

✓ Sitting No. 6/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Orion, Valletta, on Sunday, 20th January, 1963, at 11 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance.
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development and Commerce.
The Hon. Minister of Education
The Hon. Minister of Justice
The Hon. Minis of Agriculture, Power & Communications
The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.
The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Messrs. Bailey's / United Kingdom Government dispute.
Prof. J. Azzopardo, Attorney General, was in attendance.

The Hon. Prime Minister read a letter he had received from H.E. The Governor, enclosing a report on his recent visit to the United Kingdom in connection with the dispute between Messrs. Bailey's and the Colonial Office. He also read a letter he had received from Messrs. Bailey's, confirming that it was the intention of the Company to retain the present level of employment in their Dockyard. The Cabinet was also informed

that the British Government had now issued a writ against Bailey's and claimed about £3m. from the Company.

The Prime Minister also stated that he was being pressed by both the Colonial Office and H.C. the Governor to agree to the making of legislation with a view to appointing a Council of Administration for Bailey's Dockyard. The possible impact of such legislation on the employment position was fully discussed. It was considered that an agreement to the making of that legislation would have to be conditioned to certain guarantees, among which that of maintaining at the Dockyard the present level of employment at least up to 1967.

The Cabinet decided to consider the matter further on Monday, 21st January, 1963, at 6 p.m.

Edward Durell
Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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