

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

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Date of Receipt. 148

## Governor's Office.

From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

INQUIRING IF SOCIEDAD BALLENERA MAGELLANES HAS stopped work and if applied for licence for next season.

No.

Date

Telegram

June 30th 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

474/15

Registered Number of last Despatch.

### MINUTES.

1. Telegram from Sec of State - dated 30 June 1915
  2. Minutes to Col Sec. - 1<sup>st</sup> July
  3. Telegram to Sec of State - 1<sup>st</sup> July
  4. Telegram to S/S. (original under No. P. 206) - 2 July.
- Despatch to S/S. No. 71 - 21<sup>st</sup> July 1915.
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Secretary of State to Governor.

Received 1st July, 1915.

London P.O. 16 words

Governor Port Stanley.

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Governor Port Stanley.

June 30th Is it true that Sociedad Ballenera Magellanes  
has stopped work have they applied for licence for next  
season

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Copy of Minute to Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

I have this morning received the following telegram from the Secretary of State.

" June 30th Is it true that Sociedad Ballenera Magellanes has stopped work have they applied for licence for next season."

Please let me have the information asked for.



Governor.

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July 1<sup>st</sup>. In answer to your telegram of  
June 30<sup>th</sup> sociedad ballenera no reason  
for believing that company have stopped  
work. They have applied for licence  
next season see my telegram of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Governor to Secretary of State.

Sent 2nd July, 1878.

Chapelries London.

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WHALING LICENCES FOR BOTALLIA SLACHOLE ORDINAUCE ORCHANET  
TURMOIL SILVERGRAY NEW WHALING COMPANY PAPANTRREE IMITATOR  
THICKMAD THEIR FIVE CATCHERS DERREML YOUNG

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Chapelries London

July 2nd With reference to my telegram of 30th June I have  
renewed all the last season whaling licences for next season  
subject to ordinance one of this year. New whaling company  
to pay in full for use of their five catchers despatch follows  
by mail

Young

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FRENCH ISLANDS

Government House, Stanley.

NO. 71

21<sup>st</sup> July, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 30th June, of your telegram, making inquiry respecting the application of the Bethval Thule Company, for renewal of their Whaling Licences for the ensuing season, and on the 1st July, of your telegram of the 30th June, inquiring whether the Sociedad Ballenera Magellanes have stopped work or have applied for renewal of their Whaling Licences for next season.

2. On receipt of your telegram of the 30th June, I found that applications with remittances, for £400 and £300, respectively, had been received in the Colonial Secretary's Office in March last, from the Bethval Thule Company and the Sociedad Ballenera Magellanes, for renewal of their Whaling Licences for the ensuing season, but that, beyond acknowledging the remittance of the £300 by the Sociedad Ballenera Magellanes, no further action had been taken.

3. I also found that other applications for renewal of Whaling Licences, and two letters from Messrs Salvesen with two cheques for £250 each, had been received in the Colonial Secretary's Office in March last, and had not been dealt with. The Colonial Secretary informed me that Mr. T. N. Goddard the Acting Chief Clerk in his Office, had that morning handed him remittances, amounting in all to £1,200, stating that he had taken them from his desk in the Office where he was for the present keeping them.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



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4. I enclose for your information copies of Minutes by the Colonial Secretary, and by Mr. Goddard on the subject. I have no reason to believe that Mr. Goddard's action in keeping the remittances in his desk since March last, without acquainting the Colonial Secretary that he had them, is due to anything beyond a sufficient want of official knowledge and training. Mr. Goddard now recognizes his error, and I submit the expression of his regret in the matter may be accepted.

Enc II

5. All application received for Whaling Licences for the ensuing season, were considered by me in Executive Council on the 2nd July, as I informed you by my telegram of that date. I now enclose for your information an extract from the Minutes of the Council dealing with the same. The licences have since been made out, and, where customary in previous years, will be forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the present mail, to be delivered on payment to them of the Licence ~~fees~~.

6. The Normanna Whaling Company apply to be allowed to employ a third whale catcher at the South Orkneys, to place them on a footing similar to that enjoyed by the Rethval Company operating in the same waters.

