

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

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No.

545/16

Date of Receipt.



From		SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.		WHALE OIL EXPORTED FROM COLONY.  Arrangements for controlling cargoes of
No.	Date.	
133	22nd Novr., 1916.	

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

MINUTES.

*Copy of despatch sent to Col. Secy. "for your information and guidance".*

Registered Number of last Despatch

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*57.  
9.1.17*

*Despatch to Sec. of State h<sup>o</sup> 129  
15<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.*

*Telegram from Sec of State 21 March 1917, telegrams reporting shipments whale oil should be in cyphers -*

*57.  
22.3.17*

No. next Despatch

*138/17*

*83/18.*

*copy of telegram from S.S. of 4/1/16 instructing to report all shipments of whale oil by despatch.*

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO 133.

Downing Street,  
22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1916.

Sir,

*M.S. 294/16*

With reference to your despatch No.138 of the 4th August and my despatch No.106 of the 26th September, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Admiralty relative to the arrangements for controlling cargoes of whale oil exported from the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

To Admy. 24 Oct. 1916  
From do. 5 Nov.

2. I request that all clearances from the Falkland Islands of vessels carrying whale oil may be reported to me by telegraph in all cases in which this is possible. A message worded "Pentaur 1st June 13000 Falmouth" would be read as meaning that the S.S. "Pentaur" cleared from the Falkland Islands on the 1st June with 13000 barrels of oil for Falmouth. It will be sufficient if all notifications of clearances are telegraphed in this form; but, in the event of a vessel clearing for a port not in the United Kingdom, its subsequent port or ports of call, including the port of destination in the United Kingdom, should be added to the telegram.

3. You will observe that in the letter to the Admiralty it is stated that vessels carrying whale  
oil

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W.D.YOUNG, ESQ. C.M.G.  
&c., &c., &c.,

oil from the South Shetlands ordinarily call at Port Stanley to clear and that notifications could in such cases be sent by telegraph, but that as regards South Georgia it will not be possible for notifications to arrive sooner than by the vessels carrying the oil. I shall be glad if you will inform me whether any vessels from the South Shetlands are likely to proceed to New Island, and whether if so you can arrange for notification to be sent by telegraph in such cases on dates prior to those on which the vessels are due to arrive in the United Kingdom.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*A. Bonner Law*

COPY.

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No. 133 OF 22/11/16  
Downing Street,

24th October, 1916.



Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N.L.1/55130 of the 9th October, relative to the arrangements now in force for the control of cargoes of whale oil exported from the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies.

2. The revised procedure for the notification of clearances of vessels carrying whale oil from the Colony and its Dependencies, which is embodied in the fourth paragraph of the Colonial Office memorandum was brought into force by instructions issued by the Governor early in August. At this time of year there are few such clearances and none except from South Georgia, and, owing to the infrequency of communication with that Dependency, these instructions would take a considerable time to reach the Magistrate, from whom no advance notifications have yet been received.

3. There is no telegraphic communication with South Georgia, and in future such notifications may be expected to be brought by the ship carrying the whale oil and subsequently to be confirmed by the ordinary post. No whale oil will be brought from the South Shetlands before the spring, but vessels carrying whale oil from this Dependency ordinarily call at Port Stanley to clear, and notifications could in such cases be sent by telegraph if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty think this advisable.

4. As regards South Georgia, however, it will not be possible for notifications to arrive sooner

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THE SECRETARY TO THE  
ADMIRALTY.

than by the vessels carrying the oil, and in these *circum-*  
*stances*, I am to request that Their Lordships will  
consider whether it would meet the case if His  
Majesty's Consuls at St. Vincent or the Azores were  
instructed to report the date of departure and destina-  
tion of all vessels carrying whale oil. A list of ves-  
sels employed in the whaling trade with the Falkland  
Islands and Dependencies has been prepared for the  
information of the Board of Trade, and copies could  
be supplied if they would assist His Majesty's  
Consuls in this matter.

5. With reference to the second paragraph of  
your letter, I am to enclose a copy of the last report  
of clearances received from the Falkland Islands. It  
appears that the explanation of the non-receipt of a  
list of outstanding cargoes from the Customs may have  
been that the Board understood that Their Lordships  
desired information only of cargoes known to be overdue,  
and that there have been no such cargoes. A copy of  
this correspondence is however being sent to the  
Customs.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

Gov. No. 154 5th Sept.

COPY.

N.L.1/46397.

ADMIRALTY,

5th November, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th October, No:48208/1916, relative to the control of cargoes of whale oil exported from the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies, in which a report as to clearances from South Georgia was enclosed, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that they are of opinion that it would be desirable to send copies of the lists referred to in paragraph 4 of your letter to H.M. Consuls at St. Vincent and Azores, and to request them to report direct to the Admiralty by telegram the arrivals and sailings of all vessels carrying whale oil and I am to state that if these lists are sent to the Admiralty the necessary arrangements for this purpose can be made.

Their Lordships also consider that it would be desirable, as suggested in your letter, to arrange for clearances of such vessels from the Falkland Islands to be reported by telegram in all cases in which this is possible, and they would be glad to receive notification of clearances so reported.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) O. MURRAY.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 12.

Government House, Stanley.

15th January, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Penar Loo's despatch No. 133 of the 22nd November, instructing me to report by telegraph all clearances with whale oil from this Colony.

2. In reply to the inquiry contained in the despatch I beg to say I do not think any of the homeward bound vessels with cargoes of whale oil from the South Shetlands are likely to proceed from New Island direct to the United Kingdom. The vessels will, I think, come direct from South Shetlands to Port Stanley, and clear for the United Kingdom.

3. It is not always possible to telegraph the port of destination in the United Kingdom as the vessels at times clear for "the United Kingdom" via an intermediate port, where they call and receive final orders as regards the actual port of destination in the United Kingdom. The name of the intermediate port, if any, cleared for will be included in the telegram as requested. When no port in the United Kingdom is mentioned in the telegram, I ask that it be understood that the port of destination was not known to the Master at the time of clearing his vessel.

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.

cc., cc., cc.

Cypher.

11 groups.

3 words.

Secretary of State to Governor.

Dated 21st March Recd. 21st March, 1917.

Your telegram March 5th clearances of whale oil cargoes should be notified by cypher telegram.

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