

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
OF SOUTH AFRICA.

No. 3 / 699

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL

From  
S. of S.  
(505).

1911.

14 September

SUBJECT.

Yoristan da Cunha: forwarded letter  
addressed to the Rev. J. G. Barrow  
who is contemplating a visit to the  
island.

PREVIOUS PAPERS

3/355.

7/10/11. To ministers  
12/10/11. From Secy. P.M.

MINUTES.

This is forwarded for the information  
of Ministers. The previous corres.  
referred to by Mr. Harcourt was not  
communicated to them. P.B.  
5/10/11.

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The letter to the inhabitants of the  
island is identical in terms with that  
which was sent to Mr. Barrow by  
Lord Crewe last year (cf. File 3/2 attached),  
but was not delivered to the islanders  
owing to Mr. Barrow's postponement  
of his voyage.

No action is necessary beyond  
transmission to Ministers for info.  
The previous correspondence can  
hardly be of much interest to  
them.

H.J.S. 5/10/11.

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5.10.11

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS

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DUPLICATE

Reference to previous despatch:

Gov. Genl. No. 338 19 April.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Downing Street,

NO. 505

14 September, 1911.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the papers noted below on the subject of the approaching visit of the Reverend J.G. Barrow to Tristan da Cunha.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering  
the Government of

L. HARCOURT.

the Union of South Africa.

Date.	Description.
1911.	
9 September	To the Reverend 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.

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.

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 live-stock within a certain period.

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

(7)

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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Sir,

With reference to your visit to this Department  
for some time been of opinion that  
on the 31st ultimo I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt  
to transmit to you a letter which he has addressed to the  
Inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha. Mr. Harcourt hopes that  
you will be successful in your endeavour to reach the  
island and that the letter which is now enclosed may  
assist you in your work there and thus conduce to the  
well-being of the inhabitants.

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Your obedient Servant,

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*E. P. Lucas*

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S. of S. to  
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7th September.

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Reference to previous despatch:

Gen Gen. No 337 14 April

Union of South Africa

Downing Street,

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14 September 1911 .

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Date.	Description.
1911 9 September	<p>to the Rev. J. G. Barron (with enclosure)</p> <p><i>3</i> <sup>of enclosures</sup> <del>sent to</del> <b>MINISTERS</b> For <i>information</i> Minute No. <i>3/6 99</i> Date <i>9 October 1911</i></p>



P. M. 150/36/11.

Prime Minister's Office,  
Pretoria.

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.