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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 1

Downing Street,

5 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.134 of the 8th November and to convey to you my approval of the proposed purchase by the Colonial Government from the Falkland Islands Company of a stone built cottage and certain land for the sum of £600.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

etc., etc., etc.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 2

DOWNING STREET,

5 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.136 of the 9th November, and to convey to you my approval of the Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure (No.1 of 1922) which was voted at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 11th August, 1922.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.,

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No 3

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DOWNING STREET,

5 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.103 of the 13th September, forwarding the report on whaling operations at South Georgia during the season 1921-2.

2. I note with satisfaction the reported results of the new regulations in minimising waste, and hope that further experience will confirm their utility.

3. As regards paragraph 4 of your despatch, you will have received my predecessor's telegram of the 16th October in which he accepted your recommendations as regards the issue of temporary permits for the taking of Humpback whales during the season 1922-23. A copy of a letter on the subject which has been sent to the British Museum is enclosed herewith, and I would invite your attention in particular to the second sentence of paragraph 2 of that letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c. &c. &c.

56915/1922.

Downing Street,

5 January, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th July (B.M.N.H.3816/22) I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to transmit to you, to be laid before the Trustees, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands forwarding^a report from the Magistrate, South Georgia on the whaling operations of that Dependency during the season 1921-22, together with the observations of the Government Naturalist on the Report.

2. As regards the last paragraph of the despatch, I am also to enclose a copy of a telegram received from the Governor on the 14th October last, regarding the taking of Humpbacks; and to state that, in the circumstances represented, the Secretary of State did not feel justified in further opposing the view of the local authorities as regards the issue of temporary permits for the taking of this species during the season 1922-23,

and

THE DIRECTOR,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
(NATURAL HISTORY).

No.103.
13th Sept.

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, therefore approved the Governor's recommendations in the matter. The Governor has been informed however that it is presumed that the reports of the whaling officers will record all permits granted and give reasons for their issue.

3. The Trustees will, no doubt, note with satisfaction the reported results of the new regulations in substantially minimising waste; and in this connexion I am to invite reference to the letter from this Department of even date regarding the operations of the Vestfold Company.

4. I am to request that the photographs accompanying the Governor's despatch may be returned to this Department in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ

FAKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 14

DOWNING STREET,

5 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that as no telegrams had been received from you for several weeks the Postmaster General was asked on the 6th December whether any notification had been made of the cessation of telegraphic communication with the Falkland Islands.

2. I enclose copies of the replies to this enquiry and I should be glad to receive your observations as to the circumstances of these delays and as to the possibility (so far as they are due to local causes) of providing against a recurrence in the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.,

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THE SECRETARY TO THE POST OFFICE presents his compliments to the UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, and begs to state with reference to the Colonial Office letter of the 6th instant that he understands from the Western Telegraph Company that wireless communication with the Falkland Islands was regular during the first half of November. The last telegram received from the Falkland Islands was on the 15th ultimo, and the Company are making enquiries as to whether the service is working.

A further communication will be made as soon as any additional information is received.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, E.C.1.

7th December, 1922.

P.O.Ref. 198429/22

General Post Office

LONDON, E.C.1.

12th December, 1922.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant and to the Post Office letter of the 7th instant on the subject of telegraphic communication with the Falkland Islands, I am directed by the Postmaster General to say that the following additional report has been received by the Western Telegraph Company from their Montevideo Office:-

"Enquiries show Port Stanley using low power transmission which Cerrito (Uruguay) reading with utmost difficulty. Handing us traffic with month's delay"

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) F.W. PHILLIPS

for the Secretary

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's} Despatch No. telegram of the
16th October, 1922.Falkland IslandsNo. 5

Downing Street,

8 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the capture of humpback
whales at the South Shetland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1922 30 December (Telegram)	From the Norwegian Whalers Association Sandeffjord
1923 3 January (Telegram)	To do.

TELEGRAM from the Norwegian Whalers Association, Sandefjord,
to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.


Dated 30th December, 1922.

(Received Colonial Office 1.28 p.m. 30th December,
1922.)

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Catch reports from South Shetland very unsatisfactory
and hitherto only 50 per cent of the usual catch in
the first six weeks of season has been obtained. We
fear that the operations may show a heavy loss if the
catch continues as bad as hitherto and we beg to
apply for permission to capture humpbacks during
present season at South Shetland please wire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

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DOWNING STREET.

9 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.140 of the 9th of November and to inform you that I approve of the proposed sale of a plot of Crown waste land to Messrs. Alex. and Mitchell Steel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR,

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

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
~~Governor's~~

} Despatch No. 5 of the

8th January 1923.

Falkland Islands

No 7

Downing Street,

9 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the taking of humpback
whales at the South Shetland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Date.	Description.
1923 2 January 10 "	From Messrs. Salvesen and Company do.

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.,
29, BERNARD STREET,
LEITH,

2nd January 1923.

Sir,

South Shetlands.

We have the honour to support the application which we understand has been made by the Norwegian Whaling Association for the suspension of the regulation prohibiting the killing of the humpback whale in the waters of the South Shetlands and Grahamland. In taking this action we are influenced by two main considerations, first, the disastrous opening of the South Shetland present season as shown by reports received, and secondly the fact that large numbers of humpback whales were reported last season by the whalers operating in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

The northern limit of the icefield was much further south than usual early in November this season - the "Ronald" reached Deception as early as November 8th reporting the fairway free of ice - and past experience has shown that such conditions have an adverse effect upon the catch. Unfortunately this has been confirmed by the wireless reports so far received from the various floating factories. Without going into detail we can say that if the present average weekly production continues, the factories will have to leave the grounds with their tanks only half full. It will be remembered, moreover that the first month's fishing at the South Shetlands is nearly always

always the most successful.

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The regulation protecting the humpback was presumably made on account of the reported diminution in the numbers of this species. Last season however, more humpbacks were seen both on the South Georgia and South Shetland grounds than has been the case since the spring of 1913, so that the falling off witnessed in the preceding seasons must have been due to conditions of the ocean currents affecting the food supply and not to excessive hunting.

We trust that this application will receive your favourable consideration and that you will have the necessary instructions sent by wireless to the Magistrate accompanying the expeditions.

We have, etc.,

per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.,

(Signed) N.G.Salvesen.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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569/23.

Downing Street,

10 January, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd January regarding the taking of humpback whales at the South Shetlands; and to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of the reply returned to the representations received from the Association of Norwegian Whaling Companies on the subject.

6th Jan.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNO. 8Downing Street,
10 January, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram dated the 18th of December, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which was addressed by Mr. H. Austin to this Department in regard to his claim for £34 passage allowance from the Colony to this country.

From Mr. Austin
23rd November '22

2. Mr. Austin stated at an interview at the Colonial Office that, though he had been promised the amount in question, it was never actually paid to him and that he had himself paid the amount of his fare to the Falkland Islands Company. It was as a result of this statement that my telegram of the 28th of November was addressed to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c.,

&c.,

&c.,

16b

To the Under Secretary of State,
for Colonies.

13 Allen Road,
Stoke Newington,
London N.16.
23.11.22.

Hon. Sir,

I respectfully request to claim £34.
34 Pounds the cost of 3rd class passage from Port
Stanley Falkland Islands per s.s. Oriania to Liverpool
which arrived on the 17th inst.

The fare was granted to me in consideration
of assisting Doctor Chadwick and Sergeant Barnes in
conducting a criminal lunatic to this country
Hugh Wright Walsh.

I had previously booked and paid passage for
myself before sailing.

See documents from Colonial Secretary Port
Stanley.

I remain, etc.,

(Sgd) Henry Austin

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Despatch No. 60 of the

9th August 1922.

Falkland Islands

No 9

Downing Street,

10 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your consideration,

the papers noted below on the subject of the application of Mr. F. E. A. Thompson, late Second Clerk, Treasury and Customs Department, for the post of First Clerk, Treasury Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1922 30 December	From Mr. F. E. A. Thompson
1923 10 January	To do.

2055 Appts

179 Embankment Road,
Plymouth,
30th December, 1922.

the Assistant Private Secretary
(Appointments)
Colonial Office.

Sir,

Upon hearing of the vacancy in the Treasury Office, Falkland Islands, caused by the promotion of Mr. Milne the First Clerk, I respectfully beg to apply for that post.

I wish to inform you that for several months prior to my leaving the Falklands, I was attached to the Treasury and Customs, when I then performed the duties of Second Clerk in that Department.

I left the Falklands in April 1919, to complete my education in this country, and since my arrival in England I have taken the Examination for the First Class Certificate of the College of Preceptors, passing with distinction in the following subjects, i.e. Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry, and obtaining the second place in the Honours List. Also I am sitting for the London Matriculation in a few days time.

I may add that I am fairly proficient in Shorthand (Pitman's) and have had a preliminary instruction in Accountancy with my father who is a Certified Accountant.

Should my application prove successful I shall be prepared to sail for the Falkland Islands by the first opportunity.

I have etc.,

(Sgd) F. Eric A. Thompson.

2055 Apts

Downing Street,

10 January, 1923.

Sir,

I am desired by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th December in which you apply for the post of 1st Clerk, Treasury Office, Falkland Islands and to inform you that the Governor's recommendations with regard to the vacancy have not yet been received.

2. A copy of your letter and of this reply will be sent to the Governor for his consideration by the outgoing mail.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) R. D. Furse.

P.E.A. THOMPSON, ESQ.,

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 10

DOWNING STREET,

17 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 138 of the 9th November, and to inform you that I approve of the expenditure reported therein which was incurred during the quarter ended 31st March, 1922 and is not covered by the Appropriation Ordinance for the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 11

DOWNING STREET,

11 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 137 of the 9th November, and to inform you that I approve of the expenditure reported therein which was incurred during the quarter ended 31st December 1921 and is not covered by the appropriation Ordinance for the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.

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 $\frac{H}{6a}$ Falkland IslandsNo. 12

Downing Street,

25 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that an application has been received from the Norwegian Minister at this Court, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. A. H. Russell Gresham as acting Consul for Norway at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have to request you to recognise this gentleman accordingly unless you are aware of any objection, and to report when you have done so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 13

DOWNING STREET,

30 January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.132 of the 8th November, and in confirmation of my telegram of the 24th January, to inform you that I approve the estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Falkland Islands for the year 1923 including the various changes ~~in~~ emoluments reported in your despatch and provided in the Estimates.

2. I gather that the position indicated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of your despatch is reached by including in the revenue for 1922 and 1923 the whole of the receipts from Land Sales in those years, But the circumstances are exceptional and I do not propose to comment on the grant at any rate at present, especially as it is your intention to submit further proposals for expenditure to be met from surplus funds and there will no doubt be an opportunity of discussing the matter with you verbally during your forthcoming visit to this country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire

GOVERNOR

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

etc., etc., etc.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Despatch No. 4 of the

5th January 1923

Falkland Islands

No. 14

Downing Street,

5 February 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of delays in wireless telegraphic communication with Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
25 January	From Lloyd's
2 February	To do.

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LLOYD'S

25th January, 1923.

D/EP.

Sir,

I have been asked by members of Lloyd's who are interested in the insurance of South Georgia whalers to take up with you the question of delays in cablegrams sent by wireless telegraphy from Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands to Cerrito, near Monte Video, and thence by cable etc., to destination.

The owners of the "THOR I" received on the 19th December a telegram, from the master of that vessel reporting his catch up to the 23rd November, which had apparently been delayed somewhere for more than three weeks. These shipowners state that messages to other shipowners via Falkland Islands have also been delayed.

The bulk of the whaling fleet is insured in London and therefore British Underwriters are interested in the efficiency of the wireless connection between the Falklands and the mainland, as the saving of life and property might be dependent upon the quick despatch of wireless messages.

From a communication which has been received from the General Post Office it is assumed that at time in question the Port Stanley Station owing to its low power was unable to communicate with Cerrito.

The Committee of Lloyd's would be obliged if the

Secretary

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W.1.

Secretary of State for the Colonies would, in the
general interests of the mercantile and insurance
communities, be good enough to allow enquiries to be
made as to the efficiency of the Port Stanley Station.

I am, etc.,

(sgd.) T. Devereux

Controller of Intelligence.

26d

4623/1923

Downing Street,

-2 February, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th January regarding delays in wireless telegrams sent from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

2. This question has already engaged the attention of the Secretary of State and a despatch was sent to the Governor by the last mail inviting his observations as to the circumstances of their ^{se}delays and as to the possibility (so far as they are due to local causes) of providing against a recurrence in the future.

3. Pending the receipt of a reply the Secretary of State cannot usefully take any further action in the matter; but a copy of your letter and this reply will be sent to the Governor by the next mail.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY,
LLOYDS.

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's } Despatch No. 50 of the
3rd May, 1922.

Falkland Islands

No. 15

Downing Street,

7 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the proposed re-establishment
of a fur seal industry in the dependencies of the Falkland
Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 3 January No. 5.	From His Majesty's Representative at Montevideo

No. 5.

3rd January, 1923.

With reference to Mr. Hope Vere's despatch No. 250 of the 12th December last, I have the honour to report that two offers only were received as a result of the call for tenders for seal skins, and, the terms of the call requiring a minimum of three tenders, a further call will accordingly be issued in which offers are to be invited either for the entire stock or for lots of not less than one hundred skins.

\$3.00

in

THE MARQUESS CURZON OF KEDLESTON, K.G.,

&c.

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in question as soon as it becomes available, as well as any additional information that may come to my knowledge on this interesting subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. MALLET.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.NO. 16

DOWNING STREET,

8 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 112 of the 19th September and to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Admiralty relative to the disposal of certain naval guns in the Falkland Islands.

2. You will observe that the Crown Agents have been instructed to pay the sum of £200 for the purchase of the 12 pdr. 8 cwt. Q.F. gun, etc.; and I shall be glad to receive your observations on the question of the disposal of the guns mentioned in paragraph 2 of the letter from the Admiralty of the 24th January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR,

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

etc. etc. etc.

G.17683/22

ADMIRALTY,

24th January, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 24th November 1922, No.56924/22, relative to the disposal of Guns landed in the Falkland Islands for defence of the Naval Wireless Station, during the late war, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that Their Lordships are prepared to agree to the 12-pdr 8-cwt Q.F.Gun, carriage and limber being retained at a total price of £200.

I am also to enquire in regard to the 3-pdr Hotchkiss gun and mounting and 3-pdr sub-calibre gun which are not required, whether arrangement can be made for their disposal by sale after mutilation or, if this is not possible, by dumping in deep water; also, whether the breech mechanisms and spare parts could be broken up in the Falkland Islands and the resultant scrap sold there.

I am etc.

(Signed) V.W. BADDELEY

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office,
Downing Street S.W.1

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Downing Street,

8 February, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th January (G.17683/22) relative to the disposal of certain guns in the Falkland Islands, and to request you to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been authorised to transfer to Naval Funds the sum of £200 in respect of the purchase of the 12-pdr 8 cwt. Q.F. Gun etc, which the Government of the Colony desire to retain for the protection of the seal fishery.

2. A copy of your letter is being sent to the Governor for consideration of the question of the disposal of the guns mentioned in paragraph 2.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. C. READ

SECRETARY,
ADMIRALTY.

ADMIRALTY

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 17

DOWNING STREET,

10 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 133 of the 8th of November, transmitting particulars of the service in the Falkland Islands of Mr. C.F. Condell, and to inform you that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to issue to him from Falkland Islands funds, as from the 14th of September, 1922 inclusive, a pension at the rate of £80.4.6 per annum.

2. I enclose a copy of the calculation of Mr. Condell's pension, from which you will observe that the aggregate of his salary in the Falkland Islands taken for the purpose of the computation differs from the amount stated in your despatch. In this connection I have to explain that the expression "aggregate salary" in the regulation (No. 2 of 8th March 1922) recently passed has in other Colonies been interpreted as the total amount of salary which an officer would have drawn and the total amount of the other pensionable emoluments which he would have enjoyed, had he been on duty on full pay in his substantive post throughout his period of service.

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GOVERNOR

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

etc., etc., etc.

3. Applying this construction in the case of Mr. Condell, his aggregate salary in the Falkland Islands, based on service of 3 years 10 months . 14 days, amounted to £2323.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

Pension of Mr. C.F. Condell.
Aggregates of Salary.

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Mr. Condell's gross service in each of the Colonies in which he served was as follows:-

		y.	m.	d.
St. Lucia	1 Nov. 1904 - 19 Feb 1915.	=	10.	3. 19
Falklands	20 Feb 1915 - 2 Jan 1919	=	3.10.	14.
Leewards	3 Jan 1919 - 13 Sept. 1922	=	3. 8.	11.

St. Lucia.

His salary was £250 up to 31st March 1910 and £300 thereafter. He had no other pensionable emoluments. The St. Lucia aggregates are:-

			£.	s.	d.
1904	2 mos at £250	=	41.	13.	4.
1905-9	5 years at £250.	=	1250.	0.	0
1910	3 months at £250.	=	62.	10.	0
1910	9 months at £300	=	225.	0.	0
1911-14	4 years at £300	=	1200.	0.	0.
1915.	1 month at £300	=	25.	0.	0.
1915	19 days at £300	=	15.	12.	4.
			2819.	15.	8.

Say £2820.

Falklands.

Where he had £600 throughout
3 years 10 months 14 days at £600 = £2323.

Montserrat.

He had £600 and quarters up to 31st March 1921 and £700 and quarters thereafter. Allowing £100 for quarters the

Montserrat aggregates will be:-

			£.	s.	d.
1919	363 days at £700	=	696.	3.	3.
1920	1 year at £700	=	700.	0.	0.
1921	3 months at £700	=	175.	0.	0.

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1921 9 months at £800	=	£.	s.	d.
		600.	0.	0.
1922 8 months at £800	=	533.	6.	8.
" 13 days at £800	=	28.	9.	10.
		2732.	19.	9.

Say 2733.

His Service was as follows.

		Y. m. d.
1st Nov. 1904 - 12 Sept. 1922	=	17. 10. 13.
½ pay leave 1908	=	3. 0
26 Sept. 1911 - 7 Feb. 1912	=	4. 14
26 July 1914 - 7 Oct. 1914	=	2. 12
Falklands.	=	1. 0.
Montserrat	=	6.
		<u>16. 26.</u>
half of which	=	8. 13.
		<u>17. 2. 0.</u>

The St. Lucia and Leewards hypothetical
pensions will be $\frac{880}{3}$ of £800 = $\frac{880}{3}$
Gtns

The aggregates, as calculated above are:-

St. Lucia	2820
Falklands	2323
Leewards	<u>2733.</u>
	<u>7876.</u>

The St. Lucia actual pension will be:-

$$\frac{880}{3} \times \frac{2820}{7876} = \underline{\underline{£105. 0. 7.}}$$

The Leewards actual pension will be:-

$$\frac{880}{3} \times \frac{2733}{7876} = \underline{\underline{£101. 15. 9}}$$

The Falklands pension will be calculated rather
differently. Under Ordinance 2 of 1920 the retiring salary

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on which pension is based is increased by 20%. So the
 Falklands hypothetical pension will be
 $\frac{17}{50\text{ths}}$ of 2960 = £272.

The actual Falklands pension will be:-

$$272 \times \frac{2323}{7876} = \underline{\underline{280.4.6.}}$$

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNO. 18

DOWNING STREET,

24 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.141 and to convey to you my approval of the increase of the salary of one telephone operator from £17 per annum to £36 per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 19

Downing Street,

27 February, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Evans regarding certain slides and negatives supplied in connection with Dr. Baker's Geological Survey of the Falkland Islands, which it is intended in due course to transmit to the Colony.

26 February

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

etc., etc., etc.

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Downing Street,

26 February, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been authorized to pay the sum of £3.5. due to Mr.G.S. Sweeting for making lantern slides and negatives in connection with Dr.Baker's Geological Survey of the Falkland Islands.

It is understood that the slides and negatives in question will be forwarded to this Office in due course for transmission to the Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

J.W. EVANS, ESQ., D.Sc., F.R.S.

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Falkland Islands

No. 20

Downing Street,

27 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
No. 147 of the 23 December, 1922 and to inform
you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance
in respect of Ordinance, No. 6 of 1922
of the Legislature of the Falkland Islands, entitled,
"An Ordinance to provide for the service of the Year 1923."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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Falkland Islands

No. 21

Downing Street,

1 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
No. 148 of the 23rd December, 1923 and to inform
you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance
in respect of Ordinance, No. 7 of 1922
of the Legislature of the Falkland Islands, entitled,
"An Ordinance to provide for Trading Companies and
other Associations."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 22

DOWNING STREET,

2 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the
 Mr. Brown 12th Feb. accompanying copy of correspondence with Mr. G.A.

" 2 Mar. Brown relative to his application for assistance to
 enable him to return to the Falkland Islands.

2. I should be glad if you would report by
 despatch whether any assistance can be given him from
 the funds of the Colony or otherwise.

3. I understand that Mr. Brown has also
 communicated with the Overseas Settlement Committee
 but has been informed that the Committee is unable to
 assist him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
 humble Servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

etc., etc., etc.

COPY.

52, Dunloe Street,

Shoreditch,

London, E.2.

February 12th, 1923.

Dear Sir,

I trust you will excuse me taking the liberty in writing to you as I wish to ask if you could inform me where I could apply for assistance towards my Passage back to the Falkland Islands where my wife is now residing. I am an ex-Naval man discharged through being blown up in H.M.S. Natal, during the war. I went out to that Colony under the Oversea's Settlement Committee and after 18 months' stay I received word that there was work forme in England but was disappointed when I arrived here and found the job gone. I have only done five weeks' work at 30/- shillings a week for the past ten months. All I am giving up out of my pension is 8/- shillings out of ^{s.d.} 9/7 per week and my relatives can't keep me much longer as I am not entitled to the Dole. The Pension Board offer to advance me 26 weeks which comes to about £12. 9. 4 but the Passage money 3rd Class is £22. 0. 0, I applied to the Grand Fleet Fund but they say

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say that they cannot assist me. My wife is a native of that Colony and is eager for me to return so that I can work and support her. I have very good Papers and also Colonial Government Reference for 11 months' service as labourer.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) G.A. BROWN.

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Downing Street,

2 March, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th February, and to inform you that a copy is being sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands with an enquiry whether any assistance can be granted to you in order to enable you to return there. Owing, however, to the difficulty of communication with the Falkland Islands it will probably be some months before a reply is received.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

G.A. BROWN, ESQ.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's } Despatch No. 121 of the
31st October, 1922

Falkland Islands

No 23

Downing Street,

3 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your information,

the papers noted below on the subject of the continuation of the affairs
of the firm of Messrs Johan Rasmussen and A. Lange by Messrs.
Johan Rasmussen and Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 February	From Messrs Johan Rasmussen and Company.

JOHAN RASMUSSEN & CO.
Sandefjord.

Sandefjord, February 1923.

Dear Sir (s)

We hereby beg to inform that the firm Johan Rasmussen & Alex.Lange has been dissolved and that we under the style of Johan Rasmussen & Co. will continue the affairs of the said firm.

Instead of the late Mr. Alex.Lange the partner in our firm, Mr. Torger Moe, for many years office manager of Messrs Johan Rasmussen & Alex.Lange, has been elected member of the Board of Directors of the Whaling Companies, "Sydhavet", "Vestfold", "Ocean" and A/S Sandefjords Hvalfangerselskap.

We would draw your attention to the signatures at foot, and remain

Yours faithfully

(Sgd.) Johan Rasmussen, Torger Moe.

Mr. Johan Rasmussen will sign: Johan Rasmussen & Co.

(Sgd.) Johan Rasmussen

Mr. Torger Moe will sign: Johan Rasmussen & Co.

(Sgd.) Torger Moe

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No. 75 of the
 Governor's }
7th July, 1921

Falkland IslandsNo³⁰ 24

Downing Street,

6 March, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of expenditure in connection with
 wireless communication in the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 24 February 1 March	From the Crown Agents for the Colonies (with enclosure) To do.

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The Crown Agents for the Colonies

4, Millbank,

Westminster,

E 201/20a.

London S.W.1.

24th February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to request the authority of the Secretary of State to pay the enclosed account, amounting to £19.4.0 submitted by Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Rider, in respect of professional services rendered in connection with the transfer of the Naval High Power Wireless Station in the Falkland Islands to the Colonial Government, and their report of 3rd June, 1921, a copy of which was transmitted to you under cover of our letter of 8th June 1921.

2. This matter was referred to our Consulting Electricians on the authority of your letter No.17391 dated 19th April, 1921.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) J.W. Potter

for Crown Agents.

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

Crown Agents
for the Colonies.

8, Queen Anne's Gate

Westminster, S.W.1.

31st January, 1923.

DR. to

PREECE, CARDEW & RIDER.

E.201/21a.

To Professional services rendered

in connection with the proposed transfer of
the Naval High Power Wireless Station in the
Falkland Islands to the Colonial Government.
Interview with the Officer-in-Charge of the
Naval School of Signalling, Portsmouth, and
Report dated 3rd June, 1921.

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Travelling expenses to Portsmouth

3.9.-

3. 9. -

£ 19. 4.

Cheques crossed London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

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Downing Street,

/ March, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th February (E 201/20a) and to inform you that he approves of your paying the sum of £19.4.0 from Falkland Islands funds to Messrs Freece, Cardew and Rider in respect of professional services rendered in connection with the question of wireless communication in the Falkland Islands.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

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FAULKLAND ISLANDSNo. 25

DOWNING STREET,

6 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, the accompanying copy of correspondence with Mr. A. Robb, a native of the Falkland Islands and to request that you will inform me by telegram whether he can be assisted to return to the Colony.

Fr. A. Robb. 21/10/20To " 5/11/20Fr. " 10/2/23To " 6/3/23

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR,

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

etc., etc., etc.

COPY.

1, Crow Road,
Paisley.
21/10/1920.

To the Agents
for the Crown Colonies.

Dear Sirs,

Could you kindly advise me what to do, I am a native of the Falkland Islands 54 years of age I served two years in the Boer War and in 1917 a P.S.U.C. Mail boat was shorthanded in Punta Arenas Chile I shipped and worked in the stoke hole to Liverpool on arriving there being too old to join the army, I went on urgent Government work until the beginning of February, 1918, when I received an injury to my left leg and after various operations I am a cripple for the remainder of my life, I am able to walk a short distance but only slowly about the only thing that I could do would be doorkeeper or something of that sort. I can speak Spanish, I am at present an inmate of an hospital for cripples here but they give me to understand that I am unwelcome. If I had a little assistance I might yet be able to earn a living for myself. Full particulars of my case can be had on application to Mr.H.Black, No.1 Crow Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire, N.B.

I am without means, all that I had went when I became ill before I went into hospital. Hoping that you will be able to advise something for me.

I beg, etc.,
(Sgd.) Alex. Robb.

Above address.

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OPY.

DOWNING STREET,

5th November, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo (addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies) and to inform you that he regrets that he is not in a position to assist you in obtaining employment in this country. I am to suggest that if you have not already done so you should submit your case to the local Employment Committee.

2. If however it is your desire to return to the Falkland Islands it is possible that you may be eligible for the grant of some assistance from funds administered by the Joint Committee of the National Relief Fund and Oversea Settlement Committee. In that case I am to suggest that you should take the enclosed forms of application to the nearest Employ-
ment Exchange and ask that your case may be investigated and the forms completed on your behalf. The question of a grant will then receive the consideration of the Joint Committee.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE.

MR. A. ROBB.

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COPY.

Belmont Road Institution,
Liverpool.

10.2.1923.

Referring to No.52205/1920.

To the Under Secretary of State,

Honourable Sir,

Will you kindly investigate my case. While in a hospital in the County of Renfrewshire Scotland, I received injuries which have left me a cripple for life. This happened in the year 1919, I have not been able to proceed with the case before for the want of certain evidence for these things are very hard to prove and another thing I have no money. But now I am able to prove my case I am able to earn a living providing that I could find employment in some occupation where I have not much walking I have had to undergo two operations recently to enable me to wear a boot, this is the result of the ~~Mal~~ practice in Scotland. I have applied for out door relief both from the Labour Exchange and the Poor Law. In both cases I have been refused and I have tried to obtain a passage back to South America and failed. I can produce several witness' to prove that I had full use of my limbs when I was taken to Hospital.

I have been repeatedly told that the people here do not see why they should look after me failing any-thing else am I entitled to any support from the Colony to which I belong Hoping that you will excuse the liberty I am taking in addressing you and
begging

begging you to believe that it is only as a last
resource that I ask this favour.

I beg to remain your Obediently,

(Sgd.) Alexander Robb.

Belmont Road Inst.

Liverpool.

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DOWNING STREET,

6 March, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th of February, in which you ask for assistance.

2. It is understood that you did not apply to the Joint Committee of the National Relief Fund and Oversea Settlement Committee as suggested in the letter from this Department of the 5th of November 1920, to which you refer; and as that Fund has been closed no assistance is now available from that source. A copy of the correspondence with you is however being sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands who is being asked to telegraph whether you may be aided to return to the Colony.

3. The Secretary of State regrets that he has no funds at his disposal from which you could be granted any assistance in the meantime.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. T. DAVIS.

MR. A. ROBB.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 26

DOWNING STREET,

7 March, 1923.

Sir,

In my telegram of the 14th February I have informed you of the purchase of the S.S. "Discovery" for the purpose of carrying out the investigations recommended by the Inter Departmental Committee on Research and Development in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

2. I am therefore now in a position to make the further communication promised in paragraph 5 of Lord Milner's despatch No. 45 of the 28th April 1920; and although the progress made in the matter has been notified to you informally from time to time it is desirable to record officially the details of the steps which have led up to the purchase of the "Discovery".

3. In paragraph 154 of their Report the Dependencies Committee assumed that the vessels and survey equipment required for the proposed researches would be provided by the Admiralty and that the cost of maintenance and the pay of the staffs and crews would be borne by Naval funds. The Admiralty was therefore approached in the matter; but you will observe, from the enclosed copy of the correspondence with that Department, that

May. 29 Dec. '19

" 24 Jan. '20

" 14 Sep. "

" 25 Oct. "

" 19 Nov. '20

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

&c., &c., &c.

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that owing to the financial position resulting from the war the Lords Commissioners were unable to approve of money from Naval funds being applied to the work and were not in a position to furnish any reliable estimates of the cost of the proposed vessels, though they were of the opinion that the figure of £85,000 furnished to the Dependencies Committee would prove to be quite inadequate.

4. The Crown Agents were accordingly asked to obtain provisional information as to the cost and plans of the vessels and it was arranged, as will be seen from the accompanying correspondence with them, that their Consulting Naval Architects, Messrs Flannery, Baggalay & Johnson, should undertake a preliminary investigation for the sum of 500 guineas.

5. I enclose a copy of the report made by the Consulting Naval Architects on the 3rd of November, 1921, from paragraph 47 of which you will observe that the cost of construction was estimated at £100,000 for the smaller and £200,000 for the larger vessel.

6. Even when full allowance is made for the fall in costs which took place subsequently, these figures are clearly prohibitive; and my predecessor therefore decided to appoint a further Inter-Departmental Committee to consider what action might be practicable in the changed circumstances. A list of the members of the Committee including a copy of the terms of reference is enclosed.

7. In view of the high cost of construction, the Committee decided to explore the possibility of obtaining a suitable vessel or vessels second hand; and, after various enquiries, they came to the conclusion that the S.S. "Discovery" approximated sufficiently closely to the standard requirements to warrant further investigation.

2 Dec. '20

14 Jan. '21

1 Feb. '21

Mrs. F.B. & J.
3 Nov. '21.

Art and Terms of
Reference.

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A superficial examination of the vessel was therefore undertaken and after consideration of the reports (copies enclosed) made by the Consulting Naval Architects, the Committee recommended that a full survey of the vessel should be proceeded with, provided that suitable terms could be arranged with the owners, the Hudson Bay Company.

8. My predecessor approved this recommendation and the Crown Agents were instructed to open negotiations with the Hudson Bay Company, as a result of which an Agreement (of which a copy is also enclosed) was entered into for the sale and purchase of the vessel for a sum of £5,000, provided that the complete survey of the vessel proved satisfactory.

9. Arrangements were then made for a thorough examination of the "Discovery" and on the receipt of the report (copy herewith dated the 3rd February 1923) of the Consulting Naval Architects on the results of the survey the Committee unanimously recommended that the vessel should be acquired for the purposes in view, and the Crown Agents were thereupon instructed to complete the purchase and to make preliminary arrangements for the preparation of specifications for the reconditioning of the vessel.

10. The question of the appointment of a Committee to control the investigations is now receiving consideration and a further report on the subject will be sent to you in due course.

11. It is not practicable at present to give full effect to the recommendation of the Dependencies

Committee

21 June.

14 July

Agreement
18 Oct. '22.

13 Feb. 1923.

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Committee that two vessels should be employed upon the proposed researches: but the question of employing a second vessel will no doubt be considered later in the light of the experience gained with the "Discovery" and of the financial resources available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 27

Downing Street,

7 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your telegram of the 22nd February requesting that the Wireless operator Mr. A.R.Lash should call on the Director General of Telegraphs at Montevideo was only received in the Colonial Office on the 6th March.

2. As the S.S. "Oropesa" by which Mr. Lash is proceeding to the Colony leaves on the 8th March there has been little time to make the necessary arrangements. It is also understood from the Steamship Company that the vessel may call at Montevideo for a few hours only in which case time may not admit of Mr. Lash calling on the Director and visiting the Carrito Wireless Station.

3. A letter has however been sent to Mr. Lash informing him of your wishes and the Foreign Office have agreed to communicate with His Majesty's Minister by telegraph.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

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Falkland Islands

No.

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Downing Street,

10 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
No. 146 of the 23rd December, 1923 and to inform
you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance
in respect of Ordinance, No. 5 of 1922
of the Legislature of the Falkland Islands, entitled,
"An Ordinance to amend 'the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901'."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 20

Downing Street,

22 March, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to the Colonial Secretary's telegram to the Crown Agents of the 8th of September last, and the connected correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, relative to an agreement into which they have entered with Mr. P.A. Lawday, Working Leading Carpenter, with regard to the cost of a passage for his wife to the Falkland Islands.

Fr. Crown Agents
7th March, 1923.

2. In view of the short term of this appointment, it seemed desirable to limit the passage charges as much as possible, and the Crown Agents were therefore instructed that preference should be given to an unmarried man. Mr. Lawday understood at the time of his engagement that he would not be entitled to a free passage for his wife; but, in view of the enclosed extract of a letter from him to the Crown Agents, I agreed to his being provided with a passage on his undertaking to refund the cost.

3. If, however, Mr. Lawday turns out a satisfactory
workman,

GOVERNOR,

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

etc.,

etc.,

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workman, I hope that your Government will be able to relieve him of the whole or of some part of his liability under this agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

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THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

4, Millbank,

Westminster,

London, S.W. 1.

7th March 1923

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 28th December I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the agreement into which we have entered with Mr. P.A. Lawday, Working Leading Carpenter, Falkland Islands, for the refund of the cost of a passage provided for his wife.

2. Passages have been provided for Mr. and Mrs. Lawday in the s.s. "Oropesa" leaving Liverpool on the 8th instant.

I have, etc.,

(SD) W.A. J. Wickhart,

for Crown Agents.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET,
S.W.

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AGREEMENT made this Second day of March
 One thousand nine hundred and twenty three
 BETWEEN Percival Arthur Lawday
 of 21, Marford Road,
 Clapton
 in the Country of Middlesex, of the one part
 and THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, London,
 for and on behalf of His Majesty, of the other part.

WHEREAS Percival Arthur Lawday (hereinafter called the Person selected) hath been duly selected for appointment as Working Leading Carpenter in the Falkland Islands (hereinafter called the Colony), ^{and} will be provided with a passage to that Colony for his wife. NOW the Person selected, in consideration of the premises, doth hereby agree to refund and repay to the Government of the Colony or to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, in London, the amount paid for his wife's passage to the Colony in such instalments as may be fixed by the Governor of the Colony.

WITNESS our hands the day and year above written.

SIGNED by the said Percival Arthur Lawday)

in the presence of

Of the
 Witness.

{ Signature James Mansie.....
 { Address 413, Kingsland Road, E.8.....
 { Occupation Medical Practitioner.....

Sign here
 over 6d.
 stamp.

(Sgd.) P.A. Lawday.
 2.3.23.

SIGNED by Francis Meredyth Pearson

(On behalf of the Crown Agents for the Colonies) as aforesaid in the presence of (Sgd.) E. Bellevue.
 of the Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

(sgd.) F.M. Pearson.

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Extract from Minutes from The Crown Agents for
to the Colonial Office,
the Colonies, dated 20th February, 1923.

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"With reference to my appointment as Leading Carpenter I wish to know if you will reconsider your decision and allow my wife to accompany me to the Falklands as I do not care to leave her here by herself, we have no family and so there is nothing herefor her. Personally it will be more satisfactory to me and I shall require accommodation there, so I fail to see why we both cannot be accommodated, also in the interest of my work I at least shall have the satisfaction of knowing she is alright. We have few if any friends here, so we cannot be worse off abroad. If you will be kind enough to grant me this favour and the necessary passage which will be refunded to you to our mutual satisfaction I shall be greatly indebted to you. Thanking you in anticipation."

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

No.

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DOWNING STREET,

26 March, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 139 of the 9th November, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. J. Milne was provided with a passage to the Gold Coast by a steamer due to leave Liverpool on the 21st of February, from which date he commenced to draw salary from Gold Coast funds.

2. I regret that owing to the urgent need for his services, it was not possible to give effect to your recommendation that Mr. Milne should be allowed six months' leave in this country before proceeding to West Africa.

3. I understand that the passages for Mr. Milne and his wife and child from the Falkland Islands were taken by your Government; and I presume that a refund of the cost from Gold Coast funds, will be claimed in the usual way.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

SENIOR

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

&c., &c., &c.,

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DOWNING STREET.

