

Whaling
 Mr. Steel
 No. 1005

C.S.

Mr Mr. Steel

SUBJECT.

1919

16th December

Previous Paper.

713/15.

Renews application for a Whaling licence for South Shetlands & South Orkneys.

MINUTES.

N.E.

Submitted.

I think Mr Steel has spoken to Y.E. on this subject.

Starting a Whaling Company is a costly business & Mr Steel ought to give some evidence that he has the necessary backing before his proposed company is considered for a licence - He says he is prepared to invest £3000 himself and is sure that the others who would support him - £3000 will go towards in starting a venture of this kind and the Government should, I think, have more information as to the source from which he proposes to raise the remainder of the money required -

Subsequent Paper.

D 36/28.

Office

THU.

18.12.19.

Yes, I agree. Draft letter to Mr Steel pointing out that he states that to procure the necessary vessels & outfit would cost between £10000 & £20000 while he himself is prepared to invest only £3000; and that we require more details as to how he proposes to float his Company.

Dec 18/19.

T.R. S. Johnston Adm

H. E.

Draft letter submitted.

T.H.T.

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2.1.20.

Draft off!

T.R.M.

Jan 2/20

Letter to Mr. Steel, 2.1.20.

H. E.

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Mr Steel would be glad if H. E. would
be good enough to grant him another
interview on this subject.

T.H.T.

5.1.20.

Letter from Mr. Steel, 23/1/20.

Applications forwarded to Sec. of State
under cover of despatch L^o 12 of 9-2-20.

T.R.M.

His Excellency
the Administrator

① Stanley Decr 16th 1919.

Government House

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Your Excellency.

I have the honour to approach you on the subject of the Whaling Industry of the Falkland Islands & its Dependencies.

With a view to forming a Whaling Company, I have on several occasions applied for a Whaling Licence but up to date have not been successful as all the available licences had been taken up, as at present there seems to be a vacancy both at South Shetlands & South Orkneys. I venture to think some encouragement should be given me to invest in a Whaling Company being a British born subject born in Falklands. If it is possible to obtain a Licence I am ready to invest £3,000 myself & I feel sure there are many ready to support me. Owing to the heavy cost of shipping at present, I am of the opinion that to procure the necessary vessels & outfit would cost between £110,000 & £120,000. If such a Company could be formed I intend if possible to either freeze or salt the wh

meat, as I feel certain that this meat is valuable as a food & would no doubt find a ready market, especially so in view of the world shortage of food. Full use shall also be made of the oil, bone, guano & other products.

I respectfully ask your Excellency if you think fit I will give my scheme your support, & I hope it will be found possible to grant me a Licence for South Shetlands & South Orkneys in accordance with the Whaling Regulations in Force in this Colony. If I could get a Licence for the places mentioned then I could work South Shetlands the early part of the season & South Orkneys the latter part as I understand the season at South Orkneys are much later than that of South Shetlands. If a licence be granted me the name of the company shall be "the Scottish Whaling Company", but at present I cannot name the vessels as I may have to charter vessels for the coming season, as time is so short to buy & fit out vessels for the expedition.

I venture to hope that Your Excellency will support this application when transmitting it to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and perhaps in order to save some the decision of the Secretary of State could be communicated by colleague expenses of course I would pay.

I am,
Your Excellency's
Most Humble & Obedient
Servant.

Mitchell Stees
Applicant

The Colonial Secretary's
Office
Sir,

Stanley Dec 16th 1919.



I have the honour to forward herewith
a letter which I would venture to ask
you to be good enough to have caused
to be sent to His Excellency
the Administrator for his kind
consideration.

I am,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.

Mitchell Stief

The Colonial Secretary's
Office
Stanley.

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2nd January, 1919.

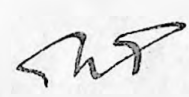
Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th December, 1918, and to point out to you that you state therein that a sum of between £110,000 and £120,000 would be required to provide the necessary vessels and outfit to operate a whaling licence in the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, while you yourself are prepared to invest in the enterprise a sum of £3,000 only. Before His Excellency can consider your application further it will be necessary for you to furnish more detailed information as to the way in which you propose to float your company financially.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Mr Mitchell Steel,
Stanley.

Stanley Jan 23rd 1920.

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The Office
The Honourable
Colonial Secretary



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I have the honour to forward
herewith a letter which I would
venture to ask you to be good enough
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Right Honourable the Secretary of
State for the Colonies for his
kind consideration.

In view of my explanations I trust
this favour will be granted me

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Mitchell Steel

The Office
The Honourable Colonial
Secretary

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Stanley Jan 23rd 1920

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Government House
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I have the honour to approach you on the subject of the Whaling Industry of the Falkland Islands & its Dependencies. I have on several occasions applied for a Licence to fish in the waters of the Dependencies but up to the present have not been successful as all the available Licences had been taken up, as at present there seems to be a vacancy both at South Shetlands & Orkneys. I venture to think some encouragement should be given me to invest in a Whaling Company being a British born subject born in Falklands. If it is possible to obtain a Licence I am ready to invest £3,000 myself & I feel sure there are many here which would support me in the enterprise. I am of the opinion that it would cost to procure the necessary vessels & outfit between £10,000 & £15,000.

If such a company could be formed, I intend if possible to either freeze or salt the Whale meat as I feel sure that this meat is valuable as an article of food, & would no doubt find a ready market especially so in view of the world shortage of food. Full use shall be made of the oil, bone & other products.

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In regards finance to start the company
the following Ladies & Gentlemen have promised
me their support.

	£		£
M ^r . A. Smith	10 00	M ^r . J. Waddup	100
- A. Hiddle	10 0	- A -	2 00
- R. Pauley	10 0	- R. Bradbury	100
- T. Mills	10 0	- W. Carey	100
- S. Ratley	10 0	- W. Sedgwick	2 00
T. Paice	2 00	- J. D. M. Hay	10 00
- W. Blithridge	2 00	- B. Blithridge	2 00
M ^{rs} . W. Peck	100	- L. Sedgwick	100.
M ^r . W. J. Wilson	8 00	- H. Sedgwick	100
J. Blanche	4 00	M ^{rs} . H. Sedgwick	100
M. A. Smith	2 00	M ^r . D. Lees	100
J. McGill	2 00	- J. Binnie	100
D. H. Watson	10 00	- T. Binnie	5 00
W. Miles	2 00	- J. Millar	2 00
D. H. Phee	2 00	- G. Perry	100
G. Helway	10 0.	- T. Wilson	100
J. Steels	2 000	M ^r . C. Hooley	100
G. Parrin	5 00	- Robson	100
C. Gladell	1 00	M ^r . C. Robson	100
G. Hainer	2 000.	- J. Pearce	2 00
M. Baile	5 00.	- G. Rolands	4 00
G. Greenon	2 00.	- H. Pauline	2 00.

I intend sending the former balance sheets of the Company's Whaling at South Shetlands to London as I am sure people in England have no idea of the enormous profits which are paid by these Companies. I also intend to negotiate with the following people in London in regards finance which I am sure could be paid back in three years with interest.

The London & River Plate Bank, Messers Sparing & Waldron, Hannevig's Bank, The Commercial Bank of London, Messers Christensen & Co. & the British Trade Corporation

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