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I have seen D. of A. It is entirely up to him now to take whatever steps he may think best in the interests of the Colony, always remembering our various proclamations & prohibitions.

[Signature] 2/11/45

D. of A. (14)
 Referred to you for inf., pl.

[Signature]
 2/11/45.

HCS (15)
 Herewith copy of letter to Sec. Sheepowners Assn.

[Signature]
 21/11/45

H/C (14)
 I submit recd (6) pl.

[Signature]
 24. 11. 45. ✓

[Signature]

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).



MINUTE.

28th November, 1944.

To The Hon. Col. Secretary,

STANLEY.

From Director of Agriculture,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your instructions I have ascertained from Mr. Barton how many breeding mares would be required from Chile, and I enclose herewith a letter received from the local Committee of the Sheep Owners' Association.

2. You will note that it is stated that at least 200 animals would be required, of which 155 are specified as breeding mares for specified stations; the remaining animals are required by the Falkland Islands Company for shepherding.

3. Of the 155 breeding mares ordered possibly 20 would not be regarded as essential. I feel that the Government must be careful in making representations to the Chilean Government, that all the mares specified for breeding purposes are, in fact, required for that purpose. It is possible that some stations have ordered mares with the main intention of using them for riding horses, while occasionally putting them to the stallion for an odd foal. I do not think that such animals should be regarded as bona fide breeding mares and our assessment that 20 mares are not essential is based on this hypothesis.

4. It is possible that His Excellency may be prepared to approach the Chilean Authorities for permission to import riding horses independently of breeding mares. Either mares or geldings would be satisfactory for this purpose. The number required at the present might be reasonably assessed at 78.

5. Do you think it necessary to request the Falkland Islands Sheep Owners' Association's written endorsement that the breeding mares required will be, in fact, used for manadas?

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. C. B.", written in a cursive style.

Director of Agriculture.

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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,
(LOCAL COMMITTEE)
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

21st. November 1944

The Director of Agriculture,
Port Stanley.

Sir,

With reference to my recent conversation with His Excellency regarding the importation of mares for breeding purposes, and later with yourself on the approximate number required I am now able to give you an estimate.

The attached list shows at least 200 animals required and that of these 155 should be of heavy type untamed mares, suitable for breeding purposes. The Camp Manager of the Falkland Islands Company advises me that his Company requires 50 animals suitable for shepherding purposes, and would be happy to get either mares or horses.

I have had no estimate from the Managers of Roy Cove or Port Stephens on the West, nor from any Manager east of Salvador Waters on the East, but I have allowed a further twenty on their account

It would give great satisfaction to Farmers if His Excellency were to use his influence in obtaining the necessary Export License from the Chilian Government. I understand that there has been for a number of years an embargo on the export of breeding animals from Chile (and Argentine?) In support of this I am able to quote the case of Pebble Island for which Station mares have been on order since before the War. As a result young animals are in very short supply.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Barton

Joint Chairman

Rec'd 22 Nov
1944

<u>Station</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
J.L.Waldron Ltd.	12	Under 6 yrs.old
Holmsted, Blake & Co., Ltd.) Packe Bros. & Co., Ltd.) Luxton & Anson)	22	Under 7 yrs.old.
Port San Carlos Ltd.	20	Young
Dean Bros.	15	Under 6 yrs.old
Est. J. J. Felton	20	"
Douglas Station Ltd.	40	"
Estate G. Bonner	6	"
Other Stations & Private Purchasers	20	"
	<hr/> 155 <hr/>	

N.B. The above 155 should be heavy-type, untamed mares suitable for breeding purposes, and exportable from Punta Arenas, Chile

Messrs. the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd. require an additional 50 ^{young} animals mares or horses, suitable for working purposes, also from Punta Arenas.

Port San Carlos Ltd. also have a Percheron Stallion on order from Fenton Station, Punta Arenas.

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7th December, 1944.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received representations from the Falkland Islands Sheepowners' Association regarding the severe shortage of breeding mares in the Colony.

