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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES,
DEPARTEMENT VAN HANDEL EN NYWERHEID,
218 CENTRAL STREET,
SENTRAAALSTRAAT 218,

PRETORIA, 11-9-1948 194

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: CAPE TOWN.

EXPORT OF PENGUINS FROM MARION ISLAND.

With further reference to your minute of the 31st August, 1948, No. P.M. 1/96/2, and the interim reply returned from the Secretary at Cape Town, I write to inform you that Mr. A. Post's representations were submitted to the Director of Fisheries, Cape Town, who replied as follows :-

"In reply to your minute No. C.I. 162/28 of the 26th July, 1948, I wish to state that there should be no objection to the export of Penguins from Marion Island provided the number to be sent to each Zoc in Europe shall not exceed 12."

2. This information was duly conveyed to Mr. Post who was advised to approach the Director of Fisheries direct for further particulars in regard thereto.

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SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES.

MW/

*Mr. Orley
Spec. arika. refer to
Gov. and Agri. for
cons. + comments.*

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Agriculture

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RESUBMITTED

*P.
25/8*

P.M. 1/96/2.

CAPE TOWN,

27 SEP 1948

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 8th July, 1948, and to inform you that until such time as the necessary provision has been made for the administration in its various aspects, of the Prince Edward Islands, the Union Government cannot give consideration to your request for permission to export penguins from Marion Island.

When the necessary provision has been made and a specific Government Department has been designated to administer matters of this nature you should again submit your application direct to the Department concerned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

T. J. ENDEMANN.

SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

A. Post, Esq.,
Hotel Radium,
Hofmeyr Road,
Three Anchor Bay,
CAPE TOWN.

TJ/EB

Passed to

Agri & C&I

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Date

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P.M.1/96/1

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LG.

7th December, 1948.

Reference: P.M.1/96/2.

The Secretary for External Affairs,
Department of External Affairs,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

CONCESSION ON PRINCE EDWARD AND MARION
ISLANDS.

Further to your letter of the 26th May, 1948, we shall be glad to know if a decision has been reached in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

SOUTHERN SALVAGE COMPANY (PTY) LTD.

L. Grey
SECRETARY.

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Date *24/9/48* Initials *L.G.*

Mr. Scholtz's. (Clerk is now ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ London.)
The ~~subject~~ ^{appeal} is ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{appellate} ^{court} ⁱⁿ ^{London} ^{is} ^{an} ^{appeal}.
Mr. Endermann, ⁱⁿ ^{court} ^{has} ^{been} ⁱⁿ ^{London} ^{is} ^{an} ^{appeal}.

On the 25th July, 1947, the Southern Salvage Co. applied for a five-year concession for the sealing rights on the Islands, to the Under-Sec. of State in London. When the Islands were annexed by the Union Gov the application was referred to us for consideration. After an investigation of the sealing possibilities on the Islands, the Superintendent of the Gov. Islands issued a favourable report, and on invitation by this Dept. the Dept. of Agric. applied for the transfer of these rights to that Dept. It was also suggested that the Islands be placed under the jurisdiction of the Gov. Islands Admin.


It was later decided to discuss the question of concessions on the Islands, by the E.T.R.C. At a meeting which was held on the 1st July, 1948, it was agreed that the Depts of Agric. and C.I. should submit a memorandum regarding the desirability of exploiting the Islands, so their minutes for consideration.

We have not received any further correspondence in this connection, and I assume the matter is still under consideration by C.I. & Agric. Shall I write to the Co. & say the matter is still under consideration and also to C.I. ~~the~~ and Agric to enquire whether anything ~~has~~ ^{has} transpired in this matter.

JTB 10/12

Mr. Spies.

Aangezien volgens Wet No. 43 van 1948
Morian-land en Pius Edward-land na in dat van
de twee uitbreiden neem ik aan dat die Eerste Minister
se Kantoor voortaan sal handelen met enige vrageteken
wat daaromtrent mag ontstaan.


11/12.

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JTB 10/12

Mr. J. J. B.:
 Ik heb men dat
 alle zaken betreffende die
 administratie van die Prince
 Edward & Marion eilanden
 voortaan door die Eerste Minister
 of afdeling waargenomen behoort
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 echter toezien dat finale
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13/12/48

Mr. Schelty,
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JJB 10/12

P.M. 1/96/2

PRETORIA.

19-12-1948

Sir,

Concession on Prince Edward and
Marion Islands.

With reference to your letter L.G. of the
7th December, 1948, I have the honour to inform you
that it is not as yet possible to accord consideration
to your application.

You will be further advised in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Shubh Singh
SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

The Managing Director,
Southern Salvage Company, Ltd.,
P.O. Box 3426,
CAPE TOWN.

Resubmitted

RESUBMITTED

*15/1/49
Cape Town*

ES/MJ

*by C&I & Agic. Shall I write to the Co.
& say the matter is still under consideration
and also to C&I ~~the~~ and Agic to enquire
whether anything has transpired in this matter.*

JTB 10/12

*The Director of Agic states
that your memo has been
prepared and will shortly be
circulated to members of the
X and Trade Relations Committee.*

nie, wat die gevaar skep dat die diere geheel-en-al uitgeroei mag word. Daar word nie geseen dat daar behoorlike toesig oor privaattondernemings gehou kan word om teen hierdie moontlikheid te waak nie.

7. Daar word dus aanbeveel -

- (a) dat alle regte benodig vir die eksplorasie van die robbe, see-olifante en ander diere op die Prins Eduard-eilandgroep aan die Departement van Landbou oorgedra word;
- (b) dat daar in die nabye toekomst 'n opsame deur die visserye-afdeling gemaak word van die hoeveelheid vis in die nabyheid van die eilande. Aangesien die verlening van 'n konsessie ten opsigte van die oprigting van 'n visserybedryf nie ingepas kan word by en ook nie afbreuk kan doen aan die eksplorasie van die see-diere in die omtrek van die eilande nie, skyn daar geen beswaar te bestaan teen die uiteindelijke uitreiking van so 'n konsessie nie.