26 March, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, a copy of the correspondence with your Government as noted in the margin relative to the provision of return passages to the Falkland Islands for Mr and Mrs Hoare.

2. The action taken by the Crown Agents was in accordance with instructions from the Secretary of State, given in the letter from the Colonial Office of the 21st of August, 1922, a copy of which accompanied Mr. Churchill's despatch No.97 of the 25th of August, 1922, and I should explain that, in the absence of any directions from your Government, my predecessor's decision was based on the facts (1) that Mr. Hoare was granted second class passages only on first appointment; (2) that the arrangements for assisted passages approved by Lord Milner in his despatch No.70 of the 7th June, 1919, provided that the class of passage should be decided by the Governor (see paragraph 6 of Sir D.Young's despatch No.26 of the 24th February, 1919); and (3) that the revised scheme approved by Mr Churchill in his despatch No.59 of the 18th of May, 1922, restricts the privilege of assisted first class passages to officers who are Members of Council (see paragraph 3 of your despatch

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Sec. to C.A.
19.12.22.
to Col.Sec.
26.2.23..

FOR

F. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.M.G.,
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despatch No.32 of the 22nd February 1922).

3. The request in my despatch No.139 of the 2nd December,1922,was made with a view to obviating any future misunderstanding of this nature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 32

DOWNING STREET,

31 March, 1923.

Sir,

In my telegram of the 21st March, I have informed you that the floating factory of the Laboremus Company may be allowed to operate at South Georgia with three catchers during the remainder of the current season.

2. You will see from the enclosed correspondence that when Messrs. Dannevig and Company intimated their intention to apply for such a concession, they were informed that I should not feel justified in entertaining it; and it was with considerable hesitation that I agreed to reconsider my decision.

3. You are aware that the floating factory, originally employed by the Laboremus Company, was lost by fire while under charter to His Majesty's Government in accordance with the special wartime arrangements which were negotiated with Mr. Dannevig, and that the Company had found it impossible to renew whaling operations before the present season.

4. When renewing the application for permission to operate at South Georgia Mr. Dannevig produced figures showing that up to the 28th February, the output of oil by the factory of the Laboremus Company

was

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.,

Fr. Mr. Dannevig.
3.2.23.

To -do- 12.2.23.

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was substantially less than any of the other Companies working at the South Shetlands, and he explained that operations had been seriously hampered by a misfortune to one of the gunners. He also represented that at the then rate of progress it was doubtful if the production of the factory in the South Shetlands would reach even the 13,000 to 14,000 barrels required to cover working expenses, and that a production of from 16,000 to 17,000 barrels would be required to free the Company from the financial difficulties referred to in the enclosed letter of the 3rd February.

5. A short catch is, of course, a commercial risk to which the industry is naturally liable. The Government cannot, of course, undertake to afford any form of compensation in respect of loss due to such a cause; and I should not be prepared in any case to consider applications for additional facilities based solely on a plea of this nature. Also, it is the settled policy of the Government not to increase the pursuit of the whale in South Georgia, but this latter objection is minimised to some extent by the reported destruction of the station of the Vestfold Company which has no doubt led to some reduction in the pursuit of the whale in those waters. This fact materially influenced my decision, but I also took into account the special difficulties experienced by the Laboremus Company as well as the services rendered by Mr. Dannevig personally in connection with the chartering arrangements already referred to. Also, I have not overlooked the fact that when the other whaling Companies experienced difficulties

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difficulties owing to the sudden trade depression, a substantial concession was made to them in the shape of a refund of one half of export duties already paid. But while in this particular instance I have, although reluctantly, agreed that the desired concession may be granted, it should be clearly understood that my decision must be regarded as quite exceptional, and not as affording any ground for similar applications in future from either the Laboremus Company or any other whaling Company operating in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

KRISTIANIA,

(Norway).

3rd February, 1923.

Sir,

A/S LABORETUS WHALING LICENSE SOUTH SHETLAND.

We beg to advise, that we on the 1st inst. received a wireless report that the Catch of our floating factory the s.s. "ROALD AMUNDSEN" was only 7000 barrels. We consider this a very unsatisfactory result after 2½ months operation, and especially considering that February is generally the worst month, now ahead, we have the fear that this season the expedition will lie considerably behind a full catch. In our case, with the new plant at so great a cost, having had to open heavy banking credits, it would mean a disastrous position should the catch be very small. To be on the guard against such misfortune we thought we would solicit of your goodself the facility of sending our expedition to a SOUTH GEORGIA harbour, in case the next catch-report we receive, probably in a fortnights time, shows similar slow progress, there to complete the catch.

To-day is reported that the STROMNÆS HARBOUR station at South Georgia has burnt down. This sad occurrence will probably prevent further operation by that station this season. And if so, the presence of our floating expedition there in harbour should not mean any competition to the Company holding the license. We also understand, that at the previous OCEAN Company's site at Newfortune Bay, no-one is operating since the Company was amalgamated with the Stromnæs Harbour Company, the "Vestfold."

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON.

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We quite understand that it would be no sound policy on the part of your good offices to admit any South Shetland expedition to proceed to South Georgia to complete their catch, even for a single season, as this would mean a too strong competition on those there operating. And if deciding to give exceptions, fair reasons for same should be prevalent. As such reason we have above described our special position, adding that our catch hitherto is unfortunately about 3000 barrels less than any of the other Companies reports, and - that we are probably the first on the field to ask for this special facility this year.

We sincerely trust that the next report will show such material progress that there is not the same cause for anxiety as to-day. Should, however, such not be the case, our intention is to eventually telegraph for your valued and favorable consideration of this application.

We remain, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Sgd.) T.DANNEVIG & CO.,

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DOWNING STREET;

12th February, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd February regarding the Whaling operations of the Laboramus Company at the South Shetlands.


2. While the Duke of Devonshire regrets the disappointing results hitherto obtained during the present season and hopes that further operations will be less unsatisfactory, he regrets that he would not feel justified, in any case, in allowing the Company to complete its catch at South Georgia since it is contrary to the policy of the Government to grant further facilities in that Dependency and it is clearly impossible to give preferential treatment to any particular Company now operating at the South Shetlands.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE.

MESSRS. T. DANNEVIG & COMPANY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 33

Downing Street,
6 April, 1923

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 144 of the 23rd December in which you intimate that it would be in accord with the wishes of the people and Legislature of the Falkland Islands to waive the claim on Naval funds in respect of the interest and cost of insurance in connection with the wireless apparatus taken over by the Admiralty during the war.

2. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty expressing their cordial appreciation of this offer, which they gladly accept, and I have much pleasure in agreeing that the claim should be waived.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

28th Mar. 1923.

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

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

28th March, 1923.

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Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th February, No. 8551/22-23 forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, in which he intimates that it is the wish of the people and legislature of the Colony to waive the claim on Naval Funds in respect of interest and the cost of insurance in connection with the wireless apparatus taken over by the Admiralty during the war.

2. In reply I am to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Their Lordships much appreciate the action of the Colony in this matter. They gladly accept the offer and would be grateful if the Secretary of State will convey a cordial expression of Their thanks to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) CHARLES WALKER.

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO 34

DOWNING STREET,

6 April, 1923.

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 94 of the 12th of July last, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Admiralty regarding the claim by Mr A. Clarke to compensation in respect of injuries sustained by him whilst employed in discharging coal from the Admiralty collier "Franz Wilke" on the 28th of May 1920.

2. I request that you will give instructions for the payment to Mr Clarke of the sum of £30 awarded to him as compensation and also of the sum of £2.16.9 due to him for wages.

3. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to recover these amounts from Naval funds and to credit them to the account of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

RECEIVED,

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

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No. 5.C.(2) 5146/22.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

23rd March, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant 47546/1922, and to previous correspondence, relative to a claim to compensation preferred by Mr Archibald Clarke, through the Governor of the Falkland Islands, in connection with injuries sustained by him whilst employed as a labourer in discharging coal from the Admiralty Collier "FRANZ WILKE" at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on May 28th, 1920, 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 have been pleased to approve the award of compensation amounting to £30 to Clarke as suggested in the concluding paragraph of the letter from the Governor of the Falkland Islands dated 12th July, 1922, No.94 exclusive of the outstanding sum of £2.16.9 due to the man for wages.

I am to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the payment to be made locally and for recovery of the sum from Naval Funds through the usual channels.

I am etc,

(Sd) Charles Walker.

The Under Secretary of State
COLONIAL OFFICE S.W.1.

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LAND ISLANDS.

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DOWNING STREET,

9 April, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 5th April in which I informed you that I am unable to entertain the application of Messrs. Salvesen for permission for their floating factories Sevilla and Neko to operate at South Georgia during the remainder of the whaling season.

2. As regards the explanatory despatch referred to in my telegram I would refer you to my despatch No. 32 of the 31st March explaining the exceptional circumstances which determined my decision in the case of the Laboremus Company and which, as stated in my telegram, do not in my opinion justify any similar requests from the other whaling companies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

H.M.P.

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

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No.
Governor's

Falkland Islands
No. 36

Downing Street,
21 April, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your consideration,
the papers noted below on the subject of the meteorological station at
Port Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 " April	From the Meteorological Office (with ^{original} enclosures)

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Meteorological Office,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.

11th April, 1923.

REPLY to be addressed to The Director, Meteorological Office,
Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

Dear Mr. Flood,

I have received a letter, a copy of which is enclosed, from the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, with reference to a meteorological station which has recently been established at Stanley.

An excellent station formerly existed there for a number of years, and since 1905 observations of wind, rainfall and sunshine have been taken regularly. I am accordingly very glad to note the resumption of full observations.

The monthly rainfall is already being published regularly in the Réseau Mondial, and I propose to include also pressure and temperature, if the site and instrumental equipment prove to be satisfactory. For that purpose it is desirable that the observer should fill up and return to me the enclosed form 3001 ("Catechism") and also that monthly returns of daily observations should be submitted.

It is not stated on the summary supplied, at what hour or hours the observations are taken. I am accordingly enclosing a year's supply of forms for one and two observations a day.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will forward these forms to the Colonial Secretary, and enquire whether he will be good enough to send regular returns, commencing with May 1922, on one or other of the monthly forms.

When I know which of them will be required I will arrange for a further supply to be despatched each year. The forms which are not required can be returned at the Secretary's convenience.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) G. C. Simms
DIRECTOR.MR. FLOOD, ESQ.,
COLONIAL OFFICE, S.W.1.

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No. 77/23.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1st February, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you of the re-establishment of a Meteorological post at Stanley.

2. The Office is in charge of the Harbour Master and a report from him together with returns dating from May of last year is attached.

3. I am to request you to be good enough to favour me with such instructions and forms as may be of service in rendering returns to the Meteorological Office, if they are required.

4. I regret that there is no record of the amount of the rainfall owing to the absence of gauge glasses. These have been ordered.

I am etc.

(Sd) H. Hemmiker Heaton.
Colonial Secretary.

The Director,
Meteorological Office,
Air Ministry,
Kingsway, London.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

~~Secretary of State's~~
Governor's

} Despatch No. 123 of the

5th October, 1922.Falkland IslandsNo. 37

Downing Street,

27 April, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the remittance charge in respect
of payments in London on account of the duties on oil exported
from the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
4 April	From Messrs. W ^m Brandt's Sons and Company.
23 ..	To do.

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Copy
Messrs. BRANDT'S SONS & Co.

4 Fenchurch Avenue,
London, E.C.7.

4th April, 1927.

Sir,

COMMISSION ON DRAFTS.

We are advised by our clients, the Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A., that the Authorities at South Georgia charge them a commission of 1% on all drafts issued there in payment of Export Duty.

This regulation which came into force in August 1921, was, we understand, imposed because the Norwegian Whaling Companies paid their duty by means of drafts drawn on Norwegian Banks, thereby entailing delay in encashment.

As, however, our clients Messrs. Pesca, always make their payments by drafts on us here, the delay in encashment, in consequence of which the 1% commission was imposed, does not occur. We therefore make the request that you will be good enough to consider the question whether in the circumstances this commission of 1% shall in future be waived in the case of our clients, or should this request be held to be impracticable, we should very much appreciate it if at least some modification could be made in respect of the 1%.

Yrs

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We beg to thank you in anticipation of your
favourable consideration of this matter.

We are, etc.,

(Signed) W. BRANDT.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

COLONIAL OFFICE.

LONDON, 2.11.1.

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Downing Street.

21 April, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th of April relative to the remittance charge in respect of payments in London on account of the duties on oil exported from the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

2. In reply, I am to refer to the letter from this Department of the 2nd of December, 1920, and to point out that the Compania Argentina de Pesca appears to be under some misapprehension as to the reasons for the imposition of this charge. I am, therefore, to explain that the duties in question are payable to the Colonial Government in the Colony; but that, for the convenience of the whaling interests, arrangements were made for payment to be accepted, if desired, in London through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. The charge is imposed for this accommodation, and not for

WILLIAM BRANDT'S SONS AND COMPANY.

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for the reason suggested in the second paragraph of your letter. The Secretary of State, therefore, cannot agree that there is any reason for differentiating between the Compania Argentina de Pesca and any other whaling company which takes advantage of the arrangement; and I am to point out that in view of the improved steamship service from the United Kingdom to the Colony, the charge made from the 5th of August, 1921 has been only 1%, in place of 3% the figure mentioned in the letter from the Colonial Office referred to above.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. GRINDLE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 38

DOWNING STREET,

/ May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 14 of the 7th February and to convey to you my approval of the proposals for improving the system of education in the Falkland Islands, including the proposal for the temporary employment of Mrs. Hoare as an Assistant Mistress.

2. As regards the proposal that parents should send their children to Stanley to be educated, I should be glad if you would consider the desirability of fixing a limit of income, above which, the parents should be required to pay the full cost of their children's board and lodging.

3. In the special circumstances of the case I am prepared to agree that, during the experimental period of the scheme, i.e. up to the 31st December, 1925, the extra cost involved should be charged to surplus balances so far as it may not be possible to meet it from current revenue.

4. I shall be willing in due course to consider the question of increasing the salary of the school-master at the Government School as proposed.

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GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.,

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5. In conclusion I would add that I concur in your views as to the importance of improving the system of education in the Colony; and that I trust that full advantage will be taken of the new scheme and that it will be attended with success.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 39

Downing Street,

2 May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 15th of April conveying a request from Mr. W. A. Thompson, Treasurer and Collector of Customs, Falkland Islands, to be considered for the appointment of Colonial Secretary, Bahamas.

2. I shall be glad if you will cause Mr. Thompson to be informed that his request has been placed on record, but that I fear I can see little prospect of my being able to meet his wishes.

3. I take this opportunity of calling your attention to my predecessor's Circular despatch of the 24th of August, 1908. I assume that, in accordance with paragraph 5 of that despatch, Mr. Thompson has paid the cost of the telegram under reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Despatch No. 52 of the

5th May 1922Falkland IslandsNo. 40

Downing Street,

5 May. 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your consideration,

the papers noted below on the subject of an application from the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited for the renewal of their licence to catch whales at the South Shetlands during the season 1923 to 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
25 April	From the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited.
2 May	To do. do.

THE SOUTHERN WHALING & SEALING COMPANY

(South Shetlands Expedition)

A 18 Exchange Buildings

Liverpool, 25th April 1923.

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office

LONDON, S.W.1.

Sir,

WHALING LICENCE FOR SOUTH SHETLANDS
SEASON 1923/1924.

We have the honour to make application for the renewal of our Licence to catch whales at South Shetlands during the Season 1923/1924 and shall be pleased to have your permission at your early convenience.

We have etc.

THE SOUTHERN WHALING & SEALING CO. LTD.

(Sgd) A. Radcliffe

MANAGER,

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Downing Street

2 May, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th April applying for the renewal of your licence to catch whales at the South Shetlands during the season 1923 to 1924, and to inform you that a copy will be sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands for consideration.

2. Similar applications in future should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am,

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's } Despatch No. 42 of the

12th April, 1922Falkland IslandsNo. 41

Downing Street,

5 May, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your consideration,

the papers noted below on the subject of an application from the Southern
Whaling and Sealing Company Limited for the renewal of their
licence to catch whales at South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
25 April	From the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited.
2 May	To do. do.

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THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.

(SOUTH GEORGIA EXPEDITION)

A 18 EXCHANGE BUILDINGS,

LIVERPOOL.

25th April, 1923.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

London, S.W.1.

Sir,

WHALING LICENCE FOR SOUTH GEORGIA SEASON
1923/1924.

We have the honour to make application for the renewal of our Licence to catch whales at South Georgia during the Season 1923/24 and shall be pleased to have your permission at your early convenience.

We have, etc.,

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING CO. LTD.

(Sgd.) A. Radcliffe

MANAGER.

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DOWLING STREET,

2 May, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th April applying for the renewal of your licence to catch whales at South Georgia during the season 1923 to 1924, and to inform you that a copy will be sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands for consideration.

2. Similar applications in future should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

THE SOUTHERN WHALING
AND SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Despatch No. telegram of the

16th March, 1923

Falkland Islands

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No.

Downing Street,

14 May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the visit of Mr. A. R. Lash
to the Puerto Wireless Telegraph Station.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
4 May	From the Foreign Office (with enclosure)
" "	To do.

No. A. 2539/1389/46.

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The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

FOREIGN OFFICE,

4th May, 1923.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Foreign Office letter of 13th March (A 1389/1389/46)

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date	Subject.
H.M. Minister at Montevideo. No. 45 of 2nd April 1923.	Appointment of Mr. A. R. Lash as wireless telegraph operator at government station at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

No. 45

MONTEVIDEO,

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2nd April, 1923.

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's telegram No.4 of the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to report that Mr.A.R.lash arrived at Montevideo yesterday morning.

A member of my staff met the steamship "OROPESA", which only remained in port until 3 p.m. and took Mr. Lash to the Cerrito Wireless Station, where, through the courtesy of Colonel Jaime Pascual, he was given every opportunity to inspect the installation.

Colonel Pascual was my Military Aide-de-camp during my appointment as Special Ambassador to the Presidential inauguration; and Mr.Jocelyn Speck, who accompanied Mr. Lash, informs me that every courtesy was shown to them and that Mr. Lash was quite satisfied with his reception and the results of his visit.

I have &c.,

(SD.) C. MALLET.

THE MOST HONOURABLE

THE MARQUESS CURZON OF KEDLESTON, K.G.,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.,

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DOWLING STREET,

11 May, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th May (A.2539/1389/46) forwarding a copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Minister at Montevideo relative to the visit of Mr. A. N. Lash to the Carrito Wireless Telegraph Station.

2. The Secretary of State would be glad, if Lord Curzon sees no objection, if appreciation might be expressed of the assistance given by His Majesty's Minister at Montevideo and the Uruguayan authorities in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

DOWNING STREET,

16 May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Question and Answer in the House of Commons concerning the Development of the Colony.

2. I have to observe that the second sentence of the Answer should read "whaling and fishing are the principal industries requiring research, and in this connection etc." and not as it is at present worded.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.,

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- *19. Sir George Hamilton, — To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he will state whether any representations have been made to him with reference to the further development of the Falkland Islands; if so, what action he has taken in consequence of such representations; and whether, in view of the expressed intention of His Majesty's Government to further develop the resources of the British Empire as a whole, he will take steps to see what possibilities exist there.

Oral reply 23rd April

A geological survey of the Falkland Islands has just been carried out but the results do not point to any appreciable mineral wealth. Whaling and fishing are the principal industries and in this connection I would refer my honourable Friend to the report of an interdepartmental Committee published as Cmd. Paper 657 of 1920. The s.s. "Discovery" has recently been purchased on behalf of the Colonial Government to carry out the researches recommended by that Committee.

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 $\frac{A}{7}$ Falkland Islands

No.

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Downing Street,

16 May. 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.
46 of the 31st March, 1923,
and to approve of the changes which have occurred, during the quarter ended
31st March last, in offices of which the emoluments
exceed £100 per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

J.H.T.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO

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DOWNING STREET,

16 May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.48 of the 3rd April, and to convey to you my approval of the proposed purchase by the Colonial Government from the Falkland Islands Company of a house and two areas of land for the sum of £4,500; the cost to be charged to the Land Sales Fund.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR,

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

etc.,

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's } Despatch No. 36 of the
21st April 1923

Falkland Islands
No. 46

Downing Street,

18 May, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the Meteorological Station at
Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 11 May	From the Meteorological Office (with enclosure)

Copy

400961/23 (M.O.4)

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Meteorological Office,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.

11th May, 1923.

Dear Mr. Flood,

With further reference to my letter of 11th April regarding the new meteorological station at Stanley, Falkland Isles, I have received from Stanley records of sunshine taken from a Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorder which is there, for the months of October, November and December 1922.

The records show that the setting of the instrument upon its support needs some readjustment. Apparently either the base of the recorder is not level in an east-west direction, or the orientation of the recorder is not correct in reference to the meridian, or there is a combination of these two effects.

I am therefore enclosing a copy of the Observer's Handbook, which shows on pp. xxx, 93 and 94 practical and simple methods for ascertaining where the error lies and for — adjusting it. The Handbook would be useful to the Observer in many other ways, and I suggest that the copy be sent to the Colonial Secretary for the use of the observer.

When the recorder is accurately adjusted, the image of the sun which is burnt into the record card runs parallel to the middle line of the card, and it is recommended that once this adjustment has been properly made the recorder be permanently and securely fixed to its support.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd) E.C. Simson.

J.E.W. Flood, Esq.,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

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ISLAND ISLANDS

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DOWNING STREET,

24 May, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 10 of my despatch No.28 of the 7th March, relative to the purchase of the s.s. "Discovery", I have the honour to inform you that I have now appointed an Executive Committee to control the proposed investigations, subject to my instructions.

2. A list of the members of the Committee is enclosed.

List

3. The Committee will be glad of an opportunity of conferring with you personally while you are on leave in this country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

JOHN J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Mr. E. R. Darnley, (Chairman)	Colonial Office.
Sir S. V. Harmer, K.B.E., ScD., F.R.S. (Vice Chairman).	British Museum (Natural History Dept)
Mr. H. T. Allen (Financial Member)	Colonial Office.
Mr. J. O. Borley, O.B.E.	Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.
Captain Robert W. Glennie, C.M.G., R.N.	Admiralty.

Sir Fortescue Flannery has consented to serve as a member of the Committee until such time as the reconditioning of the s.s. "Discovery" is completed.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have agreed to allow Mr. A. W. Johns, C.B.E., Mr. E. Steed, and Lieutenant Commander J. Hamilton also to advise and assist the Committee on matters concerning the reconditioning of the vessel.

Mr. H. Horsburg of the Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies will also attend the meetings of the Committee.

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ISLAND ISLANDS

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DOWNING STREET,

25 May, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.39 of the 20th March, and to inform you that I approve of the expenditure reported therein, which was incurred during the quarters ended 30th June and 30th September, 1932, and is not covered by the Appropriation Ordinance for that year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR
J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.,

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 49

Downing Street,

30 May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.47 of the 31st of March, and to inform you that I approve the draft "Whaling Regulations 1923", a copy of which was enclosed in your despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

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&c.,

&c.,

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WAIKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 50

DOWNING STREET.

30 May, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Fiji has made legislative provision for the award of continuous pension to officers transferred to and from that Colony from and to the Falkland Islands.

2. I shall be glad if you will cause the necessary steps to be taken to add Fiji to the list of Colonies mentioned in the Local Pensions Ordinance or Ordinances to which reciprocity in the matter of pensions is extended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

GOVERNOR

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

etc., etc., etc.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 51

Downing Street,

4 June, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration, copy of correspondence with the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company relative to an offer made by Mr. Mitchell Steel of Port Stanley to sell the Bragueta Company and a licence for whaling at the South Shetlands.

2. I shall be glad to receive any explanations that you may be in a position to furnish with regard to this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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S. Whaling and S. Co
4th May

To -do- 22nd May

copy

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LIMITED

A 18 Exchange Buildings

Liverpool

4th May, 1923.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that a Mr. Mitchell Steel of Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, has sent a cable to us to the effect that he has bought the Bragueta Company South Shetlands and that he is prepared to sell the Company and Licence to us. He states that the Licence is in his own name and that the Fleet consists of one large steamer and five whaleboats.

We have not heard of this Company before and the object of this letter is to ask you if you will be so good as to inform us whether the Company under the name of the Bragueta Company, has a Licence to operate in South Shetlands with five whale catching boards, and also whether such Licence is in the name of Mr. Mitchell Steel.

We are at a loss, at the moment, to understand the position, as this Company if it does exist, is entirely unknown to us.

We have etc.,

The Southern Whaling and Sealing Co., Ltd.,

(sd) N. Charles Watt

Managing Director.

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Downing Street,

22nd May, 1923.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 4th May, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that the Bragueta Company is not known to this Department and that so far as the Secretary of State is aware no Company of that name has been granted a whaling licence for the Falkland Islands.

2. Enquiry on the subject will however be made of the Governor.

I am, etc.,

(sd) G. Grindle.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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NO. _____

Downing Street.

22 June, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 42 of the 26th March with regard to the sheep farming industry in the Falkland Islands.

2. A copy of the despatch, with enclosures, has been sent, as requested, to the Minister of Agriculture, for advice on the points mentioned by Mr. Middleton. A copy has also been sent to the Governor-General of New Zealand for any assistance which his Ministers may be able to render to the Colonial Government.

3. I have read Mr. Middleton's admirable memorandum with much interest, and I appreciate the efforts which he is making to improve the sheep farming industry which is of such vital importance to the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO.

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DOWNING STREET,

26 June, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 15th June, and to inform you that His Majesty has been pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr. M. Craigie-Halkett, Registrar and Postmaster of the Colony, to be provisionally a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Falkland Islands with effect from the 15th June.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 54

DOWNING STREET,

27 June, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's despatch No.43 of the 26th of March, and to inform you that I approve his recommendations that (1) an export duty on wool should be substituted for a land tax, with effect from the 1st January, 1924, (2) that the rate of the export duty should be fixed at 1/- for 25 lbs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
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DOWNING STREET,

30 June, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 57 of the 24th of April, I have the honour to inform you that an application has been received from the Norwegian Minister at this Court, for the issue of an Exequatur to Mr. H. H. R. Gresham, who has now been appointed Norwegian Consul at Port Stanley with consular district comprising the Falkland Islands. I have to request that you will report whether you are aware of any objection to his appointment; and, if not, that you will recognise him provisionally in that capacity until the arrival of the Exequatur, and report when you have done so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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 $\frac{A}{2}$ Falkland IslandsNo. 56

Downing Street,

5 July 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to the despatch noted below to which I have received no reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

No.	Date.	Subject.
148	13th December, 1922	Legislation to give statutory effect to the ^{disposition of the} the colonies contribution to the cost of the war.

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FAIKLAND ISLANDSNO. 57

Downing Street,

16 July, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 74 of the 28th of May and to inform you that I approve of the expenditure reported therein which was incurred during the quarter ended 31st December 1922, and is not covered by the Appropriation Ordinance for that year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FAIKLAND ISLANDS.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 58

DOWNING STREET,

16 July, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 72 of the 22nd of May, and to convey to you my approval of the grant of a lease of an unoccupied plot of Crown land to the Stanley Working Men's Social Club at a nominal rental of 1/- a year on the conditions mentioned in the despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

~~Secretary of State's~~
Governor's

} Despatch No. 60 of the

30th April, 1923.

Falkland IslandsNo. 59

Downing Street,

19 July, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the disposal of certain naval
guns in the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 10 July	From the Admiralty.

COPY.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

10th July, 1923.

Ref.No.G.8903/23.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 14th June 1923, No.27899/23, relative to the disposal of guns landed in the Falkland Islands for defence of the Naval Wireless Station during the late war, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State, that Their Lordships desire that arrangements be made for the Q.F. 3-pdr Hotchkiss and sub-calibre gun bodies to be dumped in deep water, as it is not possible to find a market for them, also that the Q.F. 3-pdr mounting be dumped if there be no market for it.

I am to add that Their Lordships assume the breech mechanisms will be broken up and disposed of as scrap and desire to be informed when the disposal of the gun bodies, breech mechanisms and mounting has been effected.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) V.W.Baddeley.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

DOWNING STREET,

NO. 60

24 July, 1923.

Sir,

Fr.S. Whaling &
Sealing Co. Ltd.
5 May

Fr. do. 22 June

I have the honour to transmit to you, for report, the accompanying copies of letters from the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited regarding the refusal of the Magistrate of the South Shetlands to permit their Floating Factory the s.s. "Southern Queen" to take Humpback Whales during last season.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

* humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LTD.

A 18, Exchange Buildings,

Liverpool

5th May, 1933.

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

Sir,

Magistrate's refusal to grant permission to
shoot Humpback Whales at South
Shetlands.

We have the honour to refer to the interview which the undersigned had with your Mr. Allen on the 6th ultimo on the above subject, and we give below full particulars of the case so far as it is known to us.

The Whaling Season at South Shetlands opened very badly with bad weather and scarcity of whales. These conditions continued and the Managers in charge of the various Expeditions operating down there could judge that their total productions were going to be very small, and that the position was somewhat critical.

An application, we understand, was forwarded to you by Mr. Rasmussen of Sandefjord, Norway, on behalf of the Companies registered in Norway, requesting permission for their whalers to augment their productions by catching humpback whales at South Shetlands.

The undersigned also made, personally, a similar application on behalf of this Company.

Your decision was to the effect that permission would be granted to the various Companies, to shoot humpback whales, subject to the discretion of the Magistrate at South Shetlands.

We

We then sent a wireless message to the Manager of our floating Factory s.s. "Southern Queen" at South Shetlands, reading as follows.

"Colonial Office (London) cabling Magistrate Shetlands permission shoot Humpbacks left to discretion Magistrate stop. Try to get permission Shetlander".

to which we received his reply

"Shetlander - 15500 barrels 6th February few Whales stop Humpback Licence refused - Andersen".

and in consequence we wired him again, asking him to let us have the reason for the refusal, and we received the following reply.

"Licence refused because we have more whales than other Factories. Andersen".

Needless to say we were very much surprised at this reply and we find it very difficult to believe that the explanation given "we have caught more whales than other Factories" - is the correct one. If the explanation is the correct one, then we feel that we have received unfair treatment from the Magistrate at South Shetlands, and in consequence, respectfully request that a fully enquiry should be made into the matter. .

When we sailed our Expedition to the South Shetlands it was with the intention to catch as many whales as possible, and to produce the maximum amount of oil therefrom. It is only by big production that we can expect our Balance Sheet to compare favourably with the other Companies, as we floated our Expedition on post-war prices, whereas the other Companies were launched many years before the Great War, on very low prices.

To ensure that we would catch the maximum possible number of whales and produce the maximum quantity of oil, we did not spare expense, but provided material of the very highest quality and efficiency.

Bearing in mind that the Whaling Staffs are paid on catch

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catch and production, it will be readily understood that our Expedition attracted the most expert gunners and factory personnel, and in consequence our catch of whales and production of oil, we admit, has exceeded the other Companies This we had anticipated.

We are writing to you now on this matter, as we would like you to have the full facts of the case before our Expedition sails for South Shetlands next season.

At the moment it is impossible for us to estimate accurately the loss we have suffered through not being allowed to shoot humpback whales, but the undersigned will be meeting our Manager from South Shetlands at the latter end of this month, and he will obtain from him a full detailed report on the subject. This report will be posted on to you for your information, in due course.

We have, etc.
The Southern Whaling & Sealing Co. Ltd.
(Sgd) N.C. Watt
Managing Director.

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THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LIMITED

A 18, Exchange Buildings,

LIVERPOOL.

22nd June, 1923.

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

Sir,

Magistrate's refusal to grant permission to
shoot humpback whales at South Shetlands.

We have the honour to refer you to our letter of the 5th ultimo, and beg now to attach hereto a report by our Manager who was in charge of our expedition, giving his version of the Magistrate's refusal to allow our gunners to shoot Humpback whales during the 1922-23 season.

You will note that it is estimated that we could have captured 60 Humpback whales up to the 18th March, the date on which we were eventually allowed to take this specie. The estimate is based on the catches obtained by the Norwegian Companies, but it must be borne in mind that our gunners are more efficient, and consequently we can quite reasonably believe that our catch might easily have exceeded our estimate of 60 Humpback whales.

Regarding the latter paragraph of our Manager's Report we would like to mention that in fairness to our gunners we were obliged to compensate them, and we actually paid them on the basis of production of 30,000 barrels instead of the actual turn-out of 28,706 barrels.

We have, etc.
The Southern Whaling & Sealing Co. Ltd.
(Sgd) N.C. Watt.

MANAGING DIRECTOR.

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SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.

From

S.S. "SOUTHERN QUEEN"

To

M.C. Watt, Esq,
Managing Director,
Messrs The Southern Whaling
& Sealing Co. Ltd.

Liverpool.

1st May 1933.

Dear Sir,

LICENCE SHOTTING OF HUMPBCKS

In accordance with the instructions contained in your telegram re the above, I sent a wireless telegram to Magistrate Bennet who at the time was stationed at Deception Island, South Shetlands. My Factory was lying at anchor in Charlotte Channel, South Shetlands. My telegram transmitted on 5th January last read as follows:

"Floating whaling factory Southern Queen begs permission to take humpback as other whales scarce. Andersen".

Magistrate Bennett wired as follows on same day:

"Yours received please report total catch also catch in last seven days. Bennett"

To which I replied on same day as follows:

"Total catch 136 whales last seven days 19 whales Andersen".

Magistrate Bennet then wired on same day:

"permission declined, Bennett".

I then wired you accordingly.

I discussed the position at length with Whaling Officer A. Hardy who was stationed at that time on my Factory but he informed me that he had no authority to do anything in the matter.

On 16th March Mr. Hardy was good enough to wire to Magistrate Bennett asking permission for our Company to take

Humpback

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Humpback and permission was granted on 18th March.

I believe that all the other Companies were permitted to take Humpbacks throughout the season and consequently I am at a loss to understand why we were not granted the same concession. It was only after continued pressing on my part that permission was eventually granted to us on 13th March which permission was granted too late in the Season to prove any appreciable advantage.

The actual number of Humpback we caught totalled 30. Had we been treated in a similar manner to our competitors and granted a permit at the same time as they received theirs, I estimate we could have caught 60 more Whales. Some of the other Companies had actually caught 50/60 Humpback Whales before we commenced taking this specie.

As you know our Factory is able to cope with much more material than the other Floating Factories, and owing to the unusual poorness of the season there were very many days when our Factory was only working half time., and in fact there were only 3 days during the season when we had the Factory working at full pressure.

I can assure you that it was a very depressing sight for us to see numerous Humpbacks and not be allowed to shoot them, particularly during the bad weather when other species of whales were not in evidence.

I estimate our loss in Oil through not receiving early permission to shoot Humpback to be as follows:

60 Humpback Whales = 300 tons whale oil.			
or 174 tons	No.1 Oil at £33 per ton		£5742
66 "	No.2.Oil at £30 " "		1980
60 "	No.3.Oil at £26 " "		1560
			<u>£9282</u>

I would like to mention that the Gunners were very dissatisfied when permission was refused us and contend that

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that they should be compensated for Humpbacks which they would have caught had our Company been on the same footing as the others.

Yours faithfully

(Sgd) L. Andersen

Manager

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Floating Factory "SOUTHERN QUEEN"

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Downing Street.

25 July, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 62 of the 1st May, and to inform you that I approve of the promotion of Mr. Walter W. Stuart, Police Constable, South Georgia, to the post of Assistant Customs Officer, South Georgia, with salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

2. I also approve of a duty allowance at the rate of £50 per annum being attached to the post of Assistant Customs Officer.

3. The Crown Agents have been instructed to engage a suitable candidate for appointment as Police Constable in the place of Mr. Stuart.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No.

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Downing Street,

27 July, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that an application has been received from the *Chilean Minister* at this Court, for the issue of an Exequatur to *M^r. A. H. R. Gresham* as *Honorary Consul of Chile at Port Stanley*.

As this gentleman appears to be resident in the *Falkland Islands*, I have to request that you will report whether you are aware of any objection to his appointment; and, if not, that you will recognise him provisionally in that capacity until the arrival of the Exequatur, and report when you have done so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Despatch No. 11 of the

5th February 1923Falkland IslandsNo. 63

Downing Street,

30 July, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the transfer to the South Georgia Company Limited of the licences granted to Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company to employ two floating factory steamers at the South Shetlands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
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29 June	From Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company
26 July	To do.

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.,
29, Bernard Street,
Leith.

29th June, 1923.

Sir,

South Shetland Licences.

We have the honour to inform you that we have offered, subject to your consent, to transfer to the South Georgia Co, Ltd, the licences granted to us to employ two floating factory steamers at the South Shetlands. This offer was to-day accepted at a meeting of the South Georgia Co, Ltd, and we hereby beg to make formal application for your consent to the transfer.

As it is being made for purely family reasons, the partners of our firm holding practically all the shares in the limited company, we trust that the Secretary of State will have no difficulty in acceding to our request.

We have, etc.,

(sd) Chr.Salvesen & Co.

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

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Downing Street,

26 July, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th June and to inform you that he agrees to the transfer to the South Georgia Company Limited of the licences granted to you to employ two floating factory steamers at the South Shetlands.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

.(Signed) H. J. READ

MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 64

DOWNING STREET,

6 August, 1923.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No.47 of the 24th of May, and with reference to paragraph 9 of my despatch No.26 of the 7th of March, I have the honour to inform you that tenders for the reconditioning of the "Discovery" were, on my instructions, invited by the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the basis of the accompanying specification of repairs and alterations.

2. I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Crown Agents forwarding a report from the Consulting Naval Architects on the tenders submitted. This report was considered by the "Discovery" Committee, and on their recommendation I approved the acceptance of the tender of Messrs.Vosper and Company on the conditions stated on the accompanying copy of a resolution agreed to by the Committee.

