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APPLICATION OF MESSRS. SAHAKIAN & COMPANY
TO EXPORT SHEEP CASINGS.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

°(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)°

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley,

19th February

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The Competent Authority,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

We shall be glad to know if permission can be granted to import the following from South America on behalf of Messrs. Sahakian & Co. of Buenos Aires:-

40/50 Empty Wine Casks.
5/6 Tons Fine Salt.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton

MANAGER.

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



12th February, 1951.

Sir,

4.

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter of introduction to Farm Managers which has been handed to Mr. Ibichian.

I understand from the Assistant Treasurer and the Competent Authority that neither Department would raise an objection to any business which might be forthcoming. Export to North America and payment in sterling are the aims of Messrs. Sahakian.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

A.G. Barton

Chairman.

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The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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A/T

15 FEB 1951

Is this in order?

Hones

From the payment part in sterling, I would say it would be helpful to any interested traders in S.A. 7.1. who could pay locally in sterling against goods being placed to their credit in P.A. thereby obviating the transfer of sterling to a non-sterling area. *19/2.*

COPY.

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

.....13th February, 1951.....

CIRCULAR TO FARM MANAGERS.

Dear Sir,

This serves to introduce Mr. Ibichian, representative of Messrs. Sahakian & Co., of Buenos Aires.

Mr. Ibichian is anxious to purchase sheep casings in as large quantities as possible for export to North America. He will provide all labour and necessary materials.

I have explained the position to him as far as I know it, and the present voyage will help him to make up his mind regarding the potential business.

Mr. Ibichian does not speak English.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton

Chairman.

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Stanley,

19th February

1951.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

Mr. Ibichian, representative of Messrs. Sahakian & Co. of Buenos Aires has requested us to inquire of you on his firm's behalf whether permission would be granted to import two South American nationals for the purpose of processing sheep casings for export to North America.

Please may we have an early reply to this request.

We enclose Mr. Ibichian's letter of introduction for your perusal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Barbi

MANAGER.

*'Soft pedal' on this pt.
H.C.*

Reply at 8.

9E I am putting up separately a draft to S/S on Mr. Ibichian (Lebanese resident in Argentina) being granted a visa by the consulate in N/V without prior reference to us.

e) It looks as if his firm, though operating in B.A., is Lebanese. We would not wish to do anything to hinder business coming to

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the Colony, but on the other hand the profits will go to a firm operating in the Argentine.

2) I would suggest that he be given the permission which he seeks with the proviso that the men are not Argentine nationals.

W

20/2/51.

~~Answer~~
Agree — I do not want any Argentine nationals here: furthermore I am disposed to believe that C.D.C. have made advance arrangements with Oppenheimer in regard to earnings and I do not think any encouragement should be held out to the applicant until the matter has been discussed with Mr. Vinters.

MC. 20/2/51

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Y. E.

Ref:attached. Mr.Mills came to see me this afternoon and I took the opportunity of mentioning this to him. He told me that the same firm had applied to them recently, and had received the reply that they (Freezer) were not interested. Mr,Mills did not think that any activities of Sahakians would harm the Freezer,which will be buying whole sheep and would not be interested in buying odd casings. The Freezer would naturally utilise the casings of those sheep which it did buy.

20.2.51.

Mr. Mills is not concerned with Freezer policy and I think we should discuss with the Project Manager ; prima facie there would appear to be no objection in encouraging Sahakians as Argentine firms.

MC 21/ii

28th February,

51.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 19th of February, 1951, and to our telephone conversation of this morning and to confirm that permission will be given for Messrs. Sahakian and Company to import into the Colony two South American nationals provided that they are not Argentine nationals. This permission is given for this year only, and no guarantee can be given that similar ~~provision~~ will be granted next year.

permission

2. Mr. Ebichian's letter of introduction is returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

The Manager,
Palmland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

28th February, 1951.

