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C.S.

STOCK
Miscellaneous.

1930.

No. 368/30.

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

1930.

15th September.

IMPORTATION OF RAMS BY MR. R.C. POLE-EVANS.

Previous Paper.

36/26, 192/76.

MINUTES.

- 1. Telegram to Mr. Evans. 29/20
- 2. Telegram from Mr. Evans. 30/9/30.
- 3. Telegram from Mr. Evans. 13/9/20.
- 4. Telegram from Mr. Evans. 14/9/30.
- 5. Telegram to Mr. Evans. 15/9/30.

by 5. 10. 30.

by 18. 9. 30

by Letter from Mr R.C. Pole Evans 26/9/30

Pass Vet. Off. For your attention,
please.

W. J. J. J.

7. 10. 30.

Subsequent Paper.

Attn. Col. Secy,

- I. If the animals are landed in a South American port in the course of transshipment, it is impossible to overlook the fact.
- II. According to Quarantine Practice if an animal is landed at any port in the course of shipment; ~~for~~ for Quarantine purposes the animal is generally looked on as an importation from the country in which it was landed.
- III. In strict Quarantine practice however, the animals imported are looked on as importations from the last port of shipment or transshipment.
- IV. I see no objection to notification of intended importations by cable, provided 2 months notice is given.

J. Martin

8. 10. 20.

Letter to R. C. Cole. Evans, Esq., J.P. 13. 10. 30.

8-9.

Spoke W. Hunter 17. 10. 30.

Telegram to Mr. Evans. Port Howard. 17/10/30.

10.

~~17/10/30~~
17/10/30

368/30

y.2. I submit the draft of amending regulation

to the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation), 1923,

which should make clear beyond question

the manner in which sheep transhipped

at a ~~South~~ South American port during ~~transhipment~~ ^{importation}

are to be treated.

2. ? Circulate to Vet. Off. at

to Ex. Co.

JW

18.12.30.

Hon. C.S.
Greene. JH

(10/30)
12

~~Vet. Off.~~

Hon. Treasurer

Hon. P.A.O.

J. L. 20.12.30.

McH 22.12.30

Record? please
J.E.M. 24.12.30.

Judy
C.

19.12.30.

copy of Live Stock (Amendment) Regulations, 1930.

11.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council held on the 6th of January, 1931.

The Regulations were approved.

A. J. Stewart

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Letter from Mr. H. C. Pole-Evans 9/1/31 12-13

M. Submitted.
to Veterinary office.

A. J. Stewart
17/2/31

off the last.

Please together with
the enclosed draft r/f for his comment.

Wm

18.2.31

Veterinary offices.

Passed to you accordingly with
draft reply to Red B.

A. J. Stewart
18/2/31

Wm
18.2.31

V/E.

Submitted
no comment, apparently.
? letter to issue.

A. J. Stewart
18/2/31

Wm
18.2.31

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 3

14.

Letter to R. C. Solis-Evans. Esq. 26 2 31.

P.A.

26/2/31

15. 16.

Minute to Registrar-General. 10th March, 1931.

Y/E.

Submitted with draft
despatch.

C. J. J.
6/3/31.

Off'ce Secy.

Re: you : draft approved.

2. Please send a copy of the
Regulations with cover of a circular
letter to all Farm Managers.
3. Please refer Veterinary Officers to see

J.S.

6.3.31.

17.

Similar letter to All Farm Managers. 9/3/31.

18.

Despatch to S. of S. No 51 of 11.3.31

Veterinary office,

to see.

A. J. J.
vic/cco
12/3/31.

J. V. V.
12.3.31

P. A.
13/3/31

O. of O. despatch No. 36 of 21st March, 1931. 19-27.

y/c.
Submitted.

A. J. J.
29/3/31.

Off^{ce} Sect.

Please refer to Vet. Off. in

the first place.

2. Please attend before sending

to Vet. Off. such previous NRP as there

may be e.g. in the matter of the

stock destroyed in "Bogota".

J. V. V.

29.5.31

Veterinary officer.

Referred to you with p.p.s.

J. J.
Civil/CSO.
30/5/31

Hon. Col. Secy.

I. In Paragraph 5. it is definitely stated that "no undue difficulties have been placed in our way"; - because of the efficient manner of transhipment in Montevideo, when the sheep were transferred to pens and not confined in pens in the port.

II. The regulations were framed to compel importers to take precautions such as James Wauveron took in transhipment at Montevideo.

III. In 1924 Spedwell Island was placed in Quarantine for scab. The infection was traced to Montevideo pens, where the rams were confined for a period, prior to shipment to Port Stanley. Messrs. Wauveron & Wood acted for the Falkland Islands Company.
Ref. 3. 550/24.

IV. (Para 5.) Second paragraph of Sir. Chas. Hallett's dispatch, and last paragraph in Memorandum enclosed with the dispatch, describes the condition of pens and yards in Montevideo.

J. H. Martin.

V.O.

11. 5. 31

2/16.
Submitted.

G. S. S.
1/16/31.

Office Sec.

Please ask Vet. Off. to
Compile a statement showing the
importations of stock into the Federal
Islands during the period of seven
years 1924 - 1930. Besides class of
stock this statement shall indicate
countries of origin.
2. I should be glad if he
will also give particulars of the
occasions on which during this period
trading action under the Regulations has
been necessary.

3. Does he still consider
it necessary to maintain the
precautions imposed by the
Amending Regulations - red 15 -
against livestock transhipped in
South America ?

4. Is he, or are you, aware
whether any previous protests
have been made by reporters during
the above period ?

VmS
2

4.6.31

Veterinary Office,

Passed to you for necessary action
please.

