

WHALING

SGD/WHA/2 # 6

(Salvesen & Co.)

1922

C.S.

No. 72/22

Crown Agents

SUBJECT.

192 2

20th December

SALVESEN & Co.,

Previous Paper.

Payment of rent and fees for the years  
1915 to 1921 by

CS. 224/19 -

MINUTES.

Letter from Crown Agents, d/20/12/21..... Encl. (

*Hon Treasurer,*

*For note*

*W.H.H. 20/12/22*

*Hon. Col. Secy*

*Notice*

*K. Thompson*

*Fr. 20/1/22*

*Mr. Thompson with much trouble in preparing  
the statement of accounts due by Messrs  
Salvesen & I am glad that he has been  
successful in recovering so considerably a sum  
in respect of arrears of payment*

*W.H.H.  
3 Feb 22*

Subsequent Paper.

*H. Thompson*  
*In note*

*4/2/22*

Hon:Col:Sec;

I shall be glad if you will kindly convey to His Excellency my appreciation of the remarks made in his minute of the 3rd February;

2. The total amount of the claim contained in the statement amounted to £3,150; of which £2,200 has been paid, leaving a sum of £950; of this last named amount, a sum of £500, has since been received by cheque direct from Messrs Chr:Salvesen & Co.

C.S.224/19.

C.S.1118/21.

3. The amount in dispute would therefore seem to be £650: and unless I am mistaken, it is made up as follows:-

- (a) Fee at £50 each, instead of usual £100;  
for 6, extra catchers 1916-17 Season..... £590.
  - (b) Do. - do for 7 of the 8 extra  
catchers, 1917-18 Season..... £50.
- Total,..... £650.

*H. Thompson*  
Colonial Treasurer.  
6th February 1922.

*Y.S. submitted*

*7/2/22*

*To await further communication from  
S of S in dispute.*

*H.*

- Minute from the Governon d 2 May 1922 — Encl (2)
- S of S Conf: despatch of 17<sup>th</sup> January 1922 — Encl (3a)
- Minute from the Governon d 17 May 1922 — Encl (3)
- S of S Conf: despatch of 16<sup>th</sup> March 1922 — Encl (3a)

*PL*

Hon Treasurer

Desps (2<sup>a</sup>) and (3<sup>a</sup>)

herewith with herewith minutes

In necessary action please

I repeat the matter in

minutes (2<sup>a</sup>) to 10

19/5/22

Hon:Col:Sec;

Thanks Noted. I think I had previously expressed the opinion to you that I was afraid that Mr.Salvesen would not overlook the mistake made with regard to the amount due by this Company in respect of Extra Catchers employed, as set out in the letter sent by Mr.Condell to Messrs Salvesen & Co dated 6th March 1917. para: 2 of that letter, ~~viz~~.

*W. Thompson*

Colonial Treasurer

20th May 1922.

*All up 725/16  
All 242/16 and  
Desps which return  
concerning Salvesen  
etc*

*Y.S.  
Submitted*

~~2 It has taken some time to collect the correspondence on the subject of the charge of half pps for the extra whale catchers employed by Messrs Salvesen subsequent to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1916 - and the subject is spread over a number of papers which are attached.~~

The Treasurer,

It has taken a long time to collect the papers on this subject and even now some seem to be missing but will you please ~~re-examine~~ re-examine Messrs Salvesen's reply in respect of the amount in dispute. It appears to resolve itself to £200 if as they say the £150 in respect of the Inula Keema and Hauka was not unpaid as shown in the statement of claim.

2. I cannot see anything in the correspondence binding this Government in any way to a perpetuation of the error made in respect of the 1916-17 season which was called the 1916 season by Mr. Candell.

~~Attest~~ 10/7/24

Hon:Col:Sec;

I am glad to say that the letter to which I referred, was written not to Messrs Chr: Salvesen & Co, but to the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia, i.e:- C.S.208a/17 of the 6th March '17. Please see the end of para:1(b) of that letter, which reads as follows:-

"These last seven, or as many of them as were  
"employed, were to be paid for by Messrs Salvesen  
"to us at half rates."

2. Fortunately this was not written to Mr. Salvesen as I had thought.

3. The statement referred to in para:2 of the letter from Mr. Chr: Salvesen of 1/12/21, shewing how the £2,200 paid to the Crown Agents on the 5th Decr: 1921, was made up, is not attached to Encl:(2a) herein. With the assistance of that statement I may be able to throw a little more light on the matter beyond the statement made in para: 3 of my minute herein of the 6th February last.