VERVOLG IN DIE WATERS MINISTER.

Sekretaris van Buitelandse Sake.

Vir u inligting.

C. van Rensburg

vir Sekretaris vir Landbou

17-1-49.

Ref:- R.176/44.

*Afskrifte is ook gestuur aan: -
Handel & Nywerheid.
Finansies.
Dolane en aksyns.*

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lewe. Voordat enige besluit omtrent die ekonomiese waarde van 'n visserybedryf in hierdie streek geneem word sal dit dus raadsaam wees om 'n opname te maak van die hoeveelheid vis wat in die omgewing aanwesig is. Die Direkteur van Visserye meen dat so 'n opname gemaak kan word mits 'n skip vir die doel beskikbaar gestel kan word.

5. Al word die kans op 'n ekonomiese visserybedryf in die omgewing van die eilande vireers buite rekening gelaat, skyn dit tog dat die eilande voldoende moontlikhede vir winsgewende eksplorasie bied. Dit spreek egter vanself dat die voordele groter sal wees indien die versameling van ghwano, die jag van see-olifante, die ontginning van olie, ens. met mekaar geko-ordineer kan word. Die Ghwano-eilande-administrasie beskik oor die werkkragte wat hiervoor nodig is en het oek 'n stoomskip, die Gantoes, tot sy beskikking en meen dat periodieke reise na Prins Eduard- en Marioneilande ingepas kan word by die huidige reisplan van die skip. Dit sal oek moontlik wees om die grootste gedeelte, indien nie al die voorrade vir die gebruik van die Meteorologiese personeel op sommige reise te vervoer. Die moontlikheid word oek gestel dat 'n lid van die personeel van die Meteorologiese Afdeling toetsig kan hou oor die bemanning wat van tyd tot tyd op die eilande gelaat mag word om ghwano te versamel, seediere te jag en die produkte daarvan te bewerk.

6. Indien konsessies vir die jag en ontginning van seediere op die eiland aan privaatondernemings toegestaan word sal die moontlikheid om genoemde bedrywighede op die ekonomiese basis te ko-ordineer veel minder wees. Ook gesien dat die uitreiking van konsessies ander nadelige gevolge het. Privaatondernemings se verneamste doel sal die maksimum wins uit die konsessie te verkry wees en die nodige sorg dra vir die beho-

(d) die dooanebeleid wat op die eilande van toepassing sal wees.

Hierdie faktore word in volgorde behandel.

3. Daar word verneem dat die Departement van Verdediging geen onmiddellike optrede in verband met verdedigingswerke op die eiland beoog nie. Die verskansing van die eilande sal vermoedelik slegs onder uitsonderlike omstandighede onderneem word, en in elk geval hoef die verlening van konsessies nie af te doen aan die volledige beveiliging van verdedigingsbelange nie.

4. Die eilande bied moontlikhede vir die versameling van ghwano, vir die jag van seeleus of see-olifante (daar is geen robbe op die eiland nie) en vir visvangs.

(a) Wat betref die versameling van ghwano, meen die Superintendent van die Staats-ghwano-eilande dat die eilande wel moontlikhede mag bied. 'n Opname sal egter eers gemaak moet word van hoedanigheid en die beste tyd van versameling vasgestel word.

(b) Die jag op seeleus of see-olifante wat op die eilande gevind word bied groot moontlikhede vir winsgewende eksplotasie. See-olifante word hoofsaaklik gejag omrede die olie wat uit hul vet en die traan wat uit die lever ontgin kan word.

(c) Visvangs in die omtrek van die eilande sal waarskynlik minder winsgewend wees. Die Superintendent van die Ghwano-eilande meen nie dat dit 'n voordelige visvangstreek is nie omdat die diepte van die water om en by Marion- en Prins Eduardeilande die bestaan van ondergrondse banke wat as weivelde vir vis kan dien onwaarskynlik maak. Hy meen ook dat die see-olifante en seevoels op die eilande nie van vis maar wel van kriek

MEMORANDUM INSEKKE KONSESSIE OP PRINS
EDUARD- EN MARIONELLANDE.

Na aanleiding van die vestiging van soewereiniteit op die Prins Eduardeilandgroep deur die Unie is verskeie aansoeke vir die vergunning van sekere regte op die eilande ontvang, te wete:

- (a) Van die Southern Salvage Co. (Pty) Limited, vir 'n vyfjarige konsessie ten opsigte van die robbevangs op die eiland.
- (b) Van die Lamberts' Bay Canning Co. Limited vir 'n uitsluitende konsessie om die moontlikhede vir die oprigting van 'n visserybedryf op die eiland te ondersoek.
- (c) Van die firma Irvin and Johnson (Pty). Limited, vir 'n konsessie ten opsigte van die vangs van see-olifante vir die ontginning van olie, ten behoeve van hul filiale maatskappy, die Kerguelen Sealing and Whaling Co. Limited.

2. By die oorweging van hierdie aansoeke moet veral die volgende faktore in aanmerking geneem word:

- (a) Die beveiliging van sodanige regte as wat die Departement van Verdediging nodig mag ag.
- (b) Die moontlikheid van die inskakeling van die ekonomiese eksplorasie van die eilande by bestaande staatsondernemings in die Unie. Hierdie werksaenhede kan dan moontlik weer ingeskakel word by die werksaenhede ten opsigte van die instandhouding van 'n Meteorologiese Stasie op Marionelland,
- (c) die moontlikheid van behoorlike kontrole oor privaatondernemings aan wie konsessie op die eiland verleen mag word.

(d)/.....

P.M. 1/96/2

KAAPSTAD.

20.4.1949

- (b) DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERDEDIGING (2)
- DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERVOER
- DIE SEKRETARIS VAN MYNWERK
- DIE SEKRETARIS: SOSIALE EN EKONOMIESE PLANKRAAD.

- (c) Van die Koncessies op Prins Eduard- en Marioneiland.

In opdrag van die Komitee vir Buitelandse Handelsbetrokkings is bygaande memorandum deur die Departement van Landbou en Handel en Nywerheid opgetrek.

