

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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Prime Minister's Office.

No. 150 / 36 / 1911

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Tristan da Cunha.

Subsequent Correspondence.

No. 150 / 36 / 1911

P. M. 150/36/11.

12th October, 1911.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of His
Excellency the Governor-General's Minute No. 3/699
of the 9th October on the subject of the approaching
visit of the Rev. J.G.Barrow to Tristan da Cunha.

Secretary to the Prime Minister.



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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Pretoria.

9. October, 1911.

MINUTE.

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL transmits herewith for the information of MINISTERS a copy of the undermentioned document on the subject of the approaching visit of the Rev. J. G. Barrow to Tristan da Cunha.

W. Gladstone

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

DATE.	DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT.
9th September.	Letter, No. 28653/1911, from the Colonial Office to the Rev. J. G. Barrow, with enclosure. -----

(7) The protection of sea-birds.

(8) Dead animals. It is most undesirable that their bodies should be left unburied anywhere near a dwelling house.

(9) Firing the islands. I learned with great regret of the firing of Inaccessible Island in January 1909, and I think that the man responsible for it, and his five companions, who made no attempt to interfere, are equally deserving of blame. It is important that such acts of wanton destruction should be prevented in future.

The need for rules on other points may of course arise, but I feel that that is a matter which I can safely leave to Mr. Barrow to consider with you.

(Signed) L.HARCOURT.

7th September, 1911.

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may nominate either to sit with him, or in his stead when he leaves the Island the settlement of all serious disputes which may arise, and that you should generally be guided by what he says, and assist him to maintain the peace of the Island.

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I suggest the following as being points on which it is most important that rules should be made:

(1) The improvement of dwelling houses.

It is neither good for health nor for morality that too many persons should be crowded into one house or one room.

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(2) The destruction of rats. This can only be effected if all the inhabitants lend their assistance at regular intervals.

(3) Visiting ships. I understand that there is an old rule on the Island that public business should be done before private trading.

(4) The incoming mail. I think that Mr. Barrow or one of the inhabitants appointed by him should receive and open it.

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(5) The number of cattle. To prevent the death of many of them from starvation no family should be permitted to own more than a certain number; and inhabitants leaving the Island should be obliged to get rid of their live-stock within a certain period.

(6) Stamping out the scab in sheep. Regulations as to dipping and fencing appear to be desirable.

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TO THE INHABITANTS
OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA.

I have given this letter to the Reverend J. G. Barrow who has lived at Tristan da Cunha for three years and of whose deep interest in the welfare of the Island and its inhabitants I have had many proofs.

I have for some time been of opinion that it would be for your advantage if certain rules could be laid down for your guidance in matters of common interest; and the approaching return of Mr. Barrow to Tristan da Cunha gives me an opportunity of addressing you on the subject.

I invite you to give to Mr. Barrow such assistance as he may require in the framing of rules on the subjects which I shall mention below and on any other points on which he may think it necessary; and I earnestly trust that you will co-operate loyally with him, or in his absence, with any of the inhabitants whom he may designate in securing the observance of those rules. It is only by such loyal co-operation that the peace and welfare of Tristan da Cunha can be ensured, and I have every confidence that you will all cheerfully work with Mr. Barrow for that end.

I also think that it would be to the advantage of you all that you should entrust to Mr. Barrow, or to one or more of the inhabitants whom he

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CABINET.

No....150/36/11.

Papers submitted for perusal and remarks of Ministers.

<i>Subject :</i>			
The approaching visit of the Rev. J. G. Barrow to Tristan da Cunha.			
<i>The Honourable the Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Railways and Harbours.</i>	12.10.11		
<i>The Honourable the Minister of the Interior, Mines, and Defence.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Justice.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Education.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Finance.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Lands.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Commerce and Industries.</i>			
<i>The Honourable the Minister of Public Works and Posts and Telegraphs.</i>			
<i>The Honourable C. O'Grady Gubbins—Minister without Portfolio.</i>			

Prime Minister's Office.

12th October 1911

Secretary to the Prime Minister.