3. The Crown Agents having satisfied themselves as to the financial stability of the firm a formal contract was placed with Messrs.Vosper and Company on the 19th of July at a cost of £32,820 plus a sum of £4528.18.6 for spare parts and the rates specified in the accompanying tabulation for additional work (see page 48 of the Specification). I also enclose a copy of the further correspondence noted in the margin from which

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Specification

Fr.C.A.25 June

Resolution

Tabulation

C.A.to Messrs.V
12 July.
Messrs.V. to C.A.
13th July

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING.,

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Fr. Messrs. F.B. & J.
16th July
C.O. to C.A.
23rd July.

you will see that I agreed to the addition of a sum of £938 to the tender (making the total of £32,820 referred to above) in view of the requirement that the vessel must not be allowed to ground after leaving dry dock.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

Devonshire.



FALKLAND ISLANDS

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DOWNING STREET,

9 August, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter with enclosure from the British Museum dealing with the various aspects of the whaling question.

From B.M. 27 March.

2. The Colonial Office letter of the 30th December last enclosed a copy of the Governor's despatch No.102 of the 11th September 1922, and that of the 5th January 1923 a copy of despatch No.103 of the 13th September 1922.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
London, S.W.

27th March 1923.

Sir,

I have had the honour of submitting to the Trustees of the British Museum a number of papers, which have been received since June 1922, from the Colonial Office and other sources on the subject of Whaling. These include the Colonial Office letter (No.56914/22) of December 30 last, and I have to express my regret for not having noticed that this was an urgent matter calling for the reminder which was sent to the Museum on March 5.

2. The papers in question deal with various aspects of the whaling question, and it has been necessary to discuss them at some length. In order to avoid unnecessary repetition I am to send you the enclosed copy of my Report to the Trustees, dated March 19, 1923, and particularly to refer to the list of papers under review on pp.1, 2, and to the general summary on pp.19-22.

3. (Sect.II of Report). The desirability of imposing a size-limit in granting licences for the capture of Sperm Whales has formed the subject of informal correspondence with the Colonial Office since November 3 last, the date of my latest

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
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official letter on the subject. It appears to the Trustees that a size-limit of 25 feet would be too small if it merely protected whales of this and lesser lengths. They hope that it will in practice protect whales of a somewhat larger size as well, in the way suggested by Mr Allen, and they agree that it will be most important to reconsider the matter in two years. In order to provide the facts on which a re-consideration can be based, I wish to express the hope that any Whaling Companies to which Licences may be issued will be required to fill in and return to the Museum the statistical details indicated in our Form 132, as is done by the Companies in South Georgia and elsewhere.

4. (Sect.IV.A.) The circumstances under which the Magistrate of South Georgia has been authorized to issue temporary permits for the capture of Humpbacks have been noted. It is obvious that the matter will require careful watching.

5. (Sect.V.) The Trustees agree that the crews of whaling vessels cannot be expected to take trouble in obtaining specimens without having some personal interest in the matter, and that the scale recommended by the Government Naturalist in his letter September 7, 1922, is reasonable for small whales of 20 feet or more in length. It is extremely desirable to obtain other species as well, and it will probably be agreed that a lower rate of pay would not be unreasonable for services rendered in connection with Dolphins only a few feet long. Should
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any such specimens be sent, there will probably be no difficulty in arranging terms, with the assistance of a recommendation from Mr Hamilton.

In answer to a question received from the Governor I am to state that the re-payment of freight by the Trustees will offer no difficulty. Mr Middleton's Services to the Museum have been greatly appreciated, and I propose to write to him direct on this subject.

6. Attention may be directed specially to the tables on pp.11, 12 of my Report, which reproduce the more important figures referring to the South Georgia Whaling Season 1921/22.

7. Copies of the photographs of South Georgia Whaling Stations, which were enclosed in Sir Herbert Read's letter (No.56915/1922) of January 5 are being made for the use of the Museum, and the originals will shortly be returned to the Colonial Office, in accordance with the request contained in that letter.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) S.F.HARMER.

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March 13, 1923.

The Director has the honour of reporting to the Trustees that numerous papers on whales and whaling have been received at the Museum, and that the following are the most important of those which have not already been reported.

Sect. I. Mr J.E. Hamilton's remarks on earlier Reports.

Registered Number.	Number in file.	
3452/22	255	a. Colonial Office, Aug. 30, 1922. b. Governor of Falkland Islands, June 24. c. Hamilton J.E., June 20.

Sect. II. Seychelles Islands.

4521/22	267	a. Allen, H.T. (Colonial Office) Nov. 4, 1922. b. Bruce, the late Dr. W.S., Report June 26, 1916. c. Bruce, the late Dr. W.S., Report Jan. 19, 1917.
82/23	292	Allen, H.T., Jan 4, 1923.
	299	Harmer, S.F., Jan 22, in reply.
	305	Allen, H.T., Feb 14.

Sect. III. South Africa.

	277	Gilchrist, Dr. J.D.F., Nov. 22, 1922.
5040/22	280	Union of South Africa, High Commissioner, Dec. 9.
	282	Harmer, S.F., Dec. 16, to Colonial Office.

Statistical Returns.

	268	Natal, 1922.
	296	
4534/22	268	
	296	Cape Colony, 1922.
776/23	309	

Sect. IV. Legislation.

5597/22	256	a. Colonial Office, Sept. 11, 1922. b. " " to Governor of Falkland Islands, Aug. 24.
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Number. Number in
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53/23 294 a. Colonial Office, Jan. 5, 1923.
 b. Governor of Falkland Islands, Sept.
 18, 1922.

Sect. V Expenses of procuring Specimens of the smaller
 Antarctic Cetacea.

2483/22 244 a. Colonial Office, June 19, 1922.
 b. " to Governor of
 Falkland Islands, June 13.

5227/22 265 Governor of the Falkland Islands,
 Oct. 17, 1922.

2/23 290 a. Colonial Office, Dec. 30, 1922.
 b. Governor of Falkland Islands, Sept. 11,
 1922.
 c. Hamilton, J.E., Sept. 7.

989/23 321 Colonial Office, Mar. 5, 1923.

Sect. VI. South Georgia, Whaling Season 1921-1922.

84/23 293 a. Colonial Office, Jan. 5, 1923.
 b. Governor of Falkland Islands,
 telegram, Oct. 10, 1922.
 c. Hamilton, J.E., Sept. 11.
 d. Governor of Falkland Islands, Sept. 13
 e. Einnie, E.B., June 10; Report on the
 Season ended May 31, 1922.
 f. Whaling Stations, 10 photographs of
 (to be returned to the Colonial
 Office).

Statistical Returns.

4722/22 273 1921-1922.

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Sect. VII. Statistical Returns

See under III and VI

Sect. VIII. Norwegian Press Comments.

327, b Anglo-Norwegian Trade Journal, Extract
(correspondence) from Vol. 9, No. 98, Feb. 1923.

Sect. IX. Summary and Observations.

Sect. I.

March 19, 1923.

Sect. I. Mr J.E.Hamilton's observations on earlier Reports.

(The Reports principally referred to are those dated respectively May 19, Sept.28 and Oct.18, 1921.)

A. In his letter of Oct.31, 1921, Sir Sidney had requested the Colonial Office to ask Mr Hamilton to enquire into the question of the reliability of the statistical returns furnished to the Museum by the Whaling Companies, particularly with regard to the length and sex of whales recorded. Mr Hamilton replies (p.1.) that the lengths given by the whalers may be regarded as accurate within five feet or less, and (p.4) that there is no reason to doubt the substantial accuracy of the sex-determinations, which are made by experienced observers. He gives some interesting information with regard to foetal records, pointing out (p.1) that post mortem abortion during flensing is common, and probably takes place even while dead whales are being towed in to the land-station; a result which is no doubt partly due to the pressure arising from the gas injected to make the whale float. This helps to elucidate a statement which had previously been made by Mr A.G.Bennett (Report July 18, 1922, p.5), and it is of considerable importance in studying the Statistical Returns, since it indicates the probability that the number of small foetuses recorded is less than the real number. Mr Hamilton's observations on the practical difficulty of obtaining complete foetal records, particularly

particularly at the South Shetlands, are useful, though some of these difficulties have been borne in mind throughout. His remark (p.1) that the carcasses of many whales were formerly not opened by the floating factories, but that existing regulations now make this operation necessary, is of considerable interest. The investigator on the flensing platform is certainly entitled to sympathy, in view of the unpleasant nature of his work, which is another point referred to.

B. In commenting (p.2) on Sir Sidney's Report, Sept.28, 1921, on the South Shetlands, Mr Hamilton points out that the regulation with regard to the proportion to be observed between the amounts of press oil and blubber oil (Report p.7, II.b) was not embodied in the Regulations of Oct.17, 1921 (Official papers, No.235.c) because it was considered that Regulations 10-14, and particularly No.11, would be effective in controlling waste. No.11 makes it necessary for floating factories to utilize the head, jaw-bones, tongue, tail and inside fat.

C. Mr Hamilton next deals with the oil-production of the 1921/22 season at the South Shetlands, pointing out the considerable improvement on the 1920/21 season; a matter which has already been reported to the Trustees (Report, July 18, 1922, pp.3, 6, 8). His remarks on the increased number of Blue Whales have also been anticipated in the same Report (pp.4, 8). The discrepancies between his figures and those obtained by an analysis of
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the Whalers' Statistics (Supplementary Report, Oct. 19, 1921, p.1) are probably due partly to carelessness; and steps are under contemplation for impressing the need of accuracy on the Managers.

Mr Hamilton gives the total catch of the Sydhavet Company for February and March, 1921 (wanting in the Whalers' returns) as follows:

Blue Whale	Fin Whale	Humpback
22	210	5

These numbers do not add up to 223, as stated in the copy of his observations received, and there has probably been a mistake in copying his figures.

D. In allusion to a statement often made Mr Hamilton expresses the opinion (p.5) that the increased capture of Fin Whales and Blue Whales which has characterized the industry in its later phases may have been due more to a diminution in the number of Humpbacks than to an enlargement of the size of the whale-catchers.

E. The only other statement in his observations needing remark is that during 1921 there was no whaling by companies belonging to the Norwegian Whaling Association in Iceland, Faroe Islands or the British Islands; but that the Wrangel Company of Hangesund finished at the Faroe Islands.

Sect.II. Seychelles Islands. (contd. from Report, Oct. 19, 1922)

Various letters on this subject have passed between the Director and Mr H.T.Allen of the Colonial Office. In the enclosures to Mr Allen's letter (No.207) of Nov.4, 1922, information is

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given with regard to the St. Abbs' Whaling Company, obtained through the late Dr. W. S. Bruce. Dr. Bruce was at the Seychelles from April to November 1915, and during the whole of that time the entire catch consisted of Sperm Whales. Before his arrival, Blue Whales had been caught on three or perhaps four occasions; but the activities of that locality were essentially concerned with the Sperm Whale, and not with other species.

The Company, which went into liquidation on Oct. 21, 1915, had three whaling vessels, and its land-station, of which details are given, was on St. Anne's Island, four miles from Mahé. The number of whales caught from Oct. 1914 to July 1915 was 122. Mr W. G. Burn Murdoch's name appears first in the list of Directors.

With regard to the suggestion which was made to the Colonial Office for the protection of the Sperm Whale, Mr Allen replied on Jan. 4 last (No. 292) that an application for whaling facilities in Seychelles waters had been received from Messrs Salvesen, and that the authorities were disposed to consider favourably the imposition of a size limit in the case of the Sperm Whale, if a licence were given. In view of the importance of opening up a new industry in the Colony and of not imposing terms so onerous as to lead to the dropping of the project, the Colonial Office considered the limit suggested (35 feet) impracticable, and Mr Allen suggested that 20 feet should be adopted instead,

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for the Sperm Whale alone; with the further provisions that the taking of females with calves should be prohibited and that a close season might be imposed later.

The Director replied to the above letter on Jan. 22 (No. 299), submitting evidence that

- (a) the imposition of a size-limit of 20 feet would be absolutely useless. It would protect calves subsisting on a milk-diet, but it would not have saved the life of a single Sperm Whale which has been recorded by the Companies in South Georgia and South Africa in the statistics received at the Museum.
- (b) A size-limit of 25 feet would have protected 3 out of 479 Sperm Whales, and its effect would be negligible.
- (c) 30 feet would be rather better, but 35 feet is not too high.

He urged that the most careful consideration should be given to the possibility of accepting 35 feet.

The reply (Feb. 14, No. 305) to the above letter concedes a size-limit of 25 feet, subject to revision after two years. It is suggested that in order to be on the safe side, the hunters would confine their attention to whales of a considerably larger size.

The Director has little doubt that 25 feet is too small; but if the regulation works in practice in the manner suggested it may protect whales up to 30 feet. He accordingly suggests that

no further protest should be made at present, but that the necessity of re-considering the matter in two years should be emphasized.

Sect. III. South Africa.

The proposed Commission (Report, Oct. 20, 1922, pp. 3, 4) on the whaling industry is not to be appointed. According to information given by the High Commissioner's Office (Dec. 9, 1922, No. 280), two experts have been requested to conduct the enquiry, instead of setting up a Commission. An unofficial letter (Nov. 22, No. 277) from Dr. J. D. F. Gilchrist explains that he himself is one of the experts referred to, and that the other is Mr. van der Byl.

The Director has submitted copies of the above letters to the Colonial Office.

Sect. IV. Legislation.

A. With reference to the proposed relaxation of the regulation forbidding the capture of Humpbacks (Report, July 18, 1922, pp. 7, 8) at the South Shetlands, the Colonial Office submit a copy of Mr. Secretary Churchill's letter, Aug. 24, 1922 (No. 256 b) to the Governor of the Falkland Islands, stating that in view of the representations of the Trustees he considers it inadvisable to legalize the taking of Humpback Whales during the season 1922/23.

In a later communication (No. 293a), however, the Colonial Office state that, in view of the information contained in a telegram from the Governor, the Secretary of State did not feel justified in further

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opposing the view of the local authorities as regards the issue of temporary permits for the taking of this species during the season 1922/23, and therefore approved the Governor's recommendations in the matter. All permits granted are to be recorded in the reports of the whaling officers, and reasons are to be given for their issue.

The telegram, of which a copy (No. 293 b) was submitted, stated that the Magistrate of South Georgia had been given authority to grant temporary permits, if it should be necessary at the time, in order to keep a station at work. If Humpbacks are abundant, as during the preceding year, and other species are scarce, total prohibition of the capture of Humpbacks is likely to give rise to labour troubles since a large proportion of the men's earnings is derived from the oil-bonus. As the Government Naturalist considers that permission can be given without detriment to the whales, the Governor is of opinion that, in the interest of public tranquillity, the authority already given should not be withdrawn, and that a similar arrangement should be applied to the South Shetlands. (See also No. 293 d).

B. The effect of the new regulations (Oct. 17, 1921 No. 235 c) in preventing waste is referred to in the papers (Nos. 293, 294) submitted by the Colonial Office on Jan. 5, 1923. So far as conclusions can be drawn from a single season, the results are most encouraging, and they appear to indicate that the principles embodied in the regulations are based on sound assumptions. This is strikingly brought out

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by reference to the Vestfold Company, which operates at Stromness, South Georgia. Its average oil-production in 1921/22 was 74 barrels per whale, while the average in 1920/21, its first season, was 44.47 barrels. It may be observed that the higher figure is only just short of 75 barrels, an amount which has been taken as the average production of all the Blue Whales by themselves (Report, Sept. 28, 1921, p.15).

C. Mr. Hamilton's remarks (Sect. I B) on the measures which have been adopted for reducing waste should also be noticed.

Sect. V. Expenses of procuring specimens of the smaller Cetacea.

In his Report, May 23, 1921, the Director called attention to the importance of taking advantage of the presence of whaling stations in the far South for obtaining skeletons of the smaller Cetacea of those regions, and this suggestion was approved by the Trustees.

The Colonial Office accordingly made enquiries (No. 240) of the Governor of the Falkland Islands, and have now submitted his reply (No. 293) enclosing a Minute from the Government Naturalist, Mr. J. E. Hamilton. This contains the proposal that a bonus should be paid to the whalers for services rendered in the collection of specimens. The scale suggested is the bonus in force at the time for Fin Whales, at present 125 kroner, for each specimen, to be paid at the current rate of exchange. At the time of writing (Sept. 11, 1922) this would have worked out

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at about £7.14.0, and at the pre-war rate, at about £10.

The Director thinks that the crews of whaling vessels cannot be expected to take trouble in obtaining specimens without having some personal interest in the matter, and that the scale suggested is reasonable for small whales of 20 feet in length or more. But this rate seems to be unnecessarily high for the smaller Dolphins of only a few feet in length. It is extremely desirable to obtain these as well, and the suggestion might be made that specimens less than 20 feet in length should be paid for at a lower rate.

The Director, with the concurrence of the Keeper of Zoology, accordingly recommends that an answer in the above indicated sense be sent to the Colonial Office.

Mr. J. Middleton, C.M.G., the Governor of the Falkland Islands, has also written to the Museum. In his letter (No. 235) he asks the Director to assure the Trustees that every endeavour will be made to meet any wishes which they may express with regard to the collection of specimens. After referring to the proposal for the payment of a bonus to the crews of whalers for lesser whales, he adds that the cost of freight has hitherto been borne by his Government. On the assumption that the Trustees will be willing to refund such expenditure, he has given instructions that the cost of freight should in future be recovered from them by the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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The Director suggests that a letter be sent to Mr. Middleton, conveying the best thanks of the Trustees for the valuable assistance he has already given and for his promise of future help; with the intimation that the re-payment of freight will offer no difficulty.

It has hitherto been uncertain who were to be regarded as the donors of specimens received from the Falkland Islands through Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Mr. A. G. Bennett or others. In reply to an enquiry on this subject, the Governor states that

All specimens should be regarded as having been presented by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies; and the name of the collector will be stated in each case. Mr. Bennett has recently been given a special allowance as Assistant to the Government Naturalist and any naturalist work done or specimens collected by him or by Mr. Hamilton will be at the disposal of the Government.

Sect. VI. South Georgia Whaling Season 1921-1922.

A. The covering letter (No. 293 a) of the Colonial Office, enclosing the papers dealing with the results of this season, refers specially to the relaxation of the protection of the Humpback and to the effect of the new regulations in minimising waste. Both matters have been referred to above, in Sect. IV, A. B.

B. The Governor's letter (No. 293 d.) refers principally to the General results of the season's working, the total catch, the high yield of oil and the question of the Humpbacks. The Southern Whaling and Sealing Company receives adverse criticism, owing to the

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the low productiveness of its factory at Prince Olaf's Harbour; and it is indicated that it may be necessary to station a Whaling Officer there, to supervise operations.

C. The main facts are given in Mr. E.B. Binnie's Report (No. 293.e) on the season ending May 31, 1922, as follows:-

(i) The total catch was 3350 whales, which yielded 245,762 barrels of oil, as against 3705 whales and 176,997 barrels of the previous season (Cf. Report, May 20, 1922, pp. 6, 7); showing a decrease of 355 whales, but an increase of 68,765 barrels. The total value of the oil is estimated as £1,228,800, an average of about £367 for each whale, an increase in valuation over the previous season of £343,815 for the oil and of £127 for each whale. The number of bags of guano was 5077, as against 11,811 for 1920/21.

(ii) Tables for 1920/21 and 1921/22.

As the Report of May 20, 1922, did not include the tables necessary for comparison with the year now under consideration, Table I is here added, in order to give the most important details.

The figures for 1920/21 are taken from the official paper numbered 229, and the remaining Tables, for 1921/22 have been constructed from Mr. Binnie's current Report (No. 293.e). The capture of Humpbacks, Right Whales and Sperm Whales was prohibited in 1921/22 but 10 Humpbacks and 4 Sperm Whales were killed before notice of the prohibition had been received.

Table I.

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Table I. South Georgia, 1920/21. Monthly Figures.

	Hump- back.	Blue Whale	Fin Whale	Sei Whale	Right Whale	Sperm Whale	Total Whales	Oil Barrels
September	-	15	19	-	-	-	34	1,496
October	-	59	35	-	-	5	99	4,967
November	26	100	176	-	1	10	313	13,722
December	21	41	223	1	2	6	294	15,855
January	25	42	736	-	-	3	806	25,382
February	7	94	617	6	1	-	725	30,873
March	3	237	365	29	5	6	646	33,088
April	15	206	330	1	3	-	555	33,717
May	5	78	151	-	-	-	234	17,957
Total	102	872	2652	37	12	20	3705	176,997
Percentage Total Whales	2.7	23.5	71.6	1.0	0.3	0.8	99.9	-

Table II. South Georgia, 1921/22. Monthly Figures.

	Hump- back.	Blue Whale	Fin Whale	Sei Whale	Right Whale	Sperm Whale	Total Whales	Oil Barrels
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	83	7	-	-	-	90	4,267
November	10	212	42	-	-	2	266	15,726
December	-	364	249	-	-	2	615	41,445
January	-	618	150	-	-	-	768	59,802
February	-	665	40	1	-	-	706	53,174
March	-	440	13	2	-	-	455	44,925
April	-	135	75	40	-	-	250	15,901
May	-	37	104	59	-	-	200	10,522
Total	10	2554	680	102	-	4	3350	245,762
Percentage Total Whales	0.3	76.2	20.3	3.0	-	0.1	99.9	-

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Table III. South Georgia, 1921/22.Total Catch of Individual Companies.

	Hump- back	Blue Whale	Fin Whale	Sei Whale	Sperm Whale	Total
Southern	10	748	163	12	2	933
Vestfold	-	548	139	15	-	702
South Georgia	-	314	161	26	-	703
Tonsberg	-	432	121	19	2	574
Comp. Arg. de Pesca	-	314	96	26	-	436
Total	10	2554	650	102	4	3350

Table IV. South Georgia, 1921/22.Total Catch (Percentages).

	Hump- back	Blue Whale	Fin Whale	Sei Whale	Sperm Whale	Total
Southern	1.1	79.9	17.5	1.3	0.2	100.0
Vestfold	-	78.1	19.8	2.1	-	100.0
S. Georgia	-	73.1	22.9	4.0	-	100.0
Tonsberg	-	75.3	21.1	3.3	0.3	100.0
Comp. Arg. de Pesca	-	71.7	21.9	6.4	-	100.0

Table V. South Georgia, 1917/18 - 1921/22.Average oil-production (barrels per whale).

	1916/19	1919/20	1920/21	1921/22
1917/18				
56.0	53.2	49.8	47.8	73.36

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Table VI. South Georgia, 1921/22.Average oil-production of individual Companies.

	Number of Whales	Barrels of Oil	Average Oil-production	Number of Whale-catchers
Southern	933	64,679	69.3	5 and 4
Vestfold	702	52,155	74.0	5
S. Georgia	703	49,000	69.7	4
Tonsberg	574	45,020	78.5	3 and 4
Comp. Arg. de Pesca	438	34,878	79.6	4
Total	3350	245,762	73.36	

(111) Oil-production.

The average number of barrels per whale was 73.36, as against 47.8 in 1920/21, an increase of 25.56 barrels per whale. January to March proved, as usual, the best months for Blue Whales, which are in the finest condition in February. The average production in March accordingly rose to 98 barrels, the catch being always slightly in advance of the output, a point which Mr. Binnie illustrates in his Report by graphs.

It may be remarked, with regard to these graphs, that the season 1921/22 is specially favourable for showing the influence of the gigantic Blue Whale on the average oil-production, in view of the relatively small numbers of other species captured. The graphs must be read with some caution, however, as will be seen from Table II. Thus Blue Whales were 5 times as numerous as Fin Whales in November, $1\frac{1}{2}$ times in December, and 4 times in January; and these and other facts are only imperfectly represented in the graphs.

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To take an extreme case indicating the want of relation between the whales caught and the oil produced in the same month, the average oil-production per whale of the Vestfold Company, in May 1922, is given by Mr. Binnie in his table at the top of p.2 as 292 barrels. Further enquiry shows that this surprising figure is obtained by dividing 585 barrels produced in that month by 2, the number of whales caught. These were both Sei Whales, a small and unproductive species; and nearly all the oil produced in that month must have been derived from whales taken in April.

Table V, showing the average oil-production per whale for the entire season, in five successive years is much more instructive; and it brings out strikingly the remarkable character of the figures for the current season.

Mr. Binnie states that every effort was made to obtain a record output of oil, and that the attempt was conspicuously successful, though the result was achieved at the expense of the guano, which fell from 11,811 bags to 5,077.

(iv) Details of the individual Companies.

The Vestfold Company (Nov.27 to May 5) recently took over the Ocean Company's Station at New Fortuna Bay, rebuilding it at Stromness, and it may now be regarded as the best equipped Station in South Georgia. Particulars are given of its plant, which included 26 open boilers and 60 pressure boilers, which were kept working continuously, night

night and day, from the beginning of December till early in May. It may be added that this Company was formed by the amalgamation of the Sandefjord and Ocean Whaling Companies, and that it operated for the first time in the season 1920/21. (Official papers, No. 229, p. 4.)

The Southern Whaling and Sealing Company (Oct. 3 to May 6) received censure for having permitted waste. It was reported that they had been seen towing carcasses out to sea, and on a surprise visit of inspection 47 whales were found moored to the buoy; a number which it would have been impossible for the Company to work up completely. Their catch was the largest of the season, and their average oil-production the lowest. The details of the plant are recorded in the case of this Company and of the others successively noticed.

The results of the South Georgia Company (about Nov. 20 to May) were affected by the destruction, by fire, of their pressure boiler factory in March. Many tons of whale-meat were used as food during April and May, apparently for the most part the meat of the Sei Whale.

The Campania Argentina de Pesca (Dec. to May) produced 34,878 barrels of oil from 314 Blue Whales, 96 Fin Whales and 28 Sei Whales (total 438), an average 79.6 barrels per whale, the best results of the season. 2675.4 bags of guano (of 100 kilogr. to the bag) were manufactured; and it may be noted that this is more than half the total production of all the Companies together.

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The Tonsberg Whaling Company (Dec. 3 to May 30), although credited with 4 whale-catchers, did nearly all its work with three, as the fourth was slow and out of date, and captured only 25 whales altogether. The total of 574 was made up of 432 Blue Whales, 121 Fin Whales, 19 Sei Whales and 2 Sperm Whales. The station is a very efficient one, but its operations were hampered by troubles with its whale-catchers. In spite of these difficulties its average oil-production was nearly equal to the best of the season.

(v) Monthly occurrence and movements of Whales.

November was the best month of the season, and large schools of Blue Whales and Humpbacks were reported about 30 miles to the N.W. of the Island, both kinds being found in numbers later to the N.E. after a change of weather, accompanied by heavy sea and strong winds. A few Sperm Whales were also seen.

December was stormy, almost throughout. Fin Whales remained nearly the whole time, to the N.E., 10 to 30 miles out, but on the 20th they moved to other feeding grounds, and were replaced by Blue Whales and Humpbacks, the latter in great numbers. These movements were confirmed by the reports from the N.W., which showed diminishing numbers of Blue Whales and Humpbacks, with the arrival of a few Fin Whales. The weather was at this time characterized by continual snow and fog.

January was a month of constant storms, with snow and fog. Blue Whales were mostly to the

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E.N.E. and were in excellent condition, while Humpbacks were still plentiful. The weather was too stormy to allow the smaller catchers to hunt.

February continued the foggy conditions during its first week, when the sea was high and the whales were travelling in all directions. The whaler "Sperma" of the Tonsberg Company was charged by a Sperm Whale, and had to make for the station, where it arrived in a leaking condition.

March was consistently stormy. The Gunner of one of the catchers reported the largest school of Fin Whales he had ever seen, and 3 out of 5 females killed by him had "just left their young, as milk was still in evidence and they were without foetus". These whales seemed to be travelling Eastwards.

April was marked by the absence of Blue Whales, which were supposed to have gone to the N.E. The few that were taken were in such excellent condition that some of them floated when killed. Fin Whales were in "faulty" condition. Sei Whales, a good number of Right Whales, and some Humpbacks and Sperm Whales were seen. The catchers were hunting in all directions. The whales seemed to keep more in schools, apparently of the same species and of the same sex. Although there was plenty of whale-food near the shore (about 10 miles out), it was still necessary to go further to hunt whales, though at Wilson Harbour, on the W. side, Right Whales were seen within a few fathoms of the beach.

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May. Right Whales, Sei Whales and Fin Whales were numerous, but there was a marked absence of Blue Whales. These last were in such good condition that they gave up to and over 200 barrels of oil each. The weather was still stormy, and snow and fog interfered with the operations of the whalers. Large numbers of whales were observed, but the Fin Whales had become very shy. Whale-food was still abundant, and a fish to which the whalers apply the well known Norwegian name of "Torsk" was also common, one vessel having caught 1500 in a few hours.

Efforts to obtain evidence as to the directions in which whales travelled were not very successful. Food was so plentiful that they travelled N.W. to S.E. or vice versa. Fresh batches of whales, which could be recognised by their poorness, appeared occasionally. Humpbacks were more numerous than at any other time since 1912. The ice-conditions were similar to those of 1916/17, when a record catch was made at South Georgia.

(vi) Waste.

The shortcomings of the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company are further alluded to on page 10 but the production generally of the season was better than it had been for a long time, and the new regulations worked well. The restriction as to the number of carcasses which may be on hand at any one time is singled out for special approval.

(vii) Photographs. (293.f)

Mr. Binnie submits photographs of the

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Whaling Stations, but the Colonial Office wish to have these returned. Steps have been taken for keeping copies.

D. Mr. Hamilton's Observations (293.c)

Mr. Hamilton calls attention to many of the points above noted. He calls special attention to the fact that Blue Whales formed 76 per cent of the total catch, and that the number captured has only once before (in 1915/16) been exceeded. (It should be noted that the figures in the possession of the Museum show a total of 2,398 Blue Whales in 1915/16, a smaller number than the 2,554 captured in 1921/22. See Report July 17, 1920, p.21). He states that the South Shetlands figures were similar in the same year (1921/22) and in 1915/16. He thinks that the very low number of Fin Whales recorded may be due to the abundance of Blue Whales (which the whalers prefer to the Fin Whales, as being more productive). He shows by calculation that the total yield of oil was better than that which would have been obtained on the basis of the figures which Sir Sidney had given (Report, Sept.28, 1921, p.15) as the normal averages of the three principal species. His table of monthly oil-production seems to be open to the same criticism as given (Sect.VI, C (iii),) on Mr. Binnie's similar table; namely that the whales taken in any particular month only partially correspond with the oil produced in that month, and that the average monthly production is thus not a figure which can be taken as accurate. His conclusion that the Blue Whale is capable of producing more than

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than 75 barrels (the figures which Sir Sidney had used) is proved, however, by the fact (see Table VI, Sect.VI, c (11),) that the Tonsberg Company and the Compania Argentina de Pesca both obtained more than 73 barrels per whale for the entire season.

Mr. Hamilton remarks that it is unfortunate that the two British Companies (Southern and South Georgia) show the least satisfactory results. The Southern Company shows the largest total catch and the lowest average oil-production (Table VI), with the highest percentage of Blue Whales (Table IV); while all these are reversed in the case of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, which has the smallest total catch, the highest oil-production and the lowest percentage of Blue Whales, the most productive of all the species.

Mr. Hamilton recommends that the capture of Humpbacks should be permitted, if necessary, in order to avoid unemployment and labour troubles, but that this action should not be taken if it can be avoided (see Sect.IV). In his summary, he calls special attention to the plentiful occurrence of Humpbacks in November, December and January and to the increase of the average oil-production by 25.56 barrels per whale, which is in excess of what might have been anticipated, even allowing for the high proportion of Blue Whales.

Sect.VII. Statistical Returns.

The following Statistical Returns have been supplied by Whaling Companies since the Report dated
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July 18, 1922.

Natal	1922	(No. 268, 296).
Cape Colony	1922	(No. 268, 296, 309).
South Georgia	1921/22	(No. 273, 307).

Sect. VIII. Norwegian Press Comments.

An article entitled "Is the Whale being exterminated?" has recently appeared in the Anglo-Norwegian Trade Journal (Vol. 9, February, 1923, No. 98) commenting on a lecture which was delivered by the Director before the Association of Economic Biologists, as reported in abstract in "Nature", Vol. 110, Dec. 16, 1922, p. 827. The lecture formed the basis of an article which was published in "The Morning Post" on the importance of taking steps for the protection of whales. The matter has aroused considerable interest in Norway, where large trade-interests are involved, and a further statement of the subject is promised by the Anglo-Norwegian Journal.

The Editor of "Nature" has asked the Director to contribute a descriptive paragraph on the subject to his Journal, and this might easily lead to a newspaper controversy. Sir Sidney desires to know the views of the Trustees with regard to the desirability of his accepting the invitation. He would himself be inclined to write a short article, calling attention in particular to the history of whaling operations in the past and to the necessity for caution in the future. In view of the progress which is being made with the preparations for a Whaling Research Expedition, to which the Colonial Office is already committed (C. 23 Jan. 22: 5), and of the

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the fact that the success of this investigation will depend partly on obtaining the co-operation of the Whaling Companies, it would be advisable in any case to avoid alienating the sympathy they at present show with the project. If the article is written it should indicate that the Trustees do not desire to take up an extreme position in the matter (assuming that to be the case), but that their efforts are directed to the restriction of whaling to an amount which is not inconsistent with the permanent preservation of whales.

Sect. IX. Summary and Observations.

A. The outstanding feature of the present Report is the information contained in it with regard to the South Georgia Whaling Season 1921/22 (Sect. VI), a most remarkable one in several ways. The Blue Whale, which had shown distinct signs of falling off in number (Report May 19, 1921, Appendix, p.1), and in 1920/21 formed about 34 per cent of the three principal species (Report, May 20, 1922, p.7), has risen to more than 76 per cent of the total catch. The figures are not entirely comparable with those of the earlier years, as the season ended two months later than the old principal whaling season, ending March 31, on which the earlier results had been calculated; and moreover the capture of the Humpback was prohibited during 1921/22. This variation in the period does not affect the main result, that the Blue Whales were nearly four times as numerous as the Fin Whales. A preponderance of Blue Whales was also noticed in the South

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Shetlands results of the same season (Report July 18, 1922, p.4). Mr. Hamilton (No. 223.0, p.1) suggests as a possible explanation of the low number (20.3 per cent., see Table II) of Fin Whales caught that when both species are available the whalers hunt the more productive kind; and this explanation sounds probable. Somewhat similar relative proportions of Blue and Fin Whales occurred, at South Georgia, in the Winter Season 1917 and in the principal Whaling Season 1917/18; and at the South Shetlands in the Season 1916/17 (Report May 19, 1921, Appendix, pp.1, 2). It is probable that these fluctuations are dependent on variations in the ice-conditions in successive years (see Mr. Binnie's statement under Sect. VI, C (v), May), and do not necessarily indicate a reduction in the number of Blue Whales as had previously been suspected.

B. The very striking improvement in oil-production (Sect. VI, C (iii),) is a gratifying feature of the season's work. It is attributed by those on the spot to the beneficial effect of the new whaling regulations (Sect. I, A; IV, b), but it has in any case been largely due to the high percentage of Blue Whales caught. The nearest approach to the current average, 73.36 barrels, is the figure, 66.0, for 1917/18, another year in which Blue Whales formed a specially high percentage of the total catch. Mr. Binnie makes the important statement (Sect. VI, C, v.) that Blue Whales captured during May yielded up to and over 200 barrels each. It may thus be hoped that the improvement in the current season is not the greatest possible. It is significant, as shown by Table VI, that

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that the oil-production is exactly in inverse proportion to the total number of whales caught, a relation which has often been noted in earlier Reports. The least satisfactory result was that of the Southern Company, which captured more than 200 whales in excess of any other Company, and is censured for having permitted waste (Sect.VI, C. iv). There is evidence, moreover, that the good oil-production of the Companies generally was realized at the expense of the Guana (Sect.VI, C. iii); and it seems clear that the Whaling Companies should be kept up to the mark in all possible respects by being prevented from killing more whales than can be dealt with completely.

C. Mr. Hamilton's information, under Sect.I, A, confirming the substantial accuracy of the whalers' statistics, is important. The explanation he gives with regard to the loss of small foetuses by post mortem abortion also has a significant bearing on the interpretation of the statistics. Under C. of the same section will be found his remarks on certain discrepancies between his own figures and those derived from the study of the statistics.

D. South Shetlands 1920/21 (Sect.I, C).
Mr. Hamilton supplies the total numbers of three species of whales captured during February and March, 1921, to complete a deficiency which had been noticed on p.1 of the Report Oct.16, 1921.

E. Whaling in Northern Waters (Sect.I, E).
Mr. Hamilton states that no whaling was carried on

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by Companies belonging to the Norwegian Whaling Association, in the Atlantic Area, during 1921.

F. Seychelles Islands Sperm Whaling (Sect.II).

Further information is given on this subject, and the proposed imposition of a size-limit of 25 feet for the Sperm Whale is noticed and discussed.

G. South Africa (Sect.III). The substitution of a Committee for the proposed Commission to enquire into the Whaling question is recorded.

H. Legislation. The beneficial effect of the new Antarctic Regulations in reducing waste is noticed (Sects.I.B, IV.B, IX.E) together with the conditional permission to re-commence the capture of Humpbacks (Sect.IV.A).

I. Payments for obtaining specimens of the smaller Antarctic Cetacea. (Sect.V.) The proposed scale is indicated, with the intimation that the Museum will have to bear the expenses of freight in future. The proffered assistance of the Governor of the Falkland Islands is gratefully acknowledged, and it is noted that specimens thus obtained are to be registered as gifts of the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands.

J. Monthly occurrence and movements of Whales (Sect.VI, C, v.). The information given by Mr. Binnie on these subjects is very useful, and it may be hoped that he will continue to supply particulars of this kind.