C. J. J.
checked
3/6/31.

Hon. Col. Secy.

I. Importations of stock 1924 - 1930.

| | <u>Sheep.</u> | <u>Cattle.</u> | <u>Horses.</u> | <u>Goats.</u> |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| U. K. | 77. | 17 | 7— | — |
| S. America. | 5206. | 2 | 1328. | — |
| New Zealand. | 624 | — | — | — |
| Australia | 30 | — | — | — |
| Norway. | — | — | — | 2. |
| <u>Total.</u> | <u>5937.</u> | <u>19.</u> | <u>1335.</u> | <u>2.</u> |

II. Occasions when drastic actions under regulations were necessary —

- a. Anthrax on 'Bojuti'
- b. Quarantine of Goodwill Island etc; (and expenses incurred with appointment of Sub Inspector) resulting from transshipment of Australian rams at home rides.
- c. Outbreak of foot and mouth disease on South Georgia, South American Importations.

III. It is still necessary to maintain precautions imposed.

IV. No complaints have been received by the Veterinary Officer from importers of stock.

J. Hunter.

V. O.

8. 6. 31.

YK.

Submitted:

I am not aware that any previous protests have been made by importers during the past 6 years.

A. J. P.
8/6/31

W. J. S. J.

Draft despatch herewith for
filing, please.

2. Thereafter please let
Veterinary Officer at Ranches of Ex. Co.
see, at Ranch Veterinary Officer for
the assistance that he has given
me in dealing with this rather
troublesome matter.

J. J. S.

9. 6. 31.

Despatch to D. of D. No. 115 of 16th June, 1931.

28-35.

Veterinary office,
Hon. Treasurer,
Hon. P. M. D.

J.H. 18.6.31.

McH 18.6.31.

J.S.M. 18.6.31.

to see.

C. J. [unclear]
18/6/31

P.A.
19/6/31.

D. of D. despatch of 2nd June, No. 64.

36-37.

G.R. Schindler with a draft r/f.

[Signature]

R. F. 31.

Hon. C. S.
Approved
G. G.
8.8.31

Despatch to S. of S. No. 154 of 10/8/31

38.

Vet. Off Please see

[Signature]

11.8.31

Am. Co. Secy. See Thank You
Jh. 10. 8. 31.

P. H. J. 2
14. 8. 31.

39 - 44. D. of D. despatch No. 118 of 16th October, 1931.

Ret Off Jh. 9. 2. 32.
The Treas. WCH 31. 12. 31.

The P.D.O. J.M. 30/12/31

Please see :

This seems to be satisfactory

settled.

J. M. J.

24. 12. 31.

P.A.
9/2/32.

~~45. Report from the P. S. B. Bureau of 18. 5. 34~~

Letter from Mr. R. C. Cole-Evans 9/2/35 (456)

Yr. Submitted. If other farmers wished to improve Levi Stock perhaps there would be sufficient inducement for a N.Z. steamer to call here in Feb or March next. They could also obtain other produce. Yr. will recollect that the Govt. made arrangements a few years ago for sheep to be brought from N.Z.

I fear that some expense would be involved if "Lafonia" had to specially meet a steamer in Monte Video. The N.Z. boats pass the door so to speak and would come in if sufficient freight and possibly a passenger or so for the bill.

W. C. H.
Ct.

18. 4. 35

Obviously the Govt. can neither arrange for a call of a N.Z. steamer for a few sheep only or send the Lafonia to Monte Video. The F.I. Sheep Owners Association in London could doubtless arrange for a N.Z. call if enough sheep are imported. Will you please let me have any recent correspondence with the Shipping Co. 18/4/35-

W. C. H.

Yk.
 There has been no recent
 correspondence with the Shipping
 Coy. Mr. Pole Evans has
 been the only importer from
 New Zealand and the
 correspondence he refers to is in
 this paper.

It would perhaps be as
 well to discuss this matter
 with him when he comes
 in.

MCH
 Es.
 20.4.55

with the F.I.C.

Yes but meanwhile he had better
 have an answer saying that the
 Government desires to facilitate in
 any way possible the importation of
 sheep from New Zealand and if sufficiently
 long notice is given it will endeavour to
 arrange for visits of the Lapua to
 Magellanes or Monte Video to coincide as
 closely as possible with the arrival of
 any steamer from N.3. Whichever carrying
 sheep for the Colony. Adding that there
 can be no doubt that arrangements for
 shipment from N.2, can best be arranged
 while Mr. Evans is in hand, with the
 headquarters of the N.Z. shipping company

20/4/55

Letter to Mr Pole-Evans Esq 26/4/35 (47)

I saw Mr^r Pole Evans
regarding his letter and
he expressed his entire
satisfaction with the reply
red 47.

6/6/35
A.D. 27/4/35

MCH
et.
9. V. 55

P.A.
11/5/35

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

| Number | Office of Origin | Words | Handed in at | Date |
|--------|------------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| | | | | 8/9/30. |

To
 EVANS
 FOXBAY.

MORTON CONSIDERS THAT QUARANTINE TO BE UNDERGONE BY RAMS IF TRANSHIPPED BY MEDIUM OF LIGHTERS AT MONTEVIDEO MUST DEPEND ON NATURE OF LIGHTERS USED AS TO WHICH DETAILED PARTICULARS SHOULD BE FURNISHED STOP FOR EXAMPLE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO KNOW WHETHER LIGHTERS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY USED FOR A SIMILAR PURPOSE AND IF SO WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN PROPERLY DISINFECTED.

SECRETARY.

