



PREMIER'S OFFICE,
HOBART.

27th November, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to hereby give you full authority to land at the Macquarie Islands at any point and at any time or times you desire, to erect and maintain a wireless station thereon, to establish stores and depots, to erect temporary or other buildings, and to do all things incidental to ~~or~~ necessary in connection with your Expedition.

This authority also extends to all the officers and men under your command or taking part in the Expedition or left on the Islands to maintain and work the wireless station.

You and they have the right to go into any part of the Island without interruption from any one, but not so as to unnecessarily interfere with the operations upon which the present tenant of the Islands, Captain Hatch of Invercargill, is engaged.

Recently Captain Hatch's lease became liable to forfeiture, and it was only continued under certain conditions, two of which were in the following terms :-

"That you (i.e. Captain Hatch) allow Dr. Mawson
"and any members of his Expedition and any other
"person authorised by him full right to land on
"any part of Macquarie Island and to reside

- thereon -

Dr. Douglas Mawson,
Commander Antarctic Expedition,
S.Y. "Aurora",
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"thereon for such time as they wish; and also to erect
"thereon and maintain a wireless station without any
"interruption whatsoever

"That no objection be raised by you to the establish-
"ment of a wireless station by the Federal Government
"or any person acting with the consent and authority
"of the State Government."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

N. E. Lewis

Premier.