K. Right Whales (Sect.VI, C, v.). Mr. Binnie's
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record of numerous Right Whales, off South Georgia, in April and May, 1922, is of special interest. In April they were seen within a few fathoms of the beach. The capture of this species is at present prohibited.

L. Sei Whales (Sect. VI, C. (11), Table IX).

Whales of this species were specially numerous, off South Georgia, in April and May, 1922.

M. Humpbacks (Sect. VI, C. (v)). The capture of these whales was prohibited during 1921/22, but large numbers were seen off South Georgia.

N. Sperm Whales (Sect. VI, C. (v)). This was also a prohibited species, but a certain number were seen off South Georgia.

The Director requests permission to forward a copy of this Report to the Colonial Office, and to take any other action that may be necessary.

(Signed) S. F. HARMER.

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Reference to previous correspondence :-

~~Secretary of State's~~
Governor's

} Despatch No. 41 of the 26th March, 1923.

Falkland Islands

no. 66

Downing Street,

11 August. 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the filling of the vacancy
for a Chief Inspector of Stock.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
31 July	From Mr. Middleton
2 August (no. 141)	To the Governor General of New Zealand.

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WINDHAM CLUE, S.W.

31st July, 1923.

Sir,

To Secretary
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It was indicated in the correspondence noted in the margin that I desired to defer making a recommendation for filling the vacancy for a Chief Inspector of Stock until a report had been received from the Ministry of Agriculture on the sheep farming industry in the Falkland Islands.

2. It is improbable that any such report will be made for a considerable time as Mr. F.M. Webb, Live Stock Commissioner, to whom the matter has been referred, is in ill health and will not resume duty until October. For this reason and as it is undesirable that the post of Chief Inspector of Stock should remain vacant for a prolonged period, I have the honour, after discussions with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and with Sir James Allen, High Commissioner for New Zealand, to submit that

(a) the Government of New Zealand should be asked to lend an officer on the permanent staff of the Agricultural Department of the Dominion for a period of three years.

(b) The Government of the Falkland Islands should undertake to pay to the Government of New Zealand a sum to be agreed upon which will cover the liability of the Dominion for the pension of the officer during the period of his employment in the Falkland Islands..

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(c) The qualifications of the officer and his emoluments should be as set out in the attached schedule.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) J. MIDDLETON.

DER SECRETARY OF STATE
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DOWNING STREET, S.W.

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SCHEDULE.

Particulars of vacancy for a Chief Inspector of Stock
in the Falkland Islands.

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Candidates must possess a thorough knowledge of sheep farming on a large scale and of the breeds of sheep and an elementary knowledge of the diseases of sheep.

It is very desirable that candidates should have had a training in an agricultural college.

Candidates should be between 35 and 40 years of age and it is preferred that they should be married.

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Salary £600 a year rising by annual increments of £50 to £700 a year.

A house, partly furnished, will be provided, if possible, and in that case the officer will be required to provide linen, crockery, cutlery, etc. If a house is not available a lodging allowance at the rate of £50 a year will be paid.

A horse allowance will also be given. It is probable that the officer will require 4 horses (2 on East Falkland and 2 on West Falkland) and the rate of the allowance will be adjusted on the arrival of the officer in the Colony when the number of horses and the conditions under which they are to be kept are decided upon.

PASSAGES.

Free passages (first class) will be provided from New Zealand to the Falkland Islands for the officer, his wife and family, not exceeding 5 persons in all.

The most convenient route is from New Zealand
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to Monte Video or Rio de Janeiro and thence by Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer to Stanley, Falkland Islands. There is a service of Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamers from Liverpool to Stanley at intervals of six weeks. These steamers call at Rio de Janeiro and Monte Video.

Free passages will be provided from Stanley to New Zealand on the satisfactory completion of three years resident service in the Colony.

TERMINATION OF
AGREEMENT.

The Government of the Falkland Islands reserves to itself the right to terminate the appointment at any time and without assigning any reason on giving three months' notice and providing passages for the officer and his family from the Falkland Islands to New Zealand.

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ZEALAND

DOWNING STREET.

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2nd. August, 1923.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency to be laid before your Ministers a copy of a letter from Mr. J. Middleton, the Governor of the Falkland Islands, in which he requests that the services of an officer of the permanent staff of the Agricultural Department of the Dominion of New Zealand should, if possible, be obtained on loan for appointment as Chief Inspector of Stock in the Colony for a period of three years on the terms and conditions set out in his letter and enclosure.

Fr. Mr. Middleton
1st July, 1923.

2. I concur in Mr. Middleton's recommendation and I trust that your Ministers will see their way to give it favourable consideration. In my despatch No. 52 of the 22nd of June, I enclosed a memorandum on the sheep farming industry of the Falkland Islands, on the prosperity of which, as your Ministers are no doubt aware the Colony is almost entirely dependent. In these circumstances it is of such importance to the Colony to secure the services of a thoroughly qualified Chief Inspector of Stock, that I shall be much gratified if your Ministers can arrange to lend the services of one of their officers as desired, and to send him to the Colony. I shall be obliged if I can be informed by telegraph as soon as possible

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GOVERNOR GENERAL

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT JELlicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.,

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whether or not your Ministers are in a position to do so, since, if not, it is desirable that the vacancy should receive further consideration here before the return of the Governor to the Colony. If your Ministers should desire further information as regards the conditions of the appointment I request that any enquiries may be addressed by telegraph to me and not direct to the Colony, in order that the Governor may be consulted.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd)

DEVONSHIRE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO 07

DOWNING STREET

/8 August, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 124 of the 5th October 1922, I have the honour to inform you that after consultation with the Governor, the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested to arrange for the printing at the expense of the Colony, of 200 copies of the treatise prepared in the Air Ministry on the climate and weather of the Falkland Islands.

2. Fifty copies of the treatise will be sent to the Air Ministry in compliance with the request from that Department; 25 copies will be retained for the use of this Department, and the balance of 125 copies will be forwarded to the Colony by the Crown Agents.

3. Action in the matter had been delayed pending the receipt of a reply to paragraph 2 of my predecessor's despatch No. 115 of the 4th of October 1922: but the reference to epidemic diseases has now been deleted after discussion with the Governor.

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

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street.

NO. 68

11 August, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 12 of the 6th February last, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Tonsberg Whaling Company, together with a copy of correspondence with Messrs William Brandts Sons & Company relative to the proposed steamer service with South Georgia.

2. I will communicate with you again on the subject upon the receipt of the further reply promised by Messrs Brandts Sons & Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

To Tonsberg
Whaling Co. 18 April
Fr. -do- 19th July
To Messrs Brandts
9th August.
Fr. -do- 10th Aug.

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C O P Y.

No. 14734 /23.

Downing Street.

18th April, 1923.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department to Mr. Borge of the 26 October last relative to the establishment of a steamer service between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that a reply has been received from the Governor who recommends the following proposals as a basis for discussion.

- (1) Five trips to be made to South Georgia and one to the South Shetlands each Whaling season.
- (2) the vessel to be employed to be of not less than 100 tons net register
- (3) a subsidy of £300 per trip
- (4) this agreement to be for a period of two or three years in the first instance.

2. I am to enquire whether you would be prepared to establish such a service on the terms proposed.

3. While it may be anticipated that live sheep and a limited quantity of fresh provisions may be shipped from the Colony, in the event of the service being established, the Colonial Government estimates that the total value of the trade so carried is likely to be small at any rate in the first instance.

I am, etc.,

(sd) G. Grindle.

THE TONSBURG WHALING CO.

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TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI.

Tonsberg den 19th July, 1923.

NORWAY.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON S.W.1.

Sir,

Proposed steamer service between Falkland Islands
and South Georgia.

Referring to our respectful of May 4th and in receipt of your esteemed communication of 27th ¹lm. we beg to communicate that we now have had a chance to consult one of our whaling-manager, namely the master of s.s. "Orwell".

The other manager at South Georgia is expected to arrive Norway within the first 4 or 5 days so we have not heard his view on the matter yet.

In the meantime we are informed by the Compania Argentina de Pesca, that they will fit out their m.s. "Tijuca" with cold storage-room for provisions and are also prepared to take passengers by this boat.

It seems under this circumstances that the Pesca has taken our idea over and are ahead of us with regard to the above named service.

We should believe that the company also are prepared to call at Falkland Islands and that no subsidy is asked for by this firm.

We have, etc.,

per pro Aktieselskabet.

(sd) Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri

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Downing Street.

9th August, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to state that His Grace has been informed that the Compañia Argentina de Pesca propose to inaugurate a steamer service with South Georgia (including a call at the Falkland Islands) by the S.S. "Tijuca" which will carry passengers and be fitted with cold storage room for provisions.

2. The Secretary of State will be glad to learn whether you are in a position to confirm this information or to give or obtain further details of the intentions of the Company in this matter, such as the date when it is proposed to inaugurate the service and the time table it is proposed to follow.

I am, etc.,

(sd) H.J.Read.

MESSRS W. BRANDT'S SONS AND COMPANY.

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O.P.Y.

Wm BRANDT'S SONS & CO.

LONDON E.C.3.

10th August, 1923.

4 Fenchurch Avenue.

To.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
S.W.1.

Sir,

Ref. No. 37561/23.


We are in possession of your letter of the 9th inst.
the contents of which have our attention.

We are not in a position to confirm the information to which you refer respecting a steamer service by the "TIJUCA", but are communicating with our clients, Messrs the Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A., in the matter and we shall have pleasure in returning to the subject on receipt of news from Buenos Aires.

We are, etc.,

(sd) W. Brandt.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO 69

DOWNING STREET

22 August, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 49 of the 11th of April, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, regarding the report of the Forest Officer on the progress of forest trees in the Falkland Islands.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed (copy of letter herewith) to obtain a copy of the paper entitled "Northern Trees in Southern Lands" and to forward it direct to your Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

26th July 1923
To C.A. 22 Aug.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

KEW

26th July 1923.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 27888 /1923 of 27th June 1923, enclosing a copy of the report by Mr. J. Reid on the afforestation experiments that are being carried out in the Falkland Islands, which I have read with much interest, and beg to offer the following observations.

The success of the experiments in afforestation appears to depend primarily on the provision of adequate windbreaks and on the drainage of the ground where the plantations are being established. The system already adopted of planting on "hills" made from the sods cut during drainage operations, which is the system which has given such good results on the peat lands at Corrour in Scotland, seems to be the only method of ensuring success in the water-logged peat bogs of the Falkland Islands. The more closely the Corrour methods can be adopted in the Islands the greater, I feel sure, will be the success of these interesting experiments.

Conditions in the Falkland Islands, as is well known, are not conducive to tree growth, and owing to the persistent winds growth must be expected to be very slow with the earlier plantations; but from the results already achieved I feel confident that in due course the experiment will prove successful.

It is evident that the sowing of seeds in the Islands and raising the stock of young trees in carefully selected

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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selected and prepared nurseries is a far better procedure than purchasing plants from England. Not only can young trees be moved to their permanent homes without risk of loss at the most suitable time for transplanting, but should any losses occur refills can be provided at once from the nurseries. No doubt this method is slower, but it has the great merit of sureness and is also far less expensive than buying in fully grown trees from home.

Until plantations that will act as windbreaks become established it will be desirable to devote attention more especially to Coniferous trees, and then later the experiment can be continued with broad leaved trees, though as a rule the broad leaved trees of the north are not so successful in the southern hemisphere.

An interesting and instructive paper on the results attending the introduction of trees of the northern hemisphere to southern lands has recently been published by Mr. E. H. Wilson, Assistant Director of the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, and I would suggest that a copy of this paper should be obtained and forwarded to the Falkland Islands, as it would prove a useful guide to Mr. Reid in his selection of seed. The paper is entitled "Northern Trees in Southern Lands", by E. H. Wilson, and is published in the Journal of the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, Jamaica Plain, Mass., U.S.A. Vol. IV. 1923, pp. 61-90, and has been reprinted in pamphlet form.

I am etc.

(Sgd) Arthur W. Hill

Director.

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Downing Street

22 August, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to request you to obtain and send out to the Government of the Falkland Islands if possible by the mail of the 5th September a copy of a paper entitled "Northern Trees in Southern Lands" by E.H. Wilson, which was published in the Journal of the Arnold Arboretum Harvard University, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, United States of America Volume IV 1923 pages 61-90 and has been reprinted in pamphlet form.

2. This paper may be obtainable from Messrs. Wheldon and Wesley, 2-4 Arthur Street, New Oxford Street, W.C.2, price 2s. or from Messrs. Dulau and Company Limited, 34, 35 and 36 Margaret Street W.1. It is understood that one or other of these firms is more likely

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

likely to have it in stock than anyone else, or if not
that they could obtain a copy from America. If however,
you find any difficulty in obtaining the paper you should
refer the matter again to this Department.

3. The expenditure involved should be charged to
the Colony and a copy of this letter is being sent to the
Officer Administering the Government by the outgoing mail.


I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

No. 70

27 August, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram of the 27th October 1922 regarding the question of the shipment of Dr. B. J. Hallows' furniture to the Falkland Islands, and to state that, after exhaustive enquiry, no trace can be found of any reply having been received in this Department.

2. Mr. Middleton who has been consulted, states, however, that a reply was sent at the time to the effect that it was unnecessary to take any further action in the matter.

3. In the circumstances I should be glad if you would cause enquiries to be made locally. Should you then be unable to throw any light on the matter, I request you to furnish me with the date and time of the despatch of the message, and the route by which it was sent, in order that further enquiries may be made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS:

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNo. 71

Downing Street,

27 August, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company and Messrs Chr. Nielsen and Company, from which you will see that it is proposed to agree to the transfer of the whaling facilities of the Norge Company at the South Shetlands to a Company to be formed in England as an Associated Company of Messrs. Lever Brothers Limited.

2. The Governor, who has been consulted, has concurred in the action taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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THE SOUTHERN WHALING & SEALING COMPANY LIMITED

Al8, Exchange Buildings

Liverpool.

24th July, 1923.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Sir:-

HVALFANGERSLSKAPET "NORGE" A/S

We have the honour to inform you that we have been discussing with the Principals the possibilities of purchasing the assets of the above Company.

You, of course, know that the Norge Company carries out whaling operations in Shetlands Waters with the Floating Factory s.s. "Solstreif" and three Whale Catchers ("Eik", "Bok", and "Commonwealth").

Before, however, getting down to definite business with these people, we consider it advisable to consult you as to whether you would be agreeable to the transfer of the Whaling License from the Norge Company to a Company which we would form in England as an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Brothers Limited.

This matter was put before your Mr. Allen verbally yesterday morning by the undersigned, and Mr. Allen very kindly promised to do all within his power to advise us of your decision by Friday afternoon, the 27th instant, as the writer is proceeding to Norway on Saturday, and, if your decision is favourable, he wishes to commence further negotiations immediately on his arrival in Norway.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THE SOUTHERN WHALING & SEALING COMPANY LTD.

(Sgd.) N. CHARLES WATT.

Managing Director.

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37465/1923

Downing Street,

26th July, 1923

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th July, and to inform you that in the event of your acquiring the assets of the Norge Whaling Company, His Grace will raise no objection to the transfer of the whaling facilities of that Company at the South Shetlands to a Company to be formed by you in England as an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Brothers Limited.

2. I am, however, to remind you that the licence hitherto held by the Norge Company, like all other licences for the South Shetlands, is an annual licence for which application must be made each season, and carries with it no right to renewal: though there is at the present time no intention of altering the existing policy under which such licences have been renewed from year to year.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) H.J.READ.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LTD.

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CHR. NIELSEN & COMPANY, A/S

LARVIK, 13th August, 1923.
Norway.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London.

Dear Sir,

Norge Whaling Co.

I have the honour to enquire whether you will be agreeable to the transfer of the Licence to carry out whaling operations in the waters of the South Shetlands, held by this Company being transferred to an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Bros. Ltd., Port Sunlight, Cheshire, which is to immediately formed in England.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) ROLF NIELSEN

Managing Director
Chr. Nielsen & Co. A/S

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Downing Street,

24 August, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of August, and to transmit to you for your information a copy of a letter which was addressed to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company on the 26th of July last, from which you will see that no objection will be raised to the proposed transfer of the whaling facilities of the Horge Company of the South Shetlands to an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Brothers Limited, to be formed in England.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

MESSRS Chr. NIELSEN AND COMPANY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNO. 72

DOWNING STREET,

3 September, 1923.

Sir,

18th July

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a note which has been received by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from the United States Embassy with regard to an expedition which the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is about to send to the South Atlantic.

2. I request that arrangements may be made to afford to the members of the expedition such facilities as may properly be given, consistently with the local law, on the occasion of their visit.

3. A copy of this despatch and the enclosures will be sent direct to the Magistrate at South Georgia if a suitable opportunity offers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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LONDON

July 18th 1923.

No. 870

My Lord,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Your Lordship the attached copy of a letter sent from Mr. P.M. Rea, the Director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, Ohio, to Dr. George W. Crile of the same city, who is a trustee of that institution, and who at present is in London in the interests of the South Atlantic Expedition, whose projects the letter details.

I beg to ask whether the letter of general credentials to British officials, asking that courtesies and assistance be extended to the members of the expedition may appropriately be furnished, and if so, to ask Your Lordship to be so good as to lay the request before the authorities concerned.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration etc.,

(Sgd) POST WHEELER

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

THE MOST HONOURABLE

THE MARQUESS CURZON OF KEDLESTON, K.G.,

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THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

June 15th 1923.

Dr. George W. Grile,
Euclid at 93rd St.,
Cleveland.

Dear Dr. Crile,

Confirming our conversation yesterday afternoon, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to thank you for your contribution of one thousand dollars to the special fund to defray the expenses of employing a collector for one year on the fishes of the Cleveland shale, for the western trip of our taxidermist, Mr. A.B. Fuller, and other items I understand that payment of this contribution will be made in the Fall.

Our South Atlantic Expedition will visit the following British possessions: Ascension, St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Gough Sandwich group, South Georgia, Bouvet, and islands off the west African coast chiefly between Walfish Bay and Luderitz Bay. I am uncertain whether these last islands are directly British or under the government of South Africa. It is possible that we shall visit other British possessions incidentally.

The American Museum of Natural History advises me that it has received cordial support from Sir Vincent Wilberforce Baddeley, K.C.B., First Principal Assistant Secretary Admiralty, address No. 5, Barton Street, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W. Through your friend who was a Naval Officer in the battle of Jutland, I hope you will be able to establish a personal relation with Sir Vincent and secure his interest in our South Atlantic Expedition. It should be explained to Sir Vincent that
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the Cleveland Museum is undertaking this expedition with the hearty co-operation of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and that it proposes to survey for general scientific purposes, and especially ornithologically, the islands of the South Atlantic from the equator nearly to the antarctic circle. What is desired is a letter of general credentials asking British officials in general to extend to the Expedition all courtesies and assistance in their power. It has not been found advisable to make detailed specific requests since a general letter usually proves more helpful. It might be well to advise with our Embassy in London in connection with these proceedings.

In Paris you can help us greatly by securing similar backing from the French Government. The French territory we propose to visit includes the Island of Kerguelen, Crozet, New Amsterdam: also Prince Edward and Heard. I have not found information as to the nationality of these two islands. They may be British from their names but they are near French islands.

I do not know just how to obtain Portuguese and Spanish credentials. Perhaps the Embassy at Washington will be the best route. If however you happen to form any connection with these embassies in Paris and London it might be well to take such steps as are possible. The Portuguese territory to be visited includes the Cape Verde Islands, Princes, St. Thomas and Annobon. The only Spanish territory seems to be the Island of Fernando Po.

The Brazilian territory to be visited includes St. Paul, As Rocas, Fernando, Moronha, Southern Trinidad, and Martin Vas. I am taking steps, through Dr. W.P. Wilson of the Commercial Museum at Philadelphia, to obtain

credentials

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credentials from Brazil.

A large proportion of these islands are uninhabited. In the few that are inhabited co-operation of the local officials will be necessary and very helpful. In some of these cases there may be legal restrictions upon the number of birds that may be taken. To attempt to secure any unusual waiver of these restrictions often stirs up trouble. Friendly officials will usually wink at these requirements if they are not forced to their attention. It is probably better, therefore, to say nothing about them.

Since we are going to make desperate effort to get the Expedition off by the first of September it will help very greatly if you will advise us, by mail, of the results of your efforts. This will be a great help to the organisation of the Expedition

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) P.M. REA.

Director.

PMR/EKC

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No.

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Downing Street,

3 September

August, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.

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of the 4th July, 1923.

and to approve of the changes which have occurred, during the quarter ended

the 30th June

last, in offices of which the emoluments

exceed £100

per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,


Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

No. 74

5 September, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence I have the honour to inform you that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, I have selected Lieutenant J. R. Stenhouse, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.R., for appointment as Master of the "Discovery".

C.O. to Lt. Stenhouse.
16th July.

2. I enclose a copy of the letter to Lieutenant Stenhouse offering him the appointment. The Crown Agents have been instructed to enter ^{into} an agreement with him: and copies of it will be sent to you when executed. A copy of the advertisement of the post is also enclosed, together with a copy of Lieutenant Stenhouse's application.

Advertisement.

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3. Applications have been invited by advertisement for the post of Director of Research and the replies are receiving consideration; but no selection has yet been made. A copy of the advertisement is enclosed for your information.

Advertisement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Downing Street,

16th July, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that on the recommendation of the "Discovery" Committee, His Grace proposes to select you for appointment as Master of the Steamship "Discovery" on the terms advertised, subject to your being passed by the Medical Adviser of this Department as physically fit for service, and subject also to your entering into an agreement in which the full conditions of service will be embodied.

If you wish to accept this offer you should so inform me, and should present yourself at your convenience to one of the Medical Advisers to the Colonial Office, whose names are given on the enclosed letter, for the purpose of being medically examined, having first filled in the enclosed medical history sheet. The letter and medical history sheet are to be left with the medical officer, who will send his report direct to this Office. The fee for the examination will be paid by the Government.

A further communication will be addressed to you in regard to the agreement.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd) G. Grindle.

LIEUTENANT JOHN R. STENHOUSE, D.S.O., D.S.C., O.B.E., R.N.R.

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Advertisement for Master of S.S. "Discovery".

Master required for Colonial Government ship "Discovery" to be employed on research mainly into whaling in antarctic. Master's certificate, experience of sailing ships and ice navigation essential. Salary afloat £700 a year, free uniform, ^{messing} special warm clothing; £500 a year ashore while superintending repairs equipment. Special terms possible in case of officer who has received larger salary. Engagement for 2½ years from 1st August next.

Further particulars and forms of application can be obtained by letter to Secretary, Discovery Committee, Colonial Office, London S.W.1. Applications must be received by 31st May. Candidates in British isles must apply on prescribed form. No special form required from candidates abroad.

Master s.s. "Discovery".

5. *Appointment desired.
[If you do not apply for a particular class of appointment, you should state to what Colonies you would go, and what is the lowest salary that you would accept.]

6. About how soon would you be available to proceed overseas if selected.

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*N.B.—Applications for more than one branch of the Service can be made if desired. If you have any preference as between different branches or different Colonies, etc., it should be stated here.

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1S.S. "DISCOVERY"
Application for Appointment to the Colonial Service.

Form to be filled up by the Applicant in his own handwriting, and returned by post to the Assistant Private Secretary (Appointments), Colonial Office, London.

N.B.—In normal circumstances a candidate should not call at the Colonial Office until he receives a written invitation to do so. The Assistant Private Secretary (Appointments) cannot undertake to see anyone who calls without such invitation, though he will endeavour to do so if the matter is urgent. The hours for interview are 3—5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

1. Name in full
(Surname first in capitals.)

Stenhouse, Joseph Russell

State whether British-born or Naturalised; if latter, give particulars.

British Born.

Day and year of birth..... November 15th 1887

Age last birthday..... 35

(A birth certificate must be enclosed: it will be returned.)

Place of birth..... Dumbarton, Dumbartonshire, Scotland.

Address..... Kinloch Tay, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.

2. Whether single, married, or a widower..... Single

Wife's maiden name.....

„ nationality at birth and place of birth.....

Number of children..... Sons

Aged respectively.....

..... Daughters

3. Father's Name..... Andrew Stenhouse

„ Profession or Occupation..... Shipbuilder

„ nationality at birth and place of birth..... British, Glasgow.

(If dead the above questions should be answered nevertheless; if living his address should be given below.)

Address..... Knott End House, Broughton in Furness.

4. Mother's maiden name..... Janet Anderson Arnott

„ nationality at birth and place of birth..... Cathcart, Scotland.

5. *Appointment desired.
[If you do not apply for a particular class of appointment, you should state to what Colonies you would go, and what is the lowest salary that you would accept.]

Master s.s. "Discovery".

6. About how soon would you be available to proceed overseas if selected.

Now

*N.B.—Applications for more than one branch of the Service can be made if desired. If you have any preference as between different branches or different Colonies, etc., it should be stated here.

<p>7. Schools in order, giving dates of entry and leaving.</p> <p>Mention any distinctions gained in school work, games, school societies, etc., and positions of responsibility held. Give the names of your Head- or Housemasters.</p>	<p>Private and Secondary School</p> <p>Barrow in Furness</p> <p>Headmaster James Harris</p> <p>left 1903.</p>
<p>8. University, with dates of entry and leaving.</p> <p>Degree (stating class) or other distinctions gained (academic, athletic, etc.). Give the name of your College Tutor, or of the Professor or Lecturer who knew you best.</p>	<p>Navigation - private schools</p> <p>Vancouver and London</p> <p>and Royal Technical College, Glasgow.</p>
<p>9. Civil employment or experience from completion of education to present time.</p> <p>Mention each position held by you, the dates between which you held it, and the cause of leaving.</p> <p>State present employment and salary you are now receiving.</p>	<p>Served apprenticeship in sailing ship "Springbank" 1904-1908. Acted as 3rd and 2nd Mate in sail until Aug. 1910. Officer in Mercantile Marine until Jan. 21st 1914. Sailed in "Aurora" as Master and 2nd in Command of Ross Sea Party in the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914. Served in "Q" ships of H.M. Navy and afterwards on the staff of General Maynard North Russia Expedition 1918-1919. Started business with other ex-officers early in 1919 as shipowners and sailed in our company's schooner. Recently employed in Salvage Work, Dardanelles.</p>
<p>10. Professional qualifications (if any), and the date at which each was obtained.</p>	<p>Master Mariner (1912) (O.C.) (Steam and sail).</p>
<p>11. State here any knowledge you possess of any language other than English.</p>	<p>French and a little Spanish.</p>
<p>12. Give here full details of your <u>service in H.M. Forces.</u></p> <p>State rank held, regiment, promotions, and any decorations, mentions in despatches, and certificates, etc., obtained. Any special appointments, e.g., Staff Officer or Adjutant, to be mentioned with dates. Periods of service overseas to be clearly given, stating country and nature of appointment held. Each period of your service should, as far as possible, be covered by a report from, or a reference to, a senior officer under whom you served (vide para. 15).</p>	<p>Prob. Sub. Lieut. R.N.R. July 1914) With Expedition. Lieutenant July 1916)</p> <p>Chatham Barracks (April 1917- (May</p> <p>H.M.S. "Penshurst" (Q Ship) 2nd May 1917 - 8th July 1917 H.M.S. "P.61" 31st July 1917 - 5th October 1917. 1st Lieut H.M.S. "Ianthé" 6th October 1917 - 6th Oct. 1918 In command.</p> <p>North Russia Expeditionary Force Oct. 1918 - Sept. 1919. O.C. Columns Soroka - Onega winter trail and training mobile columns Winter 1918 N. Russia. Organised and commanded Lake Onega Flotilla Spring and Summer 1919.</p> <p>Present rank:- Lieutenant R.N.R. (Since July 1916) 3 Mentions in despatches (2 Navy 1 Army) D.S.O., D.S.C., O.B.E., Croix de Guerre Antarctic Medal.</p>
<p>13. Give particulars of any physical impairment from which you may have suffered (including shell-shock, nerve strain, etc.).</p>	

Personal References.

Give the names and addresses of two referees. They should be responsible persons who know you well, either in private life or in business; and one at least should be well acquainted with you in private life. The names of distinguished persons should not be given unless they really know you well, and the names of relatives or of those from whom you send testimonials should not be given.

1. Name Col. G.J.M. Thornhill, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Address The Bath Club,
Dover Street, W.

Occupation

Period during which he has known you 4 years.

2. Name J.M. Wordie Esq.

Address St. John's College, Cambridge.

Occupation

Period during which he has known you 6 years.

15. Testimonials.

You should submit not more than six testimonials, to cover as far as possible your education and each subsequent stage of your career. The original testimonials and one copy of each should be sent. The former will be returned after inspection. Copies may be in MS., in print, or typewritten; and it is desirable that they should be on foolscap paper not larger than this form.

You should give the name, address, and occupation of the writer of each of your testimonials; the period of your career for which he can speak and the capacity in which he speaks, e.g. (Col. A.B., my C.O. January, 1915—March 1918).

Should the writer of a testimonial prefer to send it direct to the ~~Assistant Private Secretary~~ ^{Director, Committee}, there is no objection, but in such a case you should state hereon that he is doing so.

The names etc. of other persons to whom reference can be made may be added if desired. If, for any reason, you experience difficulty in obtaining a testimonial to cover a particular period of your career, you should state the reason in writing. In this case the name and last known address of someone who would be in a position to report on your character and conduct during the period in question should be given.

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..... SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, WHITE SEA.
 TO..... THE ADMIRALTY.
 RE.....

Commander J.R. Stenhouse, R.N.R., served with the Allied Forces in the Murmansk Region from October 1918 until August 1919. Until the 5th April 1919 he was employed on supervising and training mobile columns in which work his intimate knowledge of Arctic conditions and requirements were of the utmost value to the Force. Later he formed a motor boat flotilla for operations on Lake Onega under very difficult circumstances - local motor boats had to be obtained, put into working order, armed and transported 600 miles to Lake Onega - British Army personnel had to be trained for the work and organised together with American and Russian crews. This improvised flotilla was in action with enemy steamers on Lake Onega within a very short time of the Land Forces having gained a footing on the Northern Shores of the Lake and successfully protected our bases and communications on the Lake until relieved by the arrival of a Naval contingent with new boats from England. This successful result was due to the hard work, dash and initiative of Commander Stenhouse whose services were of very great value throughout.

for command of (Sgd.) C.M. Maynard
 determined Officers and Major General

for the command of Commanding "Syren" Force.

(sgd.) John F.E. Green

London,

Rear Admiral

Oct. 22nd, 1919.

Senior Naval Officer,

White Sea.

FROM SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, WHITE SEA.
 TO..... THE ADMIRALTY.
 NO..... 326/ W.S.2. DATE...13th September 1919
 SUBJECT..... LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FRANK A. WORSLEY
 D.S.O., RD., R.N.R.

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH R. STENHOUSE, D.S.O., R.N.R.
 RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMAND OF ICEBREAKERS.

 The above named Officers, who have been serving in North Russia under the Military Command (where they have both done excellent service), have applied to me to recommend them for the command of the Icebreakers "SVIATOGOR" and "ALEXANDER", should they be required in the coming winter.

(2) Lieutenant Commander Worsley was Captain of the "ENDURANCE" Sir E.Shackleton's ship in his last Antarctic expedition.

Lieutenant Stenhouse was Captain of the "Aurora" the relief ship that was sent to meet Sir E.Shackleton's party.

(3) Both these Officers therefore have experience of ice. They are both to my mind of the right temperament for command of icebreakers. They are both very gallant and determined Officers and I can strongly recommend them for the command of these ships.

(sgd.) John F.E. Green

Rear Admiral

Senior Naval Officer,

White Sea.

Dated 27th February, 1919

R.M.S. "IANTHE" 10th December, 1917.

This is to certify that Mr. Joseph R. Stenhouse, D.S.C., has served as Lieutenant R.N.R. on board H.M.S. "Dreel Castle" (in Command of Special Service Ship "IANTHE") under my command from the 6th day of October 1917 to the 6th day of October 1918 during which period he has conducted himself with zeal and ability and entirely to my satisfaction. A very able and gallant officer.

(sgd.) J.I. Luard

Rear Admiral

Aux. Patrol Area XIV.

17th August 1917.
J.R. Stenhouse, Sub.Lieut.R.N.R. has served as sub.Lieut. R.N.R. on board H.M.S. "PENSURST" from 2nd May 1917 to 28th June 1917 entirely to my satisfaction. He has shown much keenness in making himself proficient in all his duties and in acquainting himself with all matters pertaining to the Service. He has energy and initiative and is an officer of much promise.

(Sgd.) M. Grenfell,

Capt. H.M.S., "PENSURST".

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H.M.S. "IANTHE".

10th December, 1917.

Lieut. R.N. Idaho for H.M.S. "P.61" 31st July 1917
 5th October 1917 - To my entire satisfaction an officer
 of exceptional ability with a natural aptitude for command.

F.A. Worsley, Lt.Com. R.N.R., from the 3rd
 September 1915 Approved 1st October 1915 as 3rd Officer.

I found him to be a very capable and always attentive
 to his duties. He was Vice Admiral in Charge
 of the Milford Haven, as a first-class
 officer and wish him success.

H.M.S. "PENSURST".

17th August 1917.

Sub.Lieut. 29th June 1917 - 8th July 1917 entirely to my
 satisfaction. A most capable officer showing great keenness,
 energy and initiative.

(Sgd.) C. Naylor

Lieut. R.N.R. in Command.

"Penshurst".

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BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION

s.s. "GRACCHUS"

Melbourne.

Jan. 21st 1914.

13th Dec. 1913.

Mr. J.R. Stenhouse served as Third Officer in charge. The bearer, Mr. Stenhouse, served on board the above-named steamer, under my command, from the 3rd September 1913 to the 31st October 1913 as 3rd Officer. I found him sober, courteous and always attentive to his duties. He desires to leave this service and I can conscientiously recommend him as a first-class officer and wish him success.

(Sgd.) J.R. PATRICK
Commander.

(Sgd.) Fiddis

Master s.s. "Gracchus".

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

s.s. "GRACCHUS" Coy. No. 1.

Calcutta.

Dec. 1913.

Mr. J.R. Stenhouse has sailed in the above-named vessel under my command as 3rd Officer from the 3rd Sept. to present date.

I have found him a most excellent navigator, efficient officer and a thorough seaman, strictly sober, and he has given me entire satisfaction. He now leaves to join one of the Company's many steamers in which I wish him every success.

(Sgd.) NEWBAM

Master.

Copies.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

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s.s. BANGALA,

Colomba,

13th June, 1913.

Sept. 24th 1910.

Mr. J.R. Stenhouse served as Third Officer (in charge of a watch) of the above named vessel running between Tuticorin and Colombo, from 27th Nov. 1912 to date.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his strict sobriety, ability and general good behaviour, having found him attentive to his duties at all times, and a most reliable officer of the watch.

Mr. Stenhouse is now transferred to this Co.'s "Orissa" and I hope soon to hear that he has obtained the promotion he so well merits.

(Sgd.) Pittam

Master s.s. "Bangala".

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

s.s. "ORISSA" Voy. No.4.

Calcutta,

Sept. 1913.

Mr. J.R. Stenhouse has sailed in the above-named vessel under my command as 3rd Officer from June 21st 1913 to present date.

I have found him a most excellent navigator, bridge officer and a thorough seaman, strictly sober, and he has given me entire satisfaction. He now leaves to join another of the Company's many steamers in which I wish him every success.

(Sgd.) RENTFREW

Master.

(Sgd.) T. ROYAL. Liverpool,
Sept. 24th 1910.
Barge "SPRINGBANK"
Port of Vancouver

During the voyage I found him a sober, steady, energetic and trustworthy officer.

BATTLE LINE.

(Sgd.) D. Boyul June 14th 1912.

During this time I have always found him strictly sober
trustworthy and capable, being attentive to his duty. I
found him to be a good navigator, being my navigating officer.
He leaves this steamer to get his Master's B.T.
Certificate. (Sgd.) J.E. Chandler

During the time I have found him to be sober and a good seaman and have pleasure in recommending him to anyone requiring his services.

Copies.

I hereby certify that Mr. J.R. Stenhouse has completed his Apprenticeship according to terms of Indentures and has given every satisfaction.

(Sgd.) D. ROYAL.

Barque "SPRINGBANK"

Port of Vancouver

26th July 1909.

This will certify that the bearer Mr. J.R. Stenhouse, has served his Apprenticeship on board of the above named. He has also acted as third mate for over two years. He is still on the ship's papers as third rate.

During the time that he has been in this ship I have found him to be strictly sober, attentive to his duties and a good seaman.

He is still employed, having leave of absence from his ship in order to prepare for examination, in which I wish him every success. Should he pass in this port, I shall be only too pleased to take him back with me as second mate.

(Sgd.) D. Royal

Master of "SPRINGBANK".

4 Mast Barque "SPRINGBANK"

Port -Saint Nazaire

August 1st 1910.

This will certify that the bearer Mr. J.R. Stenhouse, has served as second mate on the above named ship under my command from the beginning of August 1909 to the 9th June 1910 on a voyage from Vancouver to Sydney N.S.W. and home to Belfast.

During the time I have found him to be sober and a good seaman and have pleasure in recommending him to anyone requiring his services.

(Sgd.) D. Royal

Master of "Springbank".

Advertisement for Director of Research.

Director of Research required for Falkland Islands Government Ship "Discovery" now fitting out for Marine research in Antarctic and other waters mainly in connection with whales and whaling.

Applicants should preferably be graduates in natural science with a record of research work in biology and experience in the execution of scientific work at sea, and must be qualified to co-ordinate and control the work of a Scientific Staff.

Salary of £1000 a year with free messing when afloat. Application for somewhat higher rate might be considered in case of candidate with exceptional qualifications and experience. Period of engagement 2½ years in first instance from about 1st October next.

Applications must be received by the 1st September, and must be on prescribed form, unless candidate is abroad and unable to obtain form in time.

