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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 82.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
26th April, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 69 of the 14th of July, 1926, on the subject of the renewal of the lease to the Compania Argentina de Pesca of the lands situated in the harbour of Grytviken, South Georgia, I have the honour to inform you that the formal renewal of the lease up to the 31st of May, 1929, has now been completed in accordance with your instructions.

2. I would add that the conditions specified in the second schedule to the lease have been revised so as to conform with those set out in the enclosure to the letter, No. C.4046/26 of the 14th of July, 1926, addressed to Messrs Brandt's Sons and Company from the Colonial Office, a copy of which formed an enclosure to your despatch under reference, except that the terms of section 3 (8) of the conditions have been amplified by the addition at the end of the words "and to the Director of the Meteorological Office of the Air Ministry, London" in order to cover the question treated

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L. C. M. S. ANERY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

in the previous correspondence terminating in Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 124 of the 10th of November, 1926, relative to the rendition by the Company of meteorological information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
29th April, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 83.

Sir,

With reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 61 of the 13th of May, 1926, I have the honour to seek your approval for the payment of an allowance at the rate of £10 a month to Mr. G. R. L. Brown whilst performing the duties of Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat during the period of my administration of the Government pending the arrival in the Colony of Mr. Hodson.

2. During this period a proportion of the salary of Colonial Secretary will lapse, and accordingly, the proposed payment will cause no excess in the Estimates.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

30th April, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 84.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 6 of the 7th of January, 1927, forwarding a summons issued by the Judge of Onsoy for service on Eilif Emil Haug, employed at South Georgia, I have the honour to inform you that the writ in question was duly served on Mr. Haug, and to enclose a certificate from the Magistrate, South Georgia, to this effect.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 84
of the 30th of April, 1927.

POLICE OFFICE,
SOUTH GEORGIA,
28th March, 1926.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY
SERVED A SUMMONS ON EILIF EMIL NAUG ISSUED BY
THE JUDGE AT ØNSOY ON THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER, 1926.

(SGD.) E. B. BINNIE,
MAGISTRATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
3rd May, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 85.

Sir,

With reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 72 of the 12th of April, 1927, I have the honour to attach a certificate in respect of four and a half months' vacation leave to be followed by three and a half months' leave on half salary which has been granted to Mr. T. V. Hooley, with effect from the 30th of April, 1927.

2. Mr. Hooley has been informed of the action taken to assist him in the matter of his wish to extend his knowledge of Wireless Telegraphy while on leave, and has been instructed to report at the Colonial Office on arrival in England for any instructions in this connection which it may be desired to give him.

3. I would add that Mr. Hooley has been described in the despatch under reference as Operator at the Stanley Wireless Telegraph Station, in which office he has been serving temporarily for the past few months, but that his substantive post is that of Assistant Operator at the Wireless Station, South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES.

J. M. ELLIS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
6th May, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 86.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that it has been necessary to effect certain repairs to the main supplying water to the Magistrate's Quarters and to the Marine Station at Grytviken, South Georgia, at a total cost of £22.

2. I would explain that this amount has been charged against subhead (b) Other Charges, South Georgia, 3. Maintenance of works and buildings, under the Dependencies Ordinary Expenditure, but that it would appear that the one-half of the amount is properly chargeable against the Research and Development Fund in respect of the Marine Station.

3. In the circumstances I have to request your authority for the adjustment of this expenditure by the transfer of the sum of £11 from the Research and Development Fund to the subhead of the Dependencies Ordinary Expenditure above mentioned as an overpayment recovered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

J. M. ELLIS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th May, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 87.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a report by the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones relative to the condition of the local telephone service and to address you in the matter of the adoption of the measures advocated by Captain Nethercoate in order to raise the present standard of efficiency.

2. I am able from personal experience to endorse the several difficulties which the staff has to meet in existing circumstances and I consider that the programme of improvements put forward is both practical and economical. I would also explain that in the absence of a trained linesman it has not been possible in the past to give the full measure of attention to maintenance and to the repair of faults.