Die onderwerp sal waarskynlik in die nabye toekoms op 'n vergadering van die Komitee bespreek word en ek sal dit op prys stel as u my intyds van u kommentaar, indien enige, sal voorsien.

de VILLIERS

WAARNEMENDE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKK.

(e)

Aav/JT

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KAAPSTAD,

27 APR 1949

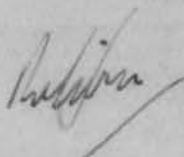
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- DIE SEKRETARIS VAN LANDBOU (Ter inligting).

Konsessies op Prins Eduard- en Marion-
eiland.

Met betrekking tot bovermelde onderwerp,
sal ek dit op prys stel as u afskrifte van u kommentaar,
indien enige, op die memorandum deur die Departement van
Landbou opgestel, aan al die departemente aan wie hierdie
brief gerig is sal stuur.

A. D. VILLIERS
WAARNEMENDE SEKRETARIS VAN
BUITELANDSE SAKK.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES,
DEPARTEMENT VAN MYNWESE,
KAAPSTAD.
~~PRETORIA~~

22 APR 1949

Die Waarnemende Sekretaris van Buitelandse Sake,
K A A P S T A D.

KONSESSIES OP PRINS EDUARD- EN MARIONEILAND.

Met betrekking tot u diensbrief P.M. 1/96/2 van 20 deser, moet ek u berig dat hierdie Departement akkoord gaan met die aanbevelings vervat in die memorandum wat u diensbrief vergesel het.

Dit word veronderstel dat indien die minerale-ontginning van die eilande in die toekoms oorweeg mag word, hierdie Departement weer in die geleentheid gestel sal word om kommentaar te lewer. *Dit blyk uit die bepalinge van Wet No. 43 van 1948 of die minerale-wette van die Unie nie op die eilande van toepassing is nie.*

J. Smuts

SEKRETARIS VAN MYNWESE.

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TREASURY, CAPE TOWN.
TESOURIE, KAAPSTAD.

5 Mei 1949.

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

Konsessies op Prins Eduard- en Marioneland.

Na aanleiding van u diensbrief No. P.M.1/96/2 van 27 April, 1949, wens ek u mee te deel dat die Tesourie akkoord gaan met die voorstelle vervat in die memorandum van die Departement van Landbou.

Afskrifte van hierdie skrywe is aan die betrokke departemente gerig.

D.H. Steyn
SEKRETARIS VAN FINANSIES.

*Resolusie van
R.C.S.*

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P. J. S.

mate of 'n bepaling van so 'n proklamasie afgekeur
 het, is so 'n proklamasie daarna in die mate waarin
 dit aldus afgekeur word, nie meer van krag nie, maar
 sonder afbreek te doen aan die geldigheid van enige
 wat ooreenkomstig so 'n proklamasie by die tydstip
 waarop dit aldus ophou om van krag te wees
 gedoen is, of aan 'n reg, voorreg, verbintenis of ver-
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 so 'n proklamasie verkry of toegeval is, of ontstaan
 het.

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4. Geen Wet van die Unie-Parlement wat na die datum van inwerkingtreding van hierdie Wet aangeneem word is op die Gebied van toepassing nie, tensy dit deur so 'n Wet spesiaal oorepeld word dat dit aldus van toepassing is, of tensy dit by 15 proklamasie van die Gouernour-generaal verklaar word aldus van toepassing te wees.

Bepoeking op
 toekomsige
 toepassing van
 wette.

5. Hierdie Wet heet die Wet op die Prince Edward-eilande, Kees 1945.

Blyas.

- Die Bredelwet, 1911.
 Die Wet op Voorskrifte en Edele, 1914.
 Die Wet op die Kerkelike Provisies en Beswyfvering, 1917.
 Die Wet op Spesiale Voorskrifte, 1918.
 Die Wet op Lijfskermings, 1919.
 Die Magistraatswetswet, 1944.
 Die Wet van Koninginne van die Kiewette, 1945.

such proclamation, or of any provision in any such proclamation, such proclamation shall thereafter cease to be of force and effect to the extent to which it has been so disapproved, but without prejudice to the validity of anything that has been done in terms of such proclamation, up to the date from which it so ceases to be of force and effect, or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under or by virtue of such proclamation as at the said date.

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Limitation on
future applica-
tion of laws.

4. No Act of the Union Parliament passed after the date of commencement of this Act shall apply to the Territory, unless by such Act it is specifically expressed so to apply or unless it is declared to apply by proclamation of the Governor-General.

Short title.

5. This Act shall be called the Prince Edward Islands Act, 1945.

Schedule.

The Administration of Estates Act, 1911.
The Justice of the Peace and Courts Act, 1914.
The Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1927.
The Special Justice of the Peace Act, 1914.
The Insolvency Act, 1919.
The Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944.
The Electoral Administration Act, 1945.

WETSONTWERP

Om voorsiening te maak vir die bevestiging van die anneksasie aan die Unie van Suid-Afrika van die „Prince Edward-eilande”, en vir die bestuur en regering van en die beheer oor genoemde eilande.

(Ingedien deur die EERSTE MINISTER.)

NADEMAAL effektiewe besetting en bestuur van Marion-eiland en Prince Edward-eiland, onderskeidelik op 29 Desember 1947 en 4 Januarie 1948 tot stand gebring is, en sodanige besetting en bestuur blywend sal voortduur:

- 5 EN NADEMAAL dit by proklamasie uitgevaardig deur Sy Eksellensie die Goewerneur-generaal, gedagteken die twaalfde dag van Januarie 1948, verklaar is dat die soewereiniteit van Sy Majesteit oor genoemde eilande voortaan deur Sy Majesteit se Regering in die Unie van Suid-Afrika uitgeoefen word:
- 10 EN NADEMAAL dit raadsaam is om formeel te verklaar dat genoemde eilande geannekseer is aan en deel uitmaak van die Unie van Suid-Afrika, en om behoorlik en deeglik voorsiening te maak vir die bestuur en regering van en die beheer oor genoemde eilande:
- 15 SO WORD DIT DERHALWE BEPAAL deur Sy Majesteit die Koning, die Senaat en die Volksraad van die Unie van Suid-Afrika as-volg:—

1. (1) Die gebied bekend as die „Prince Edward-eilande”, wat bestaan uit Marion-eiland, geleë op breedtegraad 46° 53' S., lengtegraad 37° 45' O., en Prince Edward-eiland, geleë op breedtegraad 46° 36' S., lengtegraad 37° 57' O. (hieronder die Gebied genoem) word hiermee verklaar geannekseer te gewees het aan en deel uit te maak van die Unie van Suid-Afrika.

