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- Letter from Mr E. Goldschmid - Abrahams of 6th March 1924, — " (1a)*
- Letter to Mr E. Goldsmid - Abrahams of 28th March 1924, — " (1B)*

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No further action necessary at present
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Reference to previous correspondence:-
Secretary of State's Despatch No..... of the
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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 21.....

DOWNING STREET,

.....31st April,.....19..24

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of application of Mr. E. Goldsmid-Abrahams for a concession to work certain guano deposits in the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

J. H. Thomas

Date.	Description.
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6th March	From Mr. E. Goldsmid-Abrahams
28th March	To - do -

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68 ST. JAMES STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

6th March, 1924.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

FALKLAND ISLANDS

With reference to the several interviews I have had with Mr. Allen and Mr. Middleton, the Governor of the Island, I am prepared to register a Syndicate for the purpose of sending out a Chemist with a portable Laboratory and the necessary Drying Plant, to test bulk samples of the different deposits of Guano, with a view to finding out whether these deposits are of sufficient commercial value to justify working on a commercial scale.

I am therefore returning the Draft Agreement which I understand was drawn up by the Department's Solicitors a year or two ago for some other people, the negotiations coming to nothing. I have made some pencil alterations which I have shewn to Mr. Middleton, the most important of which is that Kidney and Coshon Islands are to be included, as they are the only two islands on which it is certain that there are considerable deposits.

If you are prepared to enter into this agreement as altered, this expedition will prove once and for all whether the Guano will produce a revenue for the islands or not.

I shall be glad to hear from you on the matter as soon as possible.

Yours, etc.

(sgd) E. GOLDSMID-ABRAHAMS.

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Downing Street,

28 March, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Thomas to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th March, applying for a concession to work certain guano deposits in the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies. The Secretary of State has no evidence that the guano deposits of the islands of these groups are likely to prove of economic value, and until such evidence is available he is not prepared to negotiate for any formal concession. He would, however, if you desire it, recommend the Colonial Government to give to a Syndicate formed by yourself facilities for exploration of the deposits in question during twelve months, and at the end of that period to grant a concession generally on the lines of the Draft Agreement enclosed in your letter, provided that the Syndicate satisfy the Government that their financial resources are adequate and that the deposits are likely

E. GOLOS MID-ABRAHAMS, ESQ.

likely to prove valuable.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Signed) G. GRINDLE