7. The Executive Council considered <sup>that</sup> the application of the Company might be granted, subject to your approval. I therefore submit, a third catcher might be allowed the Normanna Whaling Company for the ensuing season, and if you approve, the Crown Agents might be requested to communicate with the Company accordingly, and on behalf of this Colony receive the payment of £100 due for the additional licence.

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8. I enclose for your information copy of a letter which has been addressed to the representative of the Company, (Mr. <sup>Hadnor</sup> Virik) on the subject.

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9. With regard to the application of Messrs Salvesen and Company, on behalf of the New Whaling Company, for a renewal of their Whaling Licences for the ensuing season on the same terms and conditions as now existing, I beg that reference may be made to Governor Allardyce's despatch No. 92 of the 6th July, 1914, and to Mr. Secretary Harcourt's telegram of the 5th August, 1914. I enclose for your information a copy of the Company's application and of the reply I have caused to be sent to them. From the reply it will be seen that I am willing to authorize the issue of licences for not more than five whale catchers provided the licence ~~fee~~ be fully paid for the same.

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10. Messrs Salvesen and Company also applied for Whaling Licences for the ensuing season to operate at the South Orkneys, but as I have renewed the licences of the three companies,

- The Hektor Whaling Company,
- The Normanna Whaling Company, and
- The Bethval and Thule Company

at present operating in these waters, I did not see my way to entertain the application of Messrs Salvesen and Company.

I enclose for your information a copy of the application, together with the reply sent to the Company.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.



FAULKLAND ISLANDS

Enclosure No / to despatch No / of the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1915.

Minute of Colonial Secretary to Governor.

H. H.

I enclose Mr Goddard's reply to the minute I sent him according to oral instructions received from Y.E., asking him to explain how it was that one draft and three cheques for sums amounting to twelve hundred pounds, were, on enquiry being made, produced by him from his private desk in the C. S. O.

2. I have already stated to Y. E. orally, and I now repeat in writing, that I myself was absolutely unaware of the existence of these cheques and draft. The draft was received, entered, acknowledged and put away before my arrival in the Colony; the three cheques arrived by the same mail as myself and were put away with the draft without my being informed of the fact. There does not appear to me to have been any means by which I could have divined the existence of two of the cheques, the two from Salvesen for £250 each. It is possible that if I had had time to make a careful study of the voluminous whaling papers, I might have observed that a draft and other cheque had been received but not paid into the Treasury, but the way in which these papers had been kept and my own want of acquaintance with the subject makes me think, I confess, that I should not have done so before an enquiry was made.

3. Passing on to Mr Goddard's explanation, I would wish in the first place to support, as strongly as I can, what Mr Goddard says in his paragraph 9. Mr Goddard came out as Private Secretary to Governor Allardyce and Clerk to Councils, and he had all the usual work of a Governor's Office on his hands. When war broke out this work was, naturally, enormous-

ly increased, cypher telegrams calling him up at all hours of the night. When the first Prize ship was brought into Stanley, Mr Goddard, who had been appointed Proper Officer of the Crown, had to undertake in addition to his other duties work which I have heard described by a trained lawyer and Attorney General in another Colony as most strenuous. In February this year Mr Roper, then Chief Clerk, C.S.O., of which the only other official was the Messenger Boy, acting as Junior Clerk, was suddenly sent home by the late Governor Mr Allardyce, who then made Mr Goddard Acting Chief Clerk, C.S.O., in addition to the other posts which he already filled. Mr Goddard, new to this work, had no other assistance in running the whole of the C.S.O. than that of the Messenger. Later Mr Goddard was also made Acting C.C. Volunteers, and this in time of war. I submit that even if Mr Goddard has made some error of judgment or omitted to do something he clearly should have done, it is in the circumstances not surprising; I think it is much to his credit that he, a young man new to the service, should have done as well as he has the multifarious ~~sub~~sheaped upon him.