3. I have consulted the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils in this connection and they have expressed to me their unqualified approval of Captain Nethercoate's proposals. In particular the Honourable H. H. R. Gresham, M.L.C., has stated his willingness to vote expenditure on work of the nature indicated greatly in excess of the sum of £335 estimated.

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D. C. M. S. JEMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. I have therefore to request your sanction to the immediate execution of the programme drawn up by the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones and to the expenditure on this service during the current financial period of a total sum not exceeding £350 under a new subhead of Head VI. "Telegraphs and Telephones - Improvements to existing telephone system". I would explain that there should be no difficulty in defraying this excess on the approved estimates of the expenditure out of the ordinary revenue for 1927.

5. In the event of your approval of these proposals I should be glad if I may be notified by telegram as it is desirable that the work should be put in hand at as early a date as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(3) High cost of maintenance J. M. ELLIS. through the linesman's time being taken up in carrying out repairs which equally have the service going but do not improve conditions. The system at the present is getting slowly worse.

(4) Possibility of complete disorganisation of the system in prolonged spell of bad weather. The system is getting slowly worse.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH. No. 87
of the 6th of May, 1927.

COPY.

REPORT ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

In order to bring the telephone system to a more satisfactory standard of efficiency the following difficulties require to be overcome.

- (1) Cross-talk. This is bad on both local and trunk lines and is caused by the poor condition of the local lines which have very high resistance owing to the number of unsoldered joints and considerable leakage to earth due to the condition of the cables and the wiring at the subscribers end. Also the system in vogue of permitting the earth return Camp lines to be run into the Exchange causes heavy induction.
- (2) Unreliability of Service caused by the extremely high number of faults on local lines. Every day some of the local lines are out of order and in attempting to put these right other faults develop. None of the lines will stand tightening sufficiently owing to the number of joints and the fact that the lines are worn almost through through being allowed to remain slack.
- (3) High cost of maintenance caused through the linesman's time being taken up in carrying out repairs which merely keep the service going but do not improve conditions. The system at the moment is getting slowly worse.
- (4) Possibility of complete disorganization of the system in prolonged spell of bad weather.

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Attention is invited to the fact that in the past the maintenance was carried out by several members of the Police Force who combined could cope with several breaks a day by just twisting the wires together. The work now falls entirely on the linesman who finds difficulty in keeping pace with the number of breaks.

The operating is at present carried out by one operator with a relief-operator during the light duty hours.

There is no night operator and it is doubtful whether the system of having a night-operator to sleep on the premises was satisfactory. It is not practicable to use an alarm bell on account of the Camp lines (earthed) becoming charged with atmospheric electricity.

There is considerable congestion on the switch-board and also on all the pole routes. Applications for additional subscribers have to be refused.

The line to Pembroke Light-House is in a very bad condition and requires practically re-building. Faults developing on this line take the linesman a day to clear.

The following programme is submitted as being the most economical and likely to produce an efficient service.

(a) Installation of 100-line switch-board in a combined telegraph and telephone office in the room now designated "Waiting Room" opposite the Post Office.

(b) /

- (b) Erection of aerial cables radiating from the Town Hall, South to S. Mary's Walk, West to the Colonial Secretary's Office and East to West Store (F.I.Coy.)
- (c) Re-fitting of Light-house line.
- (d) Institution of two shifts of operators at the switch-board covering 16 hours, the remaining 8 hours to be done by wireless operator if required.
- (e) Arrangements made with the owners of Camp Lines to put the lines in good condition and maintain them for an arranged distance from Stanley.

The estimated cost of the above work is as follows :-

- (a) £200.
- (b) £75.
- (c) £60.
- (d) No additional cost.
- (e) Depending on the amount the owners are prepared to have carried out.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

STANLEY,

7th May, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 88.