Dear Venters,

As you probably know, a Mr. Ibichian, representative of a firm called Sahakian and Company of Buenos Aires, has been visiting the Colony. His firm is interested in buying sheep casings, and I understand that he has offered 6d. a "set" off the floor. As the Freezer is not yet in operation we did not feel that we could refuse him permission to operate. He asked leave to bring down two men by the next "Fitzroy" to do the work and we agreed, subject to their not being Argentine nationals; but we emphasised that the permission was granted for this year only. I spoke to Mills about it, and he said that he saw no objection. But the Governor has asked me to get your views on the matter, and so I should be glad if you could let me know how you feel about it and what your reactions would be once the Freezer is in operation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

Mr. Venters,
Colonial Development Corporation,
AJAX BAY.

VP

To K.I.V. pages
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CJC.

Sorry that a reply to your f.1. has been delayed. You will see from f.8. that the firm of Sahakian is being allowed to operate for this season. ∴ I think they should be allowed their import licence.

HCS has been

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15/3/51.

~~PAKBY~~
15/3/51.

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The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.



Stanley.

W. H.
24/11/51

With the Manager's Compliments.



COPY TELEGRAM DESPACHED FROM STANLEY
8TH NOVEMBER 1951.

"BRITAIN BUENOSAIRE

" PLEASE FACILITATE ENTRY INTO FALKLANDS
"OF MESSRS. PARSECHIAN AND MOISES BERBERIAN
"OF SAHAKIAN COMPANY FOR BUSINESS REASONS
"SIMILAR LAST SEASON

" BARTON
" FOR FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY

JK
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No objection, again strictly on a one year basis?

I assume

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26/11/51

That matter is an *Argentine* national.

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UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE
PORT OF NEW YORK

Office. Pl issue lid as in Valt at cover.

Al 25/11/51.

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DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From H. E the Governor.

To The Embassy, Buenos Aires.

Despatched : 30th November, 1951 Time : 1530

Received : 19.. Time :

Reference telegram to you from Barton, Falkland Islands Company dated 8th November. No objection to entry into Colony of persons named as long as they are not Argentine nationals and as long as their visit is for limited period not exceeding six months.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature and date: 4/12/51

GTC.
SS

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY VIA RADIO"



Stanley,

18th January 1952.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

We have received the following telegram from Messrs Sahakian & Cia. of Buenos Aires. You will recall that this firm is interested in the processing of Sheep Casings and operated at Goose Green last season.

"Local British consulate has received instructions from Governor Falkland Islands to reject visa permission for our Moises Berberian. He is born in Syria Argentine citizen by adoption. We take all responsibilities for him. Please try to arrange this. All expenses on our account regards Sahakian"

We fully realise that His Excellency and the British Foreign Office together with Falkland Islands born British citizens having suffered so many indignities and frustrations at the hands of the Argentine Government it is the natural outcome to forbid the entry of an Argentine national into the Colony.

On the other hand, should this refusal lead to reprisals being taken by the Argentine Government, and we are cut off from the source of essential foodstuffs, the Colony would indeed find itself confronted with a major disaster.

We are sure that Messrs. Sahakian would send non-Argentine nationals if they were able to do so, and we write now to enquire whether His Excellency would be prepared to reconsider his decision in this case where the man will be fully employed for two to three months, after which he will be returned to the country of his adoption.

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

A. G. Darlow
Manager.

Reply at 21

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Y.E.

Page 14, to which 11 and 13 refer. Parsechian came last year, but Moises Berberian is a new one. He is a naturalised Argentine subject.

2. There is point in what the C/M says, if the Argentine Govt: felt strongly enough about it they could make things awkward for us as far as fresh food is concerned. Berberian is probably a harmless type, but there is the principle to be considered.

3. May I have Y.E.'s ruling on this request, please.

I doubt it - they could do this all any time.

W

Refa to SJS and exp on the views

21.1.52.