*W. Thompson*

Colonial Treasurer  
19th July 1922.

*Mr. Treas.*

*Do you concur that the total amount in dispute is £200 only?*

*W. Thompson*  
2. Salvesen makes it out to be £700 instead of £800 for the "1917 season" for catches used by them plus £50 instead of £100 for a catches sublet and in 1918-19 £50 instead of £100 for a licence sub. let. If this is accepted and it is also admitted that £ half-fers must be allowed for 1916-17 in view of Mr. Audell's letter of 6th June 1917 to Messrs Salvesen C.S. 208a/17, all that can be claimed is £100 for the sub. let licence in 1918-19 for the reasons given in para. 2 of my minute of 18/7/22?

*W. Thompson* 20/7/22

Hon:Col:Sec;

I make the amount £650, as stated in my minute of the 6th February last. The following is a summary:-

Season.	Neko &c.	Extra Catchers.	Total.
	£	£	£
1915-16.	-	150.	150.
1917-18.	300.	900.	1,200.
1918-19.	300.	700.	1,000.
1919-20.	300.	200.	500.
1920-21.	300.	-	300.
1921-22.	300.	-	300.
Less Paid	£1,500.	£1,950.	£3,450.
C:A:5/12/21.	900.	1,300.	£2,200.
Less Paid	£ 600.	£650.	£1,250.
by Cheque.			
6/2/22.	600.	-	600.
Outstanding.	...	£650.	£650.

C.S.1118/21.

*H. Thompson*

Colonial Treasurer.  
20th July 1922.

*Mr. Treasurer.*

An extra £ 300 has crept in for the 1921/22 season. Let us confine ourselves for the present to the original claim for £ 3,150. There will be no difficulty about the £ 300.

2. Messrs Salween say definitely that they have paid the £ 150 for 1915-16 and that they hold receipt dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 1915 for this money. Vids penultimate paragraph of their letter. Will you please report in this

*H. Thompson* 20<sup>th</sup> July 22

Hon:Col:Sec;

With regard to the £300 which you say in your minute of 25/7/22, "has crept in", will you please see Encl:(5) in C.S.224/19, -(Conf:Despatch to Secretary of State of 4/1/22)-; the payment of this fee was by Cheque for £600 which was sent down from the C.S.O, in M.P.1118/21; and my minutes in connection therewith in that paper, please.

2. The receipt to which reference has been made in the penultimate paragraph of Mr.Salvesen's letter herein of 1/12/21, is numbered 1152 of the 6th Oct: 1915 for £200, being fee for Whaling Licences for whaling operations at New Islands in the Waters of the Falkland Islands, and has nothing whatever to do with whaling operations in the Dependency of South Georgia or the Dependencies of the South Shetlands.

3. Mr Salvesen was allowed certain facilities in connection with his whaling operations at New Islands in connection with the Interinsular Mail Service of the Falkland Islands.

*W. S. Thompson*

Colonial Treasurer.

25th July 1922.

*J.B. Submitted*  
 2. The S.O.P. assumes in (2<sup>a</sup>) para 3 that the amount in dispute is reduced to £200 and I have followed this without observing that included in the payments referred to is the £300 for the 1921-22 which was not included in the original statement of claim for £3,150.  
 3. I am unable to proceed further in an examination of the figures used the Treasurer asks in his minute of 19/7/22 for the statement supplied by Messrs Salvesen

4. I submit a draft despatch  
to the S.O.S

ttttt 20/7/22

A amended plan for

27 Aug 1922

Y.S.

Submitted with despatch

ttttt 29 July 22

Conf. Despatch to S. of S. of 29 July 1922 - Encl (4)

Hon. Treas.

In note

ttttt 10/8/22

Hon:Col:Sec;

Thank you, Noted.

2. I observe that Encl:(2a) is only a duplicate  
copy of S.ofS's Conf: of the 17th January 1922, and  
I venture to think that possibly, a copy of the  
statement which accompanied Messrs Chr:Salvesen &  
Co's letter to the S.of S.of 1/12/21, may possibly  
be filed with the Original Despatch.

*K. Thompson*

Colonial Treasurer.

10th August 1922.

Y.S.

Submitted

Y.S. did not receive the statement.

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12/8/22



HES.

Enclosure 2<sup>a</sup> is complete. Nothing was  
 received with empid. of <sup>14<sup>th</sup> August</sup> ~~14<sup>th</sup> August~~ of which  
 there is not a copy in these papers. There  
 was no copy of the statement which is referred  
 to in para 2 of Mr. Salvesen's letter  
 of 1<sup>st</sup> December 1921.

