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OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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Preceding  
Correspondence.

From Drummond Hay.

(Subject.)

2 June.

Tristan da Cunha.

Forwards copy of S. of S. desp. Cape, No. 60, 26 March.  
Reports orig. letter for? herewith for Rev. J. G. Barrow  
handed to that gentleman 2 June.

Subsequent  
Correspondence.

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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.

March, 1910.

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.

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.

(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.

(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 livestock within a certain period.

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

(7). The protection of sea-birds.

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

TO THE INHABITANTS OF  
TRISTAN DA CUNHA.

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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 the 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 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 may nominate either to sit with him, or in his

COPY.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Downing Street,

26th March, 1910.

No. 60.

Sir,

With reference to Sir W. Hely-Hutchinson's despatch No. 155 of the 14th of July, 1909, and to previous correspondence with regard to the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, I have the honour to transmit to you a letter which I wish to be presented to them, if possible, by the Reverend J. G. Barrow, who is endeavouring to secure an opportunity of returning to the Island. I also enclose a copy of the letter for the information of your Ministers.

2. I should be glad if you would cause the letter to be delivered to Mr. Barrow who is leaving shortly for Capetown and whose address on his arrival at the Cape will be :- 2, Florence Villas, Capetown!

I have, etc.,

(SGD). G R H W E.

The Officer Administering the  
Government of the Cape of Good Hope.



The Private Secretary to  
His Excellency the Governor-General,  
P R E T O R I A.

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With reference to the enclosed copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, I have to report that Mr. Barrow called at Government House to-day, when I handed him the original letter addressed to the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, signed by Lord Crewe.

I mention this in case you should think it necessary to inform the Secretary of State that his letter has been handed to Mr. Barrow.

*W. A. Drummond Hay,*

Government House,  
Cape Town,  
2nd June, 1910.



P.S.

It was not deemed necessary  
to write Supt. As will of  
course take it for granted that  
his instructions have been carried  
out

Governor-General,

R I A.

P.S.

I agree

HVS

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the enclosed copy of a  
of State, I have to  
ed at Government House  
the original letter ad-  
of Tristan da Cunha,

case you should think  
Secretary of State that  
to Mr. Barrow.

W. S. Hammond Hay

Government House,

Cape Town,

2nd June, 1910.