

Transcriptions of Army Surplus Depot Correspondence to Mr. W. Hole Regarding the Purchase of the Dining Hall – 1923

January 25th 1923

“Dear Sir

I am instructed to write confirming offers made by our Mr. Cannon yesterday for Two Huts standing on the Camp at Larkhill £40. (Forty pounds) the two dismantled £56 (Fifty six pounds). F.O.R. £60 (sixty pounds) the two.

We trust your committee will be able to let us know at an early date to enable us to reserve the huts you require.

The price of the Dining Hall 100 x 30 £80 (Eighty pounds). F.O.R. £100 (One hundred pounds).

Assuring you of our best intention at all times.

Yours faithfully

Army Surplus Depot”

February 10th 1923

“Dear Sir

RE DINING HALL

The above is now available subject to being unsold on receipt of your cheque.

Thanking you for your immediate reply.

Yours faithfully

*Army Surplus Depot
S Moore
Manager”*

February 12th 1923

“Having received from the Charlton-Horethorne Committee deposit cheque of £50 (Fifty pounds) purchase of Dining Hall total cost of which is to be £80 (Eighty pounds) leaving a £30 (Thirty pounds) balance to be paid before dismantling on the 19th instant of this month and this deposit is paid only on the condition that the cheque is not cashed until the Army Surplus staff is notified that the Hall the Committee viewed is in the same condition as when they saw it and is not damaged by the removing of buildings that were then attached to the Dining Hall. If this is not thought to be satisfactory to the Committee the cheque of £50 (Fifty pounds) is to be returned to enable the Committee to purchase another building which will be satisfactory to them.

*Army Surplus Depot
S. Moore”*

February 15th 1923

“Dear Sir

I have this day received report on the building in question which is not favourable. I therefore return your cheque as per agreement.

I have information from London this week to say we are to dispose of another similar building, which I will give you the first offer, I may be able to let you know definitely by Monday or Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

*Army Surplus Depot
S. Moore
Manager”*

March 9th 1923

“Dear Sir

With reference to our conversation as to Dining Hall, it is thrown up by the R.E.'s at Larkhill. This matter has now passed through the War Office, and I expect to hear definitely during the next few days.

It is only for the War Office to write to say this can be disposed of, when I will write to you as previously arranged. The size and figure I find is identical.

I will let you know immediately I hear from the War Office when this can be disposed of, and will give you the offer of same. The delay is regretted.

Yours faithfully

*Army Surplus Depot
S. Moore”*

March 29th 1923

“Dear Sir

We have now got an estimate for dismantling and haulage of the DINING HALL at Larkhill Camp.

Dismantling by sections on the sides and piecemeal in the floor at the cost of £20, haulage of same to site £30 (Thirty pounds) at Charlton Horethorne.

We have already commence to dismantle and the men are now working on it but we shall be glad if you will put through you cheque for £70 (Seventy pounds) which includes dismantling, haulage and £20 balance on Hut to enable us to carry on.

The Sheets of iron we believe could be disposed of on the spot for £20 (Twenty pounds) if you so desire.

For your satisfaction only we would mention that our Mr. Moore was offered yesterday £100 (One hundred pounds) for this building as it stands on the Camp so your Parish should be pleased with the bargain.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully

Army Surplus Depot

Handwritten PTO at the bottom of the letter with the following note written by William Hole on the reverse:

“I then wrote hoping to bargain for delivery of Hall before paying the £70 balance but to no effect therefore week’s delay in delivery. W. Hole”

April 14th 1923

“Dear Sir

We were very glad to receive your Cheque to save further disappointment to your Committee.

Our Capt. Moore has seen the Dining Hall and he is very pleased with the Timbers how they have come down. We think you will be very satisfied.

We enclose receipt herewith and assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully

***for Controller
M. Parsons***

Phone, 89
S. Moore.
MIDDLE STREET
(Next door to Liberal Club),
YEovil, 14/4 1923
BOUGHT OF **ARMY SURPLUS**
In discharge
for dismantling
hauling Dining
Hall £70-
Recd. by cheque
£70. in full thanks.
14/4 1923
W. Hole
H. Parsons