

Finance of the Settlement Scheme.

- (a) Financial Statement up to the 30th June, 1939, is annexed. This is incomplete, as I have no means of ascertaining the amount of expenditure being incurred by others than myself.
- (b) The statement shows that to complete the Settlement Scheme according to the scale indicated in the "Future Settlement Programme" will involve an over-expenditure in the Colonial Development Fund Grant which should not possibly exceed £3,000, of which it is possible to offset £1,400 if the services of a Surveyor are dispensed with.
- (c) This over-expenditure is entirely due to either:-
- (1) Political considerations making it impossible to carry out the Scheme in the manner contemplated when writing the Report; or
 - (2) Items being charged to the Development Fund Grant which it was imagined, at the time of compiling the Estimates of Expenditure, would be borne from the Funds of the Colony.
- No portion of the extra expenditure could have been foreseen at the time of applying for the Grant.
- (d) It should be emphasized that, when the Estimates of Expenditure in the printed Report were made, every item was cut and re-cut until nothing was left but the absolute bare minimum on which the Scheme could be carried out, provided:-

- (1) The time of