4. There is a point on which Mr Goddard does not touch but about which I think I may say a word. Y.E. will judge whether the various papers do not show its truth. When I arrived here on the 21st March last, I found the Government practically run by the late Governor with Mr Goddard, who lived at Government House, as a kind of factotum. During the ten days I passed here with Mr Allardyce I felt myself, as far as Colonial Secretary's work was concerned, very much of a fifth wheel in the carriage. Mr Allardyce went through the papers, explained what he wanted to Mr Goddard, who each morning took the papers down to the Office to carry out the Governor's instructions. Mr role as Colonial Secretary seemed chiefly to consist in signing or initialling such

documents as required this formality. My time was principally taken up visiting public buildings with the Governor or making notes on my duties as coming administrator.

5. All this seems to me to have a direct bearing on the question at issue. Mr Goddard had never been Chief Clerk with a Colonial Secretary in the Colony, and that he should not have altogether appreciated the effect made by my arrival on his own position, does not strike me as extraordinary.

6. Then again, on Mr Allardyce's departure on the 2nd April, the staffing of the Executive should not be lost sight of, nor the fact that this was during time of war; I myself new to the Colony, administering a government for the first time, with no other assistance whatsoever in the Governor's Office or in the C.S.O. but that of Mr Goddard, and Mr Goddard with all the additional duties mentioned above. Then to make the situation more difficult, there occurred during my six weeks administration the strike of the newly arrived R.N. Wireless Station workmen. I submit that it was impossible for me to think of dealing, in any case, with the whaling question before Y.E.'s arrival, while, further, I had been instructed, or perhaps I should say strongly advised, by Mr Allardyce not to do so, as there was a secret question pending with regard to the Norwegian Whaling licences. Mr Allardyce's minutes on some of the papers make it, I think, clear that he expected the whaling licence question to be held over to be dealt with by Y.E. Had I been able to deal with the question myself Mr Goddard would doubtless have produced the cheques and draft before Y.E.'s arrival.

7. If, as I presume, what Mr Goddard says about consulting the Treasurer is correct, the original holding up of the cheques is to a great extent explained, although of course the facts should have been brought to my notice at latest as soon as Mr Allardyce had left the Colony.

8th July, 1915.

(signed) C. F. Condell.

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Mr. Goddard, Chief Clerk, C.S.O.

This morning I received a Minute from His Excellency enclosing a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State enquiring about a cheque for £400 sent by Mr. Frederiksen of the Thule and Bethval Companies of the 8th February last for two Licences (Whaling). The Governor asked for a report on the matter. I at once spoke to you and you brought me an envelope containing the cheque in question, £400; also two cheques from Messrs Salvesen each for £250, with accompanying letters, and a draft from the S.B. de G. for £300. None of these had been paid into the Treasury and only the last mentioned had been acknowledged. The draft for £300 (S.G. de B.) was received on the 16th March, the others on the 21st March. The whole value of the cheques and drafts amounts to £1200. I am directed by H.E. to instruct you to make a full report of the matter in writing; how the cheques etc, came into your possession, why they were not paid into the Treasury, or, except one, acknowledged, where they were from receipt until this morning, why the existence of these cheques was never brought to my notice. I am to tell you that H.E. requires this report to enable him to explain the matter to the S/S.

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(SGD) C.F. Condell

Colonial Secretary

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Enclosure No      to despatch No      of the      July, 1915.

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Memorandum from Mr Goddard to Colonial Secretary.

