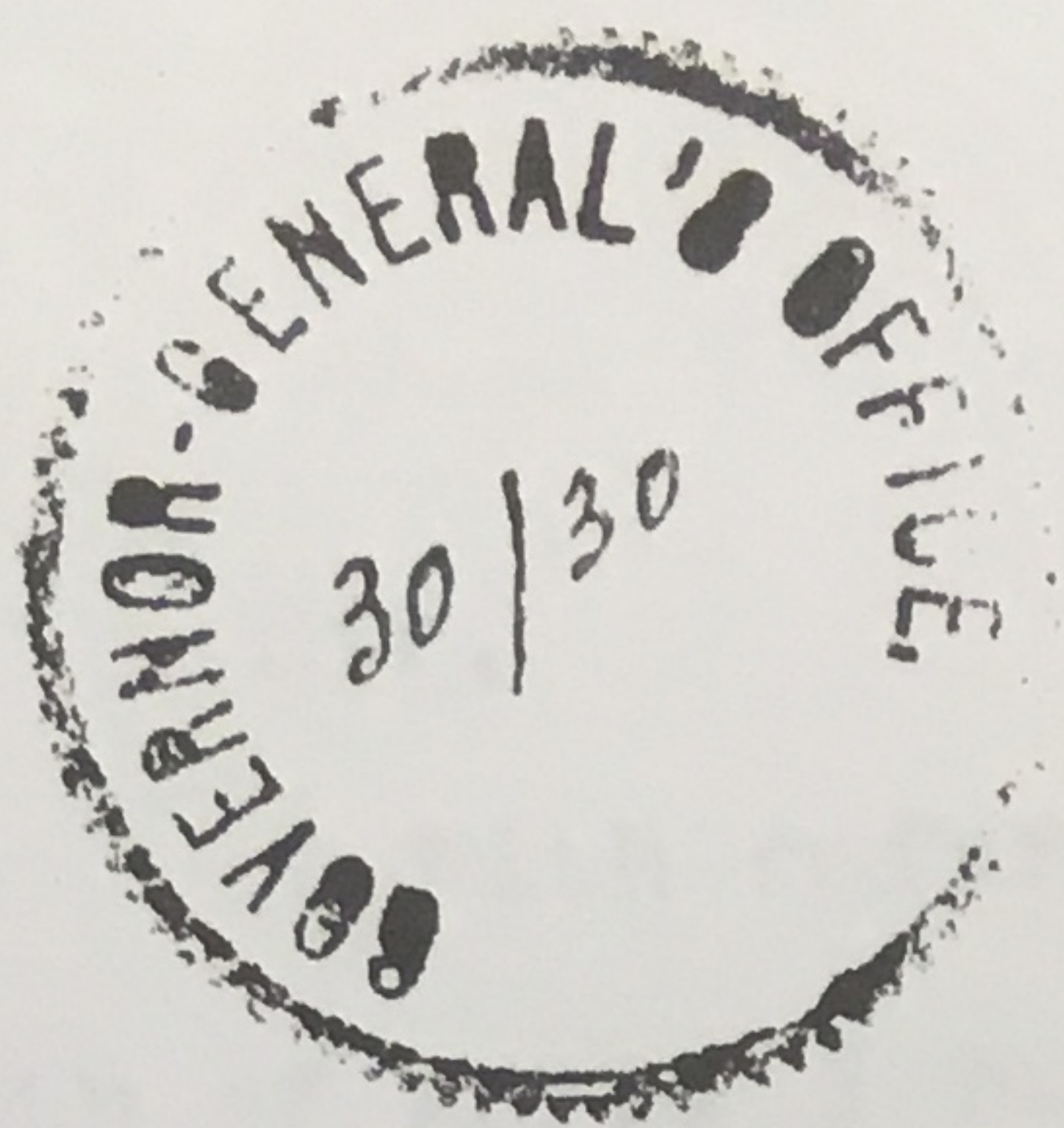


No. 30/23.



Governor-General's Office,
Pretoria,

31 July, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 24th July, regarding the repatriation of Boer settlers in Argentina, to the effect that no restrictions will be placed on the landing of these settlers in South Africa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) GLADSTONE

Governor-General.

Claude Russell, Esq.,

His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires,

Buenos Aires,

Argentine Republic.

June 6, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch No.2 Africa of the 4th of April I have the honour to report that I am in receipt of information respecting the Boer settlers in Chubut from sources which I regard as reliable. From what I hear the conclusion of the long drought and improved economic prospects have modified the prevalent wish to leave the country at the earliest opportunity. There has also been a change for the better in the local administration. I understand that though in principle the greater number desire to return to South Africa, there are now few who would do so unless they could first realize their property on favourable terms. According to my information, if the circumstances of any would-be emigrants are strictly examined, it will be found that next to none are in a condition to entitle them to repatriation at public expense. It is probable, however, that many on arrival in South Africa would need assistance, and I would suggest that if the Union Government should adopt the scheme proposed in my abovementioned Despatch, it would be well that an assurance should be given to those who apply to His Majesty's Legation for repatriation, that, whether they are considered entitled to assisted passages or not, they will, in any case, not find themselves stranded on arrival in South Africa.

I am informed that the total number of the Boer settlers including women and children, is now between 800 and 1000.

The Right Honble

Sir Edward Grey Bart M.P.

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I am sending a copy of this Despatch to the Governor-
General of South Africa.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(sd) Claud Russell