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No. 248/46

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Secretary of State	SUBJECT.
19 46 28th September.	"ANTARCTIC PILOT" PUBLICATION
Previous Paper.	
	MINUTES.
Subsequent Paper.	

Inside Minute Paper.

1. A. of S. Despatch No. 24 of 28.9.46

2.

N.O.I.C.I should be grateful if you
could enable me to reply to (1).

A.B.L.

20.11.46

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- M.R.V. —

21.11.46.

4. Tel. No. 362. to A. of S. of 23.11.46

B.W. 15/12/46
16/12/46
23/11/46
24/12/467/12/46
10/3/47
12/3/47

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YE.

may wish to see (1). Should
send it to Capt. S.G. through
Comd M.V. as we know that
a rescue ship is coming there &
and that: ~ ^{don't} ~~see~~ it. with
it to take the chance of the
'Fitzroy'?

A.B.L.

6. 12/3

Will the Fitzroy catch the Poson ship? Better
confirm. While awaiting confirmation C.N. might
look through the draft?

h.c. 12/11

WE.

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6

I am afraid 5 is ~~eliptic~~. I want
send this file (or at least ①) to Hag.
S.G. by next 'Laponie' which will
catch the Peace ship. Hag. S.G. has
telegraphed (in the file about news from
for S.G.) that 'Harper' or 'Touquet'
are due to leave M.V. early April.
I said 'end thank' because that was
his Ryan's date to us.

2. For certainty, I std. paper &
in 5. Meanwhile, to G.N. as
J.E. instructs.

ABE
12/3

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Agree. H.C. 14/III

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G.N.

As at 6 pt. & when in ample
time for 'Laponie' sailing c. 20.

ABE
14.3

A.C.

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Herewith please ⑪.

B.B. Roberts at ① remarks that the Weddell
seal is not extinct in S.G. I agree with
him that the Fur seal might be left out
of the Pilot.

2. I shall look into the position of Bird
Island but it might as well go in as a
reserve. It is not in any of the Sealing
Divisions and is thus preserved from the seals.

J.E. to G.N. 15-III-47

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Nes by G.N. dtd 15.3.47

12

Reg. S.G.

All this p.c. than you and
for the remarks, please?

ASL
16.3.47

13.

Nes.

14-16.

Proof revised and list of
corrections suggested, herewith.

2. I offer the following observations :-
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G.S.
Mag. Lb.
26/5/47.

List of Corrections suggested by Mag. Lb. 26/5/47. 14-16.

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G.N.

Do you wish to add to 10 please?
Re. when is ample time for 'Fitzroy'
mail.

Abby

H.C.S.

Ref. p. 36 of 1st ed. in envelope (16)

para Fauna should have "Seals are strictly ... licence" shifted from lines 9-10 to become the opening sentence.
2. All off-lying rocks and islands ought to be made seal reserves and as this is easily done it might go in at same para. line 12.

J.H.D. G.V.
p. 51-47

1/2

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① - 18

Drk D. for comm. pl. has. S.G. appears
to have used ①① in preparing ①⑥

ABE
10.6

CS.

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p.16 "Magistrate" not. "Resident Magistrate"
which has a special connotation. D/b app^d.

MC. 10/VI

21. ~~Despatch~~ Despatch No 14 to S/S of 10. 6. 47.

Telegram No. 207 from Secretary of State of 17. 6. 47

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23.

MS.

②② corrections were included in air bag wh.
shd. reach Montevideo tomorrow, pl.

Tel. No 339 to S. of S. of 19. 6. 47

AB
18/6.

24.

PA ABE
19.6

Copy.

Research Department,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

23rd August, 1946.

C.J.J.T. Barton, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.



Dear Barton,

I have received your two very official telegrams from the Under Secretary of State, both here and in Cambridge, and I hasten to return the section of the Antarctic Pilot.

I am very sorry that I have been quite unable to deal with this adequately. I may say that I spend more time each week on Colonial Office work than I do for the Foreign Office! This I am delighted to do, but I have felt that such matters as stores and personnel for F.I.D.S. must have priority if "Trepassey" is to sail in time this year.

I suggest that the best way to bring the South Georgia Whaling Sections up to date would be by consulting the annual reports of the Magistrate to the Governor. In the past these always contained a statement about the land stations operating, value of exports, etc. Mackintosh is now back from Sweden and could give you information about the dates of the whaling season. The whaling industry you could take (in part) from "Territorial Claims in the Antarctic", pp.5-9, and 39; the sealing industry from p.11.

Here are a few additional comments:

P.34, line 6: Port Foster is presumably no longer a port of entry.

P. 36, line 3. Weddell Seals are not extinct; there are always a few at the east end of South Georgia. There is also a small Colony of Fur Seals on Bird Island at the west end of South Georgia. (Possibly, however, this

/last

last should not be published; Bird Island is a preserved area and the 'Discovery' Committee has kept this information confidential).

P.36, line 16. Add pigs; delete cattle.

P.36, line 53. Bird Island is a reserved area where all seals and birds are protected.

