

Ag - Sheep

LIVE STOCK, (Sheep)  
 (Misc.)  
 (Agriculture)  
 PORT & MARINE (Shipping)  
 (Misc.)

C.S.

19 42.

No. 98/42.

Director of Agriculture.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

10th August.

Previous Paper.

SUGGESTED CALL OF A NEW ZEALAND VESSEL  
 AT PORT STANLEY.

See also 0577 New Zealand & Other Companies-  
 negotiations re calling at Falkland Islands.

143/38.

13/40 (22/21)

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Director of Agriculture of 10. 8. 42.

(2)

Harbour Master

May I have your views on (1) pl?

KB  
 12/8

(3)

Honourable Colonial Secretary

I feel every endeavour should be made to get this ship here. a large training Harbour dues on the grounds that if she does not come here we lose them anyway a would also have to add M/V. dues to the costs. Military might like the offer bounty of topping up stores to help make up cargo.

Biggest difficulty is return cargo. From enquiries made in similar previous case, given time to organise campaign at least 500 tons Scrap metal could be collected.

W.S. Hall

13. VIII. 42.

Subsequent Paper.



(4)

B.C. Troops

Did you wish to get anything by this ship, if we can arrange matters, - perhaps you could give a list hereon.

KB.

14/8 (5).

We shall have to order through War Office so we cannot give a list of our requirements. We are writing War Office suggesting that they utilize this ship for the manure required for our agricultural section.

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(6)

G.F.

Will G.F. approve? We do not know in the Secretariat whether the Trade Commissioner has anything out G.F.C. If not, perhaps the Port sentence should be altered.

KB

17/8.

(7)

Not sufficient detail re seeds to.

In any case owing to the complete control of all shipping space, time, conveyance & the fact that we cannot unload sufficiently quickly, let alone load ship, the feasibility of the idea is questionable.

No steps can or may be taken at present, nor do I anticipate any change in this viewpoint in the near future. The complications & ramifications are too great for us here to determine.

KB 17/8/42

Opinable to Director of Agriculture of 19. 8. 42.

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H. M. TRADE COMMISSIONER

NEW ZEALAND

Would be grateful if arrangements could be made for vessel carrying sheep for Falkland Islands to call at Port Stanley. We would waive port dues.

*Reference invited my letter 28<sup>th</sup> November 1940 placing order*  
Adverting to our order for Dairy stock of November

1940 please reduce order for heifers of each breed by half and if it would not delay dispatch substitute "purebred" for "grade". Estimate price of heifers £15 to £20. Suggest these, including bulls, might be shipped with sheep.

Would it be possible to secure from New Zealand cheese, butter, jam, sugar (50 tons), condensed milk, rock phosphate (30 tons), chaff or hay, Algerian oat seeds, swede and turnip seeds (100 lbs), seed potatoes, grass seeds, in all about 200 tons weight. If this is possible would save demand on United Kingdom or on foreign exchange. *Possibility further cargo may be ordered by War office.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



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MINUTE.

No.

10th. August 1942.

From

Director of Agriculture.

To

The Honourable,

~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,~~

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley,

The Falkland Island Co. Ltd. has placed an order for sheep in New Zealand, and we understand that these are to be shipped direct to Montevideo. It would be desirable to have the sheep landed directly in Port Stanley, thus avoiding the possibility of their contracting diseases in South America while awaiting transshipment. If this could be arranged it would seem a good opportunity to obtain the ~~delay~~<sup>dairy</sup> stock which we ordered through the British Trade Commissioners in Wellington in November 1940. The Falkland Island Co. ~~have~~<sup>would</sup> also purchase sugar, cheese, butter, jam, milk, oat seed, potatoe seed and hay by the same ship, and we would like to add Rock Phosphate and Chaff. The total of this order would amount to approximately 120 tons weight (including 50 tons sugar and 30 tons rock phosphate). Perhaps we might encourage a diversion of the ship if we offered to rebate port dues. I believe there is a precedent for this.

See Reids 20-21 in 143/88 Attached

Would you agree to send the following telegram.

British Trade Commissioners. Wellington. N. Z.

Would be pleased if possible arrange ship carrying sheep for Falkland Islands call Port Stanley. If can be arranged we shall rebate harbour dues.

Adverting to our order for dairy stock of November 1940, please reduce order for heifers of each breed by half and if it would not delay dispatch substitute "purebred" for "grade" Estimate price of heifers £15 to £20. Suggest these, including bulls might be shipped with sheep.

Would it be possible to secure from New Zealand cheese, butter, jam, sugar, (56 tons) condensed milk, rock phosphate (30 tons) chaff or hay, Algerian oat seeds, swede and turnip seeds (100 lbs) seed potatoes, grass seeds in all about ~~200~~ tons weight. If possible would save demand on U.K. or on foreign exchange.

Director of Agriculture.

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No. 98/42.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

19th August, 19 42.

*From* The Colonial Secretary,

*To* The Director of Agriculture,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Red!*  
With reference to your Minute of the 10th August suggesting the diversion of a New Zealand ship to Stanley, His Excellency regrets that he is unable to authorise such action being taken. Many considerations have led him to this conclusion of which the following are the most important.

- (1) We have special arrangements for getting our food supplies from South America - from outside the Empire "pool" of foodstuffs, and cannot now enter the "pool" again with our demands.
- (2) For many months there will be other ships unloading here and labour is very scarce. Imperial shipping is rigidly controlled from London and if we were to obtain the diversion of a ship here and perhaps delay her for a week or more unloading we might cause serious dislocation in convey times, etc.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
6~~th~~th. September, 1942.

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Sir,

With reference to your application for a licence covering the importation of various foodstuffs from New Zealand, I am directed to inform you that, for a variety of reasons, it has been found impracticable to arrange for a vessel from New Zealand to call here, and that your application cannot at present be granted.

The question of tea from the United Kingdom will be decided after further discussion.

I am,  
Sir,

your obedient servant,

Competent Authority.

The Chief Storekeeper,  
West Store Office,  
Stanley.



Hon. Sol. Ke.

(9)

Import licence application from F.P. Co. submitted. The Chief Stocker informs me that H. S. gave the Manager to understand that a large order various commodities would probably facilitate the vessel calling at Hanley. This appears to clash with the policy outlined in H.E.'s minute of 17.9.42 and Red 2 of this paper.

May instructions be given, please, as to whether or not the licence should be granted?

M.B. Gault.

1-9-42.

(10)

G.F.

This surprises me in view of (7). I think G.F. must have been misunderstood or misrep.

(11)

Comp. Auth.

The conversation referred to took place some time before the recent proposal was considered & rejected. This Permit should be refused as an explanation given that it has been found impracticable owing to a variety of reasons outside our control to arrange for a New Zealand vessel to call here.

M.B.

4/9.

Hon. Sol. Ke.

(13)

Application refused, and traders informed accordingly.

Red 12.

M.B. Gault.

6.10.9-42.

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