. |  |  |
| " | 28 | ... | 256 | 1193 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 28 | ... | 1142 | 4 |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 18 | $\ldots$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 1\end{array}$ | 1213 | "" Premier, 13 words. |  |  |
| Dec. | 19 |  | 011.4 | 42 | ". Defence, 7 <br> ". Paymaster-General, 13 words |  |  |
| " | 19 | . | 1 1:2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| " | 29 |  | 082 | 7 | " Premier. ${ }^{\text {, }}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | $\cdots$ | 2.23 | 1250. |  |  |  |
|  | 8 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 4 & 9\end{array}$ | 1 |  |  |  |
|  | 28 | $\ldots$ | 2153 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb. | 13 | ... | 129 | 1266 | " |  |  |

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No. 7.-Statement of Accounts-contruued.
Schedule No. 2.-Statement of Cables sent-continued.


There is a sum of $£ 110$ 13s. 7d. in "Deposits, Miscellaneous," Voucher 123,191, of 1901-2, which was recovered by Major Pilcher and can now be transferred to help meet the expenditure.

A further sum of £9 13 s .7 d . was also refunded to Major Pilcher, and credited to " Deposits, Miscellaneous," 4th June, 1904.

Schedule No. 3.


Schedule No. 4.--Advances made and not recovered.


No. 7.-Statement of Accounts-continued.
Schedule No. 4.-Advances made and not recovered-continued.


All accounts of above-named were squared up before the above debits were entered.

Schedule No. 5.-Expenses Sixth and Seventh Contingents.

|  | Date. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Amount } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { Question. } \end{gathered}$ | Item No. | Details of Expenditure of this Amount. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1901. |  | $\pm$ s. ${ }_{\text {d. }}$ |  |  |
| Nov. | 30 | $\ldots$ | 3368 | 603 | 8,000 penny stamps. |
| " | 30 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 8\end{array}$ | 604/8 | Harbour Board expenses re equipment. |
| " | 30 | ... | 850 | 609 A | Half premium and stamp insurance on ditto. |
| " | 30 | $\cdots$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | 605 | Hire of coolies, handling equipment. |
| " | 30 | $\ldots$ | 1000 | 607 | Expenses Trooper Fabian re Christmas cards. |
| " | 30 | $\ldots$ | 850 | 606 | Half premium insurance on equipment. |
|  | 30 | $\ldots$ | $7 \begin{array}{lll}7 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 617 | Rent of baggage-room, two months. |
| Dec. | 1 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 13 & 4\end{array}$ | 648 | 4,000 penny stamps. |
| „ | 1 | ... | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 649 | Expenses Trooper Boddington re Christmas cards. |
| " | 1 | $\cdots$ | 1133 | 650 | Casting die for Sixth and Seventh Contingents. |
| " | 1 | ... | 700 | 651/2 | Rent of baggage-room. |
| " | 20 | ... | 38116 | 668 | Tobacco for Sixth and Seventh Contingents. |
| " | 20 |  | 190 | 671 | Stationery for ditto. |
|  | 28 | ... | $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ | 782 | Fruit, wines, \&c., on departure. |
| April | 2 | $\ldots$ | 2500 | 792 | Memorial-cards. |
| " | 2 | ... | 25700 | 794 | Maps, J. H. Robinson and Co. |
|  | 5 | ... | $\begin{array}{lll}65 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ | 797 | W. Richards and Co., stationery. |
| Oct. | 17 | ... | 200. | 1188 | Books and periodicals. |
| " | 27 | ... | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 1 & 10\end{array}$ | 1215 | Shipping and dock charges. |
| " | 27 | ... | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 1 & 9\end{array}$ | 1136 | Exchange on cheque. |
| " | 27 | $\ldots$ | 1113 | 1217 | Stationery and books. |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}506 & 8 & 3\end{array}$ |  |  |

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No. 7.-Statement of Accounts-continued.
Schedule 6.--Coronation Contingent Expenses.


Schedule 7.

| Date. | Amount <br> in <br> Question. | Item <br> No. | Details of Expenditure of this Amount. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\therefore \ldots$ | $\pm$ $\mathrm{s}$. d. <br> 34 2 4 | 262 | Balance of pay due Lieutenant Hovell, First New <br> Zealand Contingent, paid to his credit by Major <br> Pilcher under instructions from Defence Department, <br> New Zealand. |

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