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1968, No. 13

An Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands to appropriate certain sums of money out of the Cook Islands Government Account to the services of the year ending with the thirty-first day of March, 1969, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this year

(27 September 1968)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN, - We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this year, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sums hereinafter mentioned and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted: And be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the Appropriation Act 1968, and relates to the year ending on the thirty-first day of March 1969 (hereinafter referred to as "this year").
2. Grant and Appropriation of \$5,326,940 out of the Cook Islands Government Account - (1) The Minister responsible for finance may issue and apply out of the Cook Islands Government Account, towards making good the supplies granted to Her Majesty for the services of this year, any sums which do not exceed the sum of \$5,326,940.

(2) The sums hereinbefore authorised to be applied, together with the fees collected by such public officers as are authorised to retain them instead of salary, are hereby appropriated for the services expressed in the several votes specified in the First Schedule to this Act.

3. Indemnity as to unauthorised expenditure of \$223,130 for the year ended 31 March 1968 - Whereas the Minister responsible for finance has issued under the authority of Article 70 (3) (b) of the Cook Islands Constitution during the financial year that ended on the thirty-first day of March 1968 the sum of \$62,572 out of the Cook Islands Government Account, in excess of or without appropriation of the Cook Islands Legislative Assembly, And Whereas the said Minister has issued and paid during the said financial year the sum of \$160,558 out of the Cook Islands Government Account in excess of the limit imposed by the said Article 70 (3) (b), And Whereas the said sums totalling the amount of \$223,130 have been applied to the several services mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act: Be it therefore enacted that the Minister responsible for finance is hereby indemnified in respect of the application of the said sum of \$160,558, and the application of the said amount of \$223,130 is hereby sanctioned.

4. Authority to write off losses of public money and public stores amounting to \$7,261.51 - Whereas the losses of public money and public stores specified in the Third Schedule to this Act have occurred, amounting in the whole to seven thousand two hundred and sixty one dollars fifty-one cents: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

(1) The amounts specified in the said Third Schedule, being sums of public money and the value of public stores and the amounts of claims abandoned, are hereby written off.

(2) No person, other than an accounting officer within the meaning of the Public Revenues Ordinance, 1958, shall be deemed to be discharged by reason only of the fact that the said amounts are written off, from any liability in respect of any public money or public stores (other than claims abandoned to which this section applies).

5. Indemnity as to expenditure not previously appropriated - Whereas the Minister responsible for finance has under authority of Article 70 (3) (b) of the Cook Islands Constitution incurred, without the appropriation of the Cook Islands Legislative Assembly, the respective sums mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to this Act out of the Cook Islands Government Account, amounting in the whole to \$23,740 and has caused those sums to be applied to the several services mentioned in the Fourth Schedule: Be it therefore enacted that the application of the said sums is hereby sanctioned.

6. Salaries of Judges, and of the Secretary of the Premier's Department - There shall be paid to the Judges of the High Court and the Land Court and the Secretary of the Premier's Department out of the Cook Islands Government Account without further appropriation than this Act salaries at the following rates:

- (a) Five thousand six hundred and seventy dollars per annum for the period from the first day of April 1967 to the thirty-first day of July 1967; and
- (b) Five thousand six hundred and ninety dollars per annum for the period from the first day of August 1967 to the thirty-first day of March 1968; and
- (c) Five thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars for the period from the first day of April 1968 to the thirty-first day of March 1969;

together with such sums as allowances as the Executive Council may from time to time decree.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

APPROPRIATIONS OUT OF THE COOK ISLANDS
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1968-69

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
		\$
1	Premier's Department	296,550
2	Treasury and Customs	446,680
3	Economic Development:-	
	Agriculture	244,000
	Co-operation	<u>25,900</u>
		269,900
4	Works and Communications:-	
	Public Works	1,351,410
	Post Office	179,000
	Radio	226,670
	Survey	47,090
	Electric Power Supply	551,890
		2,356,060
5	Justice	67,910
6	Education	689,470
7	Health	628,060
8	Internal Affairs:-	
	Freezer	175,260
	Hotel	47,850
	Printing Office	59,250
	Main Department	<u>210,490</u>
		492,850
9	Police	<u>79,460</u>
		<u>5,326,940</u>

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 3)

UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 1967/68 COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT

	\$	\$	\$
Treasury and Customs		56,862	
Economic Development:-			
Agriculture	14,002		
Co-operatives	<u>724</u>	14,726	
Works and Communications:-			
Public Works	174,270		
Less under-expenditure other departments	135,667	38,603	
Education		2,255	
Health		37,717	
Internal Affairs:-			
Freezer	13,260		
Hotel	2,991		
Printing Office	12,793		
Main Department	36,489	65,533	
Police		7,434	<u>223,130</u>

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 4)

STATEMENT OF SUMS IRRECOVERABLE BY THE CROWN OF
STORES, ETC., REQUIRED TO BE WRITTEN OFF DEPARTMENTAL
ACCOUNTS

<u>Department:</u>	<u>Item:</u>	<u>Reason for Write Off Action:</u>	<u>Value of Stores, etc:</u>
			\$
Electric Power Supply	Stores	Broken in transit	18.00
Freezer	Stores	Unfit for Human Consumption	21.25
Health	Stores	Damaged and unfit for use	16.84
	Cash	Theft from Dental Section	9.40
Hotel	i) Stores and Equipment	Deteriorated and Obsolete	115.12
	ii) Furniture and Equipment	Lost-in Hurricane December 1967	126.40
Police	Equipment	Deteriorated	44.00
Post Office	Cash	Reimbursement for shortage in Coin Roll	15.00
Premier's	Cash	Lost in Hurricane Mitiaro	275.00
Public Works	i) Stores	Deteriorated and Obsolete	3,527.73
	ii) Stores and Equipment	Lost in Hurricane	1,534.78
Treasury, Customs and Inland Revenue	Debts	Income Tax Liabilities irrecoverable	360.14
	Debts	Irrecoverable or approved by Cabinet for writing off	420.91
	Liquor	Breakages and losses in transit (to Rarotonga and Outer Islands)	553.67
	"	Lost in Hurricane Mitiaro	230.43
	Admission Tickets	Obsolete and Destroyed	10.84
	Cash	Outer Island Cash Book Reconciliation	2.23
			<u>\$7,261.74</u>

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Section 5)

INDEMNITY AS TO EXPENDITURE NOT PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED

	\$
Cost of repairs of 2 private motor cycles damaged by Government vehicles	75
Share of expenses of Mr V.D. Stace on copra prices	132
Ex-gratia payment Teau Ariki in lieu of House of Arikis board allowance	100
Ex-gratia payment Teehu Makimare	120
Ex-gratia payment to owners of Vaipae Block	100
Hurricane relief and emergency supplies and clearing up expenses and repairs	<u>23,213</u>
	<u>23,740</u>