(Telephoned 6.0. p.m. 6/9/30.)

Time

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Evans, Port Howard.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th September, 1923. *Time*: 9.45.

Received: 13th September, 1923. *Time*: 1050.

REFERRING YOUR TELEGRAM 6TH INST KINDLY TELEGRAPH ME WHICH SECTION OF LIVE STOCK CONSOLIDATION REGULATIONS OF 1923 APPLIES TO OUR IMPORTATION RAMS FROM NEWZEALAND SO I CAN CABLE LONDON.

EVANS.

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| | | | | 13/9/30. |

To
 EVANS
 PORT HOWARD.

REGULATIONS APPLY GENERALLY TO ALL IMPORTATIONS STOP IF RAMS
 ARE TRANSHIPPED TO MONTVIDEO SECTION 11 APPLIES SPECIALLY
 UNLESS VETERINARY OFFICER IS SATISFIED THAT TRANSHIPMENT TOOK
 PLACE THROUGH CLEAN LIGHTERS ONLY STOP IF THEY ARE IMPORTED
 DIRECT SECTIONS 2,5 AND 9 REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION.

SECRETARY.

Time

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Evans, Port Howard.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 14th September, 192 30. *Time* : 1430.

Received : 15th September, 192 30. *Time* : 1100.

PLEASE INFORM ME THE NAME OF OUR AGENT WHO ADVISE STOCK INSPECTOR AS TO IMPORTATION OF RAMS AS APPARENTLY THEY HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH SECTION 2 OF REGULATIONS WHICH I EXTREMELY REGRET AND WILL TAKE UP STOP I AM ENDEAVOURING TO CANCEL IMPORTATION BUT AM AFRAID TOO LATE IN THE EVENT OF THE SHEEP ARRIVING WE HOPE TO GIVE CLEAN CERTIFICATE FROM MONTE VIDEO AND ALSO INSURE AGAINST ALL RISKS.

EVANS.

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15/9/30.

To EVANS
PORT HOWARD.

YOUR TELEGRAM 14TH SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING IS COPY OF TELEGRAM
SENT 22ND AUGUST TO VETERINARY OFFICER FROM SPEARING AND
WALDRON LEADENHALL STREET BEGINS AM SHIPPING TEN RAMS LEAVING
NEW ZEALAND 15TH SEPTEMBER FOR PORT HOWARD ENDS.

SECRETARY.

Time

368/30
PORT HOWARD,

WEST FAULKLAND ISLANDS,

Sept 26th 30

Sir,

Importation of Rams from New Zealand.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegrams regarding the above, and thank you for same.

May I point out that in the Live Stock Consolidation Regulations of 1923 there is no mention of Stock in transit, or should I say transshipment of same; unless it comes under regulation No 5, "and if imported into the Colony from a foreign port", may I suggest that if this had been worded, "if transhipped in a foreign port," it would have been much clearer.

I can assure you Sir that nothing has been done wilfully, and when my people wrote to me last mail they said that they could give no further advice from New Zealand as to probable date of shipment, and they only hoped to catch the "Orita," at Monte Video, but owing to the new tariff laws in Australia, and bad trade it was extraordinarily difficult for any shipping company to make arrangements more than a month ahead at the moment, and as soon as they could fix anything definite they would cable the Stock Inspector, so by this you can see that no more could have been done before their telegram of the 25th Aug.

Of course we would have preferred to have imported direct from New Zealand to Stanley but this is impossible, and also the class of sheep we require are not obtainable in Great Britain

The expense of transshipping in Monte Video is very heavy.

The sheep are not taken out of their crate ^{or} kept on shore there.

I cabled our London office on the 14th inst as follows
"Unless you can give consulars Certificate So: American port to
Inspector that Rams have not been on infected lighters Stop
"importations if possible."

Under the circumstances I do not see that we could have done more than we have. It is our idea to endeavour to improve this farm, and with the unfavourable markets it is an uphill proposition as you must realise, and to buy valuable Rams which will cost at least over £800 by the time they get here, and then to find that they may have to come under section II of the regulations because they have been transhipped at Monte Video (there being no other means of getting them here direct), well Sir it would be about cripple things, and means ~~that~~ the sheep would be of no use to us until 1935.

You no doubt are aware that we have made other shipments the same way, one in the latter part of 1928, and the point has not been raised before.

I shall be glad if you will have forwarded to me a copy of the Live Stock Consolidation 1923.

One point that I would like to bring to your notice is with the great difficulties of shipping, and the mail service to the Colony as has cropped up in this case, or may do at any time we might buy stock in England, even then we could not always give the Veterinary Officer two months notice in writing, and do you not consider a cable to the Veterinary Officer sufficient under the circumstances? if not I am afraid this farm will suffer.

I am cabling for the New Zealand Veterinary Surgeons certificates, and Monte Video Consular certificate to be sent to the Veterinary Officer Stanley Direct C/o of the Purser "Orita" if possible May I ask that in case of any difficulties at all arising should the Rams arrive that I will be telegraphed immediately.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. B. Roberts

The Hon Colonial Secretary,

J M Ellis Esq,

Stanley.

368/30.

15th October,

30.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th of September, 1930, I am directed to inform you that it is essential, in accordance with universal quarantine practice, to treat stock imported into the Colony which has been transhipped at a foreign port as though it had been imported from such foreign port.

2. I am to add that it is not doubted but that you will appreciate that the strict adherence to the regulations and practice in this connection is insisted upon with the sole object of safeguarding the health of the stock in the Colony and that this administration is far from desirous of placing more difficulties than absolutely necessary in the way of the importers of breeding stock from abroad.