Further particulars and forms of application can be obtained by letter from the Secretary, "Discovery" Committee, Colonial Office, S.W.1.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's }
Governor's } Despatch No.

Falkland Islands

No. 75

Downing Street,

5 September 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the employment of an Austrian
Doctor for the Whaling Station at Grytuben.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
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3 September	do. do. do.

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WM. BRANDT'S SONS & CO.,
4, FENCHURCH AVENUE,
LONDON, E.C.3.

To the
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

25th August, 1923.

Sir,

Our clients, Messrs the Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A., are negotiating through their Norwegian agents for the engagement of an Austrian Doctor, a Mr. Hans Lupini, for their Whaling Station at Grytviken, South Georgia Island, a Dependency of the Falkland Islands.

We shall therefore very much appreciate it if you will advise us whether it would be in order for Dr. Lupini to land at Grytviken in case of engagement, or whether there would be any formalities to be observed in this connection.

We shall be very pleased to receive your information as early as possible.

We are, etc.,

(Signed) Wm. Brant's Sons & Co.

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42400/23

DOWNING STREET,

3 September 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th August and to inform you that, so far as he is aware, no objection would be raised to the landing in South Georgia of the alien to whom you refer.

2. A copy of this correspondence is being sent to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands by the out going mail.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

MESSRS WIL. BRANDT'S SONS AND COMPANY.

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No. 75 of the
Governor's }
5th September 1923.

Falkland IslandsNo 76

Downing Street,

16 September 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the engagement of a German
doctor for the Whaling Station at Gryticken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
10 September	From Messrs. W. Brandt's Sons and Company
" "	To do.
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Wm.Brandt's Sons & Coy.

4 Fenchurch Avenue

London E.C.3

10th September, 1923.

To the

Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office S.W.1.

Sir,

Your ref. 42400/23

We beg to refer to our letter of the 26th ulto.,
and your reply of the 3rd inst.

We are now informed that the gentleman in question
Doctor Lupini, will be unable to proceed to South Georgia
Island on account of illness, and we are asked whether it
will be in order for a German Doctor to be landed at
Grytviken in his stead.

We shall be very pleased to receive your informa-
tion as early as possible.

We are etc.

(Sgd) Wm.Brandt's Sons and Co.

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Downing Street

11th September, 1923.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 10th September, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that, so far as he is aware, no objection would be raised to the landing in South Georgia of the German doctor whom the Compania Argentine Pesca now propose to engage in place of the Austrian Doctor referred to in your letter of the 25th August.

2. A copy of this further correspondence will also be sent to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falklands.

I am etc.

(Sgd) G. GRINDLE

MESSRS. Wm. BRANDT'S SONS AND COMPANY.

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Wm.Brandt's Sons & Co.

London E.C.3

4, Fenchurch Avenue

12th September, 1923.

To the

Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office

S.W.1.

Sir,

Your ref. 42400/25.

Further to our letter of yesterday, we have today received telegraphic advice giving the name of the German Physician in question as :

Hans Kahle

and we now await your news.

We are etc.

(Sgd) Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 77

DOWNING STREET,

25 September, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's despatch No.33 of the 6th March, forwarding a copy of a letter from Messrs T.&N.Binnie with regard to the tax imposed by the Norwegian Government on foreign shareholders in Norwegian Companies; and to transmit to you the accompanying copies of despatches from His Majesty's Minister at Christiania on the subject.

2. In the circumstances I am not prepared to take any further action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Copy.

No.198.

British Legation,
Christiania.

28th May 1923.

My Lord,

2 copies of
Law
Translation.

I have the honour to enclose herewith 2 copies in original together with translation of a recommendation from the Financial Committee of the Storting with regard to the levying of the extraordinary tax to the State upon fortunes for the budget period 1923-24.

This recommendation was considered by the Storting on May 23 when, according to "Aftenposten" of the same date, it was passed without alteration, an amendment in favour of the exemption of foreign shareholders from the tax being rejected by 61 votes to 49.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) M. de C. FINDLAY.

The Most Honourable

The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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Enclosure to Sir M. Findlay's Despatch No. 198 of 28/5/23.

1. For the budget period 1923-1924 an extraordinary tax to the State upon fortunes is payable according to the following rules:

- a) Persons (estates) who are liable for tax according to the Law regarding the levying of an extraordinary tax to the State on fortunes of July 28, 1921, Para. 8a, also persons who are liable for tax according to Para. 8b, are to pay:

Upon the first Kr.	200,000	Nothing.
" " next "	100,000	0.5%
" " " "	100,000	0.6%
" " " "	200,000	0.7%
" " " "	200,000	0.8%
" " " "	200,000	0.9%
" " " "	250,000	1.0%
" " " "	250,000	1.1%
" " " "	500,000	1.2%
" " " "	1,000,000	1.3%
" " " "	2,000,000	1.4%
" " " "	2,000,000	1.5%
" " " "	3,000,000	1.75%
" " " "	5,000,000	2.0%
" " " "	5,000,000	2.25%
" " " "	5,000,000	2.5%
" " " "	5,000,000	2.75%
" " surplus thereabove		3.0%

b) Foreign Companies and Institutions which are liable for tax in accordance with the Law regarding the levying of an extraordinary tax to the State upon fortunes of July 28, 1921, Para. 8b, and shareholders (part holders) in share companies and companies of the same standing as share companies (Para. 8c) if domiciled abroad are to pay .5% of the total amount of their fortunes.

2. In other respects are to be applied the

provisions

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provisions of the laws of taxation for the country and for the towns of August 18, 1911 with supplementary laws and of the law of July 28, 1921 regarding the levying of an extraordinary tax to the State upon fortunes.

8. This tax resolution comes into force at once.

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No.175.

British Legation,
Christiania.

12th May 1923.

My Lord,

translation
copies of Law.

With reference to my Despatch No.157 of April 28, 1922, I have the honour to enclose translation (together with 2 copies of the original Norwegian text) of a Royal Proclamation of May 4, 1923, regarding the payment of taxes to the State upon fortunes and incomes for the Budget period July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1923 in accordance with the provisions of the Law of July 13, 1921.

From reference to Para.1, IV of the Resolution Your Lordship will observe that foreign shareholders in Norwegian companies are not this year called upon to pay a tax of 3 per mille on the assessed amount of their fortunes in Norwegian Companies.

On the other hand, Norwegian Companies have now to pay a tax to the State on their fortunes at the rate of 2 per mille (See Para.1, Ia.)

I have, etc.,

(Signed) M. de C. FINDLAY.

The Most Honourable

The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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Enclosure to Sir M. Findlay's Despatch No. 175 of 12/5/23.

Translation of Royal Proclamation of May 4 regarding
the payment of tax to the State Exchequer upon
fortunes and incomes for the Budget period
July 1st, 1923 to June 30, 1924.

The following resolution was passed by the Storting
on April 27, 1923:

§ 1. For the Budget period July 1st, 1923 to
June 30th 1924 tax is to be paid to the State in accord-
ance with the following rules:

I. By share companies in the Kingdom and companies
of the same standing as share companies (Law of
July 13, 1921, § 8):

- (a) A tax on fortune at the rate of 2 of
each Kr. 1,000.
- (b) Income tax at the rate of 6% on the
company's entire income, with such
deductions as may be determined by
the law of July 13, 1921, § 7.
- (c) Funds tax at the rate of 10% of that
part of the company's income which is
not distributed to the shareholders
(partholders) as dividend.

II. By Savings Banks and Associations of Consumers
and buyers (Law of Taxation for the country
§ 52, Law of Taxation for Towns § 42):

- (a) Tax on fortune, the fortune being
assessed in accordance with the Law of
July 13, 1921, § 2:

On the first Kr.	10,000 of the fortune	Kr. 0.30 on each thousand Kroner.
" " next "	40,000 " " "	0.50 " "
" " " "	50,000 " " "	1.00 " "
" " " "	50,000 " " "	1.50 " "
" " " "	50,000 " " "	2.00 " "
" " " "	100,000 " " "	2.50 " "
" " " "	200,000 " " "	3.00 " "
" " " "	500,000 " " "	3.50 " "
" " " "	1,000,000 " " "	4.00 " "
" " " "	2,000,000 " " "	5.00 " "
On the sums in excess hereof		6.00 " "

- (b) Income tax, the income being assessed in
accordance with the Law of July 13,
1921, § 3 and the tax being calculated
according to the estimated amount of
the income:

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On the first Kr.	4,000	2 per cent.
" " next "	4,000	4 " "
" " " "	4,000	6 " "
" " " "	6,000	8 " "
" " " "	7,000	10 " "
" " " "	10,000	12 " "
" " " "	15,000	14 " "
" " " "	20,000	16 " "
" " " "	20,000	18 " "
" " " "	20,000	20 " "
" " " "	30,000	22 " "
" " " "	30,000	24 " "
" " " "	30,000	26 " "
" " " "	50,000	28 " "
On the sums in excess hereof	30	" "

III. By mutual life insurance companies:-

- (a) Tax on fortunes in accordance with II (a).
- (b) Income tax at the rate of 15% of the estimated amount of the income.

IV. By shareholders (part holders) in share companies and in companies of the same standing as share companies who are domiciled abroad, in so far as such shareholders are assessed collectively:

Income tax at the rate of 15% of the estimated amount of the income.

V. By other persons liable to taxation:-

- (a) Tax on fortunes in accordance with II (a) .
- (b) Income tax on the taxable amount of the income determined in accordance with the rules in § 6:

On the first Kr.	4,000	2 per cent.
" " next "	4,000	4 " "
" " " "	4,000	6 " "
" " " "	6,000	8 " "
" " " "	7,000	10 " "
" " " "	10,000	12 " "
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" " " "	50,000	34 " "
" " " "	50,000	36 " "
" " " "	50,000	38 " "
" " " "	50,000	40 " "
" " " "	50,000	42 " "
" " " "	100,000	44 " "
" " " "	100,000	46 " "
" " " "	100,000	48 " "
On the sums in excess hereof	50	" "

§ 2. All persons, who in accordance with the ordinary taxation laws for Country and Towns of August 18, 1911 are liable to pay municipal taxes, are with the exceptions which ensue from the rules given below liable to pay taxes to the State on their fortunes and income. However, churches and benevolent institutions and county, country and town municipalities shall be entirely exempt from such tax to the State: in the case of country municipalities, however, with the exception which ensues from the Law of February 22, 1921, § 27 Cf. §§ 36, 45 and 48. When family foundations and other accumulations of fortune are assessed to pay tax on fortune to the Municipality in accordance with § 27 of the Law of Taxation for the country, and § 22 of the Law of Taxation for Towns, they are also to be assessed for tax to the State on fortune.

Simultaneously, a person who is not domiciled in the Kingdom but receives a salary or pension from the Norwegian State is liable to taxation upon the income he thus receives. Upon diplomatic and consular officers' salaries tax will only be payable, however, to the extent which may be determined by the Crown, with the consent of the Storting.

§ 3. With regard to the place at which the tax is to be levied the following provisions are to apply:-

- (a) Every person liable to taxation, shall be taxed in the district in which, in accordance with the provisions of §§ 20, 21 and 24 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country and §§ 15, 16, 18 and 19 of the Law concerning Taxation in Towns is liable to be assessed for tax to the municipality. In levying tax to the State there shall be included for that district the fortune and income which are taxed in accordance with the provisions in §§ 18 and 19 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country and §§ 13 and 14 of the Law concerning Taxation in Towns (Cp. §§ 32 and 75, third paragraph of both of the said laws).

(b)

- (b) If any person, who receives from the Norwegian State a salary or pension, upon which he is liable to be taxed, takes up his domicile abroad, he shall be taxed in the Christiania taxation district.
- (c) If a dispute should arise as to the district in which a person is to be taxed, the case shall be decided by the competent Government department.
- (d) When any person is assessed for tax to the State in a district other than that in which assessment should rightly take place in accordance with the above rules, he cannot demand exemption from payment of the tax, unless the fortune or income concerned are also assessed for State tax in the right district. On the other hand, by applying to the competent Government department, he can in such cases demand that the tax be re-assessed, if the latter is proved to have been due to erroneous assessment, or to be unjustifiable for other reasons.

§ 4. Fortunes of less than Kr. 5,000 are exempt from taxation.

Fortunes of Kr. 5,000 and upwards, but less than 20,000 will only be liable to taxation provided the income of the taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of §§ 5 and 6 is large enough for him to be liable to taxation thereon. Fortunes of Kr. 20,000 and upwards shall always be liable to taxation. The amount of the fortune is to be reduced to the nearest multiple of 1,000 kroner.

§ 5. Incomes below Kr. 2,000 are exempt from taxation. Those persons liable to taxation, to whom in accordance with § 6 no allowance which is free from taxation is given, will however be assessed for taxation when their income amounts to at least Kr. 1,000.

The amount of the income is reduced to the nearest multiple of Kr. 100.

§ 6. In assessing the tax of those liable to
taxation

taxation in accordance with § 1, V., there shall be observed the rules, for classification given by the Law concerning Taxation in the Country of August 18, 1911, § 75 and in Towns § 68, but so that a wife shall always be classified as receiving maintenance. Of incomes there shall be free from taxation:

Kr. 1,000	in the 1st class.
" 1,500	" " 2nd "
" 2,000	" " 3rd "
" 2,400	" " 4th "
" 2,800	" " 5th "
" 3,200	" " 6th "
" 3,600	" " 7th "
" 4,000	" " 8th "

Companies and concerns liable to taxation, foreigners liable to taxation (§ 15 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country, § 10 of the Law concerning Taxation in Towns, letters b and c) and persons who receive salaries or pensions from the Norwegian State, but who are not permanently domiciled in the Kingdom, are given no allowance free from taxation. If, however, the persons last mentioned have been compelled to take up their domicile abroad in consequence of their position in the service of the Norwegian State, they shall be referred to one of the classes 1 - 8, according to the number of persons they have to maintain.

The estates of deceased persons are to be referred to the taxation class of the deceased.

§ 7. In other respects the tax shall be assessed in accordance with the taxation laws in force, including the Law of July 13, 1921, which contains temporary provisions regarding the assessment of taxes to the State on incomes and fortunes, together with

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with later supplementary Laws.

§ 8. This taxation resolution comes into force at once.

This resolution of the Storting is hereby brought into practice.

Given at Christiania Palace,

May 4th, 1923.

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No.195.

British Legation,
Christiania.

31st May 1922.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report, with reference to my despatch No.181 of May 17th, that the Norwegian Ministry of Finance have now determined, in accordance with the authority given to them by the Storting on May 16th, that the following taxes shall not be collected from foreign shareholders in Norwegian companies:-

- (1) Extraordinary tax to the State on fortunes for the Budget period 1921/1922. If the tax has been paid it will be refunded.
- (2) Ordinary tax to the State on fortunes and incomes for the Budget period 1922/1923.

Copies of this despatch are being sent to the Department of Overseas Trade and His Majesty's Representatives at Stockholm and Copenhagen.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) M. DE C.FINDLAY.

The Right Honourable

The Earl Balfour of Whittinghame, K.G., O.M.,

etc.,

etc.,

etc.

No.181.

(N.5020/116/30).

British Legation,
Christiania.

May 17th, 1922.

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No.157 of April 28th and my despatch No.180 of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report that the question of the extraordinary tax on fortunes and of the taxation of foreign shareholders in Norwegian companies was dealt with in the Storting yesterday.

Translation
of Article
from "Tidens
Tegn" of May
17th, 1922.

It would appear that as a result of a communication from the Ministry of finance to the Financial Committee of the Storting dated May 15th, a supplement was added to the original recommendation of the Committee proposing that for the budget period 1922 to 1923 foreign shareholders in Norwegian Companies should pay the extraordinary tax to the State on fortunes at the rate of one-half per cent of the total amount of their fortune instead of two-thirds per cent.

It was further proposed that the Ministry of Finance should remit the ordinary tax to the State on fortune and income assessed upon such shareholders for the Budget period 1922-23 and the extraordinary tax to the State on fortune levied upon them for the budget period 1921-22.

Both these proposals were adopted by the Storting, who otherwise passed the resolution in the terms reported in the enclosure to my despatch No.180 of May 15th.

The

The Most Hon.

The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,
etc., etc., etc.

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The proposals of the Communists to increase the rates of the tax for shareholders resident in Norway was rejected.

I have the honour to enclose translation of an article which appeared in "Tidens Tegn" this morning regarding the taxation of foreign shareholders.

Copies of this despatch are being sent to His Majesty's Representatives at Stockholm and Copenhagen and to the Department of Overseas Trade.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) M. DE C. FINDLAY.

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Enclosure to Sir M. Findlay's despatch No. 181 of 17/5/22.

Translation of Article from
"Tidens Tegn" dated 17/5/22.

As already mentioned the manner in which foreign shareholders are treated in the transition to taxation of shareholders and in the introduction of the extraordinary taxation of fortunes has attracted attention which is very harmful to our connections with foreign countries.

It is, however, creditable that the Ministry of Finance and the majority of the Financial Committee of the Storting have at length taken steps to correct the state of affairs, and that the Storting yesterday approved the proposal of the Ministry and the Committee after a debate which is reported elsewhere in our columns.

The motives of the proposal are given in the letter of May 15th to the Financial Committee, which is quite sensational and which we will therefore report briefly.

In accordance with the Law of July 13th, last year, which is principally the work of Mr Gunnar Knudsen, share companies are responsible for the taxes which are assessed upon shareholders or partholders resident abroad.

The Law is given application for the first time in the levying of tax to the State for 1922-23 on the basis of the year of income 1921, and therefore affects dividends which are received by
shareholders

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shareholders this year. As, however, the payment of dividends in 1921 had, as a rule, taken place before the adoption of the Law, the Companies have not had an opportunity to withhold any part of them for taxes. The withholding of tax assessed on the basis of the year of income 1921 (and upon fortunes on January 1st 1921) cannot therefore take place until dividends are paid this year (1922), and, if the Companies are to assure their own position, they will also be compelled to withhold taxes which will be assessed next year on the basis of the year of income 1922. From dividends declared in that year there will thus be withheld ordinary tax to the State upon fortune and income for two years. The Companies will, further, have to withhold the extraordinary tax to the State on fortunes, if they are to make themselves safe, for two years (i.e. the tax which is calculated on fortunes on January 1st 1921 and that on fortunes on January 1st 1922). The total sum which is withheld will in this way mount up out of all proportion. The Bank of Norway has thus declared that it is withholding tax for two years in the form of 71.67% of its dividend.

As already mentioned serious complaints regarding this state of affairs have been received from foreign shareholders who have hitherto been accustomed to receive their dividends without deduction.

The Ministry agree that the circumstances in question may have unfortunate consequences in
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several ways and that, in particular, they may conceivably bring our country into discredit abroad.

The Ministry presume that efforts should be made to bring about an arrangement whereby a double deduction of taxes of this nature may be avoided this year. If retention takes place only for one year's tax the deduction will be so considerably reduced that the complaints will at any rate for the most part lose their justification. In the course of their deliberations the Ministry have come to the conclusion that the only way to arrive at a satisfactory arrangement will be to renounce the tax (both ordinary tax to the State upon fortune and income and extraordinary tax on fortunes) assessed upon the shares of foreign shareholders for the first year of taxation after the introduction of the new system of taxation.

Renunciation of one year's tax upon foreign shareholders will be no small sacrifice on the part of the State. In consideration of the great interests which are at stake it is, however, presumed that such a sacrifice must be regarded as sufficiently justified.

The Financial Committee and the Storting have accepted the proposal of the Ministry who were yesterday authorised to refrain from collecting the ordinary tax to the State, which is assessed upon shareholders in Norwegian companies domiciled abroad for the coming period, and the extraordinary tax on
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fortunes for the present period and also to refund such portion of these taxes as has already been paid.

At the same time the rate of the extraordinary tax on fortune for the next period is reduced for shareholders domiciled abroad from one per cent to one-half per cent.

This step will, according to the Ministry, still further remove the ground for the complaints as to the large sums which companies are withholding for taxes.

This business is very characteristic of the way legislation is passed in this country nowadays.

It should also be a slight warning that tax payers resident in Norway, should also be accorded some consideration on the part of the State even if they are more defenceless victims than the foreign shareholders.

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DUPLICATE.

No.157.

British Legation,

Christiania.

28th April 1922.

My Lord,

Translation of
Proclamation, 31/3.

2 copies original
Norwegian text.

With reference to my despatch No.277 of July 14th 1921, I have the honour to enclose translation (together with two copies of the original Norwegian text) of a Royal Proclamation of March 31st regarding the payment of taxes to the State upon fortunes and incomes for the budget period July 1st 1922 to June 30th 1923 in accordance with the provisions of the law of July 13th 1921.

2. As Your Lordship will observe from the translation of the law of July 13th 1921 already forwarded, the provisions of that law came into force on January 1st 1922: they are now given application by the Royal Proclamation of March 31st in the assessment of tax to the State on the basis of dividends paid out in 1921 and of fortunes at January 1st 1922.

3. Under the terms of § 1 V of the Proclamation persons resident abroad who hold shares or parts in Norwegian companies are, unless they claim separate assessment under § 5 of the law of July 13th 1921, liable for a tax of 3 per thousand of the assumed value of their fortunes in Norway and for income tax at the rate of 15% of the assumed amount of their income in this country.

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The Most Honourable
The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,
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4. In addition to those taxes shareholders resident abroad have also to pay for the budget period 1921/1922 an extraordinary tax to the State at the rate of 1% of their fortunes in Norway on January 1st 1921, the value of shares being, however, taken, as an exception during the period of transition, at their rate on July 1st 1921, in accordance with II § 1, 3 of the Law of July 28th 1921 and § 1 b of the Royal Proclamation of September 23rd 1921 (see my despatches No.293 of July 22nd 1921 and No.394 of September 28th 1921). Under II § 4 of the law of July 28th 1921 payment of this extraordinary tax for the budget period 1921/1922 fell due on January 2nd 1922. They will also have to pay for the budget period 1922/1923 a similar extraordinary tax to the State, on their fortunes in Norway, of which payment will fall due on October 1st 1922 (see I § 20 of the law of July 28th 1921). The rate at which this tax will be levied for the budget period 1922/1923 has not yet been determined, but it is assumed that it will be 1% as for 1921/1922.

5. Persons resident abroad, who hold shares in Norwegian companies, have thus to pay during 1922 in taxes to the State:-

- (a) 1% extraordinary tax on the value of their fortunes here at January 1/1921 for the budget period 1921/1922 (payable on January 2nd 1922)
- (b) 1% (probably) extraordinary tax on the value of their fortunes here at January 1st 1922 for the budget period 1922/1923 (payable on October 1st 1922)
- (c) 3 per thousand ordinary tax on the value of
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their fortunes here at January 1st 1922 for the budget period 1922/1923 (payable August/September 1922)

- (d) 15% of the income which they derived from this country in 1921 for the budget period 1922/1923 (payable August/September 1922).

6. The rates at which shares were quoted on the Stock Exchange at the dates mentioned are taken as the basis of calculation in assessing values for the purposes of the taxes referred to under (a), (b) and (c) above.

7. In accordance with the final paragraph of § 5 of the law of July 13th 1921 Norwegian companies are responsible for the payment of taxes to the state by shareholders resident abroad. The taxes in question are therefore deducted by the companies from dividends payable to shareholders abroad in 1922.

8. I understand that Norwegian private banks and share companies are therefore withholding from their foreign shareholders 50% of dividends payable this year.

9. The Bank of Norway, in accordance with the advice of the Ministry of Finance, is, however, going a step further and is also withholding from dividends payable this year to shareholders resident abroad the amount of the ordinary taxes to the State which it is anticipated will have to be paid in August/September 1923 for the budget period 1923/1924 on the fortunes of such shareholders at January 1st 1923 and the dividend declared by the Bank in 1922. It is to be presumed that this step is taken in order to

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meet the improbable contingency that the Bank may be unable to declare a dividend in 1923, wherefrom the amounts in question can be deducted, in which case the Bank itself would become responsible for payment.

10. The situation is thus that from dividends payable to their foreign shareholders this year Norwegian private banks and share companies are deducting extraordinary tax on fortunes for two budget periods and ordinary taxes on fortunes and income for one such period, while the Bank of Norway is deducting extraordinary tax on fortunes for two budget periods and ordinary taxes on fortune and income also for two budget periods.

11. The result so far as the Bank of Norway is concerned is that 71.67% is deducted from dividends payable to such shareholders, leaving only 28.33%, or actually 2.8% out of the declared dividend of 10%.

12. The state of affairs described above has been the subject of such adverse comment in the Press, and the Bank of Norway, as well as other banks and companies have received many letters of protest from abroad.

13. It is, however, transitional and is due to the new system of taxation introduced by the laws of July 13th and 28th 1921. In subsequent years it should not be necessary to withhold amounts payable in taxes to the State for more than one budget period. It is nevertheless unfortunate that taxes for two years should be withheld just now when
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dividends, if any, are smaller than usual, so that investors are often hard put to it to make both ends meet, and the Norwegian Press appears to be of the definite opinion that Norwegian credit cannot fail to suffer. I understand that this aspect of the question is now under the serious consideration of the Ministry of Finance and its legal advisers. I further learn that foreign shareholders have threatened the Bank of Norway with legal proceedings.

14. As already stated in (3) above persons resident abroad who hold shares or parts in Norwegian companies are entitled under § 5 of the law of July 13th 1921 to claim separate assessment in respect of ordinary tax on fortunes and income to the State. They will in that case be taxed on the same basis as persons resident in Norway, except that they will not be entitled to deduct from their fortunes and income in Norway debts and interest on debts.

15. On the basis of the rates of taxation to the State this year such separate assessment would in the case of most foreign shareholders represent a distinct advantage, as they would not be paying ordinary tax on fortunes at the rate of 3 per thousand on their whole fortune here unless it exceeded Kr.1,000,000 - or ordinary income tax at the rate of 15% unless their total income here exceeded Kr.140,000.

16. I would suggest that the attention of British shareholders in Norwegian companies should be drawn to this fact, with which they are perhaps unfamiliar.

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unfamiliar. It might further be desirable to bring to their notice in detail the provisions of § 5 of the law of July 13th 1921. In view of the difficulty of drawing up a tax return it might also be to their advantage to put their Norwegian interests in the hands of a Norwegian lawyer, e.g. Mr Alex. Hansen, C.B.E., legal adviser to this Legation.

17. A difficulty, however, arises in this connection. According to the law tax returns must be submitted not later than January 31st each year, but, as Your Lordship will observe, the Royal Proclamation determining the rates of taxes payable was not issued until March 31st, i.e. too late for foreign shareholders to send in a return even if they had been aware that they might demand separate assessment.

18. I therefore venture to submit, for Your Lordship's consideration, whether it would be desirable to request the Norwegian Government, under these circumstances, to allow an extension of time enabling British shareholders in Norwegian companies still to demand separate assessment and to submit the necessary tax return.

19. I am sending copies of this despatch to the Department of Overseas Trade and to His Majesty's Representatives at Stockholm and Copenhagen.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) M. DE C.FINDLAY.

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Enclosure to Sir M. Findlay's despatch No. 157/28/4/22.

Translation.

Royal Proclamation

March 31

Regarding the payment of Tax to the State upon fortunes and incomes for the Budget Period July 1st 1922, to June 30th 1923.

The following resolution was passed by the Storting on March 24th 1922:-

§ 1. For the Budget Period July 1st 1922 to June 30th 1923 tax is to be paid to the State in accordance with the following rules:-

I. By share companies in the Kingdom and companies of the same standing as share companies (law of July 13th 1921, § 8)

(a) Income tax at the rate of 6 per cent on the company's entire income, with much deductions as are determined by the Law of July 13th 1921, § 7.

(b) Funds tax at the rate of 10 per cent of that part of the company's income which is not distributed to the shareholders (part holders) as dividends.

II. By savings banks:-

(a) Tax on fortune, the latter to be assessed in accordance with the Law of July 13th 1921, § 2:-

On the first Kr.	10,000	of the fortune	Kr. 0.30	on each
				thousand Kroner.
" " next "	40,000	" " "	" 0.50	" "
" " " "	50,000	" " "	" 1.00	" "
" " " "	50,000	" " "	" 1.50	" "
" " " "	50,000	" " "	" 2.00	" "
" " " "	100,000	" " "	" 2.50	" "
" " " "	200,000	" " "	" 3.00	" "
" " " "	500,000	" " "	" 3.50	" "
" " " "	1,000,000	" " "	" 4.00	" "
" " " "	2,000,000	" " "	" 5.00	" "
On the sums in excess hereof			" 6.00	" "

(b) Income tax, incomes to be assessed in accordance with the Law of July 13th, 1921 § 3 and the tax to be calculated according to the estimated amount of the income:

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On the first Kroner	5,000.00	2 per cent
" " next "	5,000.00	4 " "
" " " "	5,000.00	6 " "
" " " "	10,000.00	8 " "
" " " "	10,000.00	10 " "
" " " "	15,000.00	12 " "
" " " "	20,000.00	14 " "
" " " "	20,000.00	16 " "
" " " "	25,000.00	18 " "
" " " "	25,000.00	20 " "
" " " "	30,000.00	22 " "
" " " "	30,000.00	24 " "
" " " "	50,000.00	26 " "
" " " "	50,000.00	28 " "
On the sums in excess hereof	30	" "

III. By mutual life insurance companies:-

(a) Tax on fortunes in accordance with IIa.

(b) Tax on incomes at the rate of 15 per cent of the assessed amount of the income.

IV. By shareholders (part holders) in Share Companies and in Companies of the same standing as Share Companies who are domiciled abroad, provided such shareholders are assessed collectively.

(a) Tax on fortunes at the rate of 3 per mille on the assessed amount of the fortune.

(b) Income tax at the rate of 15 per mille on the assessed amount of the income.

V. By other persons liable to taxation:-

(a) Tax on fortunes in accordance with IIa.

(b) Income tax to be paid on the taxable amount of the income determined in accordance with the rules in § 6:-

On the first Kroner	5,000.00	2 per cent
" " next "	5,000.00	4 " "
" " " "	5,000.00	6 " "
" " " "	10,000.00	8 " "
" " " "	10,000.00	10 " "
" " " "	15,000.00	12 " "
" " " "	20,000.00	14 " "
" " " "	20,000.00	16 " "
" " " "	25,000.00	18 " "
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" " " "	30,000.00	22 " "
" " " "	30,000.00	24 " "
" " " "	50,000.00	26 " "
" " " "	50,000.00	28 " "
" " " "	50,000.00	30 " "
" " " "	50,000.00	32 " "

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On the next Kroner	50,000.00	34	per cent
" " " "	50,000.00	36	" "
" " " "	50,000.00	38	" "
" " " "	50,000.00	40	" "
" " " "	100,000.00	42	" "
" " " "	100,000.00	44	" "
" " " "	100,000.00	46	" "
" " " "	100,000.00	48	" "
On the sums in excess hereof		50	" "

§ 2. All persons, who in accordance with the ordinary taxation laws for Country and Towns of August 18th 1911 are liable to pay municipal taxes, are with the exceptions which follow from the rules given below, liable to pay taxes to the State on their fortunes and incomes.

However, churches and benevolent institutions, and also country (fylke) parish, and town councils shall be entirely exempt from such tax to the State: in case of parish councils, however with the exception which follows from the law of February 22, 1921, § 27 Cp. §§ 36, 45 and 48. When family foundations and other accumulations of fortune are assessed to pay tax on fortunes to the municipality in accordance with § 27 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country and § 22 of the Law concerning taxation in Towns, they will also be assessed for tax to the State on fortunes.

Likewise, those who are not domiciled in the Kingdom, but receive salaries or pensions from the Norwegian State, are liable to taxation upon the incomes they thus receive. On diplomatic and consular salaries, however, taxation shall only be payable to the extent which the King, with the approval of the Storting may determine.

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§ 3. With regard to the place at which the tax is to be levied the following rules shall be applied:-

- (a) Every person liable to taxation, shall be taxed in the district in which, in accordance with the provisions of §§ 20, 21, 23 and 24 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country and §§ 15, 16, 18 and 19 of the Law concerning Taxation in Towns is liable to be assessed for tax to the municipality. In levying tax to the State there shall be included for that district the fortune and income which are taxed in accordance with the provisions in §§ 18 and 19 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country, and §§ 13 and 14 of the Law concerning Taxation in Towns (cp. §§ 82 and 75, third paragraph of both, of the said laws.)
- (b) If any person, who receives from the Norwegian State a salary or pension, upon which he is liable to be taxed, takes up his domicile abroad, he shall be taxed in the Christiania taxation district.
- (c) If a dispute should arise as to the district in which a person is to be taxed, the case shall be decided by the competent Government department.
- (d) When any person is assessed for taxation in a district other than that in which assessment should rightly take place in accordance with the above rules, he cannot demand exemption from payment of the tax, unless the fortune or income concerned are also assessed for State tax in the right district. On the other hand, by applying to the competent Government department, he can in such cases have the tax re-assessed. If the latter is proved to have been due to erroneous assessment, or to be unjustifiable for other persons.

§ 4. Fortunes of less than Kroner 5,000 are exempt from taxation.

Fortunes of Kroner 5,000 and upwards, but less than 25,000 will only be liable to taxation provided the income of the taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of §§ 5 and 6 is large enough for him to be liable to taxation thereon. Fortunes of
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Kroner 25,000 and upwards shall always be liable to taxation. The amount of the fortune is to be reduced to the nearest multiple of 1,000 Kroner.

§ 5. Incomes below Kroner 2,000 are exempt from taxation. Those persons liable to taxation, to whom in accordance with § 6 no rebate is allowed, will however be assessed for taxation when their income amounts to at least Kroner 1,000. The amount of the income is reduced to the nearest multiple of 100 Kroner.

§ 6. In assessing the tax of those liable to taxation in accordance with § 1 V., there shall be observed the rules, for classification given by the Law Concerning Taxation in the Country of August 18th 1911, § 75, and in Towns § 68, but so that a wife shall always be classified as receiving maintenance. Of incomes there shall be free from taxation:

Kroner	1,000	in the	1st	class
"	1,500	" "	2nd	"
"	2,000	" "	3rd	"
"	2,400	" "	4th	"
"	2,800	" "	5th	"
"	3,200	" "	6th	"
"	3,600	" "	7th	"
"	4,000	" "	8th	"

Companies and concerns liable to taxation, foreigners liable to taxation (§ 15 of the Law concerning Taxation in the Country, § 10 of the law concerning Taxation in Towns, letters b and c) and persons who receive salaries or pensions from the Norwegian State, but who are not permanently domiciled in the Kingdom, are allowed no rebate. If
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however the persons last mentioned are compelled to take up their domicile abroad in consequence of their position in the service of the Norwegian State, they shall be referred to one of the classes 1 - 8, according to the number of persons they have to support.

The estates of deceased persons are to be referred to the taxation class of the deceased.

§ 7. In other respects the tax shall be assessed in accordance with the taxation laws in force, including the Law of July 13th, 1921, which contains provisional determinations regarding the assessment of taxes to the State on incomes and fortunes.

§ 8. This taxation resolution comes into force at once.

This resolution of the Storting is hereby brought into practice.

Given at Christiania Palace,
March 31st, 1922.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

~~Secretary of State's~~
 Governor's

} Despatch No. 9 of the

1st February, 1923Falkland IslandsNo. 76

Downing Street,

26 September, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of a report by the Imperial Institute
 on peat from the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 79

Downing Street,

26 September, 1923.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No.74 of the
5th September, I have the honour to transmit to
you two copies of the agreement entered into with
Captain J.R. Stenhouse, Master of the s.s. "Discovery".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

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made the

sixth

day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty three Between The Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, acting on behalf of the Government of the Falkland Islands (hereinafter called the Government) and Lieutenant Joseph Russell Stenhouse D.S.O., O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.R. (hereinafter called the person engaged).

- 1 The person engaged agrees diligently and faithfully to perform the duties of Master of the S.S. "Discovery" (hereinafter called the "Ship") for the term of his engagement, and will act in all respects according to the instructions or directions given to him by the Government (which term shall include the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands).

The salary of the office is, at the rate of Five hundred pounds a year from the First day of August One thousand nine hundred and twenty three, until the ship is afloat and ready in all respects for sea, and thereafter at the rate of Seven hundred pounds a year, with messing, uniform and special warm clothing as may be arranged with the Government.

3. This Agreement is subject to the conditions

set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed, and the Schedule shall be read and construed as a part of the Agreement.

4. The Crown Agents for the Colonies shall not be in any way personally liable for anything arising out of this Agreement.

As witness our hands the day and year above written

Signed by Francis Meredyth

Pearson

(on behalf of
the Crown Agents for the
Colonies) in the presence
of (sgd) G. J. Garner
of the office of the Crown
Agents for the Colonies.

(sgd) F. M. Pearson

Signed by Joseph Russell

Stenhouse

in the
presence of

(sgd) J. R. Stenhouse

Of Witness

Signature (sgd) Edwd. Baynes

Address Ministry of Health, . . .

. . . Whitehall, S. W. 1.

Occupation Civil Servant

Schedule.

Terms of engagement. 1 The term of the engagement of the person engaged is for two and a half years commencing from the first day of August One thousand nine hundred and twenty three.

Duties 2 The duties of the person engaged shall include the usual duties of Master of a ship and any other suitable duties in connection with the expedition which the Government may call upon him to perform. The person engaged shall not when abroad either directly or indirectly, engage or be concerned in any other service or business whatsoever or receive commissions or profits of any kind but shall devote the whole of his time and attention to the service of the Government and shall use his utmost exertions to promote the interests of the Government. He shall conform to such instructions as he may receive from the "Discovery" Committee and when abroad from the Director of Research and when within the Colony or Dependencies of the Falkland Islands from the Governor.

Safety of ship. 3 Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve the person engaged of his responsibility for the safe conduct and steering of the ship which he commands and the discipline of the officers and crew. He shall use his best endeavours to secure the safety of the ship and shall have discretion to decline to comply with any instructions received from the Director of Research which would in his opinion involve undue risk to the ship. In the event of his so declining he shall furnish the Director of Research with a written statement of his reasons for transmission to the "Discovery" Committee.