DUPLICATE.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

NO. 400

DOWNING STREET,

23 August, 1912.

My Lord,

I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that I understand that the Reverend J. G. Barrow, who lived in Tristan da Cunha from 1907 to 1909, is still anxious to revisit the Island should a suitable opportunity offer itself.

2. Mr. Barrow has spent some time in South America looking for a ship to take him to Tristan da Cunha but has been unable to find one. It is, however, possible that a vessel might be sailing from Capetown which would be prepared to call there.

3. I shall be obliged if your Ministers will be good enough to bear the matter in mind, and if you would give me the earliest possible intimation of any opportunity which may occur or be expected to occur of communicating with Tristan.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signed) L. HARCOURT.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.



REGISTERED
POST OFFICE OFFICE

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Pretoria.

12th September, 1912.

No. 3/1051.

MINUTE.

Acting

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL transmits herewith for the consideration

of MINISTERS, with reference to ~~Lord Gladstone's~~ Minute

~~No. 3/699~~ of 9 Octr., 1911, a copy of the undermentioned document

on the subject of the desire of the Rev. J. G. Barrow to revisit

the Island of Tristan da Cunha.

H. S. Williams

ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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DATE.	DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT.
23rd August.	Despatch, No. 400, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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P. M. 150/36/11.

14th September, 1912.

MINUTE
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

I shall be glad if you will kindly advise me with the least possible delay, if any information should reach you of the possibility of any vessel leaving a South African port calling or willing to call at the island of Tristan da Cunha.

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

23rd August.

Received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies

P. M. 150/36/11.

14th September, 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

I shall be glad if you will kindly advise me with the least possible delay, if any information should reach you of the possibility of any vessel leaving a South African port calling or willing to call at the island of Tristan da Cunha.

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

P. M. 150/36/12.

14th September, 1912.

THE GENERAL MANAGER OF RAILWAYS.

I shall be glad if you will kindly advise me with the least possible delay, if any information should reach you of the possibility of any vessel leaving a South African port calling or willing to call at the island of Tristan da Cunha.

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

17 September, 1912.

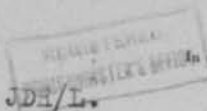
MINUTE NO: 811.

In reply to His Excellency the Acting Governor-General's Minute No. 3/1051 of the 12th September, Ministers have the honour to inform His Excellency that they will keep the matter of the Rev. J. G. Barrow's desire to revisit Tristan da Cunha in mind and will advise His Excellency without delay should they hear of the possibility or likelihood of any vessel sailing from South Africa calling at the island.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"COMINDUS."

REG. No. 5672



In any future correspondence please
quote above number.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

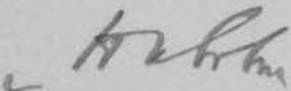
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE,
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES~~.

PRETORIA.

17th September, 1912.

THE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

With reference to your Minute No. P.M.150/36/11
of the 14th instant, I have requested the Collector's of
Customs at the coast ports to advise me by telegraph if
they hear of any vessel leaving for Tristan da Cunha, or
willing to call at that island.


COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

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SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE
ADDRESSED
TO THE GENERAL MANAGER.

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'Phone: Railway Exchange.

In your reply quote F. 15476.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,
JOHANNESBURG.

19th September, 1913.

The Secretary to the Prime Minister,
PRETORIA.

Enquiry regarding vessel calling at
Tristan da Cunha.

I am in receipt of your letter No.
P.M.150/36/11 of the 14th instant, and am
making enquiries in this matter.

Should I hear either as a result of
the enquiries now being made or at a later
date of the possibility of a vessel calling
or being willing to call at Tristan da Cunha, I
shall at once communicate with you.

F. W. C. Hart
GENERAL MANAGER.
F. W. C. Hart

Registered No. 93714/XII.

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In any further correspondence on this subject please quote the above number.



GENERAL POST OFFICE JOHANNESBURG

P R E T O R I A,

28th September, 1912.



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THE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER,

P R E T O R I A.

In reply to your communication No. P.M. 150/36/11 of the 14th instant, I beg to inform you that I have, at present, no information of the intended departure of any vessel for Tristan da Cunha, nor is there any likelihood of any vessel calling there in the near future.