3. I am further to add that the Veterinary Officer has been instructed to allow you every consideration in this matter which he can properly allow.

4./

R.C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,
Manager,
Port Howard,
WEST FALKLAND.

4. I am to say that the Veterinary Officer has been authorised at his discretion to accept two months notice by cable of the intended importation of stock in cases where it is not practicable to give such notice in writing as prescribed by the Regulations.

5. I enclose in accordance with your request a copy of the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation) 1923.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

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| | | | | 17/10/30 |

To **EVANS**
PORTHOMAND.

**RAMS LANDED STOP AS TRANSHIPMENT ARRANGEMENTS AT MONTEVIDEO
 APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY THEY WILL NOT BE TREATED
 AS IMPORTATIONS FROM SOUTH AMERICA BUT WILL UNDERGO QUARANTINE
 AT STANLEY UNDER OBSERVATION OF VETERINARY OFFICER.**

SECRETARY.

Time

THE LIVE STOCK ORDINANCE, 1901.

THE LIVE STOCK (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1930.

Governor.

In virtue of the powers vested in him by section 45 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, and otherwise, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, is hereby pleased to make the following Regulations :

Short Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Live Stock (Amendment) Regulations, 1930, and shall be read and construed as one with the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation), 1923.

Sheep trans-
shipped in
South
America
during imp-
ortation.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressed or implied in the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation) 1923, all sheep which are transhipped at any port in South America in the course of importation into the Colony shall be treated in the same manner as sheep which are imported into the Colony from South America and shall be subject to the additional provisions of section 11 of the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation) 1923, provided that the Chief Inspector of Stock, if satisfied as to the method of transshipment in the said port, may in his discretion dispense with or modify all or any of such additional provisions, and provided also that in sub-section (2) of the aforesaid section 11 the term exporter of the sheep shall be deemed to include, where necessary, the agent for the exporter or importer at the port of transshipment.



Port Howard,

West Falkland,

February 9th. 1931.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 13th. Oct. 1930 No. 368/30 I wish to make the following observations. I fully appreciate the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation) 1923, but fail to see how they apply in the case of our last importation, especially after all the precautions that had been taken at Monte Video. I am under the impression that the Colonial Government is not conversant with the precautions taken at that port. To acquaint you with these precautions I cannot do better than enclose parts of two letters which I have received from my firm on this matter. The letters are dated 3rd & 9th. Dec. 1930. Will you please return these extracts after perusal.

In 1928 we imported sheep via Monte Video, without any trouble whatsoever. We again imported sheep in 1930, and found ourselves faced with petty obstacles which have given rise to worry and additional expense. In passing I may mention that the cost of the last importation amounted to £839.16-11 on board "Orita" to Stanley. We fail to see how we can avoid transshipment at Monte Video. There is no inducement for a direct vessel from New Zealand to Port Stanley. Perhaps the Veterinary Officer may be able to suggest other means whereby we can obtain New Zealand sheep.

I trust Sir that you will give this matter your earnest attention, and that you will advise me definitely as to the future attitude of the Government in regard to importations mentioned. It is the wish of my firm to improve their flocks and the obvious way is by importing world famous sheep. Our agents at Monte Video are doing their utmost to see that our new stock is not being affected in any way, and I consider that the Colonial Government should make every endeavour to help importations of this nature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. Pol Evans

368/30.

26th February, 31.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th of February, 1931, I am directed to forward to you a copy of the recently made Live Stock (Amendment) Regulations, 1931, which define clearly the attitude of this Government towards importations of sheep into the Colony through a South American port.

2. I am again to emphasise that it is far from the wish of this Government to place obstacles in the way of such importations and to invite your special reference to the proviso to section 2 of the new Regulations which allows the Chief Inspector of Stock discretionary powers to waive or to modify the additional requirements where he is satisfied as to the adequacy of the precautions taken at the port of transhipment.

3. I am to return herewith the enclosures in your letter under reply.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. B.
for Colonial Secretary.

R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,
Manager,
Port Howard,
WEST FALKLAND.

The Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

The Live Stock (Amendment) Regulations, 1931.

(SGD.) ARNOLD HODSON.

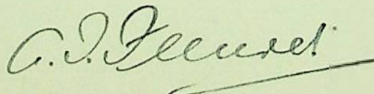
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Made by the Governor in Executive Council at a meeting held on the 6th day of January, 1931.



Clerk of the Executive Council.

No.

(It is 368/30.
that, in any refer-
ence to this minute
the above Number
and the date may
be quoted).

MINUTE.

6th March, 19 31

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Registrar-General,
Stanley.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to attach herewith
for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General an authentica-
ted copy of the Live Stock (Amendment) Regulations, 1931.

A. J. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

(17)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

CIRCULAR.

No. 368/50.

9th March, 1951.

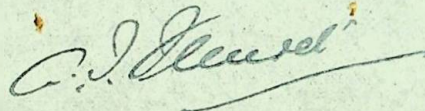
Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to forward to you a copy of the Live Stock (Amendment) Regulations, 1951, and to request that you will take notice of the provisions thereof.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

ALL FARM MANAGERS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

11th March, 1931.

FALELAND ISLANDS.

No. 51.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit six copies of Regulations made by the Governor in Executive Council on the 6th of January, 1931, under section 45 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, relating to importation of sheep into the Colony through ports in South America.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Copy.

No.368/30.

Col. Sec. Office,
Stanley.

13th October, 1930.

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5.

R.C. Pole-Evans Esq.,
Manager,
Port Howard,

far as we are concerned, importations of stock from N.Z. must be ruled out. And we feel certain that other F.I. Farmers will agree that the expense involved and the risks are too great, unless the Colonial Government modifies its attitude and introduces reasonable and workable regulations.

