

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY.

No. C.I. 4.

Office of the Administrative Officer,
Phoenix Islands District,
12th January, 1943.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3597 on the subject of claims against the estate of the late Mr. G.B. Gallagher, I have the honour to forward the details of a claim made by Aram, the deceased's servant, for arrears of pay.

2. Aram states that he was last paid by the deceased for the month of June, 1941 and that he is owed his salary as servant from July, 1941 to the date of Mr. Gallagher's death inclusive.

3. From conversations with Aram it appears that he left Gardner Island with Mr. Gallagher at the end of June, 1941 and that after that date the deceased was so busy that as Aram was in no urgent need of cash he did not bother his employer by asking for his wages. He thought that when Gardner Island was reached again there would be ample opportunity for being paid.

4. No invoices can be presented as proof of this indebtedness, but I would urge that this claim be considered favourably for, from my experience of him, I can state without reserve that Aram is honest and trustworthy.

5. Aram was paid by the deceased at the rate of £A5 per month.

6. Aram states also that some articles of his clothing were taken to Suva in error with the deceased's effects. These articles are detailed below and I shall be grateful if they can be forwarded to him at Canton Island as soon as possible.

- 4 pairs khaki shorts. (khaki-green colour).
- 4 Sulus. (With dark brown edging).
- 4 shirts. (With pockets: on each pocket there is a dark brown vertical stripe).

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Robert H. H. H. H.

Acting Administrative Officer,
Phoenix Islands District.

The Secretary,
Western Pacific High Commission,
Suva, Fiji.