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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF
SOUTH AFRICA.

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OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL

From

Ministers

No. 1131

1919

18th July.

SUBJECT

Fisheries : Miscellaneous.

Enquiry regarding fishing and sealing restrictions in the vicinity of and on the islands of Prince Edward, Marion, Crozets, Hog, Heard and Gough.

PREVIOUS PAPERS

MINUTES

The Crozet Islands (which include Hog) are not British territory (see file 5/19). So far as I can find they are unclaimed by any country being very inaccessible, ^{uninhabited} and rarely visited.

Gough is British and lies due south of Tristan da Cunha.

For Prince Edward Island an exclusive licence had been issued by the British authorities - see 1911 correspondence file 5/19.

I can find nothing about the ~~Heard~~ ^{Heard} Islands except that they were discovered by an American Captain of the same name, or about ~~the~~ Marion which is close to Prince Edward Island & may be one of same group. 25/7/19

28/7/19 to S. D. S. (Tel)
31/7/19 Secy to P. M.

See 17/7/19: Grant to G. De la...
of a commission to work...
quano reports on certain islands.

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS

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Treasury say Mr. Schechter will pay cost of reply as well as of enquiry.

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Prime Minister's Office,
Pretoria.

18 JULY, 1919.

MINUTE NO. 1131

Ministers have the honour to inform His Excellency the Governor-General that an inquiry has been received by the Customs Authorities from one H. Schechter, of Cape Town, as to whether there are any restrictions in respect of fishing and sealing in the vicinity of, and prospecting on, the following islands:-

<i>2008 Pensions</i>	—	Prince Edward, Marion, Crozets, Hog, Heard, and Gough.	} } } } } }	Indian Ocean. South Atlantic.
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Ministers desire to state Mr. Schechter requested that telegraphic information might be sought from the Imperial Authorities in London in this connexion, and is prepared to defray the cost thereof.

Ministers will be obliged, therefore, if His Excellency will be good enough to cause the necessary inquiry to be made.

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TELEGRAM.

From : Governor-General, Pretoria,
To : Secretary of State.

25th July, 1919.

Ministers have received enquiry from
H. Schechter of Cape Town whether there are
any restrictions in respect of fishing and sealing
in the vicinity of, and prospecting on,

Prince Edward Islands,

Marion Islands,

Crozet Islands,

Hog,

Heard, and

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Schechter is prepared to defray cost
of reply by telegraph.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

PRETORIA,

31 July, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, with reference to Ministers' Minute No. 1131 of the 18th July, that the cost of the cablegram sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies with regard to the enquiry of Mr. Schachter as to fishing and sealing in the vicinity of, and prospecting on certain islands, was £2:7:6. I shall be glad if you will kindly cause this amount to be paid in to the Treasury to the credit of the Governor-General's Vote. Please advise me when this has been done. In the event of a reply being received by telegraph I will advise you of the cost.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) G. E. B.

For ACTING SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

THE SECRETARY TO THE
PRIME MINISTER,
PRETORIA.