Anneksasie van Marion-eiland en Prince Edward-eiland.

2. (2) Vir die doeleindes van die regsbedeling, en by die toepassing van die wette van die Unie in die algemeen, word dit geag dat die Gebied binne die magistraatsdistrik wat die stad Kaapstad insluit geleë is, en deel uitmaak van die kiesafdeling wat die hawe van die stad Kaapstad insluit.

3. Die Romeins-Hollands Reg, soos dit in die Provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop bestaan en toegepas word, hetsy by wyse van regterlike vertolking of soos gewysig deur wetsbepalings, is in die Gebied van krag, as die gemeenreg van die Gebied.

Toepassing van gemeenreg.

(1) Die wette in die Bylae van hierdie Wet gemeld, asook enige wysigings daarvan wat van tyd tot tyd mag aangebring word, is in die Gebied van toepassing, vir sover hulle toepaslik is.

Toepassing van wettereg.

(2) Die Goewerneur-generaal kan voorts, by proklamasie in die *Staatskoerant*, verklaar dat 'n wet wat in die Provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop van krag is met sodanige wysigings as wat hy mag goeddink in die Gebied van krag is, en kan so 'n wet herroep, wysig of beperk, of nuwe wette op die Gebied toepas.

(3) (a) 'n Proklamasie wat ooreenkomstig sub-artikel (2) uitgevaardig word, word binne veertien dae na bekendmaking in beide Huisse van die Parlement ter Tafel gelê indien die Parlement dan 'n gewone sitting hou, of indien hy dan nie 'n gewone sitting hou nie, binne veertien dae na die aanvang van sy eeravolgende gewone sitting, en bly dan op genoemde Tafels soos voormeld vir 'n tydperk van minstens agt-en-twintig agtereenvolgende dae. Indien die Parlement verdaag word voordat die nodige agt-en-twintig dae verloop het, word so 'n proklamasie weer soos voormeld binne veertien dae na die aanvang van die volgende gewone sitting ter Tafel gelê.

(b) Indien beide Huisse van die Parlement by wyse van besluite wat gedurende dieselfde sitting aangeneem is (naamlik 'n sitting waarin 'n in paragraaf (a) bedoelde proklamasie behoorlik ter Tafel gelê is), so 'n prokla-

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To provide for the confirmation of the annexation to the Union of South Africa of the Prince Edward Islands, and for the administration, government and control of the said islands.

(Introduced by the PRIME MINISTER.)

WHEREAS effective occupation and administration of Marion Island and Prince Edward Island were established on the 29th December, 1947 and the 4th January, 1948 respectively, and such occupation and administration will continue permanently :

AND WHEREAS by proclamation issued by His Excellency the Governor-General, dated the twelfth day of January, 1948, it was declared that His Majesty's sovereignty over the said islands is henceforth to be exercised by His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa :

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to declare formally that the said islands have been annexed to and form part of the Union of South Africa, and to make due and proper provision for the administration, government and control of the said islands :

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Union of South Africa as follows :—

Annexation of Marion Island and Prince Edward Island.

1. (1) The territory known as the Prince Edward Islands, consisting of Marion Island, situate latitude 46° 53' S., longitude 37° 45' E., and Prince Edward Island, situate latitude 46° 36' S., longitude 37° 57' E. (hereinafter called the Territory) is hereby declared to have been annexed to and to form part of the Union of South Africa.

(2) For the purposes of the administration of justice, and in general for the application of the laws of the Union, the Territory shall be deemed to be situated within the Magisterial district which includes the City of Cape Town and to form part of the electoral division which includes the harbour of the City of Cape Town.

Application of common law.

2. The Roman-Dutch Law, as existing and applied in the Province of the Cape of Good Hope, whether as judicially interpreted, or as modified by statute, shall be in force in the Territory, as the common law of the Territory.

Application of statute law.

3. (1) The laws set out in the Schedule to this Act, with any amendments that may be made thereto from time to time, shall be in force in the Territory, in so far as they are applicable.

(2) The Governor-General may further, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, declare any law in force in the Province of the Cape of Good Hope to be in force in the Territory, with such modifications as he may deem fit, and may repeal, amend or modify any such law, or make new laws applicable to the Territory.

(3) (a) Any proclamation issued in terms of sub-section (2) shall be laid on the Tables of both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is then in ordinary session, or if it is not then in ordinary session, within fourteen days after the commencement of its next ensuing ordinary session, and shall remain on the said Tables as aforesaid for a period of at least twenty-eight consecutive days. If Parliament is prorogued before the necessary twenty-eight days have elapsed, such proclamation shall again be laid on the said Tables as aforesaid within fourteen days after the commencement of its next ensuing session.

(b) If both Houses of Parliament have by resolutions passed in the same session (being a session during which any proclamation referred to in paragraph (a) has been duly laid on the Tables) disapproved of any

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Prince Edward Islands Bill.

(To be read a Second Time on Friday, 3rd September, 1948.)

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(Introduced by the PRIME MINISTER.)

UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

Wetsontwerp op die Prince Edward-eilande.

(Vir die tweede maal gelees te word op Vrydag, 3 September 1948.)

WETSONTWERP

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Voorsiening te maak vir die bevestiging van die anneksasie aan die Unie van Suid-Afrika van die „Prince Edward-eilande”, en vir die bestuur en regering van en die beheer oor genoemde eilande.

(Ingedien deur die EERSTE MINISTER.)