5. In connection with this we desire to call attention to the method of legislation. We submit that the law regarding live stock, regulations, penalties and restrictions, should be defined succinctly in an Ordinance so that sheep farmers may see from the Ordinance itself what are their duties, the duties and powers of the Stock Inspector, import regulations and restrictions, and the penalties for infraction of the law. It is very undesirable that one half, so to speak, of the law should be embodied in an Ordinance, and the other half in Regulations made by the Governor in Executive Council, which are merely published in the Gazette when a fait accompli, and moreover can be altered within 24 hours without any public discussion. Such regulations and penalties should be imposed by an Ordinance, the draft of which has to be published for some period in advance, and is subject to discussion in the Legislative Council before becoming law.

The original Live Stock Ordinance was introduced and passed at the instance of the sheep farmers themselves, who are fully alive to the dangers of disease being introduced. Sheep farmers should have an opportunity, through the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, of discussing proposed

proposed regulations affecting the import of stock from S.America or other countries, and stating whether they consider them too stringent or not stringent enough. It is common knowledge that scab is prevalent in that country and that special care is necessary in respect of importations from there, but we consider that it is indefensible that regulations which are necessarily stringent, for South America, where scab is rife, should be applicable on the mere ipse dixit of the Colonial administration, to a colony like New Zealand.

We are, etc.,

(Signed) W.T. WALDRON, SECRETARY.

JAMES LOVEGROVE WALDRON LTD.,

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James Lovegrove Waldron
Limited.

101, Leadenhall Street,
London, E.C. 3.

19th February, 1951.

Sir,

We beg to address you on the subject of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and Regulations, and some of the methods of the application of the same.

2. We, in common with other sheepfarmers in the Colony, have of late years, especially since the special mission of Mr. Munro to report upon our stock and farming system, endeavoured to improve our stock by importing rams from New Zealand as strongly recommended by Mr. Munro, but we find ourselves liable to be so hampered by regulations that it is becoming practically impossible to continue such importations.

3. The Live Stock Ordinance empowers the Governor to make regulations, and it appears from Notice No.52 of August 16th, 1923 in the Official Gazette that regulations have been promulgated from time to time, viz in 1914, 1921 and 1922. We have no copies of these to refer to, but under the Notice above quoted very stringent regulations were made with the object presumably of tightening up the provisions governing importations from South America. Some of these are so stringent (for instance Nos. 2 and 11 (3), (4) and (6) as to preclude small importations from

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

from that Country, and we are now confronted with the application of these prohibitive regulations to New Zealand as the result of the Colonial Secretary's letter to our Manager of 13th October last, copy enclosed.

4. The sole means of importing from N.Z. is by steamer to Monte Video and trans-shipping in that port to a steamer bound for Port Stanley. When we have imported rams in this way, we have taken every precaution against scab or other disease by having the sheep kept during their detention at the port of Monte Video in a lighter specially disinfected. But the Colonial Government now lays down that "it is essential in accordance with universal quarantine practice to treat stock imported into the Colony which has been trans-shipped at a foreign port as though it had been imported from such foreign port." We entirely fail to comprehend why it should be essential seeing that the stock have never set foot on S. American soil. No warrant or authority for such a statement is given by the Colonial Secretary, and it is impossible to hazard a guess as to what useful purpose can be served by stretching the regulations to such a point.

5. We freely admit that in our recent importations we have not been subjected to a strict application of these restrictions and that no undue difficulties have been placed in our way, but the point is that, so long as the Colonial Government has the power to impose such stringent prohibitions, as cannot possibly contemplate running such risks, and so

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5. I enclose in accordance with your request a copy of the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation) 1923.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) J.M. ELLIS.

Col. Sec.

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86805/31.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Lord Passfield to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th February with regard to the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and Regulations, and to inform you that a copy is being sent to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands for his consideration.

2. As regards the observations made in paragraph 6 of your letter the Secretary of State is advised that from a legal standpoint there is no objection to the Governor in Council being given statutory power to make regulations and that it is common practice to confer such power. He is also advised that, on technical grounds, the practice referred to by the Colonial Secretary in the first paragraph of his letter of the 13th October, 1930,

MESSRS. JAMES LOVEGROVE WALDRON, LIMITED. is

is necessary until the importing country can be satisfied that no danger of infection is likely to occur at the port of transshipment.

3. I am to add that copies of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Regulations are available in the Colonial Office Library and can be studied on any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., except on Saturday, when the hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. DARNLEY.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 36

Downing Street,

21 March, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, the accompanying copy of correspondence with Messrs. James Lovegrove Galdron Limited, on the subject of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and regulations.

2. In the absence of any particulars as to the importations of live stock into the Falkland Islands for the period of seven years during which the regulations have been in force, or of the occasions on which any drastic action thereunder may have been necessary, I should be glad if when submitting your observations in general on Messrs. Galdron's letter, you will at the same time furnish me with information on those points together with your views as to the present necessity for maintaining strict precautions against livestock transhipped in South America. I am unaware whether any previous protests have been made by importers during this period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

(Signed) PASSFIELD.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Mr. Messrs. Galdron
19.2.31.
To do. 17/3/31.

ENCLOSURE NO. I. TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
NO. 115 OF THE 16TH OF JUNE, 1931.

No. 95.

(Copy)

MONTEVIDEO.