Sir,

I have the honour to seek your approval of the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £350 from the surplus balances of the Colony on works connected with the improvement of Stanley Cemetery and of the approaches thereto.

2. You will recollect that in the Estimates of the Expenditure for the year 1926 as approved by your telegram of the 6th of January, 1926, provision was made for the expenditure of the sum of £292 on this service under Appendix I, item 1. "Stanley Cemetery, Improvement of" as part of a total expenditure of £1250 originally estimated for the whole work and that in the Estimates of the Expenditure for the year 1927 as approved by your telegram of the 1st of January, 1927, no provision for this service was included. The item has thus been allowed to lapse partly through oversight and partly through an imperfect appreciation of the position by reason of the absence on leave in the United Kingdom of the Colonial Engineer at the time of the preparation of the Estimates.

3. I would explain that the actual amount

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

expended in this connection up to the 31st of December, 1926, is £955. 6s. 5d, leaving an expendable balance of £294. 13s. 7d, on the original estimate. The Colonial Engineer has prepared a programme of work necessary for the completion of the improvements to the cemetery at present contemplated. These improvements include the extension of the front wall, the construction of a concrete half-channel drain, and the spreading of shingle on the footpaths both inside and outside of the cemetery. An expenditure of £240 approximately is involved.

4. I am satisfied that the works in question are necessary for the completion of the scheme originally drawn up and that the expenditure is justified. My opinion is shared by the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils whom I have consulted. It is unnecessary for me to add that the surplus balances of the Colony which stood at £41.891.16s. 0d, on the 1st of January, 1927, can well bear the charge.

5. I would add that there are indications of appreciable unemployment to be faced in Stanley during the coming winter and that I am anxious as far as possible to provide employment on public works during that period.

6. I shall be grateful, therefore, in view of the near approach of the winter for the signification of your approval of the proposed

expenditure /

expenditure, if granted, by telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

The following is a summary of the expenditure of the Department of the Interior for the year 1901-02 as shown by your statement of the 15th of December, 1901. The provision was made for the expenditure of the sum of \$200 on this service under Article 1, Item 1, Stanley Denotey, Improvement of the road to a total expenditure of \$100 originally estimated by the whole work was done in the amount of the Expenditure for the year 1901-02 as shown by your telegram of the 1st of December, 1901, no provision for this service was included. The sum has thus been allowed to leave partly because of oversight and partly through an imperfect knowledge of the position in regard to the service in the United States at the time the estimate at the time of the preparation of the statement.

THE SECRETARY OF THE
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 89.

STANLEY,

26th May, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence terminating with Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's telegram of the 1st of April, 1927, on the subject of the additional facilities granted to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, and to Chr. Salvesen and Company for whaling off the South Orkneys during the 1926-1927 season and to report on the manner in which these two companies have availed themselves of the concession afforded to them.

2. The s.s. "Southern Queen", the floating factory belonging to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, and licensed for the South Shetlands, operated off the South Orkneys under the terms of the special permit from the 27th of December, 1926, to the 28th of February, 1927, and from the 17th to the 31st of March, 1927. Her catch for the combined periods amounted to 109 blue whales, 284 fin whales, 2 sperm whales, and 2 humpbacks with a total yield of 26,160 barrels of oil. The Manager of the s.s. "Southern Queen" complied in every respect with the conditions of the permit and expressed himself verbally to me on the occasion of his passage through Stanley on return to Europe as grateful for the concession granted and as well satisfied with the results obtained so

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

much so that he desired to make application for the renewal of the permit during the 1927-1928 season.

3. In regard to Messrs Salvesens' two floating factories, the s.s. "Saragossa" and the s.s. "Sevilla" I regret to say that although the results which they obtained were equally satisfactory the manner in which they observed the conditions of the special permit calls for strong comment, and I would invite your reference in this connection to your telegram of the 18th of January, 1927, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's telegram in reply of the 21st of January, 1927. The full facts of the case have now been ascertained to be as follows.