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DIE SEKRETARIS: SOSIALE EN EKONOMIESE PLANNERAAD.

Konsessies op Prins Eduard- en Marioneiland.

In opdrag van die Komitee vir Buitelandse Handelsbetrekkings is bygaande memorandum deur die Departement van Landbou en Handel en Nywerheid opgetrek.

Die onderwerp sal waarskynlik in die nabye toekoms op 'n vergadering van die Komitee bespreek word en ek sal dit op prys stel as u my intyds van u kommentaar, indien enige, sal voorsien.

(Geteken) A.L. de Villiers.

vir WAARNEMENDE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE
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Met verwysing na u diensbrief no. P.M.1/
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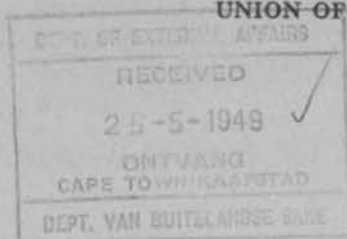
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24st Mei 1949.Die Sekretaris van Buitelandse Sake,
KAAPSTAD.Konsessies op Prins Edward- en Marioneilande

Met betrekking tot u diensbrief P.M. 1/96/2 van 20 April 1949, moet ek u meedeel dat hierdie Departement akkoord gaan met die aanbevelings vervat in die memorandum van die Departement van Landbou.

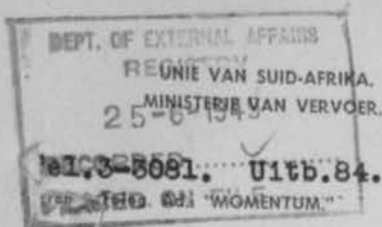
Wat betref die doeanebeleid wat op die eilande toegepas moet word, moet ek meld dat volgens die bepaling van die Wet op die Prins Edward-eilande (No. 43 van 1948) is die Doeane- en Aksynswet nie op die eilande van toepassing nie maar kan mettertyd, indien nodig, deur die Goewerneur-generaal by proklamasie in die Staatskoerant op die eilande toegepas word.

Die uitwerking van die huidige wetsposisie is dat tot tyd en wyl die Doeane- en Aksynswet op die eilande toegepas word kan skepe wat tussen die Unie en die eilande vaar, opgebergde goedere as skeepsvoorrade sonder betaling van regte, bekom; daarbenewens word, indien toepaslik, terugbetalings en kortings van beide die Doeane- en Aksynsreg op goedere wat as voorrade vir verbruik op die eilande verskeep word, toegestaan. 'n Verder belangrike uitwerking is dat alle goedere wat vanuit die eilande na die Unie ingevoer word aan Doeaneregte onderhewig indien die betrokke goedere belasbaar is. Daar kan hier melding van gemaak word dat ~~die~~ verkry van die eksploitasie van robbe, see-olifante en ander diere op die eilandgroep teen 20% ad valorem belasbaar is behalwe wanneer sulke oliesoorte vir sekere nywerheidsdoeleindes onder korting van doeaneregte ingeklaar word.

Ek is dus die mening toegedaan dat tot tyd en wyl die moontlikheid bestaan dat met die ontganning van die seediere op die eilandgroep voortgegaan word, die huidige wetsposisie onveranderd moet bly.


KOMMISSARIS VAN DOEANE EN AKSYNS.

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 UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA,
 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.


DEPARTEMENT VAN VERVOER—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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24 JUN 1949

 Die Sekretaris van Buitelanse Sake,
KAAPSTAD.

Konsessies op Prins Edward en
Marioneilande.

Met verwysing na u diensbrief P.M.1/96/2 van 20 April 1949, moet ek u meedeel dat die aanbevelings vervat in die memorandum van die Departement van Landbou betreffende die moontlike verlening van konsessies op Prins Edward en Marioneilande deur hierdie Departement in die algemeen onderskryf word.

Hierdie Departement sou egter graag wil sien dat by die toekenning van konsessies sodanige maatreëls getref word wat sal bydra tot voorkoming van algehele uitroeiing van die dierelewe op en in die omgewing van die eiland.

Indien verlening van konsessies 'n vergoeding aan die Regering sou beteken behoort dit verwelkom te word met die oog op die uitgawes wat deur die Regering aangegaan is in verband met die vestiging en instandhouding van die Weerkundige Stasie te Marioneiland.

Alhoewel dit op hierdie stadium te vroeg is om te sê of die reëlings met die Lambert's Bay Canning Co.Ltd. vir die oorname van die Weerkundige Stasie te Tristan da Cunha 'n sukses sal blyk word dit gevoel dat indien die behartiging van die weerkundige belange van die Unie te Tristan deur die voormelde maatskappy bevredigend verloop 'n dergelyke reëling met 'n konsessionaris te Marion later tot groot voordeel van die Regering mag strek .

H. E. Shaw
 n/ SEKRETARIS VAN VERVOER.

- (*) dat daar in die nabye toekoms 'n opname deur die visserye-afdeling gemaak word van die hoeveelheid vis in die nabyheid van die eilande. Aangesien die verlening van 'n konsessie ten opsigte van die oprigting van 'n visserybedryf nie ingepas kan word by en ook nie afbreuk kan doen aan die eksploitasie van die seediere in die ontrek van die eilande nie, skyn daar geen beswaar te bestaan teen die uiteindelijke uitreiking van so'n konsessie nie.

Dr. Holloway recalled the discussions during the Havana Conference and pointed out the firm stand taken on the subject as a matter of principle by the former Government and stated that he felt sure the present government would take a similar stand. The acknowledgement of the right of a country to impose unilateral economic sanctions would be a very retrograde step and in any case the matter had not yet been considered by the new Government except in so far as the non-acceptance of Article 35 was concerned. It would be practically impossible to go to Parliament with a reversal of policy at this late stage of the session and it was also essential for us to know what the United States and United Kingdom were going to do before we committed ourselves. He would recommend to his Minister that we should not consider ratification at present.