HES.

14 August 1922

Copy Despatch of 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1922 from S of S - Encl. (5)  
 Copy of Statement of Messrs. Salvesen  
 Munk from the Governor of 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1922 - Encl. (6)

Hon. Treas.

Plan in the Governor's minute  
 The statement asked for in para 3 of  
 your minute of 19/7/22 is now  
 furnished in (5<sup>a</sup>) herewith

HES. 19/11/22

Vide also 679/22 attached

Hon:Col:Sec;

According to the enclosed Statement, Mr.  
 Chr:Salvesen & Co, disputes the payment of £150 for  
 Whaling Fees, at one-half rate, for the Extra Catchers  
 Foula, Herma, and Hanka, transferred from New Islands  
 to South Georgia, at which latter place, they  
 worked, (according to Magistrate's Lr:415/18 of the  
 24th March 1921) from March to September 1916, under

authority of C.O.Lr:No.5776/16,in Conf:Despatch from S.of S. of 4/3/16,(G.O.C.31/16).

2. In the penultimate para: of Mr.Salvesen's Co Lr: of 1/12/21,(Enclosure to Conf:DespT:from the S.of S of 17/1/22; C.S.72/22) Mr.Salvesen states that the fee for 1915-16 was paid by him to the Colonial Secretary on the 6th Oct:1915. The fee then paid was in respect of whaling operations at New Island, and has no reference to operations by whale-catchers either in South Georgia,South Orkney, or South Shetlands. In this connection,please see para:2 of my minute herein of 25/7/22. Also para: 2 of Mr.Salvesen's Lr: of 20/4/17 in C.S.208a/17.

Amount due £150.

3. Mr.Salvesen also claims that in view of Colonial Secretary's (Mr.Condell's) letter No.208a/17 of 6/3/17,that he is only liable to the payment at One-half the usual rate of £100,(50) for each of the <sup>over six in number, or</sup> Extra Catchers <sup>^</sup> sub-let by him to other whaling Companies at South Georgia,and in consequence instead of paying ~~£900~~ for the ~~Eight~~ Extra Catchers employed during the 1917-1918 Season, he is only liable for Six Extra Catchers at £100, employed at his Stations, and £50 each for the Two <sup>used</sup> Extra Catchers ~~sub-let~~ by him,under authority of S.of S.to Governor No.58 of 30/7/17. and One Extra Catcher sub-let to the Tonsberg Co under authority of S.of S. to Governor No.69 of 31/8/17.

Amount due £100.

Amount due £50

4. The above applies to the Extra Catcher sub-let to the Tonsberg Co during the 1918-1919 Season.

Amount due £50.

5. Mr.Salvesen also claims that he has paid the sum of £300 to the Crown Agents on the 29th March 1920,for the "Neko" and three catchers for the Season 1919-1920. If this last named sum was so paid,the amount has not so far been credited to this Government in the Crown Agents Account Current.

Amount due £300.

6. The above will

6. The above will I trust explain how the £650 still remaining due from Mr. Chr: Salvesen & Co, is arrived at, please.

*H. H. Thompson*  
Colonial Treasurer.  
17th November 1922.

*Mr. Treas.*

We may in view of the Government letters have to give way over the half fees but the claim to the further of 450 appears clear.

2. However before writing about this can you please say why no mention was made in your statement in vol. 224 of the amount due and paid in <sup>1915 in</sup> respect of operations in the Colony? Although the covering despatch refers to sums due in respect of whaling in the Dependencies the statement itself appears comprehensive on the face of it. The reference made by Messrs Salvesen to their receipt for their fees - looks tricky as they must have known when writing that it was for a sum differing in amount from that ~~was claimed~~ claimed viz. £750.

3. That the £300 for licences for the 1919-20 season was paid to the Crown Agents is certain. The Colonial

Office say that the C.A. confirm the payment. You will perhaps cause a further search to be made, as it has happened recently sometimes months before a payment is credited by the C.A.

H.H.H. 7/11/22

Hon:Col:Sec;

With regard to para:1 of your minute above, I feared as much as stated in my minute herein of 20/5/22.

