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OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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From

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No. 40.

1923

1st. February.

SUBJECT.

Tristan da Cunha

Question whether small quantity of timber could
be spared from Government stores at Cape Town to
complete the construction of some cottages on
the Island

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12th January, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st November last addressed to the First Lord of the Admiralty, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that They have decided to afford the desired facilities for the transport of stores etc., to the Island of Tristan da Cunha.

2. Arrangements have been made for the Island to be visited by H.M.S. "Dublin" leaving Simonstown about the middle of March next. All stores intended for the Island should therefore be despatched so as to reach Simonstown by 5th March 1923. The stores, which it is understood will weigh approximately 7 tons, should be consigned to the "Naval Store Office, H.M. Dockyard, Simonstown" and marked "For conveyance to Tristan da Cunha by H.M. Ship".

I am, etc.,

(sd)

Douglas M. Gane, Esq.,
4 & 5 Warwick Court,
Gray's Inn,
W.C.1.

| Articles | Donors | Quantity |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Kettles Pans) Saucepans &c.) | Lankester & Crook, Southampton | |
| Vegetable seeds) | Toogood & Son, Southampton | |
| Cigarettes | British American Tobacco Co. 7 Millbank S.W. | 5000 |
| Loose tobacco | By purchase | 50 lbs. |
| Pipes | By purchase | 150 |
| Cricket set, foot- ball & quoits) | Ditto | |
| Cricket balls) | F.H. Ayres Ltd, 111 Aldersgate St., E.C. | 6 |
| Rat-traps | By purchase | 2 dozen. |

Through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

16 cases of iron goods for building construction and domestic use.

12 cases of miscellaneous donations and purchases.

Goods for the relief of Tristan da Cunha

| Articles | Donors | Quantity. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sugar | Tate & Lyle Ltd. 21 Mincing Lane E.C. | 2 tons in 20 two cwt bags |
| Flour | Ross J.Smyth & Co.Bury St.E.C. | 2 tons of "Gold Medal" Flour |
| " | By purchase | 1½ tons of Australian flour |
| Cocoa | J.S.Fry & Sons Ltd Bristol | 5 cwts |
| Tea | J. Lyons & Co.Ltd.Cadby Hall,Kensington | One chest |
| " | Ceylon Tea Plantations Co.Ltd.20 Eastcheap | One chest |
| " | Liptons Ltd. City Road E.C. | 100 lbs of packet tea |
| Raisins | By purchase | 2 cwts |
| Currents | ditto | 2 cwts |
| Biscuits | Huntley & Palmer Ltd.162 Fenchurch Street | 4 cases containing 96 tins each |
| Brazil nuts | By purchase | 2 cwts |
| Dates | By purchase | 2 cwts |
| Window-glass | T & W.Farmiloes Ltd.Rochester Row, Westminster. | 2 cases and cutting instruments |
| Matches | Bryant & May Ltd.Fairfield Works Bow | 3600 boxes |
| Soap | Lever Bros.Ltd. Royal Liver Bldgs.Liverpool | 1 case of Sunlight and 1 case of lifebouy |
| " | Sir Woolmer White,30 Chandos St.Portsmouth | Cwt of soap |
| Caustic Soda | Jos.Crosfield & Sons Ltd.Warrington | 1 cwt. |
| Tools | Richard Melhuish Ltd. | Case of carpenters tools |
| Nails & Screws. | Guest Keen & Nettlefolds Ltd. 2 Fen Court E.C. | ½ cwt of each |
| Scrub's Ammonia | Scrubbs Ltd. Guildford St Lambeth. | 4 cases |
| Baking Powder. | George Borwick & Sons,24 Chiswell St. | Gross of 1 lb tins |
| Clothes | Textile (Surplus) Ltd.9 Alfred Place Tottenham Court Road. | 6 bales containing more than 500 garments |
| Candles | Kynochs Ltd. Wilton,Birmingham | 72 lbs. |
| Rope & String. | R.Hood Haggie & Son Ltd.Newcastle-on-Tyne | 3 cwts package |
| Old Rope & Sail Cloth) | White Star Line, Liverpool | |
| Nails | Lankester & Sons,Southampton | 1 cwt. |
| Kettles | | |

On that account I am writing to ask if a small quantity of timber or suitable woodwork could be furnished from Government stores, not necessarily new, but any that may be in hand through demolition of former buildings. The present consignment of stores is due to leave Southampton on the 9th February, but as the warship does not leave until the middle of March, there would be opportunity of getting things out by a later vessel.

It would be better still if such timber and woodwork could be spared from Government stores at the Cape, and I shall be much obliged if you will take the matter into consideration and see if anything can be done.

I am,

Yours faithfully,


COPY.

GANE AND SON,
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GRAY'S INN
LONDON, W.C.1.
29th January, 1923.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Dear Sir,

Tristan da Cunha.

Concerning the stores shown in the accompanying list which have been collected here for the relief of Tristan da Cunha and which H.M.S. Dublin will shortly convey from the Cape to the island, there is one essential in which they are lacking and that is timber. The Rev.H.M.Rogers informs me that the people have six new cottages under construction, which will afford the additional living accommodation so urgently needed, but the completion of them is held up primarily from the want of wood.

In consequence of its bulk, I had hoped that South Africa would furnish this article, and I had suggested this to the Editor of the Cape Argus, in taking advantage of his kind offer to help the movement here by a supplementary one there. But I am now told that the South African woods are hard woods and not suitable for building, and that the woods they employ for building is imported. If this be the case, the people are unlikely to have any to spare, and it is a pity, the need being so urgent, to risk the appeal at the Cape being fruitless.

On



UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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REC'D G.G.O.
3/4343

DOWLING STREET,

1 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Royal Highness to be laid before your Ministers the accompanying copy of a letter received from Mr. D.M.Gane, who has organised the despatch of stores to Tristan da Cunha from time to time and takes a great interest in the affairs of the Island, enquiring whether a small quantity of timber could be spared from Government stores at Cape Town to complete the construction of some cottages in the Island. I understand that the wood is principally required for floors, doors, window frames, etc.

I enclose also a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Gane by the Admiralty regarding the arrangements proposed for the transport of stores to the Island in March by H.M.S. "Dublin".

If your Ministers can see their way to supply any timber for this purpose, I should be glad if they would communicate with the Naval Store Officer on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Royal Highness's most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR FREDERICK,
GOVERNOR GENERAL,
MAJOR GENERAL,
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS,

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.B.,
etc., etc., etc.

29th Jan.

Adv. to Mr. Gane
12th January.

Copy sent to *ministers*

For *Consideration*

Minute No. *3/4343*

Date *20 February 1923*