

Whaling	
Bryde & Dahl	
No.	121.

C.S.

S. of S. No 127

SUBJECT.

1919

8<sup>th</sup> December

Previous Paper.

48/20

Messrs Bryde & Dahl granted permission to operate in South Shetlands in factory & 3 catches (4<sup>th</sup> refused) 1919-20 season.

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H.E.

Submitted.

T.M.P.

13.2.20

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No action now necessary.

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Subsequent Paper.

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Falkland Islands  
No. 127.



Downing Street,  
8th December, 1919.

*S/S 12/11/19 12th Oct.  
Del. 8th Nov. 1919  
Del. 24th " "  
Del from J. Dahl 21st Nov.  
Del. to " " 22nd Nov.  
C.A. 11th Nov.  
Do J. Dahl 6th Dec.*

Sir,

With reference to the letter and telegrams noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of correspondence with Mr Thor Dahl relative to his whaling operations in the water of the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands during the season 1919/20.

2. You will have learnt from my telegram of the 24th November, that Mr Dahl has been informed that the "Thor I" will be allowed to operate at the South Shetlands with three catchers during 1919/20, but that a fourth catcher cannot be allowed. It seems to me desirable to grant this permission in view of the fact that it is advisable to limit as far as possible the number of catchers operating at South Georgia and of the unlikelihood that the full number of catchers allowable under the regulations in the South Shetlands will be employed in that Dependency during the current season.

I have, etc.,  
(Sgd) L. S. Amery  
for the Secretary of State.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

COPY

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No 127 of 8th December 1919.

TELEGRAM from Mr Dahl to the Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office.

Dated 21st November 1919.

(Received 3.55.a.m. 22nd November 1919.)

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Referring your letter 19/5 1917 NR 22935 I obtained your permission apply Thor one with four whalers for Shetland during season 1917/18 and 1918/19 Have understood supplementary contract or bond 23/3 1918 that same granting permission catch either four whalers South Shetland or three whalers South Georgia at my option till 1929 as stipulated in original licence Have accordingly this season hired crew and made all other arrangements catching South Shetland. With four whalers my expedition left last season at South Shetland a great stocks provisions and outfit 5150 oil barrels all Flenser boats and water boats without which my expedition can not catch Thor one is already considerably delayed and is leaving New York these days for South Shetland it is impossible for me change all my arrangements and I therefore respectfully apply your permission catch at South Shetland this season with Thor one and four whalers. Hoping receive your permission by wire.

COPY

TELEGRAM from the Under Secretary of State Colonial  
Office to Mr Dahl.

(Sent 2.50.p.m. 22nd November 1919).

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Your telegram 21st November permission granted operate  
South Shetlands for this season only with three whalers.  
Fourth whaler cannot be allowed.

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THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES

4, MILLBARK

WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, S.W.1.

11th November, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.576763/1919 of the 27th October, I have the honour to transmit the accompanying copy of correspondence which we have since had with Mr.Thor Dahl relative to his whaling rights in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

2. As stated in previous correspondence, we are unable to trace that we have any record of the documents to which Mr.Dahl refers in the second paragraph of his letter, and we shall be glad to receive the further instructions of the Secretary of State in the matter.

I have etc,

(Sd) W.L.Paton

For Crown Agents

The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office  
S.W.1.

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5.11.19

CROWN AGENTS TO MR THOR DAHL.

30th October 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th September, I have to inform you that we have no authority to accept from you the sum of £450 "in payment of rent for whaling factory s.s. "Thor I" with four whalers on South Shetland and during the season 1919-20". We would refer you to our letter of the 7th October 1918, and would add that we are informed by the Colonial Office that no application has been received from you for permission to operate at the South Shetlands during the season 1919-20, or to use a fourth catcher in that Dependency.

2. We can however accept from you the usual payment of £350 in respect of rent at South Georgia (£250) and the licence for a third whaler there (£100) and we are accordingly cashing your cheque to enable us to obtain that sum and will refund to you the balance of £100.

I am etc

(Sd ) W.L.Paton  
for Crown Agents.

MR THOR DAHL TO CROWN AGENTS.

Sandefjord den

5th November 1919.

Gentlemen

Sec/20 Falkland Islands.

Against my respects of 24th September I received your esteemed letter of 30th October, the information in same must however, be due to a misunderstanding.

In this respect I beg reference to my respectful letter of 18/10/1918 and beg to state that the SUPPLEMENT of 23/3/18 to my original whale licence of 9/6/1910 gives me the right of fishing either with four whalers at South Shetland or with three whalers at South Georgia for the period stipulated in my original licence, viz. till 1929 and I hope that you by thorough consideration of the matter will find, that this is full order. When I this year have paid for four whalers, I have accordingly made arrangements for fishing with four whalers at South Shetland.

The SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT referred to above has been sent, duly signed by me to the British Legation Christiania under date of 23/3/1918.


Our

Our Mr.Thor Dahl is on account of illness, at present staying at the Mitsuen Sanatorium, Holmenkollen pr Christiania.

Yours etc,

(3d) Bryde and Dahl's  
for Thor Dahl





Copy.

64849/1919.

Downing Street,

6th December, 1919.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Crown Agents have referred to the Colonial office your letter of the 5th November, with regard to your contention that the bond entered into by you on the 23rd March 1918 gives you the right of whaling in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands either with 4 whalers at the South Shetlands or with 3 whalers at South Georgia for the term of your lease at the latter Dependency.

2. In reply I am to say that His Majesty's Government are unable to admit that the bond confers upon you any such rights as are suggested in your letter. Under your lease of the 9th June 1910 you are entitled, during the currency of that lease, to employ 2 vessels in taking whales off South Georgia in addition to any store-ship or floating factory. Also you have hitherto been allowed in payment of the necessary fee, to employ a 3rd steamer to take whales in

accordance

accordance with the concession granted to you personally by the letter from this Department of the 21st October 1908.

3. As regards your operations at the South Shetlands, you were informed in the telegram from the Colonial Office of the 22nd November that permission had been granted for the "Thor" I to operate in the waters of that Dependency for this season with 3 whalers, and that a 4th whaler cannot be allowed. It must therefore be clearly understood that this concession is strictly limited to the season 1919/20, and that you have no right or claim to operate in the waters of the South Shetlands in future seasons in the absence of express permission to do so.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) G.GRINDLE.

THOR DAHL, ESQ.