22nd December, 1958.

Dear Dr Stoy,

Thank you immensely for your very helpful attitude to what I fear must inevitably have been a troublesome enquiry.

The form you give for a year's rainfall suits my purpose admirably, though there will be no need to wait until the series can be completed before sending batches as they become available.

As I emphasized, I assumed that copying and checking might well be a time-consuming and perhaps a costly business. However, I can start work on any continuous series (e.g. the last 25 or 50 years) without using the others.

Of course, however, the probable length of your series from the Cape was a very great attraction, so I should say it would be of value to have any existing material prior to 1886 without waiting for the breaks to be filled in, though still cherishing some hopes about them.

I wonder if anything could have percolated into some mid 19th century publications, for the British Rainfall Organization was beginning to move.

Chubby Stratton sends his kindest regards and good wishes for Christmas.

Sincerely yours,