Mr. de Waal Meyer stated that participation in I.T.O. would be of no benefit to the Union from a trade point of view and that he was definitely against ratification. He knew the views of Minister Louw in regard to I.T.O. and G.A.T.T. and he felt sure he would not favour ratification.

After further discussion the Chairman summed up the feelings of the Committee as being against any steps being taken in regard to ratification of the I.T.O. Charter at present on account of:-

- (a) The practical impossibility of obtaining Parliamentary approval at this stage;
- (b) The necessity for ascertaining the attitude of the United States and the United Kingdom in the matter.

It was decided to recommend to Ministers that the Union should not consider ratification at present.

II. Konsessies op Prins Eduard en Marion Eilande:

P.M. 1/96/2.

Die Voorsitter het verwys na 'n memorandum opgestel deur Landbou en deur Handel en Nywerheid goedgekeur, en na 'n kort bespreking is dit besluit dat die aanbevelings in die memorandum bevat soos hieronder aangedui, aangeneem word:-

- (a) dat alle regte benodig vir die eksploitasie van die robbe, see-olifante en ander diere op die Prins Eduard-eilandgroep aan die Departement van Landbou oorgedra word;

(b)/....

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Notes on a Meeting of the External Trade Relations Committee held in Room 225, New Government Buildings, Cape Town, on 27th May, 1949, at 2.15 p.m.

Present:

Mr. D.D. Forsyth	Chairman.
Mr. R. Jones	External Affairs.
Dr. J.E. Holloway	Finance.
Mr. C.R.B. de Villiers.	Finance.
Mr. D. de W. Meyer	Commerce and Industries
Mr. J. Kotzenberg.	Commerce and Industries.
Mr. B.W. Kirby	Customs and Excise.
Mr. C. Swart	Customs and Excise.
Dr. C. Neveling	Agriculture.
Mr. C.L. du Plessis	Agriculture.
Mr. G. Brown.	Social and Economic Planning Council.
Mr. A.L. de Villiers.	Secretary.

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I. I.T.O. Charter.

The Chairman referred to telegram No. 20 from Dr. Norval and reported that Dr. Norval had discussed the matter with him very briefly when he passed through Switzerland recently with the Prime Minister. Dr. Norval was strongly in favour of the Union Government taking early steps to ratify the Charter and had undertaken to elucidate his views fully in writing to Mr. de Waal Meyer.

In reply to a question from Dr. Holloway, the Chairman stated that Dr. Norval was of the opinion that our non-acceptance of Article 35 of G.A.T.T. embarrassed us in our tariff negotiations, after which Mr. de Waal Meyer pointed out that Dr. Norval considered that as everybody is now aware of our stand in the matter, we should sacrifice our objections in the good cause of international cooperation.

Dr. Holloway/.....

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Mr Jones

Mr. Neuhling is incorrect in saying that this matter has been dealt with by the Political Section. It was taken over by the Economic Section as soon as the question of economic exploitation of the islands was raised.

Subsequently for reasons which I find a little difficult to follow it was decided that matters connected with the administration of the islands should be the responsibility of Mr. Schelzig's section. In fact as you will see from the file, economic matters continued to be dealt with by the economic section while the responsibility for administration of the islands has from ~~the~~ just after the initial occupation been undertaken by Transport.

As regards agenda for proposed meeting, the only matter which this section (political section) is concerned is to ensure continuity of occupation in order to make our title to the islands unassailable. From this point of view there is possible advantage in establishing a more permanent form of occupation than a weather station, but from the point of view of international law on questions of occupation and title, it is sufficient merely to keep the weather station manned. Hence we could not support additional occupation or exploitation on grounds of essentiality, provided the weather station is maintained. Only if there is talk of withdrawing the weather station would we be obliged to press for some other form of permanent occupation.

I take it that principle is that as it brings forward part of answer to last & answer of Mr

discontinued with Mr Schelzig's of 2/4/57
Mr. Neuhling 2/4/57
I have sent an attached draft reply which the Political Section means Mr. 2/4/57

M.B. file must go to P.A. today if it is to be studied before the meeting.

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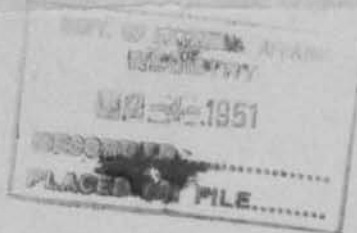
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*Mr. Mitchell,
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die vergadering byeen.
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Note:
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We need a
PAC now in SA.
to see what is
expected of us
in the coming
of day.
- 2/4/51

We have already sent
a reply to Under Secretary
from Swaziland this
morning
2/4/51

Geological, hydrographic, soil and any other necessary surveys should follow. The result of these surveys could then be forwarded to the appropriate Government Departments so that the possible benefit to be derived from further scientific study could be explored.

The Committee considered it reasonable to expect officials conducting scientific investigations and surveys to be resident on the island on 12 monthly reliefs. It might become necessary slightly to increase the accommodation on the island to provide for them, but this would present no difficulty.

13. TRANSPORT.

It was very clear to the meeting that, without suitable transport, the Government would be handicapped in all its efforts to develop the island. Frigates are very expensive to run, costing about £10 an hour in fuel alone and, furthermore, are not suitable for carrying cargo or passengers.

After considering the matter, the Committee came to the conclusion that transport requirements would best be met by the provision of a small cargo vessel with passenger accommodation and of sufficient endurance to enable her to make the 2,400 mile ocean journey and to lie off the island for the necessary period.

The view was expressed that the Government might consider purchasing such a vessel and manning it with naval personnel and employing it on Naval duties when it was not engaged on relief work for the island.

14. CONCLUSION.

In concluding, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

stationed on the island to conduct farming experiments in horticulture, livestock, poultry, afforestation, etc.

8. FISH.

It would appear that fish can be caught only on the outer edge of the kelp barrier. The Committee considered that advantage be taken of the next visit of the frigate to test the fishing possibilities in the vicinity of the island.

9. SEA-ELEPHANT OIL INDUSTRY.

The Committee considered that a census should be taken of the number of sea-elephants on Marion and Prince Edward Islands. The census on the latter island could be taken by the forthcoming relief ship. It would of course be a very rough estimate as time will be limited.