The eight-days draft on London for the sum of three hundred pounds (£300) forwarded by the Sociedad Ballenera de Magallanes in respect of their application for whaling licences for the season 1915-16 was received in the Colonial Secretary's Office on the 16th March last, and acknowledged by letter date 19th March. I requested instructions from Governor Allardyce as to the right course to pursue with cheques, &c., received in respect of prospective whaling licences, telling His Excellency at the same time that I had acknowledged the receipt of the draft in question. I was informed that pending the issue of the licences the draft should be retained in the Colonial Secretary's Office under lock and key, and that on no account should the Treasurer be asked to accept any draft in respect of whaling licences until the application accompanying the draft had been considered and approved, and further that no licence should be issued until all application had been received. I accordingly placed the draft in the Colonial Secretary's safe, and the following morning asked the Treasurer whether in his opinion I had possibly misunderstood the Governor's direction in the matter. The Treasurer informed me that for the past year or two it had not been usual to pay into the Treasury any draft or cheque received in the Colonial Secretary's Office in anticipation of the granting of a whaling licence, until after the licence in question had been issued; in this manner the Treasurer was enabled to obtain the number of the licence and forward it with the draft to the Crown Agents who would then be in a position to compare this number with that contained in the  
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letter which would be transmitted by the Colonial Secretary to the Crown Agents advising them of the issue of the licence. The Treasurer further informed me that considerable confusion had arisen in the past owing to the fact that the Crown Agents had received monies in respect of whaling licences when it was yet uncertain whether the licences would ever be issued, and that in order to avoid a recurrence of this trouble the practice of holding any cheque received in the Colonial Secretary's Office in respect of such licences had sprung up. I believe that Governor Allardyce addressed the Secretary of State on this subject about three years ago.

2. Mr Fredriksen's letter of the 6th February, enclosing a cheque for four hundred pounds (£400) in respect of his application for whaling licences on behalf of the Rethval and Thule Companies, arrived on the 21st March. After dealing with the Governor's mail at Government House on Sunday morning (21st March) I went ~~to~~ in the afternoon to the Colonial Secretary's Office for the purpose of opening the Colonial Secretary's mail. I withdrew the cheque from the letter and noted in red ink on the margin of the latter "Cheque recd. T.N.G. 21.3.15." The cheque I placed in the safe together with that of the Sociedad Ballenera de Magallanes. The Colonial Secretary, who had that day arrived in the Colony from England, came to the Office later in the afternoon and I went through the mail with him before placing the letters, &c., in Minute Papers for submission to the Governor.

3. I again spoke to Governor Allardyce with reference to the cheques, &c., (I was living at Government House at that time), and asked whether any further steps should be taken, but His Excellency told me that no action was necessary until the licences were issued, when the acknowledgement should be



made, the licences forwarded, and the cheque or draft passed through to the Treasurer for transmission to the Crown Agents.

4. Governor Allardyce left the Colony on the 2nd April and the Colonial Secretary assumed the Administration of the Government. I brought up the whaling papers in due course but in view of political considerations which afterwards resulted in the passing of The Whalé Fishery Regulation Ordinance, No 5 of 1915, it was considered inadvisable to proceed with the issuing of licence at the time; the question was deferred for the consideration of Governor Young.

5. From the time of receipt until the 30th June the cheques were in at first in an inner drawer in the Colonial Secretary's safe, the key of which I carried always on my person; subsequently, when the Administrator gave Lieut. Crawford (In Charge, Admiralty Wireless Station) permission to place his secret papers in this safe, I removed the cheques to an inner drawer in my desk in the Office, the desk being kept always locked except when in use by myself alone.

6. I regret very much that it did not occur to me to assure myself as to the realization (or otherwise) of Mr Condell (whether as Administrator or as Colonial Secretary) that the cheques were in my care. Had I been conscious that he knew nothing of their existence I should certainly have laid them before him, as the whaling papers were too constantly under my notice to allow of the matter of the cheques escaping my memory.

7. I realize that Governor Allardyce's instructions were given in anticipation of the speedy settlement of the question of the 1915-16 licences, and that on the deferring of the ~~xx~~ question I should have brought up the question of the payment of the cheques, but throughout I myself was in almost daily

hope that the issuing of the licences would be set in motion.

8. With reference to the two cheques received from Messrs. Chr. Salvesen on the 21st March, I regret very much that in sorting the mail on that day in the very little time at my disposal before going through the letters, &c., with the Colonial Secretary, I omitted to mark that these cheques were payable in respect not of whaling licences but of whaling station leases. For this oversight I would ask the Governor to accept my very sincere regret.