4. The s.s. "Saragossa" operated off the South Orkneys in accordance with the terms of the permit from the 19th of December, 1926, to the 5th of February, 1927, and in addition outside territorial waters in this vicinity for four days after she had cleared for the South Shetlands on the latter date. Her catch amounted to 80 blue whales, 132 fin whales, and 1 humpback with a total yield of 12,960 barrels of oil.

5. The s.s. "Sevilla" arrived off the South Orkneys on or about the 10th of January, 1927, and contrary to the terms of the permit forthwith began to operate in territorial waters simultaneously with the s.s. "Saragossa" in spite of the objection of the whaling officer, a copy of whose report is enclosed. Subsequently on the receipt of telegraphic instructions from the Colonial Secretary through the Magistrate, South Georgia, the whaling

officer/

Enclosure I.

officer was able to induce the Manager of the s.s. "Sevilla" to cease operations within territorial waters. She remained off the South Orkneys, however, and conducted semi-pelagic operations there until the 6th of February, 1927, on which date the permit became effective in her case. Between the 6th of February and the 31st of March, 1927, she fished from harbours in the South Orkneys. Her catch was 80 blue whales, 180 fin whales, and 2 humpbacks with a total yield of 17,231 barrels.

6. The actions of the s.s. "Sevilla" as described in the preceding paragraph were in direct contravention of the terms of the concession granted to Messrs Salvesen. The Whaling Officer, South Shetlands, repeatedly warned the Manager that he was out of order in proceeding to the South Orkneys and impressed upon him that he could not operate there at the same time as the s.s. "Saragossa". The Manager was acting, however, on telegraphic instructions from Messrs Salvesen to proceed to the South Orkneys if fishing was bad at the South Shetlands and persisted in his intention so that Mr. Bennett finally cleared him with an endorsement on the ship's papers in the words "proceeding to South Orkneys without permission to fish." Notwithstanding these express warnings and of the protest of the Whaling Officer, South Orkneys, the s.s. "Sevilla" commenced operations immediately on arrival at the South Orkneys as explained in the preceding paragraph.

Enclosure II.

7. In view of the instructions sent to the Manager of the s.s. "Sevilla" by Messrs Salvesen and of the telegraphic correspondence of which I annex a copy exchanged between the Colonial Secretary and that firm in this connection I feel that it is impossible to absolve Messrs Salvesen from the responsibility for this irregularity. Adequate control of the whaling industry in the South Shetlands and the South Orkneys is difficult to ensure and it is essential to insist on the strict observance of the regulations and of the conditions on which licences are granted and also to uphold in every way possible the authority of the Whaling Officers. In my opinion it is a matter of great regret that an attitude tantamount to one of defiance should have been assumed by a floating factory belonging to one of the two British firms engaged in the industry in the Dependencies of this Colony and I would ask that a suitable representation may be made to Messrs Salvesen in the matter.

8. Furthermore it would seem to be a breach of the spirit at any rate in which the special permit was granted that the s.s. "Sevilla" being a floating factory licensed to operate from South Shetlands harbours should operate off the South Orkneys just outside territorial limits for an approximate period of one month.

9. I would add that in putting forward the recommendation contained in my telegram of the 16th of May, 1927, that the limites of the areas covered by the licences granted to floating factories to
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operate at the South Shetlands and at the South Orkneys should be defined in future by the 52nd parallel of west longitude I had in mind inter alia the circumstances of this case.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

I beg to inform you that I boarded "Deville" on her arrival here at 7.30 p.m. and enquired of the manager Mr. Davidson's object in coming to the South Orkneys. He informed me that he had come to determine fishing time here as he had received a telegram from the Western Division as follows "If prospects do not improve recommend vessels 'Orkney' and that he believed from that, they had procured a new licence."