Ill health 4 (1) If the person engaged shall be compelled by reason of ill health to resign his office, or if

at any time it shall be certified by a duly qualified medical officer selected by the Government that he is incapable on physical grounds of rendering further efficient service in the ship the Government shall pay him his salary up to the date of such resignation or certificate and shall, if he is abroad at the time, furnish him with a free passage to England.

(2) A certificate signed by a duly qualified medical officer selected by the Government shall be conclusive evidence on the question whether or not the person engaged was compelled to resign his office by reason of ill-health within the meaning of this clause.

5 If the person engaged shall at any time *Dismissal* neglect or refuse or from any cause (excepting ill-health as provided in Clause 5) become unable to perform any of his duties or to comply with any lawful instructions except as otherwise provided in Clause 3) or shall in any manner misconduct himself, the Government may dismiss him, and on such dismissal all rights and advantages reserved to him by this Agreement shall cease.

6 The person engaged shall not publish *Publications* or otherwise disclose any information regarding the occurrence of whales or bearing upon the question of Government control of the whaling industry.

7 (1) The Government may at any time determine *Determination of engagement* the engagement of the person engaged on giving him three months notice in writing, or on paying him three months salary, and in either case, if he is abroad at the time, furnishing him with a free passage to England,

provided that he claims, and avails himself of such return passage, not later than one month after the expiration of his engagement. He shall not, in either case be entitled to half salary, on the voyage home, unless specially granted by the Government.

(2) The person engaged may, at any time after the expiration of six months from the sailing of the ship, and while in command thereof, determine his engagement, on giving to the Government at the Colonial Office, six months notice in writing or by telegraph. Such notice shall run from the date on which the intimation of it reaches the Colonial Office.

8. The Crown Agents for the Colonies, when duly authorised by the Government, or by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, shall be entitled to exercise any of the powers of the Government under this Agreement.

9. The marginal notes, are for convenience only and do not form part of the Agreement.

Marginal Notes.

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

Secretary of State's }
Governor's } Despatch No.

Falkland Islands

No. 80

Downing Street,

10 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of a Report by the Imperial Institute
on Seal Oil from the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

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LONDON, S.W. 7."
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to one subject.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

SOUTH KENSINGTON, LONDON, S.W. 7.

5 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a report on samples of seal oil from the Falkland Islands, which were received at the Imperial Institute in March last from the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

The oils are referred to in a report by the Government Naturalist to the Colonial Secretary dated the 19th January 1922.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. R. D. D. D.

His Excellency

The Governor,

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contained a considerable amount of seal oil, which was of a more
odour than the "single boiling" oil.

Results of Examination.

After hot filtration, the oils were examined with
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UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

REPORT ON

SEAL OIL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The samples of seal oil which are the subject of this report were received at the Imperial Institute from the Crown Agents for the Colonies in March 1923, and are referred to in a report by the Government Naturalist to the Colonial Secretary dated the 19th January 1922.

It was stated that the samples represented two grades of seal oil, one of which had been boiled once and the other twice.

Description.

The samples consisted of eight pint bottles of oil. Three of these were labelled "single boiling" whilst the others were not labelled; three loose labels marked "two boilings" were however found in the case in which the bottles had been packed. On inspection it was found that the two grades could be readily distinguished by their colour.

The "single boiling" oil was slightly cloudy, pale yellow, and had a fairly strong fishy odour.

The "two boilings" oil was cloudy, golden yellow, and contained a considerable amount of stearin; it had a stronger odour than the "single boiling" oil.

Results of Examination.

After hot filtration, the oils were examined with
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the following results, which are shown in comparison with corresponding figures recorded for commercial seal oil and whale oil:-

	<u>Present samples.</u>		<u>Commercial Seal oil.</u>	<u>Commercial Whale oil.</u>
	"Single boiling."	"Two boilings."		
Specific gravity at 15°/15°C	0.9274	0.8717 *	0.9244 to 0.9261	0.917 to 0.927
Refractive index at 40°C	1.471	1.469	1.4685 to 1.4691	1.4633 to 1.4653
Solidifying point of fatty acids	25.0°C	29.3°C	14°-16°C	23.0°C
Acid value	1.2	1.4	0.4 to 40.0	1.0 to 200.0
Saponification value	189.7	190.3	189 to 193	187 to 189
Iodine value (Hübl, 17 hours), per cent	156.0	148.9	130 to 147	110 to 125
Unsaponifiable matter, per cent	0.2	0.2	0.4 to 1.0	0.5 to 2.0

* At 100/15°C.

These results show that, with the exception of the iodine value and the solidification point of the fatty acids, the analytical constants of the present oils are very similar to those recorded for commercial seal and whale oils.

Commercial Valuation.

Both the oils were regarded in the trade as of good quality, and very similar in appearance. If filtered cold they would be particularly suitable for the manufacture of leather oils. One of the firms consulted by the Imperial Institute stated that they would be prepared to purchase a trial shipment of 100 to 200 barrels of the oils at about £30 per ton, barrels included, ex quay, Liverpool, provided that the consignment proved to be of equal quality to the present samples.

Remarks.

These seal oils are of suitable quality for the United Kingdom market, and consignments would be readily saleable.

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saleable.

If it is possible to forward a trial shipment of the oils of the quality of the present samples, the Imperial Institute will be glad to arrange for their sale. Information should be furnished as to the quantities which could be regularly supplied, and the price at which the oils could be delivered ex quay Liverpool.

5 October, 1923.

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 $\frac{A}{2}$ Falkland Islands.No. 81

Downing Street,

10 October, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to the despatch noted
below, which still remains unanswered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering


Devonshire.

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

No.	Date.	Subject.
129	23 rd November, 1922	Lectures on the British West Indian Colonies.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 82

DOWNING STREET,

10 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 15th September regarding the application of the Tønsberg Whaling Company for permission to operate in the South Orkneys during the coming season with their floating factory and three catchers without using the land station; and to enclose a copy of correspondence with the Company, from which you will see that the desired permission has been granted.

Fr. Tønsberg Whaling
Co. 4. 8. '23.
Fr. Tønsberg Whaling
Co. 4. 8. '23.
Fr. Tønsberg Whaling
Co. 28. 8. '23.
To Tønsberg Whaling
Co. 29 Sept 1923

2. In view of the fact that the S.S. "Orwell" was on the point of leaving for the Dependencies, it was not possible to impose any further requirements as to the capacity of the reducing plant of the vessel, but you will observe that the Company has been informed that, before any similar concession can be granted for the following season 1924/5, it will be necessary for them to satisfy the Colonial Government that the plant is adequate to deal with the catch of 3 whalers.

3. I also enclose a copy of the letter addressed to the Company on the 17th May, 1922, to which reference is made in the correspondence. No formal acceptance

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of the conditions laid down in that letter was apparently received from the Company, and I regret that in consequence no copy of it was sent to you at the time as intended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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

Sir,

LAND WHALING STATION SOUTH ORKNEY.

We are sorry to have to communicate that our land establishment at SOUTH ORKNEY has turned out a failure.

According to report from the Master of the steamer "ORWELL", last season was very mild, with little ice.

Under these circumstances the steamer got into port on the 15th of December and immediately commenced to clear the land station for ice. This was not finished before last January, when it was found that pipes and machinery had suffered very much from frost, several things being completely broken and useless.

Work was commenced as soon as possible, but with such poor results that the Magistrate's opinion was that the plant was no good.

We have, in consideration of the poor results from the land station, equipped the s.s. "ORWELL" with 6 press boilers more - making a total of 20 press boilers and 6 open, and allow ourselves humbly to ask your permission to use floating factory only.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

per pro TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI.

(Sd.) ?

.T.LONDON. 4th August, 1923.

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

in

Sir,

In consideration of the fact that the steamer "ORWELL" is now equipped with a boiling plant fully equal to any of the SOUTH SHETLAND floating factories, we allow ourselves humbly to apply for a License for a third Whale Catcher.

If this cannot be granted, we apply for a tug boat to be used in the waters of SOUTH ORKNEY.

Hoping our application will be taken into consideration.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most humble Servants,

per pro TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI.

(Sd.) ?

P.T.LONDON. 4th August, 1923.

AKTIESELSKAPET
TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI

TONSBERG NORWAY

28th August, 1923.

in

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

Sir,

In letter dated October 27th 1922 the Under Secretary of State graciously informed us that the taking of humpbacks was not prohibited during the season 1922-23.

We hereby allow ourselves humbly to apply for the same rules in the coming season.

We have, etc.
p.p. Aktieselskapet - Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri.
(SGD) J. TONSBERG

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in this Department of the 17th May, 1923,
may be applicable. As regards

(b) in that letter, the Secretary of
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DOWNING STREET,

29 September, 1923.

Gentlemen,

In confirmation of the telegram sent to you
on the 21st September, I am directed by the Duke of
Devonshire to state that, after consulting the Officer
Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands,
he agrees to your conducting whaling operations in the
South Orkneys during the coming whaling season with
the floating factory "Orwell", without using the land
station, and also to your employing an additional
catcher, making 3 in all, subject to the charge of the
usual fee of £100 in respect of the third catcher,
which should be paid to the Crown Agents for the
Colonies.

2. It is to be understood that this permission
is granted for the coming season only, and otherwise
is subject to conditions (a), (c), (d) and (g) in the
letter.

THE TÖNSBERG WHALING COMPANY.

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ter from this Department of the 17th May, 1922,
far as they may be applicable. As regards
condition (b) in that letter, the Secretary of State
understands from your letter of the 4th August that
the floating factory "Orwell" has been equipped with
additional boiling plant; but it will be necessary,
if you wish to use the floating factory alone during
the following season 1924/5, for you to make a special
application direct to the Colonial Government for the
necessary permission, and to satisfy the Government
that the floating factory is equipped with open and
press boilers adequate to deal with the catch of 3
whalers.

3. I am to add that as you were informed in
the telegram under reference, the taking of humpbacks
in the South Orkneys will be permitted during the
coming season, subject to the control of the Whaling
Officer who will accompany the expedition.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No. 41 of the
Governor's

24th August, 1923

Falkland IslandsNo 83

Downing Street,

10 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the disposal of part of the assets
of the Whaling Company Norge Ltd. Larvik.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
4 September	From Messrs. G.H. Nielsen and Company
1 October	From the Department of Overseas Trade. (with Enclosure)

Copy.

Chr.Nielsen & Co.

Larvik,

41031/1923.

4th September, 1923.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London.

Dear Sir,

Norge Whaling Company.

We are in receipt of your esteemed favour
of 24th ultimo re the proposed transfer of the
whaling facilities of the above named Company and
note that no objection will be raised to such trans-
fer. However we beg to inform you that the matter is
not yet definitely decided and we shall later on
inform you whether the transfer will be actual
or not.

The licence will in the meantime be carried
on by the Norge Whaling Co.

Yours faithfully,

CHR.NIELSEN & CO.

(Sgd) Rolf Nielsen.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs,
Department of Overseas Trade,
LONDON.

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The Comptroller-General of the Department of Oversea Trade presents his compliments to The Secretary, Colonial Office and transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper for his information and retention.

Department of Overseas Trade,
73, Basinghall Street,
E. C. 2.

1st October 1923.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date	Subject.
The Commercial Secretary, Christiania. 20th September, 1923.	Re disposal of part of assets of the Whaling Co. Norge Ltd., Larvik.

Copy also sent to:- Admiralty.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs,
Department of Overseas Trade,
LONDON.

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British Legation,

Christiania.

20th September, 1923.

Overseas Trade "B"

No. 260.

My Lord,

With reference to Mr. Paus' despatch No. 223 Overseas Trade "B" of the 13th August, I have the honour to report that, according to the Norges Handels-og Sjøfartstidende" of the 30th August, an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hvalfangerselskapet Norge A/S took place on that day for the purpose of considering an offer to purchase the licences and ships of the Company.

The necessary majority, which must form two-thirds of the total number of shares was not reached in favour of the sale. A new general meeting is to be held with a view to obtaining a competent majority in favour of dissolution, but it is stated in the report in question that it is practically certain that this majority will not be reached, wherefore the Company will doubtless continue its activities from Larvik.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(For the Commercial Secretary).

His Majesty's Principal Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs,

Department of Overseas Trade,

LONDON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNo. 84

DOWNING STREET,

10 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, as a result of discussion with the Governor, further consideration has been given to the arrangements under which the remittance charges in respect of the export duties on oil paid in this country are credited to the Research and Development Fund of the Dependencies.

2. When the instruction was given that all moneys received under these arrangements should be credited to the Fund no distinction was made between the remittance charges and the duties themselves; but I agree that the remittance system is a facility provided by the Colony and that the charges made for the accommodation should therefore properly accrue to the revenues of the Colony.

3. I therefore approve of arrangements being made accordingly in respect of future payments; and of the necessary adjustment being made as regards the net receipts already credited to the Fund on this account in past years.

4. You will no doubt cause any necessary instructions to be given to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, to whom a copy of this despatch has been sent for their information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

DOWNING STREET,

NO. 85

10 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches Nos 88 and 90, of the 5th July, and to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company, relative to the complaints regarding the conduct of their whaling operations at the South Shetlands.

2. In view of the replies received from Messrs. Salvesen further investigation will clearly be necessary. In these circumstances, and having regard to the fact that the firm had practically completed their arrangements for the coming season prior to the receipt of your despatches, I felt that I should not be justified in declining to allow Captain Sinclair to proceed, or in withholding the issue of the licence for a third catcher for the s.s. "Neko". My decision has, however, been given without prejudice to further consideration of the matter and subject to an undertaking, which has been given by Messrs. Salvesen that if required to do so both the "Sevilla" and "Neko" will call at Port Stanley

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Messrs. Salvesen
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To " " 11.9.23
Fr. " " 5.9.23
Fr. " " 13.9.23
Fr. " " 18.9.23
To " " 20.9.23
Fr. " " 20.9.23
Fr. " " 21.9.23
To " " 25.9.23
To C.A. 25.9.23

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at the end of the whaling season should it be thought desirable to hold a local enquiry, at which Captain Sinclair and the Whaling Officers can be present. I have already informed you to this effect in my telegram of 6th October. The matter will be further discussed with the Governor while he is in this country and I am assuming that it will not be necessary, pending his return, to decide whether the vessels should be called upon to proceed to Port Stanley as suggested, but in the meantime, you will no doubt make such further investigations as may be possible and desirable.

4, You will see that Messrs. Salvesen were informed in the letter of the 25th September that the attention of the Colonial Government would be drawn to their request that in the event of a local enquiry being held it should be expedited as much as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
29 Bernard Street,
Leith.

28th August, 1923.

Sir,

s.s. "NEKO".

We have the honour to enclose for your information copy of a communication received to-day from the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands. You will observe that in para. 2 it is stated that a third catcher for the "NEKO" cannot be granted without the special permission of the Secretary of State. The reasons given are the vessel's small capacity and the unfavourable reports of her received from the whaling officers. With regard to her capacity, we presume that this refers to the equipment of pressure boilers and would point out that this is in excess of the prescribed minimum for vessels whaling at the South Shetlands. Moreover, the "Neko" works in conjunction with our new floating factory s.s. "Sevilla" which was fitted out with open and pressure boilers of an unprecedentedly large cubic capacity with the view to utilising a maximum amount of the whale carcasses. The Colonial Secretary does not specify in what respects the reports on the "Neko" received from the whaling officers were unfavourable, and in the absence of such information it is impossible for us to examine them. We have asked for fuller information which will be closely investigated as soon as it is received.

As you are aware, the "Neko" commenced whaling at the South Shetlands in 1911. She was then allowed three whale catchers and has since that date always employed the same number. Last season she failed to obtain

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
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'full ship', even with three whale catchers, and there would be no prospect of her venture proving an economical success, if the number were to be restricted to two.

The "Neko" is at present going through Survey at Rotterdam and will shortly proceed to this country to load coal and stores for the coming season. All arrangements have been made on the basis of permission being continued for her to employ three whale catchers, for which the crews have already been engaged.

In view of the above considerations we beg to apply for the special permission of the Secretary of State for the vessel to employ a third catcher.

The favour of an early reply would be greatly appreciated.

We have, etc.,

per pro Chr. SALVESEN & Co.,

(Signed) H.G. SALVESEN.

Managers, South Georgia Co., Ltd.

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Downing Street.

11th September, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 28th of August and 5th September, relative to your application for a license for a third catcher for the s.s. "Neko".

2. In reply I am to inform you that, apart from the unfavourable reports on the "Neko" referred to in your letter, the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands has asked that you should be requested to replace Captain Thomas Sinclair, of the s.s. "Sevilla" by another master. The main grounds for making this request are that Captain Sinclair fails to observe the regulations; that his attitude and actions are prejudicial to good order; and that his returns of whales caught are unreliable. A note summarising the serious complaints received from the Colonial Government is enclosed.

Note.

3. The reports made in connection with the operations of the "Neko" and "Sevilla" during the last whaling season, especially when taken in conjunction with the reports regarding the former vessel in previous seasons, are such that the Secretary of State is bound to regard them seriously; but he proposes to defer any decision in the matter until you have furnished him with your observations on the further complaints now brought to your notice in this letter and the request made by the Colonial Government in regard to Captain Sinclair.

4. You will realise that these complaints have an important bearing not merely on the possible conditions to be attached to the issue of the licences but also on the question whether they can be renewed at all. Therefore pending your reply the Crown Agents have been instructed not to accept any payment on account of licence fees in

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respect of either the "Neko" or the "Sevilla" except on the receipt of definite instructions from the Secretary of State.

I am, etc.,

(Signed). G. GRINDLE.

MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

NOTE.

The Falkland Islands Government report that the whaling regulations and the conditions imposed in the licences are being carefully observed except by Messrs. Salvesen's ships "Neko" and "Sevilla".

It is stated that no confidence can be placed in the returns supplied by these ships, either as to the number of whales caught, or quantities or classes of oil produced: that Captain Sinclair admitted that, when he made out his returns, he anticipated a catch of 14 Fin whales between the time of his clearing and the time when he intended to sail; and that, in the British Museum forms the 14 Fin whales are included, with details of sex, length, and ~~features~~ ^{features}, although the whales had not been caught.

The cumulative effect of the reports referring to Captain Sinclair compel the Colonial Government to conclude that he regards official control as an interference to be evaded if possible; and that such conduct, unless effectually stamped out, must necessarily lead to the whaling officers having no control at all.

On receipt of a report that the "Neko" had taken humpbacks without a permit, contrary to the conditions of the licence, the whaling officer caused this vessel to have no more permits for the remainder of the season. Past unsatisfactory records made it desirable that an officer should be placed on one of the ships. The Assistant Whaling officer was therefore, put on the "Sevilla": but life was made so intolerable that it became necessary to remove him to another vessel and for the Whaling Officer to make a special journey for the purpose. It is further stated that a British doctor, Dr. Lornie, threatened to punch the officer's nose, and volunteered the information that the Captain contemplated placing him in irons. Even presuming that the officer were in the wrong, which

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Mr. Salvendy & Co.

which it is stated was not the case, the Colonial Government consider that such conduct cannot be tolerated and that drastic action is called for if it is intended that the whaling officers are to have the slightest authority over these British vessels.

Further Captain Sinclair omitted to report the loss of the catcher "Sacra" in 1923 and came to Deception to make a report only after a number of telegrams had passed between him and the whaling officer and he had in the end been ordered to do so.

average wages are at a loss to understand why the Acting Governor of the Falkland Islands has refused to grant a licence for a third whale catcher for the coming season without the special permission of the Secretary of State. As the "Paco" is expected to sail next week from Rotterdam for the Wharfedale Channel, where she loads coals and stores for the South Atlantic, we should be very glad to receive the special permission for third whale catcher as early as possible.

Yours, etc.,
per pro Mr. Salvendy & Co.
(Signed) M.G. SALVENDY.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON.

S.W.1.

Chr. Salvesen & Co.,

29 Bernard Street ,

Leith.

5th September, 1923.

Sir,

S.S. "NEKO".

With further reference to our letter dated 28th August, we have the honour to inform you that the outturn of the above vessel's last cargo of whale oil has been received. The average number of barrels produced per whale is rather more than 63. This is a very satisfactory average and we are at a loss to understand why the Acting Governor of the Falkland Islands has refused to grant a licence for a third whale catcher for the coming season without the special permission of the Secretary of State. As the "Neko" is expected to sail next week from Rotterdam for the Bristol Channel, where she loads coals and stores for the South Shetlands, we should be very glad to receive the special permission for ^a third whale catcher as early as possible.

We have, etc.,
per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.
(Signed) M.G. SALVESSEN.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON,

S.W.1.

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.,

29, Bernard Street,

Leith.

13th September, 1923.

Sir,

SOUTH SHETLANDS.

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram and letter No. 43009/1923 of yesterday with enclosure as stated, contents of which have our careful attention.

"SEVILLA" We note with surprise that the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands has asked that we should be requested to replace Captain Sinclair of the "Sevilla" by another master. This Officer has been in our employment for 23 years during which time he has proved himself to be sober, reliable and efficient, careful of his ship and a good navigator. When we decided to appoint a British Master to the "Neko" in order to comply with the Government desire for the introduction of British personnel into the Whaling industry Captain Sinclair was specially selected for the post by us from the Masters in our service. As far as we are aware, no previous complaint has been received regarding his conduct as Master of a floating factory and the request of the Colonial Government is all the more disheartening as in accordance with the recommendations of the Inter-departmental Committee of 1919 we have gradually increased the number of British subjects employed and for the coming season, practically half of the crew engaged for the "Sevilla" are British.

We fully realise that the Secretary of State is bound to regard the complaints received seriously and we appreciate the fact that he proposes to defer any decision until our observations have been received. You may rest

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assured that the allegations will receive the most thorough investigation. The "Sevilla" is at present on passage from Rotterdam to Cardiff where she is due on Saturday to load bunkers and whaling stores for the coming season and it will not therefore be possible to obtain a detailed report from Captain Sinclair until next Tuesday at the soonest.

With regard to the note summarising the complaints received from the Colonial Government, it is stated that no confidence can be placed in the returns supplied by the "Neko" and "Sevilla". We have instructed Captain Sinclair to submit a full statement regarding the 14 Fin Whales which it is said he included in his return although they had not been captured. No other cases of incorrect returns are specified and in the absence of details we can only say that no similar complaint has been received since we started whaling operations. As soon as new regulations have been brought to our notice, we have made a point of informing our Whaling Managers at once so that they may conform to them.

Captain Sinclair will report fully regarding the stay of the Assistant Whaling Officer on board the "Sevilla". He mentioned to us on his return home that this officer had not only ^{never} seen a whale before but that he was entirely unsuited to fill the post of Whaling Officer and had been a source of continual trouble and difficulty while stationed on the "Sevilla".

Captain Sinclair complained in particular about the inequitable manner in which permission to take "humpbacks" was given. We had not wished to trouble you with this question but think it only right now to send you Captain Sinclair's Report. You will observe that the explanation given for the deviation from uniformity

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of treatment in this matter seems to have been that the Norwegian Companies who were specially favoured had been less successful than the others. This procedure amounts to setting a premium on inefficiency which can hardly be regarded as a sound principle and we venture to think that it is no part of the Whaling Officer's duty to endeavour to equalise the catches of the various competing Companies.

Dr. Lornie served as Medical Officer on the "Neko" during the season 1920/21 as well as last year on the "Sevilla". He has now taken up a private practice. We have written for his version of the incident referred to in the note but from what we know of him we feel certain that if he made use of the words attributed to him it either was not in earnest or else under the stress of great provocation.

Captain Sinclair will deal with the question of the reporting of the loss of the "Sakra". We cannot find anything in the Whaling Regulations governing such cases and prima facie it appears unreasonable that, when the "Sevilla" had lost a third of her catching power she should have been ordered to send one of her two remaining whale catchers from Melchion Island all the way to Deception so that Captain Sinclair might report the loss in person. All hands were saved and there is still a possibility although a remote one, that the vessel may be salvaged next season. In these circumstances it would appear that a wireless message would have amply met the case.

Captain Sinclair and Dr. Lornie's reports will be forwarded as soon as they are received. In the meantime we wish to register our opinion that on the evidence available the complaints appear to be either unjustified or capable of satisfactory explanation and that they must

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be attributed very largely to the fact that the Assistant Whaling Officer who had no previous experience of whaling, was temperamentally unsuited for the position.

At this late date there is little or no chance of securing the services of a reliable master and Whaling Manager in place of Captain Sinclair and it is quite impossible to engage one of British nationality with the necessary qualifications. We have no doubt, however, that you will give Captain Sinclair every opportunity to clear himself and hope that, if necessary, you will be prepared to allow him to state his case personally.

We received advice from the Crown Agents at the end of last month that they had received the licences for the "Sevilla" and "Neko" for next season and that they would forward these as soon as the fees were paid. We had deferred forwarding our Cheque until a decision was reached regarding the third catcher for the "Neko". We note however, that the Crown Agents have been instructed not to accept any payment except on the receipt of definite instructions from the Secretary of State.

The fitting out of a whaling venture is always a complicated matter and this year has been more than usually difficult in consequence of the boiler-makers strike. We ordered three new whale-catchers to be built in this country in April. These were to be ready so as to arrive at South Georgia in time to release 3 vessels presently whaling there for the South Shetlands. Owing to the strike the boats have not yet been framed and we have had to arrange to send three catchers from South Africa instead. This has involved much re-organisation and heavy expense as crews have to be sent to Cape Town and the

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South African Whaling Season curtailed and now the possibility of the "Neko's" catchers being reduced to two and of our having to engage a new Master and Whaling Manager at the eleventh hour is a fresh source of discouragement. We hope, however, that the Secretary of State will, after consideration of all the facts give his special permission for a third catcher for the "Neko" and allow us to retain the services of Captain Sinclair who is the only British Master of a South Shetland Whaler.

We have the honour to be,

etc.,

per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.,

(Sgd.) N.G. Salvesen.

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

URGENT.

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.,

29, Bernard Street,

Leith.

18th September, 1923.

COPY.

14th July, 1923.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
Leith.

Dears Sirs,

Re. permission to catch hump back whales. We had permission at South Shetlands during last season - one week in December while at Admiralty Bay, but did not catch any. After shifting to the Straits in February, knowing that other factories in the Straits had received permission to catch hump back whales for weeks in succession, I applied to whaling officer Bennet stationed at Deception, but was referred back to whaling officer Hardy who was then on board the "Sevilla" s.s. After some delay he granted me permission for one week in February. I asked for extension for another week but he would not grant same. When whaling officer Hardy shifted to the "Southern Queen" I applied by wireless telegraphy for permission to take hump backs. After one week's delay he granted me permission for one week only. I asked if this included the "Neko" but his reply was no. I asked whaling officer Hardy to grant permission to all ships at the same time, but his reply was that he would only grant permission to the ships with the lowest catch.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Thos. Sinclair.

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CHR. SALVESEN & CO.,

29, Bernard Street,
Leith.

18th September, 1933.

Sir,

In continuation of our letter dated 13th instant,
we have the honour to enclose for your information.-

1. Report by Captain Sinclair
2. Original wireless messages exchanged between the Whaling Officer at Deception and Captain Sinclair relative to the loss of the "Sacra".
3. Certified copy of report by Dr. Lornie ex. Medical Officer s.s. "SEVILLA". (The original was not typewritten).

These documents really speak for themselves but

we beg to observe.-

- a. That Captain Sinclair's return which included the 14 then uncaught fin whales was rendered with the full knowledge of the Senior Whaling Officer; provision was made for amending the return but this proved unnecessary, as the "Sevilla" stopped fishing when the 14 fin whales had been captured.
- b. That the Assistant Whaling Officer's actions on board the "Sevilla" especially with regard to the St. Vincent stowaways were calculated to subvert discipline; that he appears to have had neither the experience nor any other qualifications for the position and that we cannot with justice be held responsible for the personal quarrel between him and Dr. Lornie.
- c. That the account in the Note regarding the reporting of the loss of the "Sacra" gives an entirely erroneous impression of the facts, as, in the first place, the Whaling Officer's wireless message enquiring about the wreck was mutilated in transmission (the word 'wreck' being received as 'weak') and in the second it was left to Captain Sinclair to decide within certain limits the date on which he was to attend the Enquiry at Deception.

We think that satisfactory explanations have been

- 9 given of all the charges specified and it seems not unreasonable to suppose that the complaints made in more general form (which it is impossible to refute without further particulars)

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are equally capable of being explained away. We now await to hear whether the Secretary of State will allow us to retain the services of Captain Sinclair as Master of the "Sevilla". The vessel is presently loading for the South Shetlands and is expected to sail next week. An early decision would therefore be greatly appreciated.

"NEKO" s.s. On receipt of the letter from the Colonial Secretary at Stanley stating that a licence for a third whale catcher for the "Neko" could not be granted, without the special permission of the Secretary of State, we immediately cabled to Stanley asking the Secretary to specify the reasons for this decision. We have now received a reply reading as follows:-

"Your telegram 27th August determining factor ^{yet} ~~tekesmaled~~ carrying capacity average produce two catchers 1922 to 1924 14800 barrels Neko total 16000 factories double capacity Neko allowed three catchers only".

The cable was received in a mutilated form and although we have had it repeated it is not ^{yet} clear. "tekesmaled" is, of course, meaningless, and we think there is little doubt that this must be a corruption of 'Nekos small'. 1924 is equally meaningless and probably should be 1923 but the word has been repeated without alteration. We are not clear as to what the figure '16000' represents, but it is evident that the determining factor in the Colonial Government's refusal to grant the 'Neko' a third catcher is her small carrying capacity. It had not occurred to us that this could possibly be the reason, and we regret to say that we do not understand the principle on which the decision is based. It is of course impossible for us to increase the carrying capacity of the "Neko". She can carry in tanks and drums about 20,000 barrels. Last year with three catchers - that is the least number she has ever had - her total production was about 17,000 barrels, although she had the good average of about 53 barrels per whale. She has occasionally had full ship but always in seasons when

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when all or the majority of the other factories have been equally successful. There is not the slightest prospect of her obtaining 'full ship' with two whale catchers only and with that number there is no chance of her venture proving an economic success.

We hope, however, that with these facts before him the Secretary of State will sanction a third catcher especially in view of the difficulties under which the whole business world is labouring at the present time. Passages have been booked for the crew of the "Neko's" third boat by Liner sailing for Cape Town next week, and we shall be glad to hear at your earliest possible convenience that the "Neko" is to be allowed to continue catching with three boats, that is, the number that she has employed since 1911.

We have the honour to remain,

etc.,
per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
(SGD.) N.G. SALVESEN.

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

S.S. "SEVILLA".

Cardiff.

17th September, 1922.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co.,

LEITH.

Dear Sirs,

Upon my arrival at Cardiff on the 15th instant, I have received your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing a copy of the communication received by you from the Colonial Office dated the 11th instant, together with a copy of the note received from the Colonial Government enclosed therewith.

The following is a full report regarding the incident of the 14 Fin Whales.

On Sunday 8th April in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Bennett the Senior Whaling Officer stationed at Deception I arrived there for the purpose of an Enquiry being held into the loss of the "SACRA". The Enquiry was held and concluded on that same evening.

Upon the conclusion of the Enquiry I had an interview with Mr. Bennett and informed him that I was short of coals, and that I had on board bunkers sufficient only to allow me to fish for another 6 days. I therefore requested to be allowed to fill in my whaling report before leaving Deception. I explained to Mr. Bennett that I expected to catch 14 Fin Whales during these 6 days fishing and be allowed to complete my report in anticipation of such a catch being obtained. I accordingly filled in the report and entered particulars of these 14 Fin Whales, corresponding with the average particulars of those which had been caught during

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during the preceding 2 weeks. In view of the difficulty I was in with regard to the shortage of coals, Mr. Bennett in the special circumstances authorised and allowed me to fill in my Report in this way and it was mutually arranged between us that in the event of my catching more or less than 14 Fin Whales I was to report by Wireless to him when he himself would make the necessary corrections in my Report.

We caught the 14th Fin Whale on Friday 13th April and I then stopped fishing. On the understanding arrived at with Mr. Bennett there was no necessity for me to do more than report my sailing to him by Wireless, which I did.

ASSISTANT WHALING OFFICER HARDY.

During the last season we had on board the "SEVILLA" seven stowaways from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands. It has been a matter of very great difficulty for Masters of Whaling steamers for years past to deal with stowaways from this port. In accordance with the Board of Trade Regulations, these men were fed and clothed as was necessary and they were required to work in the usual way.

When Assistant Whaling Officer Hardy was placed on board my ship, he mixed with these stowaway members of the crew having them in his private room on various occasions. He then approached me and sought to insist that these men should be paid wages in addition to receiving food and clothing which I regarded as being contrary to the Board of Trade Regulations.

I inform him that this matter was outside his jurisdiction and duties as Whaling Officer, and further, that in my opinion his interference with the crew was not conducive to good discipline on board my ship. He

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He claimed that he was acting within his duties but I respectfully informed him that I could not agree with him in this respect and could not allow such interference. So far as I am concerned this represented the only disagreement I had with the Assistant Whaling Officer whilst he was on board my ship and I may say that before leaving the ship he said to me in the presence of Senior Whaling Officer, Bennett, that he had no complaint of any kind to make against me for anything that had happened whilst he was on board the "SEVILLA".

I may add that none of the incidents referred to regarding Dr. Lornie nor any ill-treatment making the life of the Officer intolerable as has been stated, occurred in my presence or with my knowledge. If any such incidents took place I can only say that ^{had} a man of experience and at that been appointed Whaling Officer no trouble of any kind would have arisen.

LOSS OF "SACRA".

With regard to the observation made that I omitted to report the loss of the "SACRA" in 1923 and came to Deception to make a report only after a number of ^{had} telegrams passed between me and the Whaling Officer, I say that such a reference to the incident does not in any way correctly summarise the position. The "SACRA" was wrecked on the 29th March but the fact did not come to my knowledge until the following day. The weather was then blowing a gale with a heavy snow storm, and I could not proceed to investigate the position of the Wreck. The following were the Wireless Messages received and sent by me relating to the incident, the originals of which I beg to enclose with this report.

1st April 1923.

To Bennett Whaling Officer, Ronald, Deception.
OUR CATCH FOR LAST WEEK IS TEN BLUE FIVE FIN AND FIVE HUMP-BACKS CAN I HAVE PERMISSION TO TAKE HUMP-BACKS FOR ANOTHER WEEK REGARDS SINCLAIR.

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In reply I received the following.-

2nd April 1923
SINCLAIR SEVILLA
PERMIT SEVILLA ONE WEEK HUMP-BACKS HAVE YOU A WEEK
BENNETT.

In the light of further messages received I gathered that the message as sent was "Have you a wreck" but as the original message received by me, shews, it was worded as above.

I then wired Bennett.-

THANKS FOR PERMIT I SHALL BE FISHING HERE FOR TEN DAYS
SINCLAIR.

The next message in order received by me was

SINCLAIR SEVILLA
ANSWER MY TELEGRAM OF THE FIRST IMMEDIATELY
BENNETT RECEIVER OF WRECKS.

I could not understand this telegram, and I replied

BENNETT WHALING OFFICER RONALD
HERE IS A COPY OF RADIO RECEIVED FROM YOU YESTERDAY
SINCLAIR SEVILLA PERMIT SEVILLA ONE WEEK-HUMP-BACKS HAVE
YOU A WEEK MY REPLY SENT TO YOU VIA SVEND FOYN WAS BENNETT
WHALING OFFICER RONALD THANKS FOR PERMIT I SHALL BE FISHING
HERE FOR TEN DAYS YET SACRA WHALEBOAT IS WRECKED
SINCLAIR.

Then followed a message dated 4th April as

follows:-

SINCLAIR SEVILLA
RE SACRA WRECK PLEASE REPORT WHERE WHEN HOW STOP HOW MUCH
NOW ABOVE WATER.
BENNETT.

I replied:-

BENNETT RECEIVER OF WRECKS RONALD
I VISITED THE WRECK TODAY STOP WILL SEND YOU A FULL REPORT
GIVE PLACE AND PARTICULARS OF STRANDING BEFORE LEAVING HERE 18
STOP WHEN DOES RONALD EXPECT TO LEAVE
SINCLAIR.

This day was the first occasion on which the weather permitted me to visit the scene of the wreck.

The next Radio message was:-

SINCLAIR SEVILLA
ANSWER MY QUESTIONS IN TODAYS TELEGRAM WITHOUT FURTHER
DELAY
BENNETT.

My next message was:-

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BENNETT RONALD.
 RE SACRA SHE LAYS ON A SHOAL EAST SIDE ANVERS ISLAND FUNNEL
 ABOVE WATER STOP SHE STRANDED ON TWENTY NINTH MARCH
 SINCLAIR.

I followed up such message by the following:-

BENNET DECEPTION.
 YOUR TELEGRAM OF LAST NIGHT RE SACRA WRECK LAYS ABOUT LAT.
 64.36.S. LONG. 82.57W. ONE MILE FROM LAND AND TWO MILES
 NORTH OF ISLAND AT ENTRANCE TO NEUMAYER CHANNEL STOP SHE
 WENT AGROUND AT NOON ON THE TWENTY NIN-TH MARCH NOR EAST
 GALE AND SNOW STORM HIGH SEA STOP DECK AFT THREE FEET UNDER
 WATER FROM WINCH FORWARD CLEAR OF WATER BOW ABOUT 2 FEET
 CLEAR OF WATER

SINCLAIR.

On the 5th April I received the following:-

SINCLAIR SEVILLA.
 YOURS RECEIVED IS ANY PART OF DECK ABOVE WATER WHAT DAMAGE
 IS SUSTAINED HOW LONG SINKING IS A DIVER OF SERVICE HAVE
 YOU SALVED ANY PART.