From information supplied by Mr. v.d. Boogaard as to the number of sea-elephants on Marion Island, it would seem, on first sight, that the population is far too small to warrant the establishment of an oil industry there.

10. WHITE FOXES.

In view of the fact that albatrosses and penguins come to the island to breed and incidentally provide welcome fresh meat and that their eggs and young are totally unprotected on the ground, the meeting felt that if white foxes were introduced on the island they would destroy these birds.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER ISLANDS.

Mr. Neethling suggested, and the meeting agreed, that it would be advantageous for the Union Government to obtain reports on horticulture, afforestation, livestock, etc, from the authorities in charge of the Falkland Islands and the South Shetland Islands and any others where conditions appear to be similar to those obtaining on Marion Island.

12. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.

Before any scientific investigations could be conducted to explore the natural resources of the island, Brigadier de Waal proposed, and Mr. Nel agreed, that a proper topographical survey of the island should be undertaken, and with this the Committee agreed.

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5. FARMING.

(a) Horticulture:

Mr. Roberts handed in a report by Mr. J.P. Kriel, Engineer in the Department of Irrigation, regarding the condition of the soil on the island, the drainage position and the possibility of growing vegetables. This report forms Annexure "A" to this record.

The Chairman informed the meeting that experiments were in progress on the growing of vegetables in cold frames, and so far, were proving that certain vegetables could be grown.

Mr. Maré suggested that it might be worth while to erect a greenhouse for growing vegetables. It was decided, however, to test fully the cold frame method first.

(b) Livestock:

The Chairman reported that the sheep sent to the island in 1949, which were a cross between a Dorsetshire and a German Merino had done fairly well. Those sent in April, 1950, have disappeared. The pigs are doing well. Fowls would do well if they were properly housed and given laying meal.

Mr. Maré suggested that experiments should be conducted with different types of sheep, such as Scotch Blackface, to see which would do best on the island.

6. AFFORESTATION.

The Chairman stated that the Department was in touch with the Department of Forestry regarding the most suitable trees for planting on the island. He read a report from the officer in charge of the island to the effect that, of the trees planted in November, 1950, the *Pinus Pinaster* and *Cypressus lawsoniana* were growing strongly.

The Committee considered that, when it is established which trees grow best, these should be planted extensively as wind breaks.

7. RESIDENT FARMER.

The Committee considered that an experienced official from the Department of Agriculture should be

- (b) The island is situated 1,200 miles S.S.E of Port Elizabeth and is on latitude 47°.
- (c) Climate: Very windy with gusts sometimes 100 m.p.h. Average rainfall 93 ins per year. Hardly any evaporation, consequently extremely wet. Average sunshine in summer 7 hrs per day, in winter 1 hr. per day. Coldest day was 23.8°F. Icebergs are occasionally seen. The cold winds make living conditions unpleasant.
- (d) Topography: Snow covered central peak 3,890 feet. Surface of island covered with layer of soggy vegetation with no soil to speak of, making it difficult to walk about. Island surrounded by floating kelp.
- (e) It is the intention to instal a hydro-electric plant and waterborne sewerage later in the year.
- (f) There is plenty of good clean drinking water on the island and no flies.

2. RELIEF PERIODS.

The Committee considered that twelve-monthly reliefs to the island would be reasonable.

3. ACCOMMODATION.

The Committee considered that, as a first step, two detached bungalows to accommodate two families should be erected. The buildings must be detached on account of fire hazard.

Mr. Stevens said that, provided the transport difficulty was solved, the money provided and the Department of Public Works told in good time exactly what was required, that Department could undertake the erection of the additional buildings.

4. MEDICAL SERVICES.

Dr. Hunter was in favour of a doctor being stationed on the island if women were to live there, and with this the Committee agreed.

The Doctor could assist with routine meteorological work in his spare time.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

MARION ISLAND DEVELOPMENT: INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE.

Summary Record of meeting held in Room 409, Sanlam Buildings, Pretoria, at 10 a.m. on 3rd April, 1951.

PRESENT:

DEPARTMENT.

NAME:

Mr. W.H. Cogill (Chairman)	Transport.
Mr. P. Miners.	Transport.
Mr. H.P. Smit.	Transport.
Mr. D.C. Ripley.	Transport.
Mr. A.A. Cooke.	Transport.
Mr. H.M.E. van den Boogaard.	Transport.
Brig. P. de Waal.	Defence.
Mr. J.P. de Villiers.	Defence.
Mr. L.S. Stevens.	Public Works.
Mr. D.H. Laurens.	Public Works.
Mr. H. Neethling.	External Affairs.
Mr. H. Geldenhuys.	External Affairs.
Mr. G.S. Maré.	Agriculture.
Mr. P.J. Kotze.	Interior.
Dr. C.J.G. Hunter.	Health.
Mr. N.J. Maas.	Commerce and Industries.
Mr. L.T. Nel.	Mines.
Mr. D.F. Roberts.	Irrigation.
Mr. W.H.S. Lister (Secretary)	Transport.
Miss F.I. Celsi (Shorthand Typist).	Transport.

I. INTRODUCTION.

The Chairman welcomed the members and explained that the meeting had been called in order to consider ways and means of developing Marion Island. He said that the Minister of Transport, Mr. Sauer, was interested in the development and wished to encourage married men and families to live on the island so that the Department could draw on the older and more mature personnel for duty there. Proper married quarters would therefore have to be constructed.

The Chairman then gave a general description of the island and the conditions there and called upon Mr. v.d. Boogaard, who had been stationed there, to describe his personal experiences of the weather and living conditions.