2. With regard to para:2 of your minute, will you please see para:2 of my minute herein of 25/7/22, in which I explained that the £200 paid by Salvesen on Treasury Receipt No.1152 of 6/10/15, had nothing whatever to do with whaling operations in the Dependencies, and in consequence, the amount was purposely omitted; to have included this sum would have complicated matters, which I gather is what Salvesen desires. If anyone had had a licence to take seals in the Falklands in 1915, I take it that they would not have been able to capture seals in the Dependencies on the same licence. There were two distinct Whaling Regulations in force in 1915. The regulations for the Falklands did not apply to South Georgia, and vice versa.

3. With regard to para:3 of your minute, will you please see the Ag:Treasurer's minute herein of 5/8/21, and if it is so certain that the £300 has been paid to the Crown Agents for the 1919-20 Whaling Season, I think the Crown Agents should be asked to state the "Date" on which this Government received credit for the amount, in its accounts, as neither I nor the Actg:Treasurer, (Mr.Halkett) nor the Local Auditor, can trace it, please.

H.H.H.

8/1/23.

Yr.  
Submitted

2. Despatch to be drafted (a) withdrawing claim for the second half of the fees for catches but without admission that the letters from the Government were intended to imply that the concession would be continued after the year 1916.

(2) reclaiming the £150 for 1915-16 fees for whaling in the Dependencies

(3) stating that there is no ~~appearance~~ can be found in the Treasury accounts of the £300 having been credited by the C.A.?

3. With reference to (1) Mr. Conwell carefully referred to the 1916 season and not to 1916/17. In his receipt for the money paid by Messrs Salomon vide letter of 16 June is 208 a he struck out the word '17'. Confusion arose over the South Georgia Calendar year season and the J. Skelton's divided year. The former appears to have been treated both ways.

12/1/23  
12/1/23

Hon Treasurer

Before sending the letter forward  
will you please see the correspondence  
in 436/20 showing that the £300 for  
1919/20 was actually paid to  
the Crown Agents

P.S. Can you tell me please what <sup>the</sup>  
Jutland Island team actually covered  
in view of Messrs Baldwin's contention that  
the £200 paid received on 5: October 1915  
could the operations carried on in South  
Georgia to 30: September 1916 by special  
arrangement?

ttttt 12/1/23 period

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Vide 487/15

Hon:Col:Sec;

I am glad you have given me another  
opportunity to go into this before sending the Lr:  
I spent yesterday in the Treasury going through  
the C.S.A/c's, item by item, and I find that the £300  
was paid & credited by the Crown Agents in their  
accounts in August 1920, & C.S.Lr:No.436/20 of 25/6/20  
is quoted as the authority.

2. The Accounts do not shew the period for  
which Licence Fee of £200 was paid in Oct:1915, but  
please see "extract" from Minutes of Executive  
Council of 2nd July 1915, copied in C.S.487/15; also  
C.S.Lr:487/15 of 6/10/15 mentioned Whaling Licence  
No.71 as having been issued in respect of this  
fee. The Counterfoils of all such licences are  
filed in the C.S.O, please.

*A. W. Thompson*

Colonial Treasurer.

15th January 1923.

Yr.

Submitted.

2 The claim for the £300 must now be withdrawn and that leaves the question of the £<sup>350</sup>~~150~~ to be decided.

3. Messrs Salween obtained a licence for fishing in the waters of the Colony as from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1915. The counterpart of the licence (No. 71)<sup>1/15</sup> does not unfortunately give the date of expiry but it is reasonable to take it that it was the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1916. The 1914-15 licence had

Imp 407/15

expired on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1915 and in issuing a new licence the terms were altered in respect of the fees but nothing was said about the season not being the same.

Imp 242/16

4. In February 1916 measures were taken for increasing the production of oil and with this object and the approval of the then catches Fuala Kuma and Hanka in respect of which licence 71 had issued proceeded to South Georgia for the balance of the season. The S.O. ordered that half fee only should be charged for not more than 7 extra whalers employed temporarily at S. Georgia as a matter of past duty.

The three extra whalers named above  
were employed (Raji's letter of 14/10/16)

I do not think that it can have  
been contemplated that further fees  
should be taken for whalers already  
licensed. I have this opinion on the  
permission granted in <sup>somewhat</sup> similar circumstances  
by the S.P. in despatch 73 of 1916  
for permission to cover South Georgia  
and South Shetlands in one licence.

14/10/16

In any case it would submit  
seem unpractical to press for account fees.

5. A draft despatch is submitted  
for your consideration. I regret  
that when I wrote my minutes of  
the 10<sup>th</sup> I had not the information  
which has since been received. I  
think a ~~draft~~ can can be made  
out for filling full fees on the  
whalers. The money was due  
and it was only the fact of  
the ~~presenting~~ state in which our  
records were kept that prevented  
its being claimed at the time

W.H.H.



