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Letter from Mr. T. P. Jones 10th May 1923 (1b)

H.P.S.

Thank you. I have enclosed letter
I shall be glad to discuss the matter in
England with Directors of any of the companies.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY,

29th May, 1923.

(P)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to report that while in Punta Arenas I was approached by three firms with reference to the project of establishing a freezer in the Falkland Islands, viz.: representatives of Weddells, Veslys, and Houlder Brothers. I give what I believe to be the controlling firms in each case though the refrigerating factories do not bear the names of any of these firms.

2. I attach two letters received from Mr. T. P. Jones, who is designated locally as the manager of the only English Freezing Company in Patagonia; his firm are Houlder Brothers. I also had an interview with Mr. Weiss, who is already well known in the Falklands and a Mr. Parfitt, who represents large interests in the business.

3. I ventured to suggest that the directors of each of the companies in London should place themselves in communication with Your Excellency in England. Mr. Bonner of San Carlos has already offered a site to two of the three gentlemen named.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most

His Excellency,

the Governor,

Stanley.

obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

1a

April 27th 1923.

RIO SECO
PUNTA ARENAS
CHILE

CABLES
JONES SOUTH AMERICA.

Dear Mr. Heaton,

FREEZING ESTABLISHMENT - FALKLAND IS.

With reference to our talk on above subject, I would like to remind you to let me have at your convenience and always provided that it causes you no trouble, the data relative to the Falklands which you so kindly promised me.

As I told you when at Rio Seco I am sure my people would, in certain circumstances, be quite willing to put up part or whole of the Capital required and also superintend the erection of the Plant. Their experience in the development of the Meat Freezing Industry - producing, transport and marketing - has been an extensive one and I really am confident that the Falkland Island people could not put the matter in better hands.

If one would only remember what Patagonia

was like before the advent of Rio Seco - the first works to be erected over here - then surely there would be no opposition to the erection of a Freezer. Everyone would benefit. It would provide lucrative employment for the people and I should think without exaggeration it would double the carrying capacity of the farms improving at the same time the breeds beyond recognition. At least that has been my experience over here and this is my fourteenth Season at Rio Seco.

Nothing would develope the Falklands better than this suggested Plant and the community would become a very thriving and propperous one.

I am, Yours v. sincerely,

H. Henniker Heaton, Esqre.,
PUNTA ARENAS.

Amphibius.

May 15th 1923. (18)

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RIO SECO
PUNTA ARENAS
CHILE

CABLES
JONES SOUTHAMPTON

Dear Mr. Heaton,

Just one more note re Freezing Works in the Falklands. Could you let me have on your return to the Falkland Islands the number of sheep (approximately) carried at say 30th June and of this number how many are owned by the F.I. Company. Also in the event of the Government placing land at our disposal for a site where roughly would it be situated. This would be valuable information and as far as I can see at present all that we would require. I am taking the question up very actively with our London people and if I can get them interested it will then be necessary for me to make a personal visit to the Islands. A couple of weeks inspection of the Islands with an expert whom I would bring over would be sufficient for me to decide whether the erection of a Freezing Establishment would be a paying proposition or not.

One thing is certain and that is my people would be the ideal firm to carry through this business. As you know they are British and

they have refrained from turning the Rio Seco Freezing Works into a Chilean Company although by so doing they would have saved an enormous sum of money. During the war we were taxed the same as any Company at home and large sums were paid as Excess Profit which our Competitors here of course did not pay. Now we have to pay huge Income Tax and the Corporation Tax which works very badly against us as all other Freezers here get off scott free. It would be an easy matter to turn this Company into a Chilean one but our Directors are very patriotic in this connection.

I do hope I have not bored you with this matter but I feel certain you are very keen to forward the interests of the Islands. It has been a great privilege for me to make your acquaintance and I look forward to meeting you again in Port Stanley.

With kindest regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

Tomphurst

*H. Heaton
P. Arenas.*