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Confidential
No. *13/23.*

Acting Governor

SUBJECT.

1923.

27 July.

Previous Paper.

*Attended Sale by Mr. Mitchell Steel
of a Whaling Company.*

M.P 498/23

MINUTES.

Governor's Despatch Conf. of 27 July 1923.

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Subsequent Paper.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

27th July, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to my despatch No. 92 of the 26th July, 1923, on the subject of an attempted sale by Mr. Mitchell Steel of a whaling company to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, I have the honour to furnish the following additional information.

2. Mr. Mitchell Steel is a hardworking man who has made a few thousand pounds locally and by investments in whaling shares. He does not bear a reputation for dishonesty or sharp practice, as far as I am aware, although there have been several unsatisfactory circumstances connected with his dealings in shares with people in the United Kingdom. His endeavour to sell, on acquiry of an option, appears to have been no more than a clumsily conceived and carried out piece of business, which was possibly legitimate according to business morals.

3. In view of the endeavours of Sir Burton Chadwick to obtain a whaling licence in the past it is worthy of note that he passed on to Messrs Lever Brothers the offer to his firm of whaling

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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Secretary of State's
Despatch No. 40 of
the 12th April,
1922.

vessels and a licence. Mr. Stool did not use the word "Fragueta" in his telegram to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, who informed him however that they had received the offer from another source.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.