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19th MAY 1903.

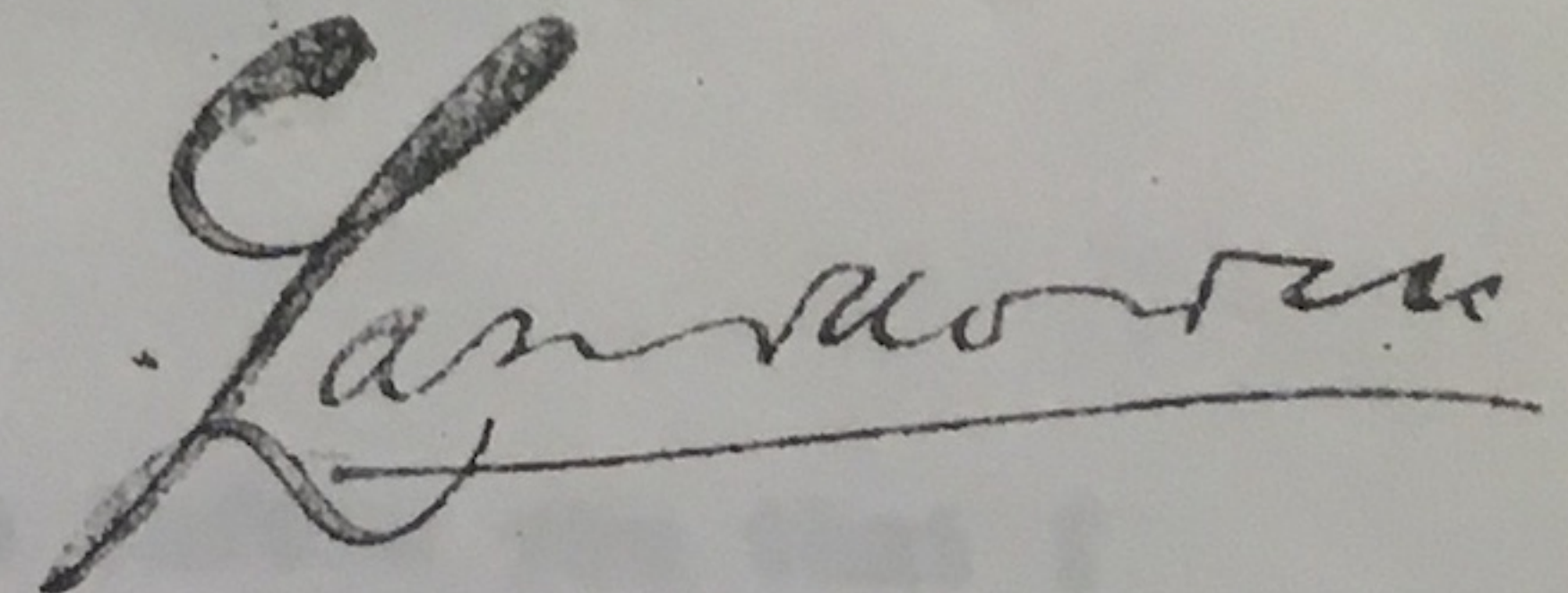
My dear Robinson,

By Secret memorandum dated the 28th of April His Excellency requested the Attorney-General to institute inquiries as to the doings of Messrs. Visser, Greyling, and Botha who have recently returned to this country from Argentina.

The reports, of which I enclose copies contain all the information on the subject which, up to the present, we have been able to secure. Further reports which will arrive will be sent on to you in due course.

I may say that "Ons Land" of to-day's date contains a long letter from Visser detailing his experiences in Argentina and announcing that he intends to settle there. The Editor, in a leaderette on the letter, expresses the hope that no one will follow Visser's example.

Yours sincerely,



H.W.B. Robinson, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
Government House.

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Criminal Investigation Dept.,
Cape Police District No. 3,
CAPE TOWN.

The

Officer Commanding,
Cape Police D. 3,
PIQUETBERG.

Messrs. Visser, Greyling, and
Botha, re.

Information has been received at this Office to the effect that the abovenamed have returned from Argentina to this Colony. They are about to hold meetings at Porterville.

Kindly make confidential enquiries and let me know any developments which may occur at same.

I sent a copy of the above to Porterville thinking at the time that you were stationed there and only yesterday was informed by Col. Robinson that you were at Piquetberg.

(Signed) S. LORIMER,
Captain.
Inspector-in-charge.

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The

Inspector-in-charge,  
C.I.D.,  
CAPE TOWN.

I beg to inform you that I  
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received your confidential communication addressed to Porterville. One of my men left to-day for Porterville in plain clothes, who is unknown there and can undertake the rôle of a Dutchman without detection. As soon as I hear of their presence there and any developments I will acquaint you immediately.

PIQUETBERG,  
5:5: '03.

(Signed) C.H. ADAMS,  
Lieut & S/O.  
Cape Police 3.

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The
Inspector-in-charge,
C.I.D.,
CAPE TOWN.

Messrs. Visser, Greyling, & Botha.

With reference to your confidential letter on the above men I have so far discovered that only Visser has been to Porterville. He was there about 12 or 14 days ago and had 35 Argentine horses with him which he sold and left for down-country. Nothing is known of his having held any meeting during his stay there.

I will keep you posted as to all that transpires should any of the above three turn up.

PIQUETBERG,
7:5: '03.

(Signed) C.H. ADAMS,
Lieut & S/O.
Cape Police 3.

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BARKLY EAST,

14th May 1903,

Re Visser, Greyling and Botha.

Sir,

In answer to your letter dated 29th April, I have the honour to report as follows:-

The abovenamed, Visser, Greyling, and Botha, have returned to this District, Botha and Greyling staying at their farms, but Visser is still in Town where he hired a house. He receives many visitors (Dutch) and, as far as I can find out, is commissioned by the Argentine Republic Authorities to bring 30 families out for which he receives payment or land in Argentina. He has distributed books on the Land, and I enclose you a copy of an Introduction of one of them. The man who signed C. Ricchiardi is a Colonel, and all applications for farms are to be made to him. I am afraid that Visser will get 30 families here to go with him and of the better-class farmers. Visser is a clever and cute man. The other two are in my opinion of not much interest. I watch the things closely and will let you know at once if anything further occurs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. SCHWARZKOPF,

Chief Constable.

The

Criminal Investigation Dept.,

Cape Police District No. 3.

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TRANSLATION.

Historical review and official
returns of the Argentine Republic, with
illustrations

by

C. Ricchiardi,

Buenos Aires.

Herewith answer to my letter from Barkly Easy re
Visser, Greyling, and Botha, for your information.

For the sake of secrecy I do not keep
any copies of this correspondence at my office.

(Signed) S. LORIMER, Captain.

18:5:'03.

True copies, *G.P.*...