P.38, line 38. Leith harbour should be in heavy type (as Stromness Bay).

P.38, lines 42-47. Salvesen's whaling station is in excellent condition, I believe actively operating until 1940, but closed during the war; steam producing and processing plant; oil tanks of 10,000 tons capacity; extensive repair shops; slipway for two moderate sized whale catchers; W/T station. (I suggest you ask Salvesen for most recent details).

P.38, line 54: o. 39, line 1-2. The whaling plant is in very poor condition but a good steam producing plant and floating dock to take the largest size whale-catchers were used by a small maintenance staff until 1940; oil tanks of 4,300 tons capacity. (This is 1942 information, which requires confirmation).

P.39, lines 23-40. The whaling plant is in very poor condition, but a slipway and repair shops were in use by a small maintenance staff until the beginning of the war; fuel oil tanks of 2,300 tons capacity. (This is 1942 information, which requires confirmation).

P.41, lines 43-47. Whaling station continued to operate throughout the war; oil tanks of 3,750 tons capacity; floating dock to take largest size whale-catcher. (Last point is 1942 information which requires confirmation).

P.43, lines 7-15 Still correct.

P.45, lines 51-54. Still correct.

Supplement No. 12, 1945.

P.17. I have no recent information. "Five whaling stations" should perhaps read "whaling stations". Do we know whether maintenance parties are still living at Husvik and Stromness; certainly there is no one at Prince Olaf Harbour.

P.19, lines 7-8. Correct.

P.20, section marked. Station is deserted and derelict, but probably still a good place to moor ships against Jetty; can you confirm this?

P.21. I have no information on section marked.

P.23, sections marked. I have no recent information.

P.24, sections marked. ditto.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) B.B. Roberts.

①
FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 2+



Colonial Office,
Downing Street.

28th September, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a proof for the 'Antarctic Pilot', together with a copy of a letter from the Research Department in the Foreign Office. I should be glad if you would revise the proof, with particular respect to:

(a) any new information, especially with regard to aids to navigation or any points affecting navigation such as piers, moorings, etc.

(b) the deletion of any information now in the 'Antarctic Pilot' which appears doubtful or out of date and which cannot be confirmed.

It would be appreciated by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty if the

Reply at 4

revision

The Officer Administering
the Government of the
Falkland Islands.

revision could be given priority of
treatment.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

G. N. Hall.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM. M.P. 248/46.

(4)

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: November 23rd 1946 Time: 12.00.

Received: 19 Time:

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No. 362. Your despatch No. 24 of 28th September. Antarctic Pilot. Regret unable to correct locally and propose to retain papers until opportunity arises to forward them to South Georgia.

G.T.C.

GOVERNOR.

See 22

DRM.

p 34. line 2. Whaling - delete lines 2, 3, 4

" 6. Port Foster, set

" 12-13-14. Delete "the period 31st May"
Insert "six months for land station
and four months for factory
ships"

" 15. There are 4 land stations in South
Georgia, delete remainder.

p 35. " 19-27 Refer to magistrate S.G.

" 43-44 Delete "few . . . bay" Insert
"large number to the south east
of Cumberland bay"

p 36 " 6 and 8
p 40 " 45

Weddell seal still found (see also B.B.R. (1a)
GRYTVIKEN is a synonym for
King Edward Cove and is the
name in general use.

p 41 " 48

Communication is restricted to
whaling vessels and occasional
and irregular calls by steamer
from the Falklands.

p 46 " 47

There are no crows.

Supplement

p 20 Prince Olaf Harbour.

The Whaling station is now
derelict.

All lights

1/ Magistrate to check.

2/ I cannot speak to the present
condition of the Strommen station.

p. 39 line 41

3/ ? Is there a doctor at Keith.

J. H. D. Amittai

S.N.

15-iii-47

This seems to have been used by
Mag. S.G. as a basis for (15)

Supplement } . p. 20

Prince of Wales Harbor. The whaling
stations is now deserted.

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- PAGE 34. - Lines 2-4: Delete "A" to "months."
- Lines 12-13: Delete "the period from 16th September to 31st May annually" and substitute "six months for land stations and four months for pelagic factory ships,"
- Lines 15-16: Delete and substitute "There are 3 Land Stations at South Georgia."
- Line 17: For "1928" read "1946".
- Line 18: For "£4,364,814" and "£436,019" read "£1,702,238" and "£708,269".
- Line 20: For "£3,763,149" and "£163,994" read "£804,908" and "£124,042".
- PAGE 35. - Line 18: After "1775." insert "A ~~Resident~~ Magistrate and official staff are maintained at King Edward Cove by the Government of the Falkland Islands."
- Line 19: For "1926", "1,895", and "7", read "1946", "1,027", and "6".
- Line 20: For "76" read "192".
- Line 24: For "8" read "3"; after "companies" insert "all" and delete "6".
- Line 25: For "1928-9" and "24" read "1946-47" and "20".
- Line 26: For "5,133", "1,564", and "3,124" read "2,550", "326" and "1,671".
- Line 27: For "5" and "1929" read "3" and "1946".
- Line 31: For "1928, 74" read "1946, 98".
- Lines 43-44: Delete from "a" to "bay" and substitute "large numbers to the south-east of Cumberland Bay and between Stromness and Jason Harbours."
- PAGE 36. - Line 16: After "sheep" insert ", pigs".
- Lines 28-29: After "as" delete ", though the temperature is never very low," and substitute "the temperature is low and".
- PAGE 38. - Lines 4-6: Delete.
- Line 43: Delete "and a store ship" and substitute "and a slipway for two smaller type whale catchers with repair shops."
- Line 52: Delete "vestfold Co.'s".
- See 21

