

C.S.

INDUSTRIES
(Miscellaneous.)

1936.

No.

60/36

S. of S. despatch No. 37;

SUBJECT.

1936.

22nd February.

Enquiry from Mr. J. B. S. Coates relating to geological formation of Falkland Islands.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1 - 4 S. of S. despatch, No. 37 of 22nd February, 1936.

*fr. Submitted for information.
mca
8.4.36.*

*What do you propose to do about it?
Can there not be some copies of D. Baker's
report?*

JTH/ 8/4/36

*Will you pl. report on the complaint
that he has sent her letters without
getting replies.*

Subsequent Paper.

*C.C. was letter sent?
mca*

A.C.S.

The letters referred to cannot be traced in this office.

C. Lt. Co.
8/4/36

Y/L.

Mr. Coates appears to have been supplied with the information he requires by the C.O. vide Red 1.

There is no trace of the letters to which Mr. Coates refers having been received here.

C. Lt. Co.
16/4/36

? S: Baker's report

~~ttttt~~ 20/4/36

Y/L.

There are spare copies of S: Baker's Report in this office. A copy will be forwarded to Mr. Coates.

C. Lt. Co.
20/4/36

Copy sent
to Y/L.

Please let me have a copy also
Tell him that the letters have
been rec'd. for him

21/4/36

~~ttttt~~ 21/4

⑤ Letter to J. B. S. Coates, of 21/4/36.

~~P.A.
21/4/36~~

⑥ Letter from Mr. J. B. S. Coates, of 1/5/36.

Non. D.P.W.

In r. 6. the last sentence of ⑥ I should be glad if you could furnish the information required.

J.P.C.
15/5/36

Non. Col. Sec.

There is no printed matter on the availability of water power in the colony. I have a good knowledge of the E + W Falklands, but I know of no rivers or streams that would be suitable or capable of being utilized for water power. There is water power at S Georgia which is used by the Whaling Cos.

J. Roberts.

D.P.W.
15/5/36.

Letter to Mr. J.B.S. Coates of 19/5/36.

(6)

P.A.
28/5/36

Copy

Esmeralda, 329,

Buenos Aires,

Argentina, So. Amer.

December 23rd, 1935.

Honourable

Under Secretary for the Colonies,
London, England.

Sir,

The writer is a British subject (Newfoundland). I am desirous of getting information regarding Falkland Islands with special regard to its geological formation. I understand that coal is being mined there at this time. I cannot ascertain the name of the operators nor have I had any reply from the Government Office on the Islands, to which I have written on two occasions; the last being 2 months ago.

I was interested to the extent that if preliminary information would seem to warrant the trip I might go over there. Have been interested in mining for some years, practical, and have been examining gold placer properties in the Argentine.

I recall full well the experience of Newfoundland 40 years ago when the Wabana iron mine in Conception Bay was first opened up and the very little benefit accruing to the Island, then and now, from its operation. The Falkland Islands being off the beaten track it occurred to me that something might be lying dormant as in the case of Newfoundland's immense hematite deposits.

May

May I have your interest in this letter to the extent of sending me any information which your geological department would consider helpful in sizing up the situation in the mining game and small guide map if there are such -

I thank you, gentlemen and am,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd) J.B.S.Coates.

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to Mr. J. B. S. Coates, and, in reply to his letter of the 23rd December, is directed to forward a copy of a pamphlet giving general information relating to the Falkland Islands.

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.,

17 February, 1936.

60/36.

21st April,

Sir,

Red 3

With reference to your letter of the 23rd of December, 1935, addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, I am directed by the Governor to enclose herewith a copy of a Report on Geological Investigations in the Falkland Islands by H. A. Baker, D.Sc., D.I.C., F.G.S., F.R.G.S., Government Geologist (1920-1923).

2. I am to add with regard to the statement in your letter that you have written on two occasions to this Government requesting information as to the geological formation of the Falkland Islands, that no letters have been received from you at this office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

J. B. S. Coates, Esq.,
Esmeralda, 329,
Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

Esmeralda, 329,
Buenos Aires, Ar.
May, 1st., 1936

Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Gentlemen;- Your file 60/36.

Acknowledging receipt of, and thanking you for, your letter
21st. ultimo together with Report of Mr. H. A. Baker, Government

Very interesting. Unimpressive statement. Further intensification
by prospecting would seem to be in order. Diamond drill in a few
would tell the story as nothing else can. All that I have read from
time to time is inconclusive.

I must apologize for the round about route in connecting with
your department. No other course open. Before writing London I
written Stanley on Nov 1st, with a previous letter some 6 months
No response. I feel now that I have succeeded in my first effort.

Is there any printed matter on the availability of water per
on the Islands, if so would you kindly let me have a copy.

Yours very truly,

J.B.S. Coates

J.B.S. Coates,

JBSC.

I might add, in case I have not done so, that I am a British Subject,
native of Newfoundland.

*Not
received
ever
G.M.*

60/36.

19th May,

Sir,

Recd 6

With reference to your letter of the 1st of May, 1936, I am directed to inform you that there is no printed matter on the availability of water power in the Colony, but that as far as is known there are no rivers or streams which would be suitable or capable of being utilized for water power.

Yours,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CP
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. B. S. Coates,
Esmeralda, 329,
Buenos Aires,
ARGENTINA.