9. In connection with the whole matter I should like to offer to His Excellency an expression of my regret for any error of judgment of which I have been guilty, and for any inconvenience such error may have caused. I would however bring to the Governor's notice the fact that (with the exception of the thirteen days which elapsed between the arrival of the Colonial Secretary and the departure of Governor Allardyce I was maintaining the work of the Governor's Office at Government House, carrying on (for the larger part of the time single-handed) the Colonial Secretary's Department, with the details of which I was at that time very imperfectly acquainted, was Proper Officer, of the Crown with two prizes in the port, and was also Senior (and Acting Commanding) Officer of the Volunteer Force. And I venture to submit that the accumulation of the duties of these posts, some of which were only undertaken owing to the fact that there was no other officer available, places a very severe strain upon a man's capabilities, however desirous he may be of performing them all satisfactorily.

(signed) T. N. Goddard,

Acting Chief Clerk,

5th July, 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Enc 2. No 71. 21 July 1915

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive  
Council, Falkland Islands held on the 2nd July, 1915.

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2. "The Governor informed the Council that, although the law of the Colony in respect of the issuing of whaling licences only required the sanction of the Governor in Council in cases where a licence for a third whale <sup>catcher</sup> had been applied for, nevertheless on this occasion it was desirable that the Council should be asked to consider all the applications for licences which had been received by the Colonial Secretary in respect of the 1915-16 season. The Governor asked the Council to consider the applications in the order in which they were registered. Applications received from the following Companies were then considered :-

M.F. 425/15 THE NORTH WHALING COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the season 1915 - 16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to this Company.

M.F. 422/15 THE SOUTHERN WHALING COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the season 1915 - 1916 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to this Company.

M.F. 435/15 THE GREEN WHALING COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South

factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to this Company.

Council also advised that this Company's application to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Orkneys during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued.

Council also advised that this Company be permitted to employ one floating factory and two catchers in connection with their lease of Reception Island.

M.P. 493/15 THE HYALINE WHALING COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ two floating factories and two catchers in the waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to this Company.

M.P. 46 /15 THE FETTERAL AND THURLE COMPANIES

Council advised that the application of these Companies to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Orkneys during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to these Companies.

M.P. 493/15 THE OLD WHALING COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to

this Company. Council nevertheless advised that the Old Whaling Company should be informed that they should furnish the name of the floating factory which it is intended to substitute for the s.s. "Gouverneur", on account of the loss of that vessel, to the Crown agents for the Colonies, who would be asked to make the necessary addition to the licence before issuing it.

M.P. 427/15 THE NORMANNA WHALING COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ one floating factory and two catchers in the waters of the South Orkneys during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council advised, with reference to this Company's application for a licence in respect of a third whale catcher, in order that they might be placed on a footing <sup>footing</sup> assimilar to that enjoyed by the Bethnal and Thole Companies, that a recommendation to this effect should be made to the Secretary of State. The Governor said he would submit the matter to the Secretary of State.

M.P. 428/15 MESSRS SALVESSEN AND COMPANY

Council advised that this Company's application to employ two floating factories and two catchers in the waters of South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the season 1915-16 be approved and the necessary licence issued. Council further advised that an additional licence in respect of a third whale catcher be issued to this Company. Council nevertheless advised that any alteration in the vessels in respect of which licences were issued should be submitted for approval beforehand.

M.P. 427/15 THE NEW WHALING COMPANY

Council advised with regard to this Company's application to employ

The Honorable Secretary  
The Normanna Whaling Company  
The Bethnal and Thole Companies

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The New Whaling Company

Five whale catchers in connection with their lease of New Island on the same terms as those on which they were permitted to operate 1914-15 season, that, while, in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of State, permission had been granted to this Company to enjoy the use of five catchers for an inclusive fee of £100 until the 30th September, 1915, in connection with Messrs Salvesen's tenure of the Inter-Insular Mail Contract, the same conditions could now no longer obtain. Council nevertheless advised that licences should be issued to the Company for five catchers on payment of the usual fee, viz., £100 for two catchers in the first place, and an additional £100 for each vessel above this number up to five, i.e., £400 in all.

M.P. 480/15 MESSRS SALVENSEN AND COMPANY

Council advised that it was impossible at present to entertain this Company's application to employ Two Floating factories and six (or if possible eight) catchers in the waters of the South Orkneys during the season 1915-16.