H.C.S.

It must have taken much time & given you much trouble to work out those points which are previously obscure in the complicated matter. I am most grateful to you for putting the whole matter so clearly before me.

2. Despatch as drafted to go on with amendments discussed this morning.

H.

19 January 1923

I have detached G.O. C 109/16 + connected papers of 1916. H.

Conf. Despatch to S. of S. of 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan'y 1923 - Encl ⑦

Y.S. L.S.

Confidential despatch submitted for favour of sign advice

H.H.H. 24/1/23

H.

25 January 1923

H. J. J.

For information

H.H.H. 27/1/23

H.H.H. 27/1/23

Thank you  
K. Thompson  
27/1/23

Hon Treasurer,

For information.

W. M.  
D. C. S.  
26/7/23.

Hon. Col. Kelly

Thank.

K. Thompson  
27/7/23.

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Sec. Falks. 28

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON"  
TELEPHONE, 7730 VICTORIA.



20th December 1921

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co. have paid to us the sum of £2,200 on account of the amount due to the Colonial Government in respect of rent and licence fees in connexion with the Company's whaling operations for the years 1915 to 1921.

2. The sum which the Company was requested to pay to us by the Colonial Office was £3,150, in accordance with a statement received by the Secretary of State from the Governor. The difference is being investigated in consultation with the Colonial Office and a further communication will be made in due course on the subject.

3. The sum of £2,200 will be found credited in our account for December.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*W. Paton*  
for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

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293/22

DATE.....



From Governor to Colonial Secretary

Will you please enclose this in C.S.O. paper  
in which claim was prepared + then refer the  
paper to Treasury for any observations he  
may have to offer.

*[Handwritten signature]*

2 May 1922

DUPLICATE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

CONFIDENTIAL

Erving Street.

17 January, 1922.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential despatch of the 23rd of August, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your observations, the accompanying copy of a letter from Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company regarding the amounts due from them in respect of their whaling operations in the Dependencies for the years 1918 to 1921.

1st December 1921

2. According to the statement in your despatch, the total amount due from Messrs. Salvesen was £3,150. They have now paid £1,200 to the Crown Agents; and, as regards the balance of £1,950, they point out that they had already paid items amounting to £700, i.e. £450 direct to your Government and £250 to the Crown Agents, who confirm the receipt of this last sum.

3. I assume that your Government has now received the £450 which Messrs. Salvesen have paid direct; and in that case the amount in dispute is reduced to £700. You will observe that Messrs. Salvesen contest the items making up this amount since they assert that, in respect of each of the additional catchers in question, they are liable for a licence fee

GOVERNOR

J. HERRINGTON, Esq., C.M.G.,

cc. cc. cc.

Mr. [Name] & Co.

fee of £50 only, and not £100 as charged. In view of paragraph 3 of Mr. Senior Law's Confidential despatch of the 4th of March, 1916, half fees at the rate of £50 were rightly charged for the additional catchers employed during the balance of the season 1915-1916; but, as regards the subsequent seasons, it appears to me that the matter is governed by the statement in paragraph 4 of the letter to Messrs. [Name] of the 4th of March 1916 to the effect that the fee in respect of additional catchers for the season 1916-17 "should be upon the usual scale as far as it can be adapted to the altered circumstances". A copy of this letter was enclosed in Mr. Senior Law's Confidential despatch of the 9th of March 1916; and, in his further despatch No. 72 of the 4th of July 1916, Mr. Senior Law stated that, as regards fees for the next season, i.e. 1916-17, £100 should be charged for each extra whale catcher in the absence of any special arrangement in an individual case. In these circumstances it is not clear to me why half fees at the rate of £50 were charged in respect of the season 1916-1917, but this being the case the Colonial Government would appear to be under an obligation to withdraw the claim for more than £50 in respect of the additional catchers employed in the seasons 1917-1918 and 1918-1919 since the correspondence as regards those seasons indicates that it was the intention that the arrangements for the season 1916-1917 would continue.

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G.O 331/16

March

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

(Signed) WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

as per statement.

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.

29 Bernard Street.

Leith.

1st December 1921.

Sir,

We beg reference to your 88323/1921 of 28th ult. transmitting a copy of a statement received from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, showing amount due by us in respect of the whaling operations in the Dependencies of the Colony, and requesting us to remit the amount due, £3150, to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

We have perused the statement and find that same is not entirely correct. We are therefore enclosing a statement of the fees which we make due, amounting to £2200, and a cheque for this sum has been sent to-day, as instructed.