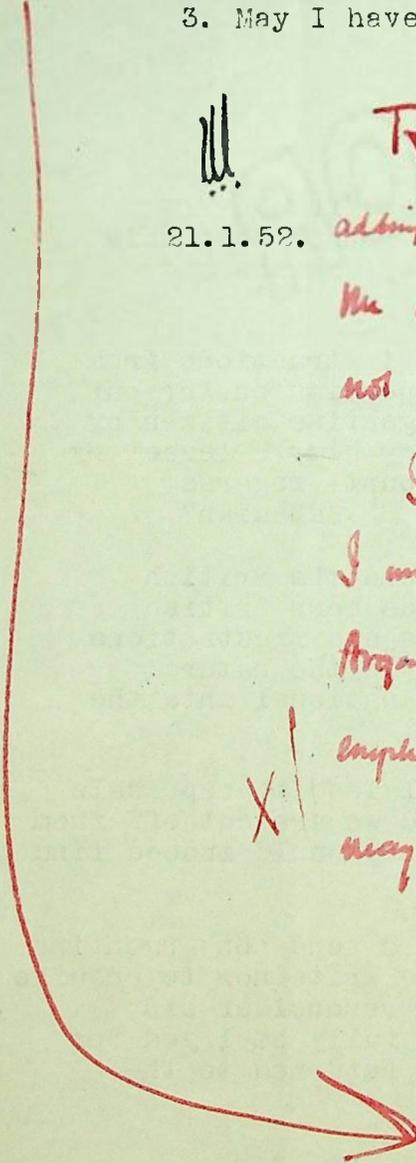
adding that ^{while} I am opposed in principle to the admission of Argentinian nationals, I am not quite certain how we stand over this

I expect the ship is quite harmless and I imagine that we have and continue to let Argentinian nationals into S. Georgia in the employ of Porca? Please ask Mr. Ginnison who may know. But I still don't like it!

X

W.C. 21/1.52

Mr. Barta's argument, pursued to its logical conclusion, implies that Argentina can hold us to ransom whenever she wishes, upon whatever pretext. This is not a proposition that I am prepared to accept.



J.E.
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Draft telegram at com s.f.c.

U.S. 22/1/52.

Before despatch pt. enquire as to
 X opposite. (SAS may raise that issue).
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ACS
 Accordingly fl.

U.S. 23/1/52.

ACS
 Mr. Grierson informs me that Argentine
 workers are imported for Sesca land station
 each year

L.P. Jacobs
 23/1/52.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 24.1.52. Time : 1000. Received : Time :

No 12. RESTRICTED. Passport Visas.

Firm of SAHAKIAN & Co of Buenos Aires, who are interested in processing of sheep casings, last year sent three men here to conduct their business. They were allowed to come on understanding that their stay was short and that none of them were Argentine nationals. This year same firm wishes to send men again. One of them is called MOISES BERBERIAN, born in Syria but Argentine subject by naturalization. Consul in Buenos Aires refused him visa in accordance with request from me not to give visas to Argentine nationals, to whose entry here I am opposed in principle because of the attitude of Argentine Government and treatment which they accord to Falkland Islanders visiting Argentine. Firm has asked that decision may be reconsidered. Argentine nationals employed by Pecsas are allowed to enter South Georgia. Grateful for your views.

GOVERNOR.

ACS Pl send reminder, marked Priority.

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BW- 15/2/52
3/1/52

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

PRIORITY.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 12.2.52. Time: 1600. Received: Time:.....

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No 26. My telegram No 12. Passport Visas.

Grateful for early reply.

GOVERNOR.

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19/2/52
10/2/52
29/2/52

GTC.
SS

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 25.2.52. Time: 1800. Received: 26.2.52. Time: 0845

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No 30. RESTRICTED. Your telegram No 26. Passport Visas.

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Unless there is strong popular feeling in the Colony against admission Argentine nationals suggest you allow some relaxation policy outlined correspondence ending with Raymer's letter to Carter of February 24th 1951.