27th October, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch of the 9th ultimo, informing me that sheep scab has been found to have broken out on an island belonging to the Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., and asking me to cause enquiries to be made as to the possibility of stock awaiting shipment at Montevideo becoming infected, I have the honour to transmit, herein, a Memorandum embodying various opinions as to the sanitary conditions and care of animals in the Government Quarantine Station at Montevideo.

As a result of my enquiries I think it probable that the merino rams which arrived from Australia in November, 1923, contracted scab during the period passed in quarantine at Montevideo, for, as will be observed in the Memorandum, this disease has been more or less prevalent in a number of establishments in Uruguay throughout 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) C. MALLETT.

His Excellency,
Sir John Middleton, K.C.M.G.,
etc. etc. etc.
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

ENCLOSURE IN SIR CLAUDE MALLET'S NO. 95, OF
27TH OF OCTOBER, 1924.

MEMORANDUM.

The Quarantine Station for livestock at Montevideo is situated on the coast half-way between the City and Ramirez, at the back of the "Corralon Municipal". The person chosen by me to inspect it - at one time a shepherd in the Falkland Islands - found the Lazaretto closed and, not having "official business", was unable to enter it. From another source, however, I learn that the quarantine station is a large building with a cobbled floor, with pens for livestock under cover. On the occasion of my informant's visit the pens were plentifully provided with straw and the building appeared to have been thoroughly disinfected.

A complaint, however, as to sanitary conditions in the Lazaretto, was received by the British Chamber of Commerce in Uruguay at the end of 1919 from Mr. Noel Wilson, an estanciero, who stated that four bulls which had passed the veterinary test in England had contracted foot- and-mouth disease after being placed in the quarantine station at Montevideo. Mr. Wilson added :- "The quarantine arrangements are bad, as animals invariably lose condition there and as a rule come out in a dirty and scabby condition".

Don Guillermo Young, whose opinion on this matter was invited by the Chamber, wrote :-

"Mr./

"Mr. Noel Wilson is undoubtedly right in his criticism of quarantine regulations here. Owners lose all control over their stock, whatever its value, and are obliged to leave their animals in the hands of underlings appointed by the Government, many of them without the slightest knowledge as to how pedigree stock should be handled and fed. As a rule the animals run up light and lose condition, but in my opinion scab, or patchy coats, is not due to neglect only but to the effect of sea air and change of climate"

Mr. Young added :- "Mr. Wilson's experience regarding the four bulls which he says contracted foot-and-mouth disease at the Montevideo quarantine station is an only too common one". Another estanciero, Mr. Cobham, in reply to the Chamber's questionnaire, agreed with Mr. Wilson that "the sanitary conditions of the Corralón Municipal leave much to be desired".

On the other hand Mr. Taylor, of Paysandu, wrote :- "I have several times had occasion to visit the quarantine station and must say have always found both the place and the animals there in first-rate condition". The same opinion was shared by Mr. Ricketts, who wrote :-

"With regard to quarantine arrangements, our experience for at least the last thirty years is rather different from that expressed by Mr. Noel Wilson in his letter, as we have never had any reason to complain of the condition in which our animals were received from the Lazaretto".

Sheep scab is prevalent in Uruguay, as the following figures (taken from the monthly reports of the "Inspeccion Nacional de Policia Sanitaria Animal") will show :-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Month.</u> | <u>Number of establishments infected.</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| 1923. | December. | 41. |
| 1924. | January. | 4. |
| | February. | 45. |
| | March. | 14. |
| | April. | 7. |
| | May. | 27. |
| | June. | 26. |
| | July. | 21. |
| | August. | 26. |
| | September. | 35. |

The possibility of stock awaiting shipment at Montevideo becoming infected appears, indeed, only too likely, either from dirty straw in the quarantine pens or, as Mr. Young suggests, on account of the effect of sea air and change of climate.

----- J.S.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

16th June, 1931.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 115.

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No. 36 of the 21st of March, 1931, I have the honour in the first place to furnish Your Lordship with the desired particulars

(a) as to the importations of Livestock into the Falkland Islands for the period of seven years from 1924 to 1930, inclusive, during which the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation), 1925, have been in force, as tabulated :-

| <u>Country of Origin</u> | <u>Sheep</u> | <u>Cattle</u> | <u>Horses</u> | <u>Goats</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| United Kingdom | 77 | 17 | 7 | - |
| South America | 5206 | 2 | 1328 | - |
| New Zealand.. | 624 | - | - | - |
| Australia | 50 | - | - | - |
| Norway. | - | - | - | 2 |
| Totals... | 5957 | 19 | 1335 | 2 |

and (b) of the only occasion on which any drastic action has been necessary under the aforesaid Regulations, namely :-

The destruction under section 9 (2) of the Regulations on board the s.s. "Bogota" in January, 1926, of ten rams, six ponies, two bulls and three

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASFIELD OF PASFIELD CORNER, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

heifers by reason of an outbreak of anthrax during the voyage from the United Kingdom to Stanley, as reported in the correspondence terminated with Mr. Hodson's despatch No. 118 of the 2nd of July, 1927.

2. I have then to state that on two occasions serious consequences have followed on the importation of livestock from South America or through a South American port. On the first occasion an outbreak of scab was discovered in January, 1924, among the flocks on Speedwell Island belonging to the Falkland Islands Company, which was traced directly to a consignment of thirty merino rams shipped from Australia and detained in transit at Montevideo in quarantine for the period of one month. It appears from a declaration given by the Australian authorities that there was no possibility of the rams being infected at the time of shipment and little or no doubt is admissible but that the disease was contracted during transshipment. In this connection I annex a copy of a despatch with the enclosed memorandum from the British Minister at Montevideo embodying various opinions as to the sanitary conditions and care of animals in the Government Quarantine Station at that port. On the second occasion in March, 1926, cattle imported from the Argentine Republic into South Georgia developed foot and mouth disease as the outcome of which occurrence Sir John Middleton issued a Proclamation under the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, prohibiting the importation of all animals into South Georgia from South America. Copies of this Proclamation were transmitted

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to Your Lordship's predecessor under cover of Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch No. 77 of the 6th of July, 1926.

