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Feb. 22, 1929	101	Partridge to Bp. St. Helena	Arrived Tristan (Offshore) Capetown firm wishes to explore possibility fish canning business and guano.
June 26, 1931	102	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	A. G. Partridge to be relieved for furlough. Cannot appoint a man during interim. Bps. approval.
July 22, 1931	103	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	Mr. Snell called with an introduction from the Bp. of C.T. Two sides to the work for the Islanders:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some authority necessary to send supplies. This clearly not duty of missionary Scty. Support hitherto obtained through charity appeals by Gane - now drying up. Therefore Government must accept responsibility, either of removing Islanders or supplying them with the necessities of life. 2. So long as they remain on Island spiritual responsibility is ours, and you as Bishop the authority. <p><u>Snell says there should be two, not one priest on Island, and both married!</u> He went so far as to say one is of no use at all. I feel, although Tristan has been under your authority, it has nevertheless been our responsibility. I venture to suggest that focus of action should now change and that you should press Tristan upon the Church of the Province of South Africa. The S.P.G. will promise for some years to contribute the greater part of the expenses if the organization is centralized in Cape Town. Suggest you calculate cost of Chaplain and church stores and ask S.P.G. to contribute $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total cost to meet $\frac{1}{3}$ to be raised in the Province of S.A. We are ready to help in obtaining men to go out, but one from South Africa would stimulate interest there. We could act as agents.</p>
Aug. 1, 1931	104	Bp. St. Helena to S. P. G.	P. Snell written to say H. M. S. "Carlisle" leaving for Tristan shortly at cost to H. M. Government of £2000. Bp. visiting island will bring Rev. Partridge away with him. Rev. Pooley has offered to work on Ascension Island - Don't think him suitable.

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Aug. 4, 1931	105	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p>In answer to your letter of July 2nd and your questions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All our gifts are raised by Special Appeal. 2. No guaranteed communications either private or Government. 3. People feel Islanders becoming beggar-minded and appeals not so successful - about £150 per annum. 4. Colonial Office anxious to remove them if the opportunity arises and they are prepared to consider it. 5. Colonial Office and Crown Agents are stiffening and are not prepared to offer free passage for stores provided by either devoted or sentimental donors. - The latter send an amazing amount of trash! 6. Partridge offered to go for 1 year, stayed 3 yrs. and offered to go back after furlough - We are willing but expenses are heavy. 7. We accept your decision with disappointment that Partridge should not return. We feel he has done better work than any previous Chaplain, and the people write with affection. 8. S.P.G. will contribute £120 p.a. for 3 years to cover his salary and stores and £100 towards stores for the island for the new man's first arrival.
Feb. 19, 1932	106	Bp. St. Helena to Col. Office Sidebotham.	<p>Refers to interview in Nov. 1931 re Tristan and report made by Bp. after visit on 'Carlisle'. - Nothing further to add to and report.</p> <p>A strong Committee with Sir Herbert Stanley (High Commissioner) in the Chair, formed in Cape Town. Bishop Lavis, Admiral Tweedy, W. Ranby (Diocesan Secretary) and Snell.</p> <p>N.B. Suggest Island be placed under the care of High Commissioner of S.A. The C.T. Committee are in favour. Conditions on Island are bad and likely to be worse. The High Commissioner has started a</p>

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	106	(Continued)	<p>Chamber of Commerce on the Swaziland model to try and help things along. The most hopeful plan is <u>the boosting of the place as the Maderia of S. A. to attract holiday & retired people.</u> We have the buildings and many assets in this direction.</p> <p align="right">(Sgd.) C. C. WATTS Bp. St. Helena.</p>
Apr. 27, 1932	107	CABLE S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p>Partridge accompanies Brazilian Scientific Expedition sailing for Tristan early May is appointed Magistrate. Would appreciate title Canon or Archdeacon for Church status. Now staying Gloria Hotel Rio de Janeiro. Suggestion forwarded without comment.</p> <p align="center">GOSPELIZE</p>
Apr. 28, 1932	108	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p>Partridge arrangements. Conclusion of negotiations between H. M. Government and Brazilian Government. H. M. G. asked Partridge sail short notice to join Expedition leaving Brazil in May for 18 months on Tristan. Partridge appointed Magistrate & Commissioner. Partridge left for Rio de Janeiro with 18 months stores. Request that Partridge be appointed Archdeacon of Diocese.</p> <p>Roman business (Southern Cross article now published in Tablet) a worrying business. They wish to send a Priest. Neither we nor the H. M. G. can stop it.</p>
May 17, 1932	109	Partridge to Bp. from T. d. Cunha	<p>Returned by Jap ship "Arizona Maru" Preceded Brazilian Expedition.</p>
Oct. 6, 1932	110	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p>Owing to civil strife in Brazil Expedition now cancelled. An earlier letter from Government spoke of possibility of a scientific Expedition from S. Africa if Brazilian Expedition failed to go.</p>
Dec. 6, 1932	111	Bp. St. Helena to S. P. G.	<p>Thanks for letter. Have just returned from Cape Town and Meeting of Tristan Welfare Committee. There is not any likelihood of Expedition from South Africa. Hope Partridge will stay full period.</p>

