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**EXCLUSIVE**



Skint ... Sarah Ferguson

SKINT Fergie has sacked her entire office staff in a desperate bid to stave off bankruptcy - as she packs to jet off on a luxury Caribbean holiday.

The Duchess of York, 50 - who recently admitted she hadn't "a pot to p\*\*\* in" - made personal phone calls to each of her 12 tearful flunkies to explain why their jobs had gone.

But despite being £2million in the red, next week she flies to Necker Island, Sir Richard Branson's luxury home in the British Virgin Islands.

*One astonished aide said last night: "Talk about rubbing salt into the wounds.*

*"If there is so little money, how is she able to swan off on yet another exotic holiday?"*

 Luxury ... Necker, where Fergie will have holiday

Daughters Princesses Beatrice, 21, and Eugenie, 20, will join Fergie on Necker - where Princess Di spent two holidays in the early 1990s.

The Duchess called her 12-strong team personally after ex-hubby Prince Andrew's deputy private secretary Amanda Thirsk broke the bad news.

She is set to head a team of his people to run Fergie's office.

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The staff were thought to have been costing Fergie around £60,000 a month in salaries.

One said the "very upset" Duchess "said to keep my chin up and when things turned up ■ get my job back.

*"Trouble is, much as she wants to believe it, we know that's not the case. We've mortgages and kids - we're suffering for her stupidity."*

In May, the grasping Duchess was filmed taking £27,000 from an undercover reporter she believed to be a tycoon.

She promised access to her ex-husband if another £500,000 was wired into her account, although there is no suggestion Prince Andrew knew of the arrangement.

Apology ... Fergie's 'confessional' with Oprah Winfrey



Later she was forced to make a "confessional" appearance on Oprah Winfrey's US TV show.

An insider said: "Most of Fergie's team think the world of her, but everyone knows she has made a mess of her finances."

Among those sacked are ex-Scotland Yard cop **COLIN TEBBUTT**, her driver

**Sacked ... Zenouska Mowatt, Colin Tebbutt and Sally Fish**  
for ten years; Princess Alexandra's 20-year-old granddaughter **ZENOUSKA MOWATT** and **SALLY FISH**, Fergie's right-hand woman for 15 years.