In explanation of the differences we would beg reference to letter received from the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, dated 6th November 1917 copy of which we enclose. In paragraph 2 it will be observed that for additional catchers up to 6, the ordinary rate of £100 each is charged, while a sum of £50 each is due for the 7 additional catchers allowed by the Secretary of State, whether employed by us or sub-let to other Companies. For season 1917, during which we employed eight additional whale catchers, we are charged £800, whereas according to arrangement this should be 6 at £100 each, and 2 at £50 each, in all - £700. During the same season we sub-let a licence for one whale catcher and the charge for same should be £50, not £100. In season 1918-19 we had 6 extra catchers at South Georgia and sub-let a licence for one. The fee for the latter being £50, and not £100 as per statement.

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Encl (2)  
2000/17  
attached

+ March

In connection with the fee for the floating factory ship "Meko", and attendant whalers, £300 was remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies on 29th March 1920, and we have acknowledgment from that Office, dated 26th August 1920, that our cheque had been encashed. The licence fee for "Meko" and whalers for season 1920-21 was remitted by us to the Crown Agents for the Colonies in November 1920, but same was returned, as they had no instructions from the Falkland Islands Government. On the 3rd ult. we remitted this £300, together with fee for season 1921-22, in all, £600 to the Treasurer of the Falkland Islands, Port Stanley.

We also observe a charge of £150, being half rates for "Soula", "Harma" and "Hanka", at South Georgia to the 30th September 1916. This we are certain must have been charged in error as licence fees for season 1915-16 were paid by us to the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley (receipt dated 8th October 1915 in our possession) and no additional fees are due for that season as these vessels were transferred in March 1916 to South Georgia, in accordance with arrangement with your Office.

We have no doubt that you will put these facts before the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

We have, etc.

per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.

E/2.- (Signed) H.O. Salvesen.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

London, E.W.1.



The Office of the Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
6th March, 1917.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to call your attention to the fact that up to the present we have not received any notification from the Crown Agents that you have paid the licence fees for the additional whale catchers employed by you in South Georgia during the 1916 season, in connection with either of your two companies (Salvesen and South Georgia Companies), operating there.

2. For the additional catchers at ordinary rates a sum of Six hundred pounds (£600) would appear to be due to us, Three hundred pounds (£300) with respect to each Company, while a further sum of Fifty pounds (£50) a piece (half rates) would appear to be likewise due for each of the seven additional catchers allowed you by the Secretary of State, whether employed by you in connection with your own companies or by other companies with which you made arrangements, according to the permission you received from the Secretary of State, to cede your right to the use of one of such seven catchers.

3. I cannot at present say whether the total sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds (£350) is due for these seven catchers, as I have not heard from the Magistrate, South Georgia, the exact number actually employed.

4. With regard to your South Shetlands catchers, employed by special permission in South Georgia in 1916, it is understood that no further payment is due.

I am, etc.

(Signed) A. Candell

Colonial Secretary.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Company

29, Bernard Street,

DATE.....



From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

For information of Treasurer in connection  
with Seys emp'd of 14<sup>th</sup> January 1922 which  
was sent down on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

By

14 May 1922

DUPLICATE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL

DOWNING STREET,

10. March, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of the 4th January, concerning certain sums owing by Messrs. Salvesen and Company in respect of whaling fees, and to refer you to the concluding sentence of the 4th paragraph of the letter from Messrs. Salvesen of the 1st December, which formed the enclosure to my confidential despatch of the 17th January last.

2. As it appears that this amount has already been paid, no further action appears necessary in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Signed) VICTOR S. CHURCHILL

GOVERNOR

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.B.C.,

etc., etc., etc.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
29th July, 1922.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential despatches of the 17th of January and the 16th of March, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough, in order that the matter may be further investigated, to transmit to me a copy of the statement which accompanied Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company's letter to you of the 1st of December, 1921, of the fees which Messrs Salvesen & Company admitted to be due in respect of their whaling operations in the Dependencies of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

J. Middleton

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

W. L. S. CHURCHILL, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

CONF. DUPLICATE  
WHALING RETURN.

Having the Pleas and Annual Rental Fee, paid, of whaling in respect of Whaling operations in the Colony, by Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company.

PALMLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL

4 October, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 29th July, and to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the statement which accompanied Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company's letter of the 1st December, of the fees which they admitted to be due in respect of their whaling operations in the Dependencies of the Colony. The failure to send the statement in the first instance is regretted.