The Governor concurred in each case with the advice of the Council, and ordered accordingly.

Summarized, Council advised the issuing of licences to fourteen Companies, as follows :-

SOUTH SCOTLAND AND GRAYAN'S LAND

(10 Companies)

The Sociedad Ballenera de Magallanes

The Norge Whaling Company

The Odd Whaling Company

Messrs Salvesen and Company

The Laborcaus Whaling Company

The Green Whaling Company

The Hvalen Whaling Company

The Nor Whaling Company

The Southern Whaling Company

The Hektor Whaling Company

SOUTH ORKNEYS (3 Companies)

The Hektor Whaling Company

The Normanna Whaling Company

The Rethval and Thule Companies

FARLELAND ISLANDS (1 Company)

The New Whaling Company.



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497/15

12th July

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you, with reference to the letter from this Office dated the 21st April, that the following licence has been issued in favour of the Normann Whaling Company in respect of the 1915-16 season, and has been forwarded to the Crown Agent for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., with instructions that it should be forwarded to you as soon as possible:-

Licence No 69 for one floating factory and two whale catchers.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to forward to the Crown Agents the names of the vessels which you intend to employ during the coming season in order that they may be inserted in the licences. In your letter of the 23rd January you made no mention of the names of the vessels, and, although the Governor has no grounds for supposing that you contemplate any alteration it has been thought advisable to request the Crown Agent to enter the names of the vessels in the on hearing from you.

3. With reference to your request to be allowed to employ a third catcher at the South Orkney Island I am to inform you that His Excellency has submitted the matter for the consideration of the Secretary

Haldor Virik, Esq.,  
Sandefjord,  
Norway.

of State for the Colonies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) C.F. Condeil

Colonial Secretary.

Enc. 4 - No. 71, 21 July 1915

29 Bernard Street, Leith.

16th February, 1915.

Sir,

We have the honour to apply for a renewal of our whaling licence in the Falkland Islands for the season 1915-1916 on terms & conditions as those presently obtaining for the licence at present held by us.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants

(Sd) Chr. Salvesen and Company

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley F. I.

12th July

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th February last applying for a renewal of the licence issued to the New Whaling for the purpose of taking whales in the waters of the Falkland Islands.

2. I am to inform you that while His Excellency is willing to licence the New Whaling Company to take whales during the 1915-16 season, it does not appear that a licence can be issued, as you request, on the same terms and conditions as those obtaining during the present season.

3. As you will remember in 1910 a letter was addressed to you by Mr. Fiddes of the Colonial Office intimating that the Secretary of State was prepared to approve the use by you of five catchers in connection with your land station at New Island for an inclusive fee of £100, during your tenure of the Inter-insular Mail Contract. In 1914 a telegraphic despatch dated the 5th August was received from the Secretary of State informing the late Governor that your right to employ five catchers terminated on the 12th November, 1914, but added that you had been informed that while you had no right to a continuance of this privilege after that date, nevertheless the Secretary of State was prepared to allow the arrangement to stand until the 30th September, 1915, subject to the Governor's concurrence,

which

The New Whaling Company.

Messrs Salvesen and Company

29 Bernard Street, Leith.

which was immediately given.

4. I am to inform you that the Governor is unable to recommend for the favourable consideration of the Secretary of State any further continuance of this arrangement which must be regarded as terminating on the 30th September next. Nevertheless His Excellency is not desirous of curtailing your means of carrying on the industry in the waters of the Colony, and I am accordingly to inform you that licences will be issued for not more than five catchers at the rate of £100 in respect of the first two catchers and £100 for every additional catcher, the total number of vessels employed by the New Whaling Company not to exceed five.

5. I shall be obliged if you will inform me at your early convenience of the number of vessels you desire to employ at New Island and in the waters of the Falkland Islands, giving the names of the vessels in question, when the licence will be issued to your Manager at New Island, on payment of the fees specified in the preceding paragraph.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) C.F. Condell

Colonial Secretary.