2. The whole output of Falkland Islands wool is taken by the Ministry of Supply for war purposes and its maintenance is therefore of importance not merely to the Colony, the prosperity of which is entirely dependent on this one industry, but also for war purposes.

3. All the shepherding is done on horseback and it is essential that the supply of horses should be adequate. Owing, however, to difficulties in obtaining horses during the war and in particular breeding stock, the number of young horses available has become dangerously low and the time has come when every effort must be made to begin intensive breeding.

4. One of the chief causes of the present shortage of horses is stated to have been an embargo imposed by the Chilean and Argentine Governments on the export of breeding mares and the purpose of this despatch is to enquire whether you could intercede on behalf of the Colonists and persuade the Chilean government to agree in principle to the grant of an export licence/

His Excellency Sir C. W. Orde, K.C.M.G.,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Santiago,
CHILE.

licence for a sufficient number of breeding and riding horses to meet the essential needs of the sheep farmers

5. The requirements are likely to amount to a total of one hundred and fifty-five heavy type untamed mares, suitable for breeding, and fifty riding horses. They would be exported from Punta Arenas and no action will be taken here towards ordering them until the receipt of your reply to this despatch.

6. I should be most grateful for any assistance you may be able to give in this matter.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's
obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

BRITISH EMBASSY,
SANTIAGO, CHILE.

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January 18th, 1945.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch of 7th December with regard to the severe shortage of breeding mares and riding horses in the Falkland Islands.

I have taken the matter up with the Minister of Agriculture and he has now informed this Embassy that export licences for the 155 heavy type untamed mares, suitable for breeding, and the 50 riding horses which you require, will be granted. The Minister states in his letter that the animals will be local stock from the Magallanes territory.

If you wish me to inform the Minister of Agriculture when the order has been placed, I should be grateful if you would advise me in due course, giving at the same time the name of the supplier.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

G. W. Oude

The Governor,
Falkland Islands.

Copy to Director of Agriculture,
for your information.

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16th March,

45.

Sir,

Recd 1/4

With reference to your letter of the 21st of November, 1944 I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency's representations through the Ambassador in Santiago have resulted in the Chilean Government granting the issue of export licences for 155 heavy type untamed mares, suitable for breeding, and 50 riding horses. It is understood that the animals will be local stock from the Magellanes territory. Should you wish the Ministry of Agriculture in Santiago to be informed when the order has been placed, I should be grateful if you would advise me stating the name of the supplier in order that the necessary communication~~s~~ may be addressed to the Ambassador.

2. The gist of the above information has been conveyed verbally to the Honourable D. W. Roberts on the 10th of March, and a copy of this letter is being sent to the Director of Agriculture with whom quarantine arrangements will have to be made.

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

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

A. G. Barton, Esq.,
Joint Chairman,
The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,
STANLEY.

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The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,

(LOCAL COMMITTEE)

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



16th August, 1945.

Your No. 162/44.

Sir,

IMPORTATION OF HORSES.

Following upon the granting by the Chilean Government of an export permit for 205 animals, an order was placed with the Compañia Explotadora de Tierra del Fuego, which is the largest farm in Patagonia. The reply received was to the effect that no animals were available. Other sources have been tried without success.

We understand that the animals could be obtained in the Argentine and we would appreciate the favour of a telegram by yourself to the British Consul at Gallegos.

A year has passed since the need for this importation arose and the position of the farms who placed the order is more acute than ever.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,


Secretary.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Ack. 20/8/45

Copy to Sec. F. Is. Sheepowners Asscn. for inf.
" " Director of Agriculture, for inf.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The British Consul, Gallegos.

M.P. No. 162/44.

Despatched: 21st August, 1945. Time:

Received: 19... Time:

Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association urgently require 155 heavy type untamed mares suitable for breeding and 50 riding horses. Representations were made by the Governor through the Ambassador at Santiago and the Chilean Government authorised the necessary export permit. The Association has since been unable to obtain the horses from any firm in Chile. They understand however that horses are available in your area and I should greatly appreciate any assistance you can give in the matter.