3. Your Lordship will be aware from my despatch No. 51 of the 11th of March, 1931, that further Regulations have now been made under date the 6th of January, 1931, which define clearly the attitude of this Government towards importations of sheep into the Colony through a South American port. I endorse fully the advice given me in the matter by the Veterinary Officer that these precautions should be strictly maintained and I am unable to recommend any modification of the amplified Regulations as now in force. I have to state also that no record can be traced of any previous protest having been made by importers against the terms of the original Regulations.

4. Your Lordship will observe that the new Regulations are framed so as to allow the Veterinary Officer the widest discretion in dealing with importations of the category in question. This elasticity is considered adequate to ensure that the minimum of inconvenience consistent with security is placed in the way of sheepfarmers in the Colony who desire, with the entire sympathy of this administration, to improve their flocks by the infusion of fresh blood. Messrs. Waldron admit indeed that their recent importations were hindered in no way by the application of the Regulation ; this facility was rendered possible solely by the care taken

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by them and their agents in transshipping their sheep at Montevideo by means of a specially disinfected lighter as they themselves quite correctly state, and Your Lordship will appreciate that the new Regulations are designed precisely to compel importers to take such care. In actual practise what is required is, for example, that the sheep should be transhipped direct from steamer to steamer or, if this is not feasible, that they should be kept pending re-shipment in a lighter certified as free from risk of infection by the competent authorities.

5. I do not consider that Messrs. Waldron have any ground for complaint that the existing regulations are either unreasonable, unworkable or ambiguous. I understand to the full the difficulty which may be caused by the arbitrary imposition of restrictions of any nature, by emergency legislation at short notice ; at the same time I hold it to be the duty of the administration to initiate prompt measures to guard against any unexpected danger which may threaten from time to time. I submit, moreover, that if through any ill-advised leniency a disease, such as scab or foot-and-mouth, were to be introduced into the Falkland Islands, which actually enjoy complete immunity from animal disease, Messrs. Waldron would be equally ready as now to criticise the relative Law and Regulations, but from the opposite aspect.

I have the honour to be,

By Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

J.M. ELLIS.

JAMES LOVEGROVE WALDRON LIMITED.

101, Leadenhall Street,
London, E.C.3.

86805/31.

15th May, 1931.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street.

Sir,

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., enclosing a copy of the Falkland Islands Livestock (Amendment) Regulations 1931.

2. We would point out that although this amended regulation is satisfactory so far as it goes, in that the Inspector of Stock is officially invested with discretionary powers, we ^{are} still liable to the possibility of the very stringent prohibitions detailed in paragraph 5 of our letter of the 19th February. My Directors feel that before they would be justified in entering into any negotiations for the purchase of sheep in New Zealand again, they would require to be satisfied that the discretionary powers of the Inspector will be exercised to their fullest extent. We should be quite ready to take every precaution as before at the Port of Monte Video by providing a specially disinfected lighter which could be subjected to any supervision which the Colonial Government may deem advisable.

We trust that our representation will be forwarded to the Governor for his favourable consideration.

We are etc.,

James Lovegrove Waldron Limited.

(Sgd.) W.T. Waldron.

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Reference to previous correspondence:-
Secretary of State's Despatch No. ³⁶..... of the

Red 27. Governor's



21st March, 1931.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 64.....

DOWNING STREET,

2nd June 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, ~~the papers~~ for your consideration, a copy of the paper noted below on the subject of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and Regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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| Date. | Description. |
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| <u>1931</u> 15th May. | From Messrs. James Lovegrove Waldron Limited |

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th August, 1931.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 157.

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No. 64 of the 2nd of June, 1931, transmitting for my consideration a copy of a letter from Messrs. James Lovegrove Waldron, Limited, on the subject of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and Regulations, I have the honour to refer to Mr. Ellis's despatch No. 115 of the 16th of June, 1931, and in particular to paragraph 4 thereof, and to suggest that Messrs. Waldron might be informed with reference to their letter above mentioned that they may rest assured that if they continue as in the past to take every precaution in the transshipment of stock at Montevideo, for example by providing a specially disinfected lighter, the discretionary powers of the Veterinary Officer will be exercised to the fullest extent in their favour.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant,

JAMES O'GRADY.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Downing Street,

86805/31.

15th September, 1931.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Thomas to refer to the letter from this Department of the 2nd June, and to inform you that he has now received a despatch from the Acting Governor of the Falkland Islands on the subject of the Falkland Islands Livestock Ordinance and Regulations.

2. The Acting Governor reports in his despatch that the only occasion on which any drastic action has been necessary under the Regulations is:-

The destruction, under Section 9 (2) of the Regulations, on board the s.s. "Bogota" in January, 1926, of certain animals by reason of an outbreak of anthrax during the voyage from the United Kingdom to the Colony.

3. The Acting Governor reports further that on two occasions serious consequences have followed on the importation of livestock from South America or through a South American port. On the first occasion, an outbreak of scab was discovered in January 1924 among the flocks on Speedwell Island belonging to the Falkland Islands Company, which was traced directly to a consignment of 30 merino rams shipped from Australia and detained in transit at Montevideo in quarantine for a period of one month. It appears from the declaration given by the Australian authorities that there was no possibility of the rams being infected at the time of shipment and little or no doubt is admissible but that the disease was contracted during trans-shipment.