- PAGES 38 - Line 54: Delete from "alongside" in line 54,
39. - Line 2: page 38, to "lies" in line 2, page
39, and substitute "which is used by
transports for loading and discharging
oil."
- PAGE 39. - Line 3: After "alongside" insert "and a floating
dock capable of taking most of the
larger sized whale catchers. Stromness
is no longer used as a whaling station
but for the storage of oil and work-
shops are maintained for the repair
of catchers."
- Line 34: After "shore" insert "There is a slip-
way capable of taking most of the
larger sized whale catchers and repair
shops are also maintained."
- PAGE 40. - Lines 5-6: Delete "in" to "sides" and substitute
"Red,".
- PAGE 41. - Line 10: Delete.
- Line 19: Delete "into which the anchor takes
some time to sink,".
- Lines 21-22: Delete ", as, in the cove itself, the
smell from the whaling station is
frequently very objectionable".
- Line 24: For "rarely" read "occasionally".
- Line 32: Delete "and the principal station of
Cia. Argentina de pesca" and substitute
"where the whaling station of the
Compania Argentina de Pesca is
situated".
- Line 33: After "houses," insert "repair shops,".
- Line 41: After "flagstaff," delete "is" and
insert "and other Government Officers'
quarters are".
- Line 44: Delete "There is a hulk with stores and
coal for the whalers."
- Line 45: After "plentiful" delete "," and insert
"in the summer".
- Line 46: Delete "small".
- Line 47: Delete "for" and substitute "capable of
taking most of the larger sized".
- Lines 48-49: Delete and substitute "No regular
service is maintained and communication
is restricted to whaling vessels and
calls by steamer from the Falkland
Islands at intervals extending over
long periods."

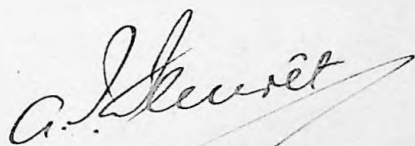
See 21

- PAGE 43. - Lines 8-11: Delete from "The" to "her." and substitute "When a vessel desires to proceed direct to another harbour permission must be obtained from the Magistrate who will arrange for an officer to proceed there to enter her."
- Lines 16-19: Delete from ", owing" to "bottom".
- Lines 41-42: Delete from "The" to "anchorage".
- PAGE 45. - Line 52: Delete "much".
- Lines 53-54: Delete from "; they" to "stations".
- PAGE 46. - Line 47: Delete "crows,".

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- PAGE 17. - Lines 10-11: Standard Time. Delete from "At the five" to "considerably".
- PAGE 19. - Line 8: For "much" read "sometimes".
- PAGES 20 - Prince Olaf Harbour. The whaling
21. station is now derelict and no lights of any description are maintained at Cape Crewe, Sheep Point or in the Harbour itself.
- PAGE 24. - Line 14: Mooring Buoy. For "white" read "red".
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26th May, 1947.


Magistrate,
South Georgia.

See 21.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th June, 1947.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 14.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Mr. G.H. Hall's Despatch No. 24 of the 28th of September, 1946, regarding the revision of a proof of the "Antarctic Pilot", and enclose for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, notes on the proofs of the First Edition and of Supplement No. 12 prepared by the Magistrate, South Georgia.

14-16

2. In submitting his notes, the Magistrate, Major A.I. Fleuret, M.B.E., who was afforded an opportunity of seeing the despatch and its enclosure remarks:-

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ARTHUR CRITCH JONES, P.C., M.P.,
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3. The Government Naturalist, who has considerable experience of South Georgia, suggests that the sentence "Seals are strictly protected, and none are allowed to be killed without a licence", on lines 9 - 10 of page 36, should become the opening sentence of this paragraph.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(sgd) Miles Clifford.

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DECODE.

No. S22.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 17. 6. 47 Time: 23.36 Received: 18. 6. 47 Time: 09.00

4 No. 207. Reference your telegram No. 362 of 1946 Antarctic Pilot.
Glad to know when corrections may be expected.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

E/L.

LJH.

See (21)

Reply at 24

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 19. 6. 47 Time: 12.15 Received: Time:

22 No. 539. Your telegram No. 207 Antarctic Pilot.

21 Please see my Despatch No. 14 of June 10th due air mail towards end June.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

LJH.