? agree

2. I added you should continue to be consulted before visas issued to Argentine nationals but do not consider policy exclusion should be absolute. Suggest rather each case be considered on merits and visas normally granted except when strong reason to contrary. Present case appears to be one when visa might well be granted.

I suggest it should be the other way round.

3. Refusal all applications for visas must provoke further retaliation and policy difficult to defend in view admission Argentine material to South Georgia. No objection from political angle to granting of visas.

Only so long as Pooca is based on Argentine thoughts.

4. Delay in replying regretted.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GTC

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YK
Page 18, w.o.l. 14-15 & 17. Allos in this case?

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W
26/2/52.

I suppose so, but put the "bowler hats" on to him while he's here and see he doesn't get up to any mischief. See marginal note on page 2 of notes!

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ACS

We should to inform Consul, B.A. by telegram and advise F.I.C. (Copy telegram to Consul, 17/V, fi.).

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26/2/52.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

To:- ~~XXXX~~ Britain, Buenos Aires.

(repeated to Britain, Montevideo f.i.).

From:- ~~KX~~ The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 27th February, 19 52 *Time* : 1000

Received : 19 .. *Time* :

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My telegram 30th November 1951. Permission granted for
NOISES BERBERIAN, employee of Messrs Sahakian and Company
of Buenos Aires to enter Colony. Necessary visa may be
given.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

21
 6th March,

52.

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 Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th of January, 1952, I am directed to inform you that permission is hereby granted for Moises Berberian, an employee of Messrs: Sahakian & Cia., of Buenos Aires, to enter the Colony for the purpose of processing sheep casings.

2. Her Majesty's Consuls at Buenos Aires and Montevideo have been advised accordingly and requested to issue the necessary visa.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) C. CAMPBELL,

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
 Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
 STANLEY.

WH.

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H.C.S.

Noted. Thank you.
H.C.S.

11. MAR. 1952

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To see (14) onwards - particularly

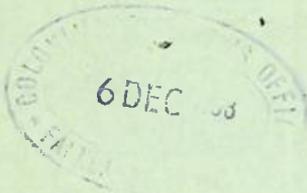
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Notes. Required action will be taken.

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Constable.

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Ref: V.A. 24135. 3
BRITISH EMBASSY (VISA SECTION),
SARMIENTO 443, 8th FLOOR,
BUENOS AIRES.

20th October, 1953.

Moises BERBERIAN

Born 1.2.1923 in Alepo (Syria). Naturalised Argentine. Argentine passport No. 2043660 issued 10.1.'52, in Buenos Aires; valid to 9.1.1954.

1. Subject has applied for a visa to permit him to visit the Falkland Islands, and do business with The Falkland Islands Company Ltd. This is confirmed in a letter from the Fabrica Argentina de Tejidos, Sahakian & Cía., S.R.L., of this city, dated 14th September, 1953, who employs him.
2. Subject wishes to make his trip in February or March, 1954, and stay there three months.
3. May I have your instructions, please.

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Reply at 25.

J.M. Dollar

Head of Visa Section.

Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

ACB for you comments

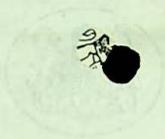
No objection - he was here last year - see 20-21.

ACB Appl. - under action. @ 10/12

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BRITISH EMBASSY (VISA SECTION)
CARRIAGE 4th FLOOR
BUENOS AIRES



Reverse - drafts re for Punta view

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11th December,

53.

Sir,

23. With reference to your letter No. V.A.24135 of the 20th of October, 1953, I am directed to inform you that a visa may be granted to Mr. Moises Berberian to visit the Colony for the purpose of conducting business with the Falkland Islands Company.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

T.K. Dollan, Esq.,
Head of Visa Section,
British Embassy (Visa Section),
Sarmiento 443,
8th Floor,
BUENOS AIRES.

b.d.f.b.b.b.

Is note from 23 pl

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H. C. S

Noted, thank you.

Lfs.

16.12.53

Noted, thank you.

J. R. J.

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