I asked him if he thoroughly understood the terms of the special licence granted to S/S, "Orkney" and "Deville" particularly to the stipulation that the two factories were not to operate here at the same time. He replied in the affirmative. I then told him that as far as I knew those stipulations had not been altered and that he would not be allowed to fish here and that not otherwise. He replied that he was certain that a new licence had been procured and must be delayed somewhere and that the cost of keeping the factory and catchers idle until that arrived was the great

MR. B. MINKIE, ASST. REGISTRAR, SOUTH GEORGIA.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1 TO FAULKNER ISLANDS DESPATCH,
No. 89 of the 26th of May, 1927.

COPY.

SIGNY ISLAND,

SOUTH ORKNEYS,

13th January, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of 11th January in regard to action taken by the Manager of S/S "Sevilla".

I beg to inform you that I boarded "Sevilla" on her arrival here at 7.30 p.m. and enquired of the Manager Mr. Davidsen his object in coming to the South Orkneys. He informed me that he had come to commence fishing from here as he had received a telegram from his owners worded as follows "If prospects do not improve recommend proceed Orkneys" and that he believed from that, they had procured a new licence.

I asked him if he thoroughly understood the terms of the special licence granted to S/S "Saragossa" and "Sevilla" particularly to the stipulation that the two factories were not to operate here at the same time. He replied in the affirmative, I then told him that as far as I knew those stipulations had not been altered and that he would not be allowed to fish here and must not commence. He replied that he was certain that a new licence had been procured and must be delayed somewhere and that the cost of keeping the factory and catchers idle until that arrived was too great

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EDW. B. BINNIE, Esq.,
MAGISTRATE,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

and also that his owners would not have ordered him to the Orkneys if they had not got a new licence adding that "my boats must commence fishing and if I am breaking the regulations the owners must pay the fine". I again informed him that he must not commence fishing and that I thought he had either miscoded the telegram or there was a mistake in the wording, but found that no argument I could use would convince him that he was adopting the wrong policy. He then ordered his catchers to proceed to sea to commence fishing adding that he should go and look for anchorage for "Sevilla" close to "Saragossa" in Washington Strait and that she was to proceed there in the morning and he would meet her there.

I asked him to wait until I had telegraphed you but he refused, and went to sea. I then returned to "Orwell" after telling Captain Hansen of "Sevilla" that if he intended to move his ship in the morning I should go with him.

The following morning I went with "Sevilla" to Washington Strait and met Mr. Davidsen on the catcher "Sousa" towing two fin whales and one blue which he brought to the factory while we were in territorial waters. I shewed him your telegram and was able to convince him that there was no alterations made or any new licence granted. He then informed me that he should not return to the South Shetlands but would fish outside the limit of territorial waters until "Saragossa" had completed her term, that being the 5th of February. He returned/

returned out to sea and the factory took me back to Signe Island after which she went out to sea.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter from the Whaling Officer at South Shetlands which I received by S/S "Sevilla".

Sir,

S.S. "Sevilla" I am, etc., out for South Orkneys on the (SGD.) W. C. RUMFOLDS. I have telegraphed Whaling Officer. I have not got an answer yet. I have no orders other than the original, - one only of Messrs Silvean's Co's ships at a time. Of course you may have orders direct. Should I get orders I will wire you, or Sevilla.

In view of existing orders, I should advise you not to allow Sevilla to start fishing while Saragoza is there also or until you receive definite orders to do so.

The Captain of Sevilla understands this.

I am, etc.,
(SGD.) A. G. BENNETT.
Whaling Officer.

MR. W. C. RUMFOLDS,
WHALING OFFICER,
SOUTH ORKNEYS.

STANDARD TELEGRAPHIC COMPANY
COPY.

Deception Is.

7th January, 1937.

Sir,

S.S. "Sevilla" is clearing out for South Orkneys on the strength of a private telegram. I have telegraphed Stanley but cannot get an answer yet. I have no orders other than the original, - one only of Messrs Salvesen's Co's ships at a time. Of course you may have orders direct. Should I get orders I will wire you, or Sevilla.