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Dec. 20, 1932	112	D. Gane to Bp. St. Helena	<p>Gratified at Bishop's sympathetic review of his book and his statement that it will become a "<u>Classic</u>"</p> <p>No Colonial Office plans re Cunard ship "Carinthia" calling. Leaving New York 7th January 1933. Company had written to Gane reminding him of their promise to pick up stores in Cape Town for Tristan. April rather late for Tristan good weather, but may be luckier than "Franconia" stores. Ship from Rio de Janeiro breaking journey at Tristan to pick up Partridge - pity news not received sooner to get off stores to catch her before she leaves Rio.</p> <p>Glad of Sir Herbert Stanley's interest in Tristan.</p>
Dec. 21, 1932	113	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p>Brazilian Expedition to Island with Colonial Office approval. Asking if Partridge can return immediately after leave to be there during Expedition.</p> <p>Japanese boat calling Dec. 18 can pick up Partridge. World cruise early next spring will take mail.</p>
Dec. 30, 1932	114	Partridge to Bp. St. Helena from Capetown	<p>Arrived here Christmas Eve, and sailing to-morrow on "Armada Castle". Norwegian whaler called six weeks ago and I sent cable with it to Colonial Office asking to be relieved. They diverted Japanese ship which arrived out of the blue the IVth Sunday after Advent. Disappointed Brazilian Expedition cancelled, and with it plans for Met Station.</p>

* (Evacuation C.P.L.)

* As matters stand I can see no future but inevitable starvation and a progressive degeneration of the people. We must face facts and disabuse our minds of sentiment. I must for conscience sake try to persuade the Government to remove the Islanders giving them an opportunity to settle elsewhere as a Community (at first.).

I have been able to establish a local Government - Peter Repetto is the Head Man and Frances Repetto Head Woman, each with officers and councillors to help & guide them. The scheme worked extraordinarily well while I was there - whether it will continue in my absence remains to be seen.

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Jan. 23, 1933	115	Gene to Under Sec. of State	<p>Partridge returned a week ago and has not communicated with me. Heard his broadcast that crop has failed. When Pooley made a similar appeal Messrs. Houston & Co's ship "Halesius" was <u>diverted at Treasury cost to deliver stores purchased out of my fund.</u></p> <p>Seeing Mr. Partridge is now appointed Honorary Commissioner and Island Magistrate and that (according to "Times" report) this has led to some form of Government, I take it the Island has come within the Colonial system. Presumably relief will be official and private support not needed.</p> <p>As I am/.....</p>

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	115	(Continued)	As I am receiving letters that show the impression given by Mr Partridge is that they are threatened with starvation, and I am asked what is being done, I will be obliged if you will inform me if my interpretation is right. If it is so it would be unfair if measures of relief were again left to my initiative, and more so as any direct statement of the position as it now obtains is withheld from me.
Feb. 1 1933	116	Under Sec. of State to Gene	<p>We have been in touch with Mr. Partridge after his return. He is now on short leave abroad & needs the holiday. This may be the reason you have not heard from him. His reports make it obvious that supplies will have to be sent and <u>3000 bushels</u> of potatoes will be required to meet the unfortunate Islanders' needs.</p> <p>The appointment of Partridge as Commissioner does not imply any alteration in the normal relationship between the Colonial Office and Tristan. The appointment was merely to give him prestige in the event of the visit by the Brazilian Scientific Expedition.</p> <p>We hope individual effort will continue. The Treasury has given us a grant for the transport of stores, and it would be a bad time to ask for more. Please come and have a talk. Interested in your book.</p> <p>(SGD) A. J. DAWE.</p>
Feb. 2, 1933	117	S. P. G. to Ep. St. Helena	<p>Partridge returned to United Kingdom. Reported to S.P.G. and Colonial Office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warning of potato shortage. 2. Considers that in 10 yrs island will be unable to support the population. 3. "Carinthia" going, but we are not sending a Priest this time. We must suspend our activities due to financial difficulties. England is hard hit and the missions are suffering.

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Feb. 6, 1933	118	Gene to Col. Office	<p>Thanks for letter but too ill to accept invitation to meeting. What took me unawares was that Transport Grant by Treasury was being used for emergency traveling expenses of Rev. Partridge with Brazilian Expedition - no doubt warranted but we are now without means to pay transport of stores.</p> <p>"Carinthia" has a call in her itinerary, but not timed to reach Island before late April when good weather is over, and will not hang about. You may remember the "Franconia" experience, when stores were taken on to S. America and then sent home - this would not do for emergency stores.</p>
Apl. 5, 1933	119	Partridge to Bp. St. Helena	<p>The raggy R. C. Paper "Universe" attempted to reply to my article in "Church Times", but could only snap and snarl. - I don't think they will really worry Tristan but Aggie will be a thorn in the side of any Priest who goes there.</p> <p>Busy with lectures and have taken rooms in London.</p> <p>Just received a mail from Tristan. The C. Office have again put Tristan on the shelf.</p> <p>Thinking of returning next year for further 3 years. It seems pathetic to dump another inexperienced man there, putting everything back; for most of the Islanders will try the same old greedy tricks - the same old lying - and the Priest will have the same old battles to fight ere he win through. I sometimes think this is the job God calls me to do, while at other times I just long to settle down.</p>
Aug. 4, 1933	120	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p>R. M. S. P. ship "Atlantis" calling at Tristan Feb. 19th, 1934. Calling also at St. Helena. Now looking for new man not forgetting man you suggest in S. Africa.</p>
	121	S. P. G. to Bp. St. Helena	<p><u>Re Peace</u> Your confidential note - I did everything to make clear to him hard facts of the case and the impossibility of there being any hope of commercial development on the Island.</p>

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