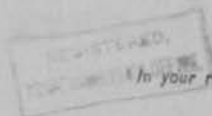
Your request has, however, been noted, and you will be advised as soon as any information reaches me.

J.W. French
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

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SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.

JOHANNESBURG.

16th October, 1912.

The Secretary to the Prime Minister,
PRETORIA.

Enquiry regarding vessels calling at Tristan da Cunha.

With further reference to your letter No. P.M. 150/36/11 of the 14th ultimo, I have to state that enquiries have been made in this matter by the Officers at the several Ports who have interviewed the shipping agents likely to be concerned, but they have not heard of any vessels which are willing to call at Tristan da Cunha.

As the Admiralty occasionally arrange for cruisers to call at this Island, the authorities at Simonstown were approached, but so far as they are aware no war vessels are likely to call at the Island this year. In regard to the future they are unable to say at this stage when a war vessel is likely to put in at the Island.

The advisability of advertising has been suggested.

The Officers at the Ports have instructions to report to me should any information reach them in regard to a vessel calling or ^{being} willing to call at Tristan da Cunha, and any information which I receive in this connection I shall at once communicate to you.

F. W. H. G.
 GENERAL MANAGER
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SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS.

4th November, 1912.

GENERAL MANAGERS OFFICE.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

The Secretary to the Prime Minister.

PRETORIA.

Forwarded for the information of the Honourable the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Acting Governor-General's Minute No. 3/1083 of the 31st October, 1912.

Communication with the Island of Tristan da Cunha.

Forwards to the
GENERAL MANAGERS
P. M. 150/36 11

Copy of Telegram.

NO . 453.

Durban.

3-7 p.M

received here at 3-11 p.M

from.

To.

Customs.

Comindus,

November 26th,

Pretoria.

306 Your minute 5672 of 17th September last Cotts & Co.,
inform me that the S. S. Horatio is intended to call at
Tristan da Cunha Vessel expected to sail from here about
a weeks time.

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306. Your Minute 5672 of 17th September last Cotts and Company inform me that the S. S. "Horatio" is intended to call at Tristan da Cunha. Vessel expected to sail from here about a week's time.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE,
DEPARTMENT OF ~~COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES~~,
PRETORIA.

26th November, 1912.

The Secretary to the
Prime Minister,
PRETORIA.

Vessels for Tristan da Cunha.

I have to confirm my telephone message
of this afternoon, and forward herewith a copy of
the wire received from Durban relative to a vessel
expected to sail from Durban for the above island in
about a week's time.

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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

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P. M. 150/36/11.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTMENT 27th November, 1912.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have received a message from the Commissioner of Customs saying that Messrs. Cotts & Co. have notified the Customs Department at Durban that the S. S. "Horatio" is intended to call at Tristan da Cunha. The vessel is expected to sail from that Port in about a week's time from yesterday.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

P. M. 150/36/11.

29th March, 1913.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Forwarded for the information of the Honourable
the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. The receipt of
this minute has been acknowledged.

I have to inform you that I have received
a message from the Commissioner of Customs
saying that Messrs. Gattis & Co. have notified
the Overseas Department of Customs that the
S. S. "Horatia" is intended to call at Tristan
da Cunha. The vessel is expected to call
from that port in about a week's time from
yesterday.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
Governor-General's Minute No. 3/1245 of the 27th March,
1913.

The transmission of mails to Tristan da Cunha.

P. M. 150/36/11.

29th March, 1913.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of His
Excellency the Governor-General's Minute No. 3/1245 of
the 27th inst. on the subject of the transmission of
mails to Tristan da Cunha.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary to the Prime Minister.

P. M. 150/35/11.

24th December, 1912.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter No. 3/1142 of the 21st December
on the subject of the sailing of the Steam Ship
"Horatio" from Durban for Tristan da Cunha.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

P. M. 150/36/11.

24th December, 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

With reference to your minute No. 5672 of the 26th November, I beg to enclose a letter received from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, for your information.

SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Letter No. 3/1142 of the 21st December from the P.S. to His Excellency the Governor-General. The sailing of the Steam Ship "Horatio" from Durban for Tristan da Cunha.