4. On the second occasion in March, 1926, cattle imported from the Argentine Republic into South Georgia developed foot and mouth disease, as a result of which a proclamation was issued by the then Governor under the Livestock Ordinance 1901 prohibiting the importation of all animals into South Georgia from South America.

5. Further regulations have now been made by the Governor dated 6th January, 1931, copies of which were enclosed in the letter from this Office of the 5th of May which define clearly the attitude of the Colonial Government towards importations of sheep into the Colony through a South American port. The new Regulations are framed so as to allow the Veterinary Officer the widest discretion in dealing with importations of the category in question. This elasticity is considered adequate to ensure that the minimum of inconvenience consistent with security is placed in the way of sheep farmers in the Colony who desire to improve their flocks by the infusion of fresh blood. In this connection, it has been observed that you have admitted that recent importations of animals undertaken by your firm were hindered in no way by the application of the Regulations. This facility was rendered possible solely by the care taken by you and your agents in trans-shipping the animals at Montevideo by means of a specially disinfected lighter as stated by you, and you will doubtless appreciate that the new Regulations are designed precisely to compel other importers also to take such care. In actual practice what is required is, that the sheep should be transhipped direct from steamer to steamer, or if this is not feasible, that they should be kept
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pending re-shipment in a lighter certified as free from risk of infection by the competent authorities. X

The Acting Governor reports that he has been unable to trace any previous protest by cattle importers and that he is unable to recommend any modification of the Regulations now in force. The Secretary of State is in agreement with the views of the Falkland Islands Government in this matter and after consulting his Adviser on Animal Health he sees no hardship in the Regulations, but rather that their provisions should be conducive of advantage to importers.

I am, etc.

(Sd.) R. DARNLEY.

DOWNING STREET,

3rd October, 1931.

86805/1931.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Thomas to refer to the letter from this Department of the 15th of September on the subject of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and Regulations, and to inform you that he has received a further despatch from the Governor stating that you may rest assured that if your firm continue as in the past to take every precaution in the transhipment of stock at Montevideo, the discretionary powers of the Veterinary Officer of the Falkland Islands will be exercised to the fullest extent in your favour.

I am, etc.

(Sd.) R. DARNLEY.

MESSRS JAMES LOVEGROVE WALDRON, LIMITED.

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Reference to previous correspondence:-
~~Secretary of State's~~ Despatch No. 157... of the
Governor's

Red 38. 10th of August 19.31..

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 118.....



DOWNING STREET,
..... 16th October..... 19.31..

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, ~~the papers~~ for your information, a copy of the papers noted below on the subject of the Falkland Islands Live Stock Ordinance and Regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd.) J. H. Thomas.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

| Date. | Description. |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>1931.</u> | |
| 15 th September. | To Messrs. Waldron, Limited. |
| 3 rd October. | " " |
| 5 th October. | From " " |

PORT HOWARD.

FARMLAND ISLANDS.

APRIL 6th. 1935.

Sir,

I beg to address you with regard the importation of sheep from New Zealand, which is an important matter to my firm.

I am required to have some definite understanding with the Government regarding these importations when I arrive in England June next. I wish you to turn up all correspondence which has taken place between myself and the Government, my firm and the Colonial Office, I beg to point out the following:

- (1). We wish and must continue with the Corriedale breed to make this farm pay.
- (2). We challenge the Government or anyone in these Islands to say it is not a paying breed (i.e. the Government will know what wool tax we pay this year)
- (3). I think it was in 1919 when we first made an importation of this breed from New Zealand, since then we have worked very carefully on it, with the results we have which must be reconized are taking place on this farm today.
- (4). My firm or myself have no wish in anyway to endeavour to teach the Government or any farmer in these Islands anything about sheep farming. All we require to know how we can import from New Zealand, and the cheapest way of doing so.

I expect to be in Stanley towards the middle of May

- (1). My firm wish to import next season.
- (2). We are in no way prepared to import unless the Government can import direct from New Zealand, or make the local subsidised vessel connect with a steamer in Monte Video
- (3). It is impossible I learn to arrange for disinfected lighterage etc. at Monte Video thence our importation

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via Magellanes this year.

(4). Finally what happened (with the Stock Inspector on board S/S Lafonia) our 4 Rams arrived with imported sheep from South America, all mixed up, can you consider this fair.

I wish you will bring this matter before His Excellency and also prove to him we have been the biggest importers and exporters of sheep in the Colony for a number of years, and hope to be, also our whole aim is to improve the farm, and the only way to do so is by importing fresh blood, and the sooner the matter is looked into from a broad sided point of view the better.

In no way do we intend to break the law; but as we have proved the New Zealand Corriedale is the sheep we require on this farm, we consider the Government should encourage us as to the farm's prosperity. Should they have no desire to do so we presume we will import via Monte Video, and let them land there to wait an on carrying vessel, and see what takes place after our experience of this year,

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. B. Pollock

Manager

The Honourable,
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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26th April,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th April, 1955, and to inform you that the Government desires to facilitate in any way possible the importation of sheep from New Zealand, and if sufficiently long notice is given it will endeavour to arrange with the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., for visits of the s.s. "Lafonia" to Magallanes or Montevideo to coincide as closely as possible with the arrival of any steamers from New Zealand carrying sheep for the Colony.

2. I am to add that there can be no doubt that arrangements for shipment from New Zealand can best be arranged, while you are in London, with the headquarters of the New Zealand Shipping Company.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

R.C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,
Port Howard,
West Falkland.