Encl. (4)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

GOVERNOR

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.B.C.,

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WHALING RETURN.

Shewing the Fees and Annual Rental due, paid, or outstanding in respect of Whaling operations in the Colony, by Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co.

Particulars.	Amounts due	Amounts paid	Amounts unpaid
	£	£	£
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL.</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour & Leith Harbour, South Georgia, for the year ended 31st Dec. 1915; four (4) catchers: ("Sedna", "Symra", "Saima" and "Sitka").....	500.	500.-	
<u>WHALING FEE.</u>			
For two (2) Extra Catchers at South Georgia during the 1915-1916 Whaling Season ("Semla" and "Hval")	200.	200.-	
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL.</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour & Leith Harbour, for the year ended the 31st. December, 1916	500.	500.-	
<u>WHALING FEE (contd.)</u>			
For six (6) Extra Catchers at South Georgia during the 1916/17 Whaling Season ("Hval", "Semla", "Foula", "Herma", "Hanka" and "Subra")	600.	---	
For two (2) Extra Catchers sub-let during the 1916/17 Whaling Season; one ("Husvik") to the Tonsberg Whaling Co., and one ("Scott") to the Sandefjord Whaling Co.	100.	700.-	
<u>Whaling Fee.</u>			
For Licences Nos. 82 and 58 for the 1916/17 Season for floating factory "Neko" and three (3) catchers ("Scapa", "Silva", and "Sonja")	300.	300.-	
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL.</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour and Leith Harbour, South Georgia, for the year ended 31st Dec. 1917	500.	500.-	
<u>WHALING FEE.</u>			
For Licences Nos. 91 and 67 for the 1917/18 Season for factory "Neko" and three catchers ("Scapa" "Silva" and "Sonja")	300	---	300
For eight (8) extra catchers at South Georgia during the 1917/18 season, ("Shova" "Semla" "Foula" "Herma" "Hanka" "Subra" "Ole Wegger" and "Normann 11"			
6 at £100 each	600		
2 at £50 "	100	---	700
	3700.	2700.	1000.

	Amounts due £	Amounts paid £	Amounts unpaid. £
<u>WHALING FEE.</u>			
For one (1) Extra Catcher sub-let to the Tonsberg Co. during the 1917/18 season, ("Husvik")	50		50.-
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour & Leith Harbour South Georgia, for year ended 31st Dec. 1918	500.	500.	
<u>WHALING FEE</u>			
For Licences for the 1918/19 Season, for the factory "Neko" and three catchers, ("Scapa" "Silva" and "Sonja")	300		300.-
For six (6) extra Catchers at South Georgia during the 1918/19 Season, ("Semla" "Foula" "Herma" "Hanka" "Subra" and "Ole Wegger")	600		600.-
For one (1) extra catcher sub-let to the Tonsberg Co. during the 1918/19 Season. ("Husvik")	50		50.-
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL.</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour & Leith Harbour, South Georgia, for the year ended the 31st December, 1919.	500	500.-	
<u>WHALING FEE</u>			
For Licences for the 1919/20 Season for the floating factory "Neko" and three(3) catchers ("Scapa" "Silva" and "Sonja")	300	300.-	
For two (2) extra catchers at South Georgia during the 1919/20 Season ("Subra" and "Sorka")	200		200.-
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour & Leith Harbour South Georgia, for the year ended the 31st December 1920	500	500.-	
<u>WHALING FEE.</u>			
For Licences for the 1920/21 Season for the floating factory "Neko" and three (3) catchers ("Scapa" "Silva" and "Sonja")	300	300.-	
<u>ANNUAL RENTAL</u>			
Lease of Allardyce Harbour and Leith Harbour, South Georgia, for the year ended the 31st December 1921.	500	500,	
Total amount due	<u>£7500.</u>		
	Total amount paid	<u>£5300</u>	
			Total amount remaining unpaid £2200.-

(Stamp) Chr. Salvesen & Co.  
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DATE... 14<sup>th</sup> November 1922

From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

With reference to C.S.O. 42/22 a copy is attached  
of Confidential despatch from SgS to you with  
a statement from Messrs Salmon & Co of fees which  
they admitted to be due in respect of their  
whaling operations: will you please refer to Treasurer  
G.A.

14 November 1922



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd January, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to refer to Mr. Churchill's confidential despatch of the 17th of January, 1922, and subsequent correspondence on the subject of the indebtedness of Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company to this Government in respect of whaling operations in the Dependencies from 1916 to 1921.