BENNETT.

to which I replied on the same day -

BENNETT DECEPTION
 YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED BOTTOM PLATES BADLY DAMAGED STOP TEN
 MINUTES BEFORE SHE WAS FULL OF WATER THANK YOU FOR OFFER
 BUT A DIVER IS OF NO SERVICE STOP SALVAGE IS IMPOSSIBLE I
 HAVE SALVED THE CANNON ANCHORS AND PART OF THE CABLES AND
 STEERING ENGINE.

SINCLAIR.

On the 6th April I received the following message

SINCLAIR SEVILLA.
 THANKS FOR YOURS RECEIVED STOP AN ENQUIRY MUST BE HELD HERE
 STOP FOR THAT PURPOSE YOU WILL PROCEED HERE WHEN FINISHED
 WITH WHALING OR BEFORE I LEAVE WHICHEVER FIRST STOP ALSO
 REQUIRE THE CREW ALL PAPERS AND COMPLETE LIST OF SALVED
 GOODS.

BENNETT.

It is to be noted that no complaint against me is to be
 gathered from the above telegram and that I am asked to
 proceed to Deception either when I have finished whaling
 or before Bennett leaves Deception. I therefore replied:-

BENNETT DECEPTION.
 YOUR MESSAGE OF YESTERDAY RECEIVED I EXPECT TO BE UP TO
 DECEPTION SUNDAY FORENOON

SINCLAIR.

I arrived at Deception on the Sunday in accordance
 with my anticipation. An Enquiry was held by Mr. Bennett
 and at no time whilst I was with him was any complaint made

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by him to me that I had in any way failed in my duty in reporting the loss of the "SACRA".

In conclusion I would say that throughout the period in which I have been engaged in the whaling industry I have carried out to the best of my ability, all the regulations and requirements of the Government, and until the note in question to which I have replied, reached me, I have never had any complaint made against me.

I need hardly say that should you deem it desirable that I should interview the Colonial Office, I shall be pleased to hold myself ready to proceed at short notice upon hearing from you.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) THOS. SINCLAIR.

Shuttlebank,
Auchencairn,
Castle Douglas.

17th September, 1923.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
Leith.

Sirs,

I, the undersigned Albert C. Lornie, do hereby make the following report.

On the 3rd December 1922, Mr. Hardy came on board the s.s. "SEVILLA" and was given for his own ^{private} use the room amidships used by the Gunners on the passage to and from South Georgia. His first thing to do was to grumble to the Wireless Operator and myself that the room was not good enough for a Government official and that the Captain might have found a better place for him.

He proceeded to pose among the ships company of the "SEVILLA" and "NEKO" as being a Magistrate. He acted in an extremely supercilious manner. We were all beneath him. He was continually laying down the laws as to the numbers of whales etc. allowed alongside the factory, and how much of the whale must be used, although he admitted he did not know what was laid down in the regulations regarding same.

When the "Sevilla" and "Neko" arrived in Admiralty Bay there was a small piece of carcase floating round and round the Bay. This was still there when Mr. Hardy came on board. It continued to float round the Bay for long after. Every time Mr. Hardy saw it he thought it was a fresh piece of carcase let loose. He could not or would not satisfy himself that it was the same piece floating round the Bay, and of course had to complain about it every time it came near any of the factories. That is only one instance of many.

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During his stay on board the "SEVILLA" he was most objectionable in his manners and behaviour. He was exceedingly objectionable towards the Wireless Operator, continually passing most insulting remarks about him. He seemed to think that because the Operator was not too robust he was something to make fun of.

On several occasions he tried to dictate to me my duties on board, telling me what I should do and should not do. He made false accusations against me regarding my carrying out of my duties, accusing me of being careless and inattentive.

He commenced to fraternise with the 'St. Vincent' stowaways we had on board. He mingled with them in their quarters and on more than one occasion entertained them in his room where they received rum from him. All this was being done behind the Captain's back. He stirred up discontent among them. He agreed with them in any petty grievance they had and took their part in such a way as to make them believe the Captain had no authority over them and that they could get anything for the asking.

He made them discontented with their clothing. They wanted more and he backed them up, but I know for a fact they had plenty of clothing packed away to take ashore with them. They preferred to wear any old cast off clothing they could find or steal and keep their good material to take ashore. He made them discontented with their quarters; previously they were more than pleased with them.

He made them discontented with their food. They were not getting enough, so they said, whereas they were storing away their sugar, milk and margarine and whatever they could steal to take ashore with them. I told him they would not put on flesh if insufficiently fed. His reply was 'what do you know about it'.

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He agreed with them that they should be paid for working even though they were stowaways. In fact he was doing his very best to cause serious trouble on board.

The statement that Mr. Hardy's 'life was made so intolerable that it became necessary to remove him to another ship' is a downright falsehood. We, the Captain Wireless Operator and I, did all we could to make his stay on board as pleasant as possible and put up with his bad manners etc., without complaint. He led us to believe he was quite happy and contented and he joined us in a friendly game of cards every night. He was at liberty to come and go as he liked on board. He was always welcome in any of our rooms at any time.

But, after he began to fraternise with the stowaways and when he realised he was not going to get all his own way with them, his manner towards us changed. He behaved like a child 'in the sulks'. He refused to join us at meals, preferring to wait and have his meals with the cook and baker. He stopped coming up to have a game of cards. We asked him to come up but he refused, and after one night on which he refused in an exceedingly insulting manner we never asked him to join us again. We still tried to be sociable towards him but he preferred to pace up and down on the deck by himself.

About this time he was sending letters to the Captain and myself:- I regret that the letters he sent me and the copies of letters I sent him, were left with Mr. Binnie, Magistrate, South Georgia:-

It was only then we came to know of his associations with the stowaways, and how he had been stirring up discontent amongst them.

On two occasions Mr. Hardy had been to see me professionally and had received medicine. When he made known his intentions of leaving the "SEVELLA" an account

for £2.2. for professional attendance was rendered him in accordance with Contract. This he refused to pay.

On the morning of 1st February 1923, he happened to be at breakfast with me and I called him in question regarding his disgusting bad manners at meals, eg. cutting his finger nails, scraping under his nails with a knife, whistling etc., whereupon he gave me a lot of insolence, including slurs on my character and medical abilities, accused me of not being fully qualified and of not giving attention to the men on board, and ended with a remark to the effect that it was a fight I was wanting. I told him that if he did not stop his insolence I would give him a good thrashing. I suppose that is where the accusation that I threatened 'to punch his nose' came from.

He told me to remember who I was talking to, to remember that he, Mr. Hardy, was a Magistrate of South Shetlands, and was representative of the Governor of the Falklands. I was then called away to attend to the 2nd Mate who had received an accident, and on no occasion afterwards did Mr. Hardy ever speak to me nor I to him.

With reference to the statement that I "volunteered the information that the Captain contemplated placing him in irons" I deny it. On no occasion did I ever say such a thing and on no occasion did I ever say anything that could possibly be interpreted as having such a meaning.

On February 3rd, 1923 Mr. Bennett, Senior Whaling Officer, paid s.s. "SEVILLA" a visit. He interviewed me regarding Mr. Hardy. He called me in question regarding sending in an account to Mr. Hardy for professional attendance. I told him it was in accordance with my contract. He replied to this effect 'put aside your contract just now. When you are in the South Shetlands the Board of Trade and Owners have nothing to do with you, you are under

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under the Falkland Islands Government and you will do as I say'.

I enquired if Mr. Hardy had any right to interfere with my duties as regards attending to the health of the ship and I was told he had. I told him it was in my contract that I had to work under the Captain so I would take my orders from him and him alone; and I was informed it would be at my own risk.

He asked me to apologise to Mr. Hardy for any unpleasantness I may have caused him on February 1st 1923, and he, Mr. Hardy, would apologise for any unpleasantness he might have caused me, if he, Mr. Hardy, considered he had anything to apologise for. I refused. So Mr. Bennett left me remarking to this effect 'I have a good mind to take you straight to the Falkland Islands and get you a holiday for a year or two, but you will pay for this later'. What for I do not know.

I may state here that when Mr. Bennet came on board the "SEVILLA" he went straightway with Mr. Hardy and interviewed the stowaways and inspected their quarters without even going near the Captain or asking his permission to do so,

Mr. Hardy left the "SEVILLA" a few days after,, and on his being asked why he was leaving the ship he replied ' I cannot favour one ship alone with my company'. When he did go he spread false unfavourable reports regarding the "SEVILLA" and "NEKO".

As regards Captain Sinclair he carried out the regulations imposed in the licences as efficiently if not more so than any other factory in the South. In fact he more than observed them, as he used up more of the carcass than is set out by the regulations, and as a rule he used up every scrap of the whale allowing nothing to go to waste.

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The accusations against Captain Sinclair are entirely false to the best of my knowledge. Considering that Mr. Hardy was in the near vicinity during practically the whole season, false returns as to the numbers of whales etc., could not have been made, even if it had been so desired.

As to the quantities of oil, he gave as near as he possibly could ascertain. The qualities of the oil I can vouch for. The Captain and I tested well mixed samples of every day's boiling of oil. The tests were carried out with care and the resulting classification of the oils were sufficiently accurate for any practical purpose.

I do not know whether Captain Sinclair did or did not report the loss of the "Sacra", but if he did not, how did Mr. Bennett, Receiver of Wrecks, come to know about it?

It is stated that Captain Sinclair 'anticipated a catch of 14 fin whales between the time of his clearing and the time when he intended to sail and that in the British Museum forms 14 fin whales had been caught etc., etc., although the whales had not been caught'. As regards that statement the whales were caught. It so happens that I kept a sort of diary during the season and that included the whales caught. This can be produced if so desired.

The above is certified on soul and conscience.

(SGD.) ALBERT C. LORNIÉ, L.R.C.P. & S.

Late M.O. s.s. "SEVILLA."

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Downing Street,

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20th September, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th September relative to your Whaling operations at the South Shetlands.

2. Careful consideration will be given to the representations made in your letter of the 13th September and the letter under acknowledgment; but before the Secretary of State can come to any final conclusion in the matter, further consultations with the Colonial Government will clearly be necessary and it may be desirable to hold an enquiry locally in the Falklands at which Captain Sinclair and the Whaling Officers can be present.

3. The Secretary of State realises however that, in the circumstances, an immediate decision is necessary as to the employment of Captain Sinclair and the issue of the licences in respect of the "Sevilla" and "Neko" for the coming season. He is therefore prepared without prejudice to further consideration of the question, to agree to the issue of the licences (including one for a third catcher for the "Neko") and also to waive the objection to the employment of Captain Sinclair during the coming season, provided that you give an undertaking that both the "Sevilla" and the "Neko" will call at Port Stanley at the end of that season, if requested by the Colonial Government to do so.

4. I am to enquire whether you are prepared to accept this condition. If so, the necessary instructions will at once be given.

I am, etc.,
(SGD.) G. GRINDLE.

MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN & COMPANY.

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CHR. SALVESEN & CO.,
29, Bernard Street,
Leith.
20th September, 1933.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.45536/23 of yesterday's date in which you state that the Duke of Devonshire will await our further communication on the subject of our whaling operations at the South Shetlands. As full reports by Captain Sinclair and Dr. Lornie together with a covering letter were posted to you on the 18th instant we telegraphed you this morning to this effect, and trust that these were duly received. We are very anxious for an early decision in this matter and we therefore added to our telegram that if desired we would arrange for a representative and/or Captain Sinclair to attend in London.

The "Neko" and Sevilla" are both loading at present and are expected to be ready to sail next week, while the crew for the "Neko's" third whale catcher is due to arrive on Monday from Shetland at Grangemouth, and arrangements have been made for sending them to Cape Town to take over the s.s. "SOLVA".

We have the honour to remain,

etc.,
per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
(SGD.) N.G. SALVESEN.

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

Your telegram just received. We note that an interview is unnecessary and that you are sending a letter today.

CHR. SALVENSEN & CO.,

29 Bernard Street,

Leith,

21st September, 1923.

Sir,

South Shetlands.

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 46267/23 of yesterday's date, contents of which has our careful attention.

We note that the Secretary of State agrees, without prejudice to further consideration of the question, to the issue of the licences for the "Sevilla" and "Neko" (including one for a third catcher for the "Neko") and also to the employment of Captain Sinclair during the coming season, provided that we give an undertaking that both the "Sevilla" and "Neko" will call at Port Stanley at the end of the season, if requested by the Colonial Government to do so. We are prepared to accept this condition and will issue the necessary instructions to the Masters of the "Sevilla" and "Neko".

We should be glad if you will instruct the Crown Agents to issue the licences accordingly on payment of the fees. When we applied in March of this year for licences for the two floating factories, we nominated the whale catchers to be employed as follows:-

s.s. "SEVILLA". Three of the four following viz:-

"SHOVA" - "SUBRA" - "SEDNA" - "SYMRA".

s.s. "NEKO". Three of the four following viz:-

"SWONA" - "SACRA" - "SPUMA" - "SYMRA".

As previously explained, however, in consequence of the boiler-makers strike, no progress has been made with the building of the three new whale catchers intended to replace three South Georgian boats, which would then have been available for the South Shetlands. We have therefore had to re-organise

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distribution of the vessels and employ three boats
presently fishing in South African waters. The whale catchers
be used during the coming season at the South Shetlands are
as follows:-

s.s. "SEVILLA".
s.s. "NEKO"

"SHOVA" - "SITKA" - "SWONA"
"SPERA" - "SPUMA" - "SOLVA".

We are informing the Government of the Falkland Islands
accordingly but in view of the irregularity of mails to
Stanley it is possible that this information will not be
received before the beginning of the season.

While we will, of course, implement our undertaking
to send the "Sevilla" and "Neko" to Stanley at the end of
the season, if required, we think it only right to point out
now that it is intended that both these vessels should return
to Leith Harbour, South Georgia, when they have stopped
fishing, so as to replenish bunkers and possibly complete
their cargo at the Station managed by us there. It is
absolutely essential that at least one of the factories should
return to Leith Harbour, even in the improbable event of both
getting 'full ship' and having sufficient bunkers remaining
to enable them to reach a South American coaling port, as the
whale catchers are laid up at Leith Harbour during the off
season and it is not considered safe to allow them to proceed
unescorted from the South Shetlands to South Georgia at that
time of the year. From South Georgia both vessels would, in
the ordinary course, make Rio their next port of call. A very
extensive deviation from that course would be involved by
as the total number of persons carried will be about 225,
calling at Stanley and every additional day spent on the voyage
represents a very heavy wage and food bill. We have no doubt
however, that you will inform the Colonial Government fully
of the position and request them to make arrangements for any
enquiry, which it may be thought desirable to hold locally,
in such a way that a minimum of expenditure will be involved

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consistent with a proper investigation.

In conclusion we have to thank you for enabling us by your prompt decision to carry on with the Expedition, and for the courtesy extended to us in this matter.

We have the honour to remain.

Sir,

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per pro Chr. Salvesen & Co.,

N.G. Salvesen.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON S.W.1.

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Downing Street,

25th September, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of September and to inform you that, in view of your undertaking that the s.s. "Sevilla" and s.s. "Neko" shall call at Port Stanley at the end of the coming whaling season at the South Shetlands if required to do so by the Colonial Government, His Grace has caused the Crown Agents to be instructed to issue, on payment of the necessary fees, the usual licences for the South Shetlands in respect of these vessels (including one for the third catcher for the Neko) without prejudice to further consideration to the complaints made by the Colonial Government in regard to the operations at the South Shetlands.

2. The attention of the Colonial Government will be drawn to your request that, in the event of a local enquiry being held, it should be expedited as much as possible.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) G. GRINDLE.

MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

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Immediate

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Downing Street,
25th September, 1923.

Gentlemen,

With reference to previous instructions by telephone from this Office, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter to Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and ^{to} authorise you to issue to them, subject to the conditions stated and on payment of the necessary fees, whaling licences for the South Shetlands for the coming season in respect of the s.s. "Sevilla" and the s.s. "Neko"; including one for a third catcher for the "Neko" as well as for the "Sevilla".

To
Messrs Salvesen
25th Sept.

2. Messrs. Salvesen state that the catchers to be used are as follows:-


S.S. "Sevilla" - "Shova"; "Sitka"; "Swona"
S.S. "Neko" - "Spera"; "Spuma"; "Solva".

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) G. GRINDLE.

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 86

DOWNING STREET,

18 October, 1933.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's
despatch No. 72 of the 19th May 1933, I have the
honour to inform you that, for the sake of
uniformity I should be glad if steps may be taken to
secure the adherence of the Falkland Islands
Government to the International Convention on the
subject of the Traffic in Women and Children of 1921.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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DOWNING STREET,

18 October, 1922.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.111 of the 15th August, and to convey to you my approval of the writing off of the sum of £24.8.6. as a charge against the military expenditure of the Colony, being the balance of the advance charged against the Falkland Islands Volunteers for the supply of army boots.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNO. 88

Downing Street,

23 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 116 of the 22nd August and to inform you that, with Mr. Middleton's concurrence, I approve of your proposal to take over Sullivan House as the quarters of the Colonial Secretary, and also of the arrangements you have made for the furnishing of the house.

2. The Crown Agents are being instructed to comply with the requisition which accompanied your despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

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DOWNING STREET.

23 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.75 of the 20th June and to convey to you my approval of your recommendation that Mr A.I. Fleuret should be confirmed in his post of 2nd Clerk on the Secretariat, and that he should draw salary for the remainder of the current year from Head II Sub-head I, Clerk and Private Secretary, at the rate of £260 per annum.

2. I approve your proposal that provision should be made in the Estimates for 1924 for a 2nd Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, ^{with salary} at the rate of £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £300, and that, if the appointment is made, the salary of the Chief Clerk should be raised to £400 per annum.

3. I also approve your proposal to appoint Mr Victor Atkins to be 2nd Clerk in the Treasury, and that, subject to a favourable report from the Treasurer, he should be paid the full salary of the office as from the 1st January, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Devonshire.

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DOWNING STREET.

No. 90

23 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.85 of the 4th July and to convey to you my approval of your proposal that, upon the termination of the present agreement with Mr Noye, Clerk and Storekeeper, Public Works Department, he should be placed on the permanent establishment of the Colony; that the appointment should be made pensionable; and that the salary of the post should be at the rate of £250 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £300 per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No. 42 of the
~~Governor's~~ }
3rd September, 1923

Falkland Islands

No. 91

Downing Street,

25 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your information,

the papers noted below on the subject of the expedition of the Cleveland
 Museum of Natural History to the South Atlantic.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

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LONDON, September 27th, 1923.

No. 1009.

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's Note No.A. 5612/4347/45 of September 24th, concerning the expedition which the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is sending to the South Atlantic, in the fifth paragraph of which Your Lordship requests certain details for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the Department of State is in receipt of a letter from the Museum concerning the projected expedition which I believe you will find supplies the details desired.

The letter is as follows:

"Our expedition desires to secure permission to visit these islands during the next two years and collect such data and specimens as are necessary for a study of the problem which I have outlined above. Usually a day or two on an island will suffice-certainly not more than two weeks will be necessary at any one place - since we must count on a large part of our time being occupied in sailing from one island to another in our small three-masted schooner, now on the ways at New London, where her hull is being coppered and her cabin plan changed to meet our requirements.

"The route is so planned that we can do our

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The Most Honourable

The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,

&c., &c., &c.,

work in the subAntarctic regions during the Antarctic summer, November to April. We hope to put to sea as early in October as possible, and visit the following points in the order given:

Cape Verde Islands
 Fernando Noronha
 St. Paul Rocks
 As Rocas Reef
 Martin Vas Islands
 Abrolhos Island
 South Trinidad Islet
 Falkland Islands
 Sea Lion Island
 Beauchene Island
 Staten Island
 Shag Rocks
 South Shetlands
 Deception Island
 Elephant Island
 Graham Land
 South Georgia Island
 Clerke Rocks
 South Sandwich Group
 Traverse Islands
 Lieskov Island
 Visokov Island
 Zavodovskii Island
 Bouvet Island
 Lindsay Island
 Tristan da Cunha
 Inaccessible Island
 Nightingale Island
 Gough Island
 Cape of Good Hope.

"At Cape Town we shall restock with stores, and should be able to move northward up the Atlantic beginning about May of 1924, when the following route will occupy our attention:

Ascension Island
 St. Helena Island
 Gulf of Guinea Islands
 Fernando Po
 Princes or Principe
 Annobon
 San Thome
 Coastal Islands
 Hollam's Bird Island
 Mercury Island
 Possession Island
 Dassen Island
 Ichabo or Ichaboe Island
 Halifax Island
 Pomona Island

Plum Pudding Island

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Plum Pudding Island
 Sinclair Island
 Robben Island
 Roast Beef Island
 Sherboro or Sherbro Island
 Bissagos or Bijuga Islands
 Cape of Good Hope.

"Again we shall restock at Cape Town, and should be ready to begin our Indian Ocean program by early November of 1924, to visit the following:

Marion Island
 Prince Edward Island
 Crozet Islands
 Apostles Island
 Hog Island
 Penguin Island
 Possession Island
 East Island
 Kerguelen Island or Desolation
 Heard Island
 Shag Island
 Macdonald Island
 Amsterdam Island
 St. Paul Island
 Dyer Island
 Algoa Bay Bird Island
 Cape of Good Hope

"This should bring us back to Cape Town in about May of 1925, from which point we shall return to the United States by way of the Cape Verde Islands, and possibly by way of Trinitan da Cunha, Ascension, and St. Helena in case we were forced to neglect them during the previous summer."

"The personnel of the expedition will be composed of the following:

George Finlay Simmons,
 Leader of the Expedition;
 Mrs. George Simmons,
 Private Secretary;
 Carl Robertson,
 Special newspaper correspondent;
 Robert H. Rockvell,
 Animal-sculptor and taxidermist;
 W. Kenneth Cuyler,
 Naturalist and biologist;

Allen L. Moses

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Allen L. Moses (of Grand Manan, New Brunswick
Canada), Bird expert;
Captain George Comer,
Master of the vessel (the BLOSSOM).

It should be clearly understood that the
expedition is a private one with which the Government of
the United States has no connection.

I have the honour to request that permission
be given to visit such of the above named islands as
may come under the Sovereignty of the British Government
and that the necessary credentials be issued so that
everything may be in order for the members of the
expedition to make the visits indicated.

I have, etc.,

POST WHEELER

Counselor of Embassy.

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Downing Street,
25 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Crown Agents have referred to this Department the enquiry in the letter to them from the Colonial Secretary No.490/23 of the 16th of July, with regard to the sum of £8.6.8. which appears in their account current for the month of April 1923 as a payment to the Colonial Medical Appointments Sub-Committee in respect of the refund of expenditure incurred for the year 1922.

2. This sum is the share of the expenses of the Sub-Committee for the year 1922 which fall to the charge of the Falkland Islands in respect of the selection during that year of Mr. J.A. Hall for appointment as Government Dentist to the Colony. It represents the amount refunded to Mr. Hall on account of railway fare when attending before the Sub-Committee for interview (17/6d), and the proportionate share payable by the Falkland Islands of the total expenses of unsuccessful candidates for Appointments in the Colonial Service who attended before the Committee during the year (£7.9.2.)

3. It is not clear to me whether you are fully aware of the arrangement in operation in regard to the expenses incurred by the Sub-Committee in this connection, although on at least one previous occasion, - viz., in connection with Dr. F.J. Craddock's appointment in 1915 - a similar claim was discharged by your Government without

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comment, and I think it desirable therefore to explain to you the origin and scope of the arrangement.

4. For some time previous to the year 1908, dissatisfaction had been expressed in various quarters with the methods by which medical men were selected for employment in the Colonies and Protectorates. In particular, there was a feeling in the medical profession itself that it was desirable, in all cases, that when medical men had to be selected for any form of public appointment, members of the profession should be members of, or at any rate, closely associated with the appointing authority.

5. Up to that date, the selection of medical men for the Colonial Service had been made by the Secretary of State without expert advice from medical men. There were occasions, no doubt, on which points involving a knowledge of professional etiquette or custom, or the relative value of medical qualifications and experience, were referred to medical men of standing (such as the Medical Advisers to this Department), but this was the exception, not the rule. The preliminary investigation was entrusted in these cases, as in others, to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State and though it was admitted that, on the whole, the system gave good results, it was felt that there was no security for such results, and that an improved method of selection might obviate certain risks and create a feeling of confidence in the procedure.

6. It was accordingly recommended by a Committee which was appointed in the year 1908 by Lord Crewe, to examine certain questions primarily connected with the

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West African Medical Staff, that a Committee should be appointed to interview all candidates for medical employment. The proposal was adopted, and from that day to this, with the necessary interruption caused by the almost total cessation of the supply of candidates for Colonial medical employment during the war, all candidates in or near this country, desiring medical employment in the Colonies and Protectorates, have been asked to attend for an interview with this special Committee, which consists of three medical men of standing and experience, (one of whom is the Medical Secretary to the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee); one of my Private Secretaries, and a senior member of the staff of the Colonial Office. On occasion, a high officer of the Colonial Medical Service has also sat with the Committee.

7. As soon as it was decided, in principle, that such a Committee should be established, the question of the payment of the travelling expenses of the candidates appearing before the Committee was raised. It is the rule that candidates for Colonial employment coming to London to interview my private Secretaries, do not have their travelling expenses paid to them. On the other hand, they are left free, within certain limits, to choose their own time for coming to town. It was felt that if a medical candidate was to be brought up to London on a specified date to appear before the Committee at a particular time, it was equitable at any rate to pay his return third class railway fare. It had, moreover, been for some time the experience of the Private Secretaries that quite a material proportion of candidates for medical appointments

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appointments, when asked to call by the Private Secretaries in the ordinary way, failed to do so; and there was reason to believe that the cost of coming to London often operated as a serious deterrent, especially to candidates in Scotland, or Ireland.

8. On the other hand, it was felt that it was impossible to ask the Treasury to consent to the fares of such candidates being paid from the Imperial Exchequer, and in my judgment it would have been unreasonable to do so. It was obvious that the fares of successful candidates, if they were to be refunded to them, must be chargeable to the Colonies to which they were allocated, but of course a certain proportion of candidates who appear before the Committee are pronounced by the Committee unsuitable for Colonial employment, and others, though pronounced suitable, do not succeed in obtaining such employment, or else, for various reasons, their appointment is never completed. There was, therefore, no Colonial Government to which such expenses could be charged.

9. It was clear that failure to recoup these items would involve the breakdown of the system, and it was therefore decided that these expenses should be allocated among Colonies to which successful candidates were allotted during the year, in proportion to the number of candidates assigned to each Colony.

10. The additional expense entailed upon the individual Government by this arrangement is not large; and the advantages of a definite system of obtaining reliable medical advice to aid in the selection of medical officers are so obvious that I do not anticipate that any objection is

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likely to be forthcoming on the part of your administration
I recognise, however, that a full explanation should have
been sent at an earlier date; and I trust that the details
furnished in this despatch will be considered sufficient.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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DOWNING STREET,

NO. 93

26 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 109 of the 13th August in which you inform me that Mr. H.C. Harding has tendered his resignation of his seat as an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

2. I have to request that you will inform Mr. Harding that his resignation is accepted and will assure him that I highly appreciate the valuable services he has rendered as a Member of the Council.

3. The Governor is being consulted with regard to the appointment of a successor to Mr. Harding.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNO. 94

DOWNING STREET,

29 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.107 of the 9th of August, and to inform you that I approve the expenditure reported therein, which was incurred during the quarter ended on the 31st of March, 1923, and is not covered by the Appropriation Ordinance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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NO. 95

Downing Street,

29 October, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No.136 of the 29th November 1922, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, the accompanying copy of a letter from the British Museum (Natural History) submitting a report on Sealing in Southern Waters.

1st August

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Copy.

British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
London, S.W.

August 1, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a Report, July 24, recently submitted by me to the Trustees of the British Museum, mainly on Southern Sealing, but with some reference to the question of International action for the protection of Whales and Seals. It deals principally with correspondence received from the Colonial Office since December 1922. a list of the papers being included on pp.1, 2.

2. With reference to Section A of the Report, it appears that although Prince Edward and Marion Islands are under British jurisdiction, very little is known as to what is happening there, as may be inferred from the letter Feb. 5, 1923, from the Government of the Union of South Africa. I am to suggest that perhaps some further effort should be made to ascertain the facts.

3. I venture to add to what is said in my Report with regard to the French localities, that information on the Elephant Seals of Kerguelen Island is contained in a paper just published (Proceedings of the Zoological Society 1923, pp.451-443) by Mr. T.P.A. Ring. This paper gives an account of the breeding habits of the Seals, and it mentions incidentally a few facts with regard to Whaling and Sealing in two of the Southern localities. It is stated that a Norwegian

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
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Company established a Whaling factory at Kerguelen in October 1908, but that only 82 cetaceans were captured in 1910, and about the same number in 1911-12 (apparently in each of these two seasons). The Company was saved from the necessity of going into liquidation by killing great numbers of Elephant Seals in the four years 1909-1913. At the Crozet Islands, a great haul of Elephant Seals was made by a Norwegian Sealing Factory in 1907; and three years later the beaches were cleared of these animals by a Norwegian vessel.

4. Reference is made in the Report to correspondence with Dr. Barton W. Evermann, who had suggested an agitation in this country in favour of International action for the protection of Whales and Seals. Having ascertained unofficially that a movement in this direction, at the present time, would be unacceptable to the Colonial Office, I replied in this sense to Dr. Evermann. I have ventured to point out, however, in the last Section of my Report, and in an unofficial letter (July 18, 1923) to the Colonial Office, that the permanence of the Fur Seal industry, in the North Pacific as well as in the far South, appears to be absolutely dependent on the prevention of pelagic sealing. The Trustees have accordingly approved a suggestion that the Colonial Office should be invited to give this matter their further consideration, at some time in the future when circumstances seem to demand it and the time appears to be propitious.

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5. The main part of the Report deals with the Fur Seal herds of the Falkland Islands, a matter in which the Trustees are specially interested. Mr. Hamilton's two Reports are very important and they are considered in some detail. The recommendations on pp. 9, 10 of my own Report were approved by the Trustees, who took the view that it is desirable to encourage the increase of the Fur Seal herds in any way that may be possible.

I have, etc.,

(Sd) S. F. Harmer.

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July 24, 1923.

The Director has the honour of reporting to the Trustees on various papers referring to Southern Sealing and Whaling.

LIST OF THE PAPERS CONSIDERED.

Sealing and Whaling. Question of International Action.

Whaling
Papers.

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8 June
1923.

329 Dr. Barton W. Evermann, May 9, 1923.

331 S.F. Harmer, June 7, 1923, to
Colonial Office (E.R. Darnley).

Sealing
Papers.

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19 July
1923.

(a) Colonial Office (E.R. Darnley)
June 12, 1923.
50 (b) Colonial Office Dec. 16, 1921,
copy of Despatch to the Governor
General of South Africa.

Whaling
Papers.

334 S.F. Harmer, June 28, 1923, to
Barton W. Evermann.

Sealing
Papers.

51 S.F. Harmer, July 18, 1923 to
Colonial Office (E.R. Darnley).

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48 (a) Colonial Office, Jan. 2, 1923.

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1923.(b) Governor of the Falkland
Islands Sept. 18, 1922.(c) J.E. Hamilton, Sept. 7, 1922,
Report on investigations,
December 1921 to March 1922.

(a) Colonial Office, July 17, 1923.

(b) Governor of the Falkland
Islands, April 26, 1923.(c) J.E. Hamilton, April 20, 1923,
Report on investigations,
October 1922 to March 1923.Sealing and Whaling. Question of International Action.

The correspondence on this subject arose out of an article on the preparations for the projected "Discovery" Whaling Research Expedition, communicated by the Director to 'Nature' (Vol. 111, April 21, 1923, p. 540). A letter (329) was subsequently received by him from Dr. Barton W. Evermann, Chairman of the California Academy of Sciences, who wrote in enthusiastic support of the necessity for protecting Whales and Seals, and suggested that an agitation should be started in this country for an International Fisheries Treaty and an International Commission for the study of Fishery problems of the North Pacific.

Sir Sidney was aware of the fact that the Colonial Office had reasons, partly of a confidential nature, for not desiring to raise the question of International action at the present moment. He accordingly wrote unofficially (331) to the Colonial Office, to make enquiries on the subject, and the reply received (50) a, b) confirmed his previous belief.

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He thereupon wrote (354) to Dr. Evermann, in accordance with the views of the Colonial Office, stating in particular that this country is engaged in preparations for a serious scientific investigation, with the express object of ascertaining what measure of protection is required for Whales and Seals. He pointed out that the summoning of an International Conference would involve the preparation of a programme and the formulation of definite suggestions for the protection of marine animals, and that no great harm would be done by waiting for a time, in order to see whether the contemplated expedition produces results which can with advantage be translated into a definite policy of protection. He added that he thought it not unlikely that the question of International action would have to be faced, in due course; but that the British Government would prefer not to take any steps in that direction before they had obtained scientific advice based on the results of their own expedition. He wrote subsequently (51) to the Colonial Office, making the suggestion that the permanence of the Fur Seal industry depended on the prevention of pelagic Sealing, and that International action in this direction at least might become an urgent necessity.

The Director would be glad to know that the Trustees approve the action thus taken.

Fur Seals, Falkland Islands.

The new papers submitted on this subject are of considerable importance, and the reasons stated on pp.2.3 of the Director's Report, June 16, 1922 (C.

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24 June 22: 35) for regarding the information as confidential still exist. Mr. Hamilton's Reports (48.c, 52c) on his own observations made during two seasons show that a considerable nucleus remains of the great herds of Fur Seals which formerly frequented the Southern seas: and in Sir Sidney's opinion, they give substantial reason for thinking that the continued growth of the herds could be encouraged by proper management. The Reports state that a guard has been established on the most important locality, and that a patrol-vessel is employed in preventing poaching, of which there seems to have been no recent case.

The general result of Mr. Hamilton's observations is to confirm the view that the Southern Fur Seal resembles the North Pacific species in its habits. In his earlier Report he states that it is definitely polygamous, a herd of 50 cows and 2 bulls having been observed, although the proportions of the two sexes seems to vary on different "rookeries" and at different times. There is evidence of segregation of the individuals in definite groups, the immature males, for instance, not associating with the breeding colony. The localities are as a rule difficult of access, landing being impossible on most occasions and in any case not easy.

The Fur Seal (Arctocephalus australis) can be readily distinguished from the Sea Lion (Otaria byronia), with which it associates, by its different way of diving, and male Fur Seals can be distinguished from the females of the same species, even when swimming, by a difference

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difference in the shape of the head. These are points of practical importance. The Sea Lion may also be polygamous, a harem of about a dozen cows having been observed, but it is apparently sometimes monogamous. This species occurs in great numbers in the Falklands, and Mr. Hamilton states that it damages tussock grass or renders it unfit for consumption by domestic animals. He suggests that its numbers might be reduced, and the proceeds (from the oil) might with advantage be used for the protection of the Fur Seal.

In his later Report Mr. Hamilton states that breeding of the Fur Seal had not commenced on November 6, and no pups were observed in another locality on December 2. He mentions the fact, however, that harems were in existence on December 12, during an inspection he made in 1919. On January 17 (1923) the harems had already broken up, and the pups were segregated in "pods" of varying size. The breeding colonies were in one part of the island, and the majority of the others elsewhere. The pups were mostly ashore, swimming in surface-pools and readily taking refuge under ledges of rock when disturbed; occasionally making short excursions to the sea, and keeping close to land. At this age (about five weeks) they are clumsy swimmers.

The number of Sea Lions is regarded by Mr. Hamilton as a serious feature. They occupy land-sites for breeding purposes and have harems of various sizes. The breeding males are highly aggressive. A Sea Lion was observed to chase and catch a Fur Seal pup, but

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but no evidence was obtained that this species devours young Fur Seals. Mr. Hamilton adheres to his former recommendation that the Sea Lions might with advantage be exterminated.

By examination of skulls Mr. Hamilton concluded that females bear pups at three years, and that fertilisation must therefore occur in their second year. Males are adult at six years. Yearlings are not much bigger than pups, but can be distinguished by the character of their skins. The male can be recognised by skull-characters even in the second year.

In the course of his investigations Mr. Hamilton killed 80 Fur Seals at one rookery, by means of rifle-fire, which alarmed the rest of the herd to a serious extent. A certain number of pups were branded.

The Report concludes with a consideration of the economic aspects of the question. Calculations, based on the results obtained by American observers with regard to the Pribilof Island herds, are given of the possible rates of increase under different conditions, and of the number (very small) of seals which could be killed annually, without injury to the colony. Quoting the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica', he states that the fur of the Southern species is of poor quality, and that the average value of a skin cannot be estimated as more than £3. Taking this into account, he concludes that so small a herd cannot be expected to support the protective measures necessary, within a reasonable period. He thinks that it would be desirable to encourage

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encourage an increase of polygamy, if it were possible, but that a policy of non-interference with the herd would continue the present condition of a superfluity of males which interfere with breeding.