Enc 5. No 71 of 21 July 1915

29 Bernard Street, Leith.

14th February, 1915.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you, that as far as our information goes we understand that only the two whaling companies "Rethval" & "Thule" of Christiania are operating at the South Orkneys this season.

The Normanna company's floating factory steamer "Normanna" having been chartered by arrangement with the Sociedad Palleñera Magallanes, Punta Arenas, in conjunction with one steam whale fishing vessel belonging to this Chilean Company, this Company is consequently not carrying on whaling at the South Orkneys.

The Corral Whaling Co. of Bergen, Norway, is as you know in liquidation.

In consequence thereof we understand that 2, or at least 1 Licence is available for the South Orkney Islands, & we have the honour to apply for both, or failing 2 being vacant for one.

At the same time we would take leave to point out, that in order that there may be a reasonable chance of success each whaling licence should allow for 4 steam whale fishing vessels, or at the very least 3. The whaling season at South Orkney being shorter than anywhere else, it stands to reason that more catching power is necessary to make up for the disproportionate catching season available.

For your guidance we mention that none of the companies which have operated, or are operating, at the South Orkneys, have ever paid any dividend, and the last quotation of the value of the shares of the "Rethval" and "Thule" companies was 50% of their face value, 60% for the Normanna Company, and for the Corral 22½%. These figures show better than words that our contention is correctly based.

We have the honour to be,

Sir, Your obedient servants,

Chr. Salvesen & Co.

The Hon The Colonial Secretary



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12th July,

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Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Office dated the 23rd April last, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that your application to take whales in the waters of the South Orkneys during the 1915-16 season has been considered by the Governor in Council, who has decided that it is, at present, impossible to entertain your request.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) C.F. Condell

Colonial Secretary.

Messrs Chr. Salvesen & Co.,

25 Bernard Street,

Leith.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 148.

Government House, Stanley.

16th November, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to the telegraphic despatches noted in the margin, and to my despatch No. 71 of the 21st July last enclosing an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 2nd idem, dealing with the applications for whaling licences for the season 1915-16, I have the honour to submit herewith for your information a copy of a letter received from the Sociedad Ballenera de Magallanes, Punta Arenas, in which they represent that it is doubtful whether they will be able to operate this season, and ask that their claims for a licence may be recognized for next season.

2. Subject to your approval I propose to inform the Company that unless they give a guarantee at the time of applying for a licence for the year 1916-17, that they will carry on operations to full extent throughout the season 1916-17, it will not be possible to give preference to their application over those of other Companies, to operate in the waters of South Shetlands and Grahams Land.

3. The Sociedad Ballenera applied for and obtained licences to employ one floating factory and two catchers with an additional (3rd) catcher, to operate in the water of the South Shetlands and Grahams Land for the present season 1915-16.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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5 Nov 1915

SOCIEDAD BALLENERA DE MAGALLANES.

Punta Arenas 5th Novr., 1915.

Your Excellency,

It is with the utmost regret we have to inform Your Excellency, that most likely we shall find ourselves in the impossibility to avail ourselves of our Whaling Licence for the forthcoming season.

As we had last year the honour to inform Your Excellency, we had, in order to comply with the New Whaling Regulations, to dispose of our old floating factory "Gobernador Borie" and to acquire a larger vessel instead (s.s. "Senator", now "Gobernador Borie".)

The new steamer was being fitted out (tanks are already built in), when the war broke out.

Contrary to what we had expected she could not be fitted out in time for last season, but we were lucky enough to get an opportunity to charter a floating factory. We had the intention to have our new factory's outfit completed in time for this season, when the steamer, on account of considerations connected with the war, had to proceed to Punta Arenas for registry, whereby several months were lost and the vessel only arrived in Europe in the month of September last, which gave us too little time to have the work done.

Since then we have done all we could to charter a floating factory like last year, but up to the time of writing have not succeeded.

Should we be unsuccessful and so find it impossible to send our floating to the South Shetlands, due to circumstances over which we have no control, we trust Your Excellency will be good enough to still recognize our claim for the whaling season 1916-1917.

We have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,  
for The Sociedad Ballenera de Magallanes

Manager.

HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.