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From
Ministers,
No. 163.

Tristan da Cunha.

Inability of Union to undertake administration of the Island : proposed scheme for settlement of a certain number of boys (not coloured) in the Union : arrangements for collaboration of Church of England in the matter.

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As was to be expected Union will accept no responsibility as regards the Island. They make a proposal regarding the education of some of the children which may be a help.

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propose, if the Imperial Government is prepared to entertain the suggestion and to provide the necessary funds for carrying it out, to submit details under which six boys of the age of 12 and upwards and selected on the ground of intelligence and suitability could be brought to the Union, with the consent of their parents, when opportunity offers. The cost of maintaining these boys would be about £50 per annum each and a small amount of capital expenditure might have to be found to enlarge the existing accommodation at the hostel. The number should be kept up to six or extended if the scheme is successful.

Ministers desire to say in conclusion that, from the reports on the condition of the inhabitants, it would seem that a limited sum of money expended in this manner would be of far greater benefit to the inhabitants in the long run than if expended on annual shipment of stores and relief provisions.

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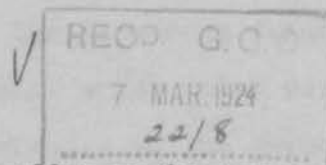
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CAPE TOWN.

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With reference to His Excellency the Governor-General's Minute No. 22/5 of the 28th January, 1924, on the subject of the future of the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, Ministers have the honour to state, with reference to paragraph 4 of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 338 of the 31st December 1923, that they have finally decided that the Government of the Union of South Africa is unable to undertake the administration of the Island.

As regards paragraph 3 of the despatch referred to Ministers have discussed certain proposals with the Church of England authorities under which it would be possible to find an outlet for children and youths of the Island who would be capable, if educated here, of establishing themselves in the Union. Ministers are of opinion that it would be useless to think of transporting the adult population to the Union, even if they are willing to come, but if a certain number of the more intelligent youths and children were brought over it would ease the position and, should the scheme prove successful, those who settle here would gradually attract their relatives if they were in a position to maintain them.

The Church Authorities would be able to provide hostel accommodation and provision could be made in one of their existing hostels to receive boys (not coloured) of 12 years and upwards. These boys would attend an ordinary public school and receive some industrial training as soon as their education was adequate. Ministers therefore

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

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CAPE TOWN,
11th March 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith,
with reference to the Duke of Devonshire's
despatch No. 338 of the 31st December 1923,
the document mentioned below, on the subject of the future
of the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

The Right Honourable
J. H. THOMAS, M.P.,
Colonial Office, LONDON.

(Signed) ATHLONE
GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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