Mr. Hamilton's later Report takes a despondent view of the future of the Fur Seal colony of the Falkland Islands, but Sir Sidney is not convinced that this conclusion is warranted by the facts. The following figures may be quoted from pp. 109, 110 of the 'Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Research and Development in the Dependencies of the Falkland Island' (1920, Cmd. 657). The number of Fur Seals taken off the South Shetlands in 1821-22 was estimated by Weddell as 320,000, and the species thereupon became almost extinct in that locality, where, however, a certain number still survived as late as 1873-74. Weddell's estimate is alone sufficient to establish the fact that the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies are capable of supporting a large population of Fur Seals, and it is most important to continue the attempt to re-establish something approaching the former conditions. It is not likely that the Fur Seal industry can be made self-supporting for some time to come, and in Sir Sidney's opinion it would be most unwise to attempt to make it so. If the expense of protecting the herd is too large to be borne by the Government of the Falkland Islands, he thinks that it should be supported out of Imperial funds. The direct cost of the

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the patrol-vessel, so far as its seal-protecting work is concerned, is estimated by Mr. Hamilton at only £1027; and although this does not represent the entire expenditure necessary, the total amount would in any case be comparatively small. It would surely be unwise to relinquish the attempt because success is not immediately in sight. A further argument which may be urged against the hunting of seals at the present time is that the attention of poachers would thus be called to the existence of the herd, in a way which might result in their participation in the industry. As bearing on this question, the Director wishes to suggest that the supposed inferiority of southern skins, as compared with those from the north, need not perhaps be accepted without further enquiry. It is well known that the fur has a finer quality in young individuals than in old specimens of the Northern Fur Seal, and it may be suggested that the average value of the Southern skins is probably based on a period when indiscriminate killing occurred. A restriction of the killing to "bachelors", as in the Pribilof Islands, might well result in an increase of the average value of a skin.

The conditions described by Weddell existed at a time when the numbers of the Fur Seal herds were controlled merely by the forces of Nature. These conditions might be re-established now, and Sir Sidney is inclined to think that the most expedient policy would be one of passive protection, without any attempt to increase the extent of polygamy by killing superfluous males. It is obvious from Mr. Hamilton's

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account that the use of rifles seriously alarms the breeding colony, and that it might easily result in the forsaking of the rookeries. Considering the facts that Fur Seals and Sea Lions lived side by side before the Fur Seals were almost exterminated by human agency, and that the Fur Seals were not thus prevented from existing in very large numbers, it is not clear that the destruction of the Sea Lions is necessary for the recovery of the Fur Seals. It is possible that the extermination proposed would so alarm the Fur Seals as to clear them completely out of the localities which they at present frequent.

It may be hoped that some of the members of the forthcoming "Discovery" Expedition will be able to give special attention to the Fur Seal problem, and in the meantime the Director would make the following recommendations:-

(1) That the Colonial Office be urged as strongly as possible to continue, and if necessary, to extend, the protective measures already in force.

(2) That the policy of hunting Fur Seals, in order to obtain funds which could be applied towards the reduction of the cost of the protective measures is to be deprecated, in consideration of the small number of these animals known to exist at present.

(5) That the experimental killing be discontinued except so far as is absolutely necessary in order to provide material for scientific study.

(4) That no attempt be made at present to exterminate the Sea Lions; and that if it should be decided

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decided to reduce their numbers on the rookeries, every precaution should be taken to avoid disturbing the breeding Fur Seals.

(5) That Reports be made annually of the condition of the Fur Seal herds.

(6) That the experiment, previously contemplated, of introducing Fur Seals into localities formerly frequented by them be, if possible, carried out. It would be specially desirable to transport Fur Seals from the Falkland Islands to some of the old rookeries of the South Shetlands.

(7) That the recovery of the Fur Seal herds is unlikely to take place and to be maintained if pelagic sealing is carried out to a large extent; and that the Colonial Office be invited to give this matter their further consideration, when the time seems propitious for doing so, with the view of deciding whether it is possible to take any action for securing International agreement on the subject.

The examination of future Annual Reports should show whether there is any sign of the increase of the breeding colonies. If this were to take place, and the rookeries in use at present were to become unduly crowded, it may be anticipated that some of the Seals would spread to other rookeries, and that the old breeding localities, even in the South Shetlands, might become re-stocked by natural means.

The Director asks the permission of the Trustees to forward a copy of this Report to the Colonial Office.

(Sd) S.F. Harmer.

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Reference to previous correspondence :-

Secretary of State's
Governor's } Despatch No. 53 of the

10th October, 1923

Falkland Islands

no. 96

Downing Street,

31 October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the whaling facilities of the
Norge Whaling Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 16 October	from Messrs. Chr. Nielsen and Company.

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R. NIELSEN & Co. A/S

Larvik, Norway.

16th October, 1923.

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London

Dear Sir,

Norge Whaling Co.

Referring to our respect of the 4th
September re the proposed transfer of the whaling
facilities of the above named Company we hereby beg
to state that the transfer will not be effected.

Yours etc.,

(Sgd.) CHR. NIELSEN & CO. A/S

ROLF NIELSEN.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.NO. 97

Downing Street,

21 October, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to my predecessor's despatch No.35 of the 23rd of March, 1922, regarding the liquidation of the Falkland Islands contribution to cost of the war by the payment of a lump sum, I have the honour to inform you that Mr.Churchill's decision that the whole of the sum so paid should be charged to the accumulated balances of the Colony and none to the Research Fund has been discussed with the Governor during his leave, and that, in the light of the Governor's representations, I am prepared to agree that his original proposal that the lump sum should be apportioned equally between the surplus balances of the Colony and the Research Fund should be adopted. Half of the amount paid from the balances of the Colony may, therefore, be recovered from the Research Fund.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,


Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

6 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with Mr. Middleton regarding the question of the grant of financial assistance to Mr. W.M. Currie, late Travelling Teacher, Falkland Islands, while at the Dundee Training College.

2. I have approved the Governor's recommendations and arrangements are being made accordingly.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

D. M. Currie

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Mr. Middleton
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Mr. " 30.10.23.

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Downing Street,

27th October, 1923

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that, in May of this year, an application was received from Mr. W.M. Currie, who held a Government appointment as a Travelling Schoolmaster in the Falkland Islands from August 1913 to July 1922, for financial assistance to enable him to complete a course of training at the Dundee Training College, which he had been attending since October 1922 with a view to obtaining a certificate as a qualified teacher.

This application was discussed with you at the Colonial Office in July last, when you were inclined to think that, although Mr. Currie's record in the Falkland Islands was not without blemish, some concession ^{to him} might be made in view of his length of service and of the fact that he received no benefits by way of increases in salary, while in the Colony.

2. Enquiries have accordingly been made into his case, from which it appears that he has been granted a Bursary by the Dundee Education Authority of the value of £40 a year. Of this sum £10 is absorbed by fees and the remainder is available for Mr. Currie's personal use. Mr. Currie states that, apart from the Bursary, he has depended entirely for his support upon the resources of his mother and sister, but that his mother died in March last and his sister is incapacitated on account of ill-health and he will, therefore, be unable to complete his training without financial assistance from some outside source.

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ.

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3. It appears that a number of ex-service students are attending the Dundee Training College with the assistance of Government grants under the scheme for the Higher Training of ex-service Students, and it has been ascertained from the Scottish Education Department that the amount of each grant made under this scheme is assessed by the Department in the light of the student's own declaration of his financial circumstances. In cases where the student possesses no private income and is not residing with his parents in Dundee, the usual amount of the maintenance grant is £24 per quarter. Grants are paid quarterly upon the certificate of the Training Authorities as to the satisfactory attendance and progress of the student, and, if it is decided to make a grant to Mr. Currie the Scottish Education Department is willing to arrange for the necessary certificates to be obtained in his case. The certificates are submitted early in each quarter and the grant for that quarter is then paid.

4. The course which Mr. Currie is attending comes to an end after three further sessions, in June 1924, and Mr. Currie has declared his intention of completing it, if assistance is forthcoming. I enclose, however, in this connection copies of two letters from the Scottish Education Department, from which you will observe that there is some doubt whether his health will be sufficiently good to enable him to continue his studies after the session now commencing

5. I am to enquire whether you are prepared to recommend that a grant should be made to Mr. Currie by the Government of the Falkland Islands during the remainder of his course, provided that satisfactory certificates are forthcoming regarding his attendance and progress each session, and if so what amount you consider suitable and whether you would wish to attach any special conditions to the grant.

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6. I am to add that the possibility of Mr. Currie's obtaining assistance from public funds in this country has been explored; but that he is not eligible for any grant from the Scottish Education Department, and that the Dundee Education Authority is unable to increase his Bursary, the amount of which is already exceptionally high.

I am, etc.

(Signed) G. GRINDLE.

St James's Square

S.W 1.

30th October, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Gilbert Grindle's letter No. ~~1110~~. 51163/1923 of the 27th of October, relative to a grant to Mr. W.M. Currie to enable him to complete a course of training with a view to obtaining a certificate as a qualified teacher.

2. In the special circumstances of the case, I recommend that a grant at the rate of £14 per quarter should be paid to Mr. Currie up to and including June 1924, provided that satisfactory certificates are forthcoming regarding his attendance and progress.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. MIDDLETON.

Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

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SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

20th October, 1923.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN -
23/C.4778The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Sir,

With further reference to Sir Gilbert Grindle's letters of 23rd July (27020/1923) and 23rd of August last (40649/23), I am now to state that the Department are informed that Mr. W. M. Currie's training will be continued at the Dundee Training College during the session now commencing, and they understand that the College authorities hope that as the result of an operation his health will enable him to complete his studies satisfactorily.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) H. WARRE CORNISH.

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SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

27th September, 1923.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN -
23/C.4778The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Sir,

Adverting to Sir Gilbert Grindle's letters of 23rd July last (27020/1923) and 23rd ultimo (40649/23), with reference to the application of Mr. W. N. Currie, and to the subsequent enquiry made by telephone as to the date at which this student's course at Dundee Training College is due to terminate, I am directed to state that Mr. Currie's training should normally be completed at Midsummer 1924. In view, however, of a report received by the Department from the authorities of the College on the results of his first year's training (1922-23), which appears to have been unfavourably affected by his state of health, it appears somewhat doubtful whether his training for a further year will be continued. A further report on his case is expected shortly, the substance of which will be communicated to you as soon as received.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) H. WARRE CORNISH.

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Falkland Islands

No.

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Downing Street,

6 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
No. 97 of the 3rd August, 1923, and to inform
you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance
in respect of Ordinance , No. 1 of 1923
of the Legislature of the Falkland Islands , entitled,
"An Ordinance to legalise certain payments made
in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-two
in excess of the Expenditure sanctioned by Ordinance
No. 5 of 1921."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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Falkland Islands

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Downing Street,

6 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
No. 99 of the 3rd August, 1923 and to inform
you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance
in respect of Ordinance, No. 3 of 1923
of the Legislature of the Falkland Islands, entitled,
"An Ordinance to validate the liquidation of the contribution
of the colony towards the expenses of the late War."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

D. Downshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

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Downing Street,

10 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
No. 98 of the 3rd August, 1923 and to inform
you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance
in respect of Ordinance, No. 2 of 1923
of the Legislature of the Falkland Islands, entitled,
"An Ordinance to provide for the refund of a portion
of the duties of Customs levied and collected in respect
of Whale and Seal Oil, between the 1st of October, 1922,
and the 30th of September, 1923, under Section 4 of the
Tariff Ordinance, 1901, as amended by the Tariff (Export Duty)
Amendment Ordinance, 1920, if the market price of the Oil
per ton does not exceed £50."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 102

DOWNING STREET,

15 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a report by Miss M. Dyer on the Use of Whale Flesh as Food, together with a report in original by the Imperial Institute on Whale Bones from the Falkland Islands.

Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
of the
United Kingdom, the Colonies and India.

South Kensington, London, S.W.7.
16th April, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a report on a sample of whales' bones from the Falkland Islands which was forwarded to the Imperial Institute by the Colonial Secretary, and is referred to in his letter No. 725/22 of the 30th October, 1922.

One of the firms consulted by the Imperial Institute in connection with the commercial value of the material enquired whether supplies of whale meat and whale guano were available for disposal. The Imperial Institute will be glad to receive information on this point for communication to the firm, and if supplies are available to learn the prices at which they could be offered in this country.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) Wyndham R. Dunstan.

His Excellency
The Governor,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
of the
United Kingdom, the Colonies and India

Report on
WHALES' BONES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The sample of whales' bones from the Falkland Islands which is the subject of this report was forwarded to the Imperial Institute by the Colonial Secretary, and is referred to in his letter No. 725/22 of the 30th October, 1922.

The material was forwarded in continuation of the previous investigation of calcined whales' bones which was the subject of Imperial Institute report dated 8th September, 1920. It was stated to represent the residue from the pressure boilers in which the whales' bones had been cooked, but it had not been calcined.

Description of Sample.

The sample, which weighed 50 lb., consisted of pieces of bone ranging up to 7 lbs. in weight. The material, which showed a porous, cellular structure, was of a light buff colour, and possessed an unpleasant fishy odour.

Results of Examination.

The bones as received were found to contain the following constituents :-

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Per cent.

Soluble in water:-

Phosphoric anhydride	P_2O_5	0.06 ^(a)
Potash	K_2O	0.02
Soda	Na_2O	0.42

Insoluble in water but
soluble in hydrochloric acid:-

Phosphoric anhydride	P_2O_5	29.87 ^(b)
Lime	CaO	34.17
Potash	K_2O	0.16
Soda	Na_2O	0.86
Nitrogen	N	2.84
Moisture (on heating at 105° C)	H_2O	4.07
Additional loss on ignition		25.51.

"Available" phosphoric anhydride (P_2O_5), } 20.84^(c)
i.e. amount soluble in 2 per cent
citric acid solution

- (a) Equivalent to tricalcium phosphate ($Ca_3P_2O_8$) 0.13 per cent.
(b) " " " " " 65.21 "
(c) " " " " " 45.50 "

The above analysis shows that the material consists very largely of tricalcium phosphate, of which a considerable proportion is "available" from a manurial point of view, as judged from its solubility in a 2 per cent solution of citric acid.

Calculation of the composition of the material after calcination on the basis of the above analysis gives the following results which are shown in comparison with those furnished by the sample of calcined bone reported on previously.

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		Calculated composition of present sample after calcination.	Calcined whales' bones examined in 1920.
<u>soluble in water:-</u>		per cent.	per cent.
Phosphoric anhydride	P_2O_5	0.09 (a)	trace
Potash	K_2O	0.03	0.08.
Soda	Na_2O	0.60	0.80.
<u>soluble in water but insoluble in hydrochloric acid:-</u>			
Phosphoric anhydride	P_2O_5	42.42 (b)	39.82 (c)
Lime	CaO	48.52	50.90
Potash	K_2O	0.23	0.13
Soda	Na_2O	1.22	0.91
Insoluble residue		0.18	0.14

a) Equivalent to tricalcium phosphate ($Ca_3P_2O_8$) 0.18 per cent

b) " " " " " 92.60 " "

c) " " " " " 85.80 " "

The present uncalcined bone compares very favourably in composition as a manure with the sample of calcined bone examined at the Imperial Institute in 1920. In addition to the constituents which were present in the calcined material, the uncalcined bone contains 2.84 per cent of nitrogen, whilst the "available" phosphoric anhydride amounts to 20.84 per cent as against 15.60 per cent in the calcined bone. Both these factors add considerably to the manurial value of the product.

On the other hand, the uncalcined bone shows a loss on calcination of nearly 30 per cent. The cost of freight on this material would therefore be relatively higher than if the bone were calcined before shipment. It is however possible that calcination would diminish the percentage

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of "available" phosphoric anhydride present and thus lower the manurial value of the product.

Commercial Valuation.


The material was regarded in the trade as worth about £5 to £5 10s per ton in the United Kingdom, but it was pointed out that the price obtainable for consignments would depend on the state of the market for such materials at the time.

Remarks.

The results of the present investigation show that the uncalcined bone represented by the sample would be of considerable manurial value, but in view of the large supplies of similar products available the price obtainable in the United Kingdom would be somewhat low and it seems doubtful whether the shipment of the product from the Falkland Islands to this country would be remunerative. The firms consulted were however interested in the material, and definite information should therefore be furnished to the Imperial Institute as to the quantities which could be shipped annually and the price at which the product could be offered c.i.f. United Kingdom ports.

16 April, 1923.

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DOWNING STREET,

15 November, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 91 of the 10th July and to inform you that the Annual Medical Report of the Colony and its Dependencies for 1922 has been laid before the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

No. 104

17 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on his return to England on leave, Mr. Middleton drew my attention to the fact that no copy of Dr. Baker's report on his Geological investigations in the Falkland Islands had been sent to the Colonial Government.

2. I have accordingly agreed at his suggestion that the report should be printed at the expense of the Colony. The cost with illustrations and map will amount to £74 13.6. The edition will consist of 200 copies of which 100 will be forwarded to you, as soon as they are ready.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's }
Governor's } Despatch No. 129 of the

5th November, 1923.

Falkland Islands

No. 105

Downing Street,

19 November 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of new furnishings for Government House, Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
5 November	From Mr Middleton
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Windham Club,
St. James's Square, S.W.

5th November, 1923.

Sir,

Mr .R.B. Baseley, Colonial Engineer, recently prepared a report on the furnishing, including carpets, curtains and wall papers, which require renewal in the Dining Room, Billiard Room, Governor's Office, Hall, Passages and Bedrooms of Government House, Stanley. I have now obtained from Messrs. Waring & Gillow a preliminary estimate of the cost of these furnishings and it amounts to £350 exclusive of packing and freight.

2. I have the honour to request that I may be authorised to order these furnishings from Messrs. Waring & Gillow and that the Crown Agents for the Colonies may be instructed to pay the account, when presented, from funds of the Colony of the Falkland Islands.

3. I should add that I consulted the Unofficial
Members

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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Members of the Legislative Council informally and that they were satisfied that the furnishings which it is proposed to order are necessary.

I have etc.,

(Sgd) J. MIDDLETON

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DOWNING STREET,

16 November, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th November, and to inform you that he approves of your ordering from Messrs. Waring and Gillow new furnishings etc., for Government House, Stanley, at an estimated cost of £350 exclusive of packing and freight.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been authorised to pay the account when presented.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

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

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 106

DOWNING STREET,

2 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 101 of the 7th August forwarding reports by the Treasurer on the transactions of the Government Savings Bank for the year ended the 30th September, 1921, and for the year ended the 30th September 1922.

2. If the recommendation in paragraph 3, of your despatch errs, it errs on the right side, that of safety, but I am disposed to think that the greatly improved position of the Bank justifies the crediting of half the profits to revenue, and the other half to the depreciation fund.

3. If you agree, I would suggest that the question of further increasing the depreciation fund can be deferred until the amount to its credit approaches the existing limit of £7,500.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 107

Downing Street,

21 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 12th November, and to convey to you His Majesty's instructions for the appointment of Mr. G. J. Felton to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands, vice Mr. H. C. Harding, for a period of five years from the date of the instrument by which he is appointed.

2. The actual appointment when made and the date should be reported to me in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

No. 108

21 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 118 of the 24th August forwarding reports on the whaling operations of the Tonsberg Company at the South Orkneys during the season 1922-23.

2. As regards paragraph 3 of your despatch I have already in my despatch No. 82 of the 10th October expressed my regret that you were not informed at the time of the permission granted to the Company in May 1922 to use a floating factory in connection with their lease.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

~~Secretary of State's~~
 Governor's

} Despatch No. telegram of the

4th November 1923.

Falkland Islands

No. 109

Downing Street,

23 November 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the grant of an extension of leave
 to Mr. J. Middleton, C.M.S., Governor of the Falkland Islands

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 20 November	To Mr. Middleton

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Downing Street,

20 November, 1923.

Sir,

1. 9 Nov. I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a telegram from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands suggesting that in view of the re-decorations, &c., to Government House, your leave should be extended on full salary for six weeks from the 1st January.

2. Having regard to your work in connection with the British Empire Exhibition, the "Discovery" Committee, and other business relating to the Colony, the Secretary of State grants you the leave on full salary as suggested by Mr. Henniker-Heaton.

3. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are being informed accordingly.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

MILTON, ESQ., C.M.G.

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Downing Street,

26 November, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to the despatch noted below to which I have received no reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Devonshire.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

No.	Date.	Subject.
36	21st April, 1923	The supply of meteorological observations from the Falkland Islands.

J.H.T.

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FAKLAND ISLANDS.///

Downing Street,

28 November, 1933.

Sir,

tract.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of an extract from a letter from the Home Office with regard to the infliction of solitary confinement in the case of young people, as it occurs to me that there may be provisions in the law of the Colony to which the remarks of the Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools might be applicable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Extract from a letter from the Home Office to the
Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 23rd October, 1923, No. 456091.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bridgeman to say, for the information of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, that he has consulted the Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools on the question of solitary confinement for girls who reports as follows:-

"Even on the assumption that girls in British Guiana mature at an earlier age than in this country, I think solitary confinement should only be permitted under very careful safeguards. To shut a growing girl up for three days by herself is, in my opinion, a considerable mental strain serving no useful purpose, and therefore not justifiable. I admit the value of separate confinement for a short period, such as a few hours, or, even, 24 hours provided -

- (a) that some occupation, such as needlework, knitting, or similar work be provided;
 - (b) that the young person is given some opportunity for exercise during the period;
 - (c) that very close supervision is kept upon her whilst undergoing the confinement and that the Medical Officer be consulted in each case. Under no circumstances should the confinement take place in a room which is not adequately lighted day and night."
- Mr. Bridgeman concurs in the view of the Chief Inspector"

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's	} Despatch No.
Governor's	

Falkland Islands

to 112

Downing Street,

30 November, 1923 .

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the employment of two new
whalers at South Georgia and the South Shetlands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
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15 November	From the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited.
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THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY, LTD.,

A 18 Exchange Buildings,

Liverpool,

15th November, 1923.

J.R.Darnley, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Mr.Darnley:-

I had the pleasure of meeting Governor Middleton of the Falkland Islands, yesterday, and we had a lengthy conversation in connection with Whaling.

I mentioned to him that we had this year built two new whaleboats. The first vessel is named the s.s. "Southern Pride" and has just arrived at South Shetlands to join our Floating Factory s.s. "Southern Queen" and the boat will take the place of our old whaler s.s. "Southern Breeze." The second whaleboat which we have built is named the s.s. "Southern Floe" and will be arriving at South Georgia in the course of a few days, and will take the place of our s.s. "Southern Cross," which is also an old and more or less obsolete catcher.

The "Southern Floe" is quite a new departure in whaleboat design, one of the principal features being that she is an oil fuel burning vessel. Her dimensions are the same as our s.s. "Southern Maid" and s.s. "Southern Princess," but by putting in a slightly larger boiler, and installing the oil fuel apparatus, we have been able to obtain an increase in speed, manoeuvring ability, and an increase of 140 I.H.P. The object of increasing the H.P. was chiefly with a view to improving the towing qualifications of our whalers, because at certain times of the Season at South Georgia we have to go round to the West side of the Island for whales, and this involves a tow back of some 80 miles, and consequently the whales are very much decomposed by the time they arrive at the Station. The result is, of course, that an inferior grade of oil is produced.

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I mentioned all this to Governor Middleton and I was somewhat alarmed when he informed me that there is a remote possibility that the Government's representative both at South Georgia and South Shetlands may raise some objections to us employing these new boats, and taking the old boats off the fishing, as the Licences are made out in the name of the old boats.

I must admit that this point did not occur to me when I sent the boats out, and therefore, in order to save any complications or difficulties, I take the liberty of asking you to be good enough to assist me.

The instructions I sent to our Managers were that the "Southern Pride" was to proceed to South Shetlands, and the crew who takes that vessel South was to bring back to South Georgia the "Southern Breeze" (the boat which is being relieved by the new whaler "Southern Pride.") The "Southern Breeze" will remain at South Georgia as reserve boat for South Georgia.

The crew of the oil fuel burning whaler, s.s. "Southern Floe" on arrival at South Georgia, will transfer to the s.s. "Southern Cross" and bring that vessel home to England for overhaul, and when completed, will proceed to our experimental Whaling Station at West Tarbert, Harris, N.B.

The "Southern Floe" will operate at South Georgia

I would like to send a wireless message to the Magistrate at South Georgia, and also to the Magistrate at South Shetlands, informing them that you have authorised us to cable your permission for the employment of our two new whalers in place of the two old ones mentioned above.

Yours, etc.,

(sd.) A.CHARLES WATT.

55386/1923.

Downing Street,

23 November, 1923.

Gentlemen,

.Tel.
23.

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to Mr. Darnley of the 15th November and to transmit to you a copy of a telegram which has been sent to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falklands relative to the employment of your new catchers at South Georgia and the South Shetlands.

2. In order to save delay it was assumed that you would be prepared to pay the cost of the telegram, which was therefore sent on this understanding and a claim for the refund of the cost will be made to you in due course.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

E SOUTHERN WHALING
AND SEALING COMPANY.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

~~Secretary of State's~~
~~Governor's~~

} Despatch No. telegram of the

22nd October, 1923

Falkland Islands

No. 113

Downing Street,

20 November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the shipment of furniture,
 the property of Dr. B. J. Hallows, Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
14 November	From the Crown Agents for the Colonies
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S.1591.

CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES

4, MILLBANK,

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.

14th November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 61768/1923 dated 1st November regarding shipment of certain furniture, the property of Dr. B. J. Hallows, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Falkland Islands, and in reply to state that there is a possibility of another whaler being fixed before the end of the year calling at the Falkland Islands, but pending a definite fixing we are unable to state what the cost of freight by this means of transit would be.

2. We have obtained an offer from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company to carry this furniture by one of their cargo steamers calling at the Falkland Islands, for about £32 or alternatively by a mail steamer at a cost of about £41. We may mention that the freight at ordinary tariff rates would be about £51. The next cargo steamer sails from Liverpool on the 27th November and the next mail steamer also from Liverpool on the 6th December. It is uncertain when the following cargo steamer will sail and there are sometimes considerable intervals between sailings of mail steamers. We understand from Messrs. Shoolbred and Company - who have the furniture stored on their premises - that the cost

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of sending to Liverpool would be about £11.10.0.

3. We shall be glad to receive the Secretary of State's instructions in the matter.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) J.W.Potter.

for Crown Agents.

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55036/23.

DOWNING STREET,

24 November, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th November (S/Falkland Islands 1591) regarding a shipment of certain furniture, the property of Dr.B.J. Hallows, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Falkland Islands, and to request you to arrange for the furniture to be shipped to the Colony by the cargo boat of the 27th November. The necessary authority to do so has already been given to your shipping office semi-officially.

2. It is understood that, owing to a reduction in railway rates, the cost of the transport of the furniture to Liverpool will now be less than the figure mentioned in your letter under acknowledgment.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

AGENTS

THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 114

DOWNING STREET,

30 November, 1923.

Sir,

You have been informed by the Crown Agents for the Colonies that they have engaged Mr. A. Talbott for employment as a Police Constable in South Georgia, and that a passage would be provided for him by a steamer leaving in November.

2. As Mr. Talbott has been out of employment since July last, he applied for an advance of one month's salary which was granted to him in the usual course. Owing, however, to a further delay in his departure he has now applied for further assistance, and, in the special circumstances, it appeared to me that some concession should be made to him. Having regard to the fact that his agreement was signed on the 15th of October, I have authorised the Crown Agents to pay him an allowance equivalent to the salary of his appointment (i.e. £125 per annum) from the 15th of November inclusive up to the date of embarkation. He will, of course, remain liable for the advance already made to him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street.

115

20 November, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 27th November, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with Mr. Binnie with regard to the arrangements for his return to the Falkland Islands.

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Mr. B. 30
Nov. 23.

2. I am of opinion that, when his next becomes due for leave, it would be reasonable to take into favourable consideration the fact that he is foregoing a portion of his present leave at the request of the Colonial Government, and I trust that it will be possible to do so.

3. As regards the appointment of First Clerk I hope that it may be possible to complete the selection of a candidate in time to enable him to leave in January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Devonshire.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

PV.

37/1923.

DOWNING STREET.

23rd November, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th November stating that you propose to leave for Port Stanley about the beginning of January.

2. In the meantime a further telegram has been sent by the Officer Administering the Government of the Falklands stating that, as the Colonial Treasurer has applied for leave of absence on account of ill-health, he would be glad if arrangements could be made for you to return to the Colony in January to act as Postmaster etc.

3. The Secretary of State hopes that you will be prepared to fall in with this arrangement although he realises that it would involve you forgoing some months of the leave already granted to you.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) G. GRINDLE.

B. BINNIE, ESQ.

222c
WAVERLEY HOTEL,

SOUTHAMPTON ROW.

24th November, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 55727/23 of yesterday's date on the subject of arrangements being made for my return to Falklands in January to act as Postmaster etc. and to inform you that I am prepared to fall in with this arrangement, at the same time I trust that the amount of leave which I foresee will be taken into consideration when my next leave becomes due.

2. I have arranged to leave London to-day for Denmark and Norway and to leave Norway for Port Stanley in January so as to arrive at the end of January: I hope that this arrangement will be agreeable to the Honourable Secretary of State.

3. My address in Norway will be:

C/c. Frer Othilie Larsen,
Sandefjord.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) EDW. B. BIRNIE.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DO'NING STREET.

222d

Downing Street.

56646/1923.

30 November, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th November and to inform you that His Grace approves your proposal to leave Europe in January in order to arrive at Port Stanley at the end of that month with a view to taking up the acting appointment of Postmaster etc.

2. The Officer Administering the Government of the Falklands will be asked to give favourable consideration, if possible, to your request that the fact that you are foregoing a portion of your present leave at the request of the Colonial Government may be taken into consideration when you are next due for leave.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. CRINDLE

NIE, ESQ.

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LAND ISLANDS.116

Downing Street,

4 December, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to Mr Middleton's despatch No. 63 of the 2nd of May, I have the honour to inform you that the question of the institution of a Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme for the Falkland Islands has been discussed with the Governor, but that no decision has yet been reached.

2. It has been suggested that perhaps the recent British Honduras Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme might prove useful in considering a scheme for the Falkland Islands. Copies of that scheme, however, are not yet available, but I will address you again in the matter as soon as copies of it are received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Devonshire.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's } Despatch No. 114 of the
Governor's

30th November, 1923

Falkland Islands

No. 117

Downing Street,

14 December, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the grant of a further advance
to Mr. A. Talbot, Police Constable, South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923 10 December,	To the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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Downing Street,

10 December, 1923.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your minute N/12186 of the 1st December, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that he approves of your payment to Mr. A. Talhott, Police Constable, South Georgia, as a further advance of salary, of the sum of £4 to meet the special hardship incurred by him through causes beyond his control.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. A. READ.

BROOK AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

~~Secretary of State's~~ } Despatch No. 112 of the
 Governor's

16th August, 1923

Falkland Islands

No. 118

Downing Street,

14 December, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the supply of live gun cores
 for the Naval guns in the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
19 October	To the Admiralty.
6 December	From do.

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Downing Street,

19th October, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th July (G.8903/23) and to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands regarding the care and preservation of the two 6" Naval guns in the Colony, and to ask that two gun covers may be supplied as requested.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies would arrange to forward the covers to the Colony.

I am, etc.,

(sd) G.Grindle.

SECRETARY,

ADMIRALTY.

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Admiralty, S.W.1.

6th December, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 19th October 1923, No.49390/23, 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 arrangements have been made for the two gun covers required for the 6" Naval guns in the Falkland Islands to be manufactured at Chatham Dockyard.

2. The necessary arrangements for the shipment of the covers will be made by the Admiralty.

3. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am, etc.,

(sd) V.W. Baddeley.

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ial Office,
ndon, S.W.1.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

DOWNING STREET

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18 December, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 13th instant, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with Mr. Middleton, regarding the extension of his leave of absence with full pay, until the arrival in the Colony of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer due to leave this country on the 6th of March next.

Mr. Middleton
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2. I attach considerable importance to the retention of Mr. Middleton's services in this country at the present time, since the work on which he is engaged and which occupies so much of his time will, in my opinion, prove of great value to the Colony and its Dependencies. In these circumstances I have no doubt that the Legislative Council will readily agree to provide the additional half salary required from the 1st January 1924, and I request that you will submit a Vote to the Council accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

Devonshire.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Windham Club,

St. James's Square

S.W.1.

3rd December, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to Sir Gilbert Grindle's letter No. 54263/1923 of the 20th of November, I have the honour to state that I have been informed by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company that their Mail Steamers leaving England on the 10th of January and the 6th of March will call at the Falkland Islands.

2. The materials for the re-decoration of Government House are being shipped by S.S. ORTEGA on the 6th of December and it is not possible for the work to be completed before the arrival in the Colony of the Mail Steamer which is due to leave England on the 10th of January.

3. A considerable part of my leave of absence has already been taken up with business relating to the Colony and its Dependencies and as my time can be usefully and fully occupied with similar work until the end of February I beg to request that I may be permitted to defer my departure for the Colony until the 6th of March.

I have, etc.

(sgd.) J. Middleton.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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58929/1923

Downing Street.

18 December, 1923.

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd December and to inform you that His Grace grants you an extension of your leave of absence from the Falkland Islands until the arrival in the Colony of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer due to leave this country on the 6th of March next.

2. This extension will also be regarded as duty leave on full pay, and I am to enclose for your 1923. information a copy of a despatch to the Officer Administering the Government in which he has been instructed to invite the Legislative Council to vote the additional half salary required as from the 1st January 1924. The Officer Administering the Government has also been informed of the extension by telegram.

I am, etc.

LETON, ESQ., C.M.G.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

~~Secretary of State's~~
~~Governor's~~

} Despatch No. telegram of the

21st August, 1923.Falkland IslandsNo. 120

Downing Street,

18 December 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the export duties on whale oil
 produced in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
19 November	From the Association of Norwegian Whaling Companies
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Den Norske Hvalfangerforening

Sandefjord Norge.

den 19th November, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, latest you esteemed favour of 10th January this year No. 595.89/22, we hereby beg to ask whether the question of a revision of the export duty on Whale Oil from the Falkland Islands Dependencies has been discussed.

We hope that the circumstances have permitted a reduction in the duty for the season 1923-24 and shall be obliged to hear which decision you have arrived at.

We are etc.,

Den Norske Hvalfangerforening

(Sgd) Johan Rasmussen.

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

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1923

Downing Street,
11th December, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th November regarding the export duties on whale oil produced in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

2. The matter has been discussed with the Governor and the Secretary of State is in further communication with the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony on the subject. It is not however, contemplated that any reduction will be made in respect of the current season 1923-24 but it is hoped that some concession will be possible as from the following season. Legislation would be necessary to give effect to any reduction: and no decision can therefore be given pending consideration of the matter by the Legislative Council.

I am etc.,

(Sgd) G. Grindle.

ASSOCIATION OF
FALKLAND WHALING COMPANIES.

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ISLANDS121

Downing Street,

19 December, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 123 of the 29th of September, with regard to the pensionable service of Mr. S.H. Riches, Assistant Customs Officer.

2. I presume that the reference in paragraph 4 of your despatch to "absence without leave" should be to "absence on leave"; and, on this understanding, I concur in your view that the whole of Mr. Riches' service may be regarded as pensionable service under Section 11 of the Schedule to the Pensions Ordinance 1906.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

Devonshire.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Despatch No. 108 of the

10th August, 1923.and Islands

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Downing Street,

19 December, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the payment of Whaling fees
for spare catchers

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
30 November	From the Crown Agents for the Colonies
14 December	Do do.



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Sec. Falklands 30

30th November 1923

Gentlemen,
Sir,

We have received from the Falkland Islands Government a copy of the "Falkland Islands Gazette" dated September 1st 1923. With reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter from the Southern Whaling & Sealing Co. Ltd., respecting the Whaling Regulations 1923, published in the "Falkland Islands Gazette" on the 1st of September 1923, and to enquire whether we may accept payment of the fees for spare catchers from the Companies in possession of whaling licences.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

der Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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The Southern Whaling & Sealing Co.Ltd. to Crown Agents.

A 18 Exchange Buildings,
Liverpool.

23rd November 1923

Gentlemen,

We have received from the Falkland Islands Government a copy of the "Falkland Islands Gazette" dated September 1st 1923, in which condition is made to the "regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Whale Fishery Ordinance No.5 of 1908." For Companies employing a spare whale catcher at South Georgia to take the place of a licensed catcher in the event of the latter being laid up for repairs, it is necessary for the Whaling Companies concerned to pay to the Falkland Islands Government a fee of £50 in respect of such spare catcher.

We shall be glad if you will kindly inform us whether it will be necessary for us to forward our cheque for this amount for the present season to the Falkland Islands direct, or whether payment of same will be accepted by you.

Thanking you in anticipation.

We are, etc.,
The Southern Whaling & Sealing Co.Ltd.

(Sd) G.Humphreys.

Accountant.

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58660/23

Downing Street

14 December, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th of November (O/Sec. Falklands 39) and to inform you that there is no objection to your accepting payment of Whaling fees for spare catchers from Companies in possession of whaling licences.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

Signed) G. GRINDLE

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THE COLONIES.

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Reference to previous correspondence :—

Secretary of State's
Governor's } Despatch No.

Falkland Islands123

Downing Street,

19 December, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the engagement of a blacksmith
for the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

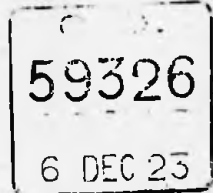
The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

Devonshire.

Date.	Description.
1923	
5 December	From the Crown Agents for the Colonies
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M/12218

5th December 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 45353/23 of the 24th September approving the engagement of a blacksmith for the Falkland Islands as successor to Mr. Cole. I have the honour to state that the vacancy has been advertised but no candidate has been able to produce the required farrier's certificate.

2. Two of the applicants however have considerable experience of army farrier work, and in these circumstances I have to enquire if the Secretary of State approves of the appointment, if otherwise suitable, being offered to a candidate who does not hold the certificate but who has had army farrier experience as a N.C.O. together with civilian experience of general blacksmithing.

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

(Sd) J. W. Potter.

Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S. W. 1.

for Crown Agents.

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59326/1923.

Downing Street.

15 December, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th December (M/12218) relative to the engagement of a blacksmith for the Falkland Islands, and to inform you that, after consulting the Governor, His Grace agrees that the requirement of a farrier's certificate may be waived in this case, provided that you are satisfied that the candidate to be selected has had adequate practical experience as a farrier and is in all other respects suitable.

2. It is desirable, if possible that the candidate selected should sail by the steamer of the 10th January, 1924.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

GEORGE C. OSBOLD

ROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.