

(d) Apart from the suggestion at (c) I recommend that, in the interests of economy, the ration issues should be discontinued, with the exception of rice . This should be supplemented by the issue of a coconut per head per day, to be obtained from Hull or Sydney Islands. A small Co-operative Society should be established on the island where all other simple necessities, such as Tobacco and Sugar, could be obtained.

(e) Provided that the salaries of the three Native Government Officials are met from normal Colony funds, as will presumably be the case after the present financial year, the position of overseer can be abolished and the total expenditure kept under a figure of £285 per annum, allocated as follows -

1. Coconuts for Eating -	20,000 at £1 per 1,000	=£20
2. Rice -	3¼ tons at £20 per ton	= £65
3. Wages -	14 labourers at £1 per month	= £168
4. Coconuts for Planting -	30,000 at £1 per ton	= £30
		<u>£283</u>

The expenditure for the two extra years would thus come to £566.

(f) If the government is not able to consider the provision of this sum it would still be possible to continue the planting of the island, though it would take much longer, by eliminating the payment of the labourers and merely continuing to supply them with rice, coconuts and two sticks of tobacco each per week. Surplus coconuts from the Government Station on Tarawa Island might be used for planting, if they could be transported.

(g) Further