2. In the first place could you procure the necessary export permit ?

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

Copy to Secretary, Sheepowners Asscn.
" " Director of Agriculture.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From British Vice Consul, Gallegos.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 4th September, 19 45. *Time:*

Received: 4th September, 19 45. *Time:* 1100.

Recd 7.

Your request Falkland Islands Sheepowners. We are unable to obtain mares or riding horses. We have made enquiries at Vice Consulate, Santa Cruz with same result. Buenos Aires generally believed to be only possible source of supply.

BRITISH VICE CONSUL.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Consul General, Buenos Aires.
Montevideo.

To The Colonial Secretary.

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Sec. S.O. 79.
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Despatched: 20th September, 1945. *Time:* 1930.

Received: 21st September, 1945. *Time:* 1030.

Recd 1

Reference your telegram August 22nd to Rio Gallegos.

Local dealer, who supplied mules to Indian Government believes he can obtain mares and riding horses, but needs indication of desired height and age of both, before making enquiries and quoting price.

CONSUL GENERAL.

No. 14/41 ✓

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MINUTE.

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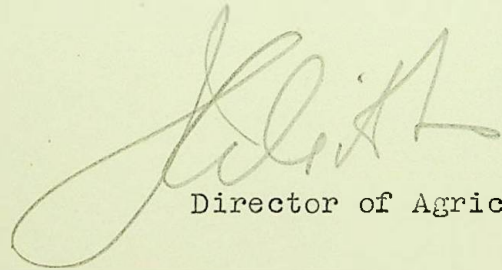
15th. October, 1945.

From The Director of
Agriculture.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

In reply to the Consul General's (B. A.) telegram of 20th. September, could we send the following reply.

Is Captain Vincent Boyle still in Argentina. What is his considered opinion of danger of introducing foot and mouth, glanders, ticks etc. with horses from Argentina. At present there is an embargo on importation of all stock from North of Magallanes and Santa Cruz provinces.


Director of Agriculture.

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Copy to D. of Agriculture for inf.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Consul General, Buenos Aires.

Despatched: October 19th 1945 Time: ..

Received: 19 .. Time: ..

Recd 9

Your telegram 20th September following from Director of Agriculture begins. Grateful if you would inform me whether Captain Boyle is still in Argentina. If so what is his considered opinion of danger of introducing foot and mouth disease, glanders, ticks etc. with horses from Argentina. At present there is an embargo on importation of all stock from North of Magallanes and Santa Cruz provinces.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

Copy to Director of Agriculture for inf.

No. 105.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Consul General, Buenos Aires.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: October 30th 1945 *Time:* 20.02.

Received: October 31st 1945 *Time:* 10.00.

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Your telegram 19th October regarding horses from Argentine. Captain Boyle advises horses may be imported from Argentine provided they are certified by the Argentine Veterinary Department as being free from contagious diseases and have passed Malhlin tests for glanders.

CONSUL GENERAL.

G. F. C.

A.C.

For your information

21st. Nov. 5.

The Secretary,
Falkland Islands Sheepowners' Association,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Since the Honourable, The Colonial Secretary sent you a copy of the telegram that was received from the Consul General at Buenos Aires on 21st. September last, we have made inquiries concerning the possibility of introducing diseases with horses from there.

A veterinarian in the Argentine has advised that the horses should be certified by the Argentine Veterinary Department as being free from contagious diseases, and that they have passed the Mohlin tests for glanders. While I have had no experience of Argentine certificates, some similar certificates from other sources have meant very little, and it ^{is} necessary to quarantine the horses on arrival and perhaps to carry out certain serological tests.

The suggestion of obtaining horses from Northern Argentine is very different from the original intention of securing them from Southern Chile and they would doubtless be less suitable. In addition there would be a considerable change of climate for any horses so imported. Does your association wish the matter to be pursued further?

Yours faithfully,

etc.