

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF
SOUTH AFRICA.

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OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL

From

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No. 587.

1919

31st October.

SUBJECT

Fisheries: Miscellaneous.

Fishing and sealing restrictions
in the vicinity of and on the islands of Marian,
Possession, Prince Edward, Heard, St. Paul and
Amsterdam: Application for concessions.

PREVIOUS PAPERS

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MINUTES

*Possession Island is off the coast
of S.W.A.*

*To Min^r with request that they
will inform applicants*

*G.S.
10/10/19*

*Y.E.
may like to see.
Y.K.H.*

[Signature]

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS

*11-12-19 To Minister
45/103: Reported expedition from
Cape Town to St. Paul and
Amsterdam for purpose of hunting sea
elephant
37/363: Request regarding mining
rights to hunt in
St. Paul, Amsterdam Island
& Adeline*

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our financial stability, integrity and business acumen.

Trusting that this application may receive the favourable consideration of yourself and your Government, should the latter be considered requisite.

We have the honour to be, etc.,

(Sgd) ALEX W. WALKER
for Pearson, Walker Shipping Co..

PEARSON, WALKER SHIPPING COMPANY,
Mercantile Floor, Chambers, Adderley & Longmarket Strs.
CAPE TOWN.

28th September, 1919.

To The Right Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
London.

Honourable Sir,

We are desirous of procuring from the Imperial Government, if practicable, a Concession for the establishment of the industry of Fishing, Whaling and Sealing in the Southern Ocean in connection with the following islands, viz:- Marian, Possession, Prince Edward, Heard, St. Paul, and Amsterdam.

We, therefore, respectfully beg to suggest that a permit be granted to us for a period for investigation say to June 1920, and that in the event of our then desiring to establish the enterprise permanently, we be granted the sole concession for a period of five years therefrom until 1925, with option of renewal for a further period of five years, for the establishment of Fishing Stations in accordance with our requirements on the Islands before mentioned, and that the said Concession shall include, beside the sole right of conducting Fishing operations, research for any mineral deposits that we may discover in the course of our investigations, exclusive of precious stones or gold and silver.

We have in South Africa an increasing demand for oil supplies, and given that the proposed enterprises should prove remunerative, we should be prepared to pay to your Government by way of "Royalty" a sum equal to ten per centum (10%) of the ascertained net annual profits.

Our Bankers are the African Banking Corporation, Limited, Cape Town and branches, and we have pleasure in referring you to their Head Office in London, who will be able to assure you as to

our

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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DOWNING STREET,

31 October, 1919.

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My Lord,

28th September

With reference to your Excellency's telegram of the 28th July, and to my telegram of the 31st July, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Pearson Walker Shipping Company, on the subject of Fishing, Whaling and Sealing concessions in connection with the Marian, Possession, Prince Edward, Heard, St. Paul and Amsterdam islands.

2. Application for concessions in respect of Possession island should have been made to your Government, while St. Paul and Amsterdam are claimed by France. As regards the other islands specified, His Majesty's Government are not in a position to negotiate for the grant of the rights mentioned, having regard to arrangements with other parties already made or in view.

3. I should be glad if the writers could be informed accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble Servant,

W. H. Miller

GOVERNOR GENERAL
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT BUXTON, G.C.M.G.
&c. &c. &c.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

No. 5/86.

PRETORIA,

// December, 1919.

MINUTE.

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL transmits herewith for the **information**

of MINISTERS, with reference to **their** Minute

No. **1131** of **18th July** and his Minute No. **5/77** of the **8th August, 1919.** copy of the undermentioned

document on the subject of **fishing, whaling and sealing concessions in connection with the Marian, Possession, Prince Edward, Heard, St. Paul and Amsterdam Islands.**

The Governor-General would be glad if Messrs. the Pearson Walker Shipping Company could be informed as requested by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Sd). Buxton

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT.

31st October, 1919. Despatch No. 587 from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (with enclosure).