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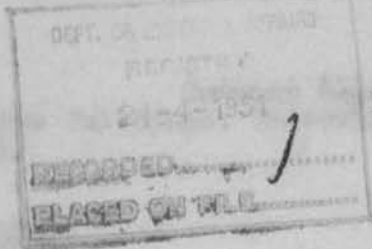


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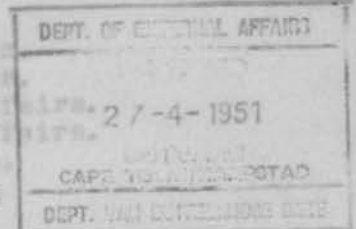
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- The Secretary for Public Works, Pretoria.
- The Secretary for External Affairs, Pretoria.
- The Secretary for Agriculture, Pretoria.
- The Secretary for the Interior, Pretoria.
- The Secretary for Health, Pretoria.
- The Secretary for Commerce and Industries, Pretoria.
- The Secretary for Mines, Pretoria.
- The Director of Irrigation, Pretoria.

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MARION ISLAND DEVELOPMENT :
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE.



I forward herewith copies of the Record of a meeting of the above-mentioned Committee held on the 3rd April, 1951, for your information and comments if any.

A relief vessel will visit Marion Island in October, 1951.

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SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

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20 -4- 1951

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERVOER.

Marion-eiland.

Ek verwys na die inter-departementele vergadering wat op 3 April in die Sanlamgebou, Pretoria, gehou is, om oorweging te skenk aan die moontlike ontwikkeling van Marion-eiland.

Dit sal waardeer word indien u my sal meedeel wanneer ek 'n afskrif van die notule van die vergadering kan verwag.

D.A.V. FISCHER

SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

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ANNEXURE "A".

MEMORANDUM.

A. I consider that suitable patches for growing vegetables could be found close to the Meteorological Station. The main considerations would be -

- (1) Accessibility from living quarters:
- (2) Locality sheltered from high winds:
- (3) Vegetable garden to have Northern aspect.

B. There is very little true soil on the Island. Even in vertical banks 2 to 3 feet high of Freshwater Stream material which looked like soil proved to be fibrous peaty material. Owing to the continuous high rainfall and water-retaining properties of peaty material, even comparatively steep slopes are sodden, but if the surface vegetation is cleared away in more gently sloping areas and small furrows made to take away standing water I have no doubt that vegetables could be grown successfully. The use of agricultural drainage pipes may also be useful in this connection.

C. In two places against steep slopes not very far from the Meteorological Station I actually came across some firm clayey soil. The extent of this soil appeared to be small but more intensive inspection would conceivably show up sufficient of this material to make terracing practicable. Terrace slopes should be protected with grass and moss indigenous to island which prevent erosion even against very steep slopes or ridges.

D. On many of the ridges and knolls gravel of scoriaceous rock, which often looks very much like pumice and is partly decomposed, is mixed with soil and peaty material. Such areas are usually firm and it might be quite possible to grow crops in them. They are generally reasonably level and in some cases protected from winds to a certain extent by higher outcrops.

E. I do not recommend attempts to drain level boggy areas. The high and continuous rainfall, retentive nature of material and complete lack of any firm material for a considerable depth would make any such work very difficult to carry out and probably cause it to be a failure. Nor is large scale terracing considered to be justified at this stage.

It is recommended that experimental patches as outlined in B, C and D above should be tackled first under the care of a full time experienced gardener for one tour during summer. This will indicate the potentialities before embarking on considerable terracing or drainage work and I am convinced that it will prove that a variety of vegetables can be grown on the island.

F. It may be possible that willows, poplars or other water-loving trees may be established in windbreaks round the vegetable patches. Whether such trees will be able to withstand the terrific winds is doubtful, but it is considered to be worth trying.

J.P. Kriel.
ENGINEER.

CAPE TOWN.
29th March, 1951.

Geological, hydrographic, soil and any other necessary surveys should follow. The result of these surveys could then be forwarded to the appropriate Government Departments so that the possible benefit to be derived from further scientific study could be explored.

The Committee considered it reasonable to expect officials conducting scientific investigations and surveys to be resident on the island on 12 monthly reliefs. It might become necessary slightly to increase the accommodation on the island to provide for them, but this would present no difficulty.

13. TRANSPORT.

It was very clear to the meeting that, without suitable transport, the Government would be handicapped in all its efforts to develop the island. Frigates are very expensive to run, costing about £10 an hour in fuel alone and, furthermore, are not suitable for carrying cargo or passengers.

After considering the matter, the Committee came to the conclusion that transport requirements would best be met by the provision of a small cargo vessel with passenger accommodation and of sufficient endurance to enable her to make the 2,400 mile ocean journey and to lie off the island for the necessary period.

The view was expressed that the Government might consider purchasing such a vessel and manning it with naval personnel and employing it on Naval duties when it was not engaged on relief work for the island.

14. CONCLUSION.

In concluding, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

stationed on the island to conduct farming experiments in horticulture, livestock, poultry, afforestation, etc.

8. FISH.

It would appear that fish can be caught only on the outer edge of the kelp barrier. The Committee considered that advantage be taken of the next visit of the frigate to test the fishing possibilities in the vicinity of the island.

9. SEA-ELEPHANT OIL INDUSTRY.

The Committee considered that a census should be taken of the number of sea-elephants on Marion and Prince Edward Islands. The census on the latter island could be taken by the forthcoming relief ship. It would of course be a very rough estimate as time will be limited.

From information supplied by Mr. v.d. Boogaard as to the number of sea-elephants on Marion Island, it would seem, on first sight, that the population is far too small to warrant the establishment of an oil industry there.

10. WHITE FOXES.

In view of the fact that albatrosses and penguins come to the island to breed and incidentally provide welcome fresh meat and that their eggs and young are totally unprotected on the ground, the meeting felt that if white foxes were introduced on the island they would destroy these birds.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER ISLANDS.

Mr. Neethling suggested, and the meeting agreed, that it would be advantageous for the Union Government to obtain reports on horticulture, afforestation, livestock, etc, from the authorities in charge of the Falkland Islands and the South Shetland Islands and any others where conditions appear to be similar to those obtaining on Marion Island.

12. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.

Before any scientific investigations could be conducted to explore the natural resources of the island, Brigadier de Waal proposed, and Mr. Nel agreed, that a proper topographical survey of the island should be undertaken, and with this the Committee agreed.