2. The amount now remaining in dispute is £350. Of this sum, £150 is due as licence fees for catchers employed by Messrs Salvesen at South Georgia in 1916, and the balance is owing to complete the full fee of £100 for each additional catcher used in the years 1917-1918 and 1918-1919.

3. Messrs Salvesen claim that they have already paid the licence fees for their operations in 1916. For the last half of the season, ending on the 30th of September in that year, they by special permission employed the catchers "Foula", "Horma" and "Barla" at South Georgia at half rates. They had already paid and, in the penultimate paragraph of their letter of the 1st of December, 1921, they quote the

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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.

receipt for, fees on these vessels for fishing in the waters of the Falkland Islands in 1915-1916, but permission was neither sought nor obtained for the licences to cover fishing in South Georgia. The proposal that Messrs Salvosen might transfer vessels employed at the Falkland Islands to South Georgia was made in a letter of the 9th of February from the Colonial office to the company. A copy of the letter was sent to the Governor under cover of Mr Bonar Law's Confidential despatch of the 4th of March, 1916. In paragraph 3 of that despatch the Governor was instructed that half fees were to be charged for additional catchers employed at South Georgia by Messrs Salvosen for the balance of the 1915-1916 season. If Your Grace considers that it was not intended that further fees should be charged for vessels already licenced for the Falkland Islands, there will be no objection on the part of this Government to withdrawing the claim.

4. The question of the balance of £200, in which Messrs Salvosen is indebted to this Government, is dealt with in paragraph 2 of Mr. Churchill's despatch under reference. I am unable to say from the correspondence why half fees only were allowed to be paid in respect of the 1916-1917 season. The letter from the Colonial Secretary to Messrs Salvosen of the 6th of March, 1917, on which that company bases its exemption from full fees, refers in terms to the 1916 season only. Messrs Salvosen in replying, assumed that the claim referred to the 1916-1917

season/

season, and their cheque for licences at half rates for two vessels sublet to other companies was unfortunately accepted. A copy of Mr. Condell's letter of the 16th of June, 1917, confirming the temporary receipt sent on the 9th of June is enclosed. I regret that this was omitted from my Confidential despatch of the 20th of August, 1921. As Mr. Churchill considered that the Colonial Government is bound as regards subsequent years by the action taken in respect of the 1916-1917 season, this claim also will be withdrawn unless Your Grace sees fit to direct otherwise. I would observe in this connection that the misconceptions which have occurred are attributable to the failure of Messrs Salvesen to pay the whaling fees as they became due.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Confidential

Downing Street,

23 April 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 22nd of January, 1923, and to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter to Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company, from which you will see that I have decided that the claim against the firm for the balance of £500 in respect of whaling fees should not be pressed.

2. You will also observe that the attention of the Company has been drawn to the desirability of arranging for prompt payment of such fees in future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant.

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE

*For CSO 72/22*

GOVERNOR,

J. MIDDLETON ESQ., C.M.G.

&c., &c., &c.

To Messrs Chr. Salvesen & Co. 23 April

14802/1923

Downing Street,

23 April 1923.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 17th of January 1922, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that he has now received a reply from the Governor of the Falkland Islands regarding the fees payable by you in respect of your whaling operations for 1915-1921.

2. As no extra charge was made for the use of the catchers transferred from the South Shetlands to South Georgia, and as you had already paid fees in the Colony in respect of the catchers transferred from the Falkland Islands during the later part of the season 1915-1916, the claim for £150 in respect of the catchers transferred from the Colony will now be withdrawn.

3. The balance remaining in dispute is, therefore, £200 to complete the full fee of £100 for  
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MESSRS CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

certain additional catchers employed 1917-1918 and 1918-1919. It was the intention that the reduced fee of £50 should only apply to the additional catchers employed during the latter part of the 1915-1916 season, and that the full fee of £100 should be payable in subsequent seasons. As, however, the lower fee was accepted without question in respect of the season 1916-1917, the Secretary of State does not propose to press for payment of the higher fee for the seasons 1917-1918 and 1918-1919.

4. The Governor has, however, drawn attention to the inconvenience caused by your failure to pay whaling fees as they became due. The Secretary of State cannot regard it as satisfactory that substantial sums should have been left owing to the Colonial Government for considerable periods; and, he must, therefore, ask that arrangements may be made to ensure the prompt payment of such fees in future.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

(Signed) G. GRINDLE