In view of existing orders, I should advise you not to allow Sevilla to start fishing while Saragossa is there also or until you receive definite orders to do so.

The Captain of Sevilla understands this.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) A.G. BENNETT.

Whaling Officer.

MR. W. C. RUMBOLDS,
WHALING OFFICER,
SOUTH ORKNEYS.

ENCLOSURE No. II to FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH,
No. 89 of the 26th of May, 1927.

COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM MESSRS OHR. SALVESEN
& CO., TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 14th January, 1927. Time: 9.25.
Received: 15th January, 1927. Time: 10.45.

COLONIAL SECRETARY
PORTSTANLEY.

Sevilla wirelesses prohibited fish (orkneys
this contrary Colonial Office permission granted
second November as factory lying idle kindly
telegraph instructions whaling officer concerned.

SALVESEN.

COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
TO MESSRS CHR. SALVESEN & COMPANY.

Despatched: 17th January, 1937. Time: 3.50 p.m

SALVESEN
LEITH.

As Saragossa was reported already fishing
South Orkneys Whaling Officer was instructed to
prohibit Sevilla operate also in accordance with
proviso contained Colonial Office permission 2nd
November that two factories shall not operate
simultaneously South Orkneys.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 90.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 18 of the 4th of March, 1927, on the subject of the arrangement for the provision of medical attendance for Government Officials at South Georgia, I have the honour to inform you in reply to the enquiry therein that the medical practitioner stationed at Grytviken is Dr. Harald Ulrik Sverdrup, who is the holder of the diploma of the University of Christiania, granted to him under date the 12th of June, 1917, and that he is resident in the Dependency throughout the year.

2. I would explain that the services of Dr. Sverdrup are not wholly at the disposal of the Compania Argentina de Pesca but are shared by certain other whaling companies at South Georgia and in this connection I attach a copy of a letter received from the Compania Argentina de Pesca relative to the agreement which exists for his maintenance. You will observe that it is proposed that the Government should join with the present parties to the arrangement in contributing to the cost of maintaining this Doctor

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

In duplicate.

in proportion to the number of persons which they and the Government severally employ.

3. I consider that the arrangement suggested will fully meet the requirements of the Government in this matter and that the basis of payment proposed, which in the case of the contribution from the Government will average about £50 annually, is equitable. As you are aware it was originally anticipated that the sum of £150 a year would be required for this service.

4. I would add that I have caused the Companie Argentina de Pesca to be informed that the revised arrangement is acceptable to this Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 90
of the 1st of June, 1927.

COPY.

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA.
Sociedad Anonima.

Buenos Aires,
Bne. Mitre 478.

January 7th. 1927.

Colonial Secretary
of the Falkland Islands,
Fort Stanley.

Sir,

Under reference to our respects of November 15th. we beg to inform you that no objections have been raised on part of the companies with whom we have doctor together at South Georgia to any arrangement made for providing medical attendance to Government officials at the island,

As previously mentioned the necessary instructions have been given to our whaling station at Grytviken.

Between other companies and ourselves the following agreement has been entered into regarding the doctor and we beg to suggest that the Government also accept this as we believe that it will be the most equitable settlement of the question.

In the summer months the physician, whose residence will be at Grytviken, renders services onboard the Floating Factory "THOR I" belonging to Messrs. Bryde & Dahl of Sandeffjord, Norway, and at Grytviken he will attend to Government officials and the men at our station.

In the winter months when there is usually only one physician at the island, our doctor will also attend the men remaining at the other companies'

stations/

stations at South Georgia. The doctor is to receive a yearly salary of

Norwegian kroner 18.000. about £950.

With addition of expenses for board calculated at kroner 250. a month	3.000.	"	£160.
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the total amount will be kr. 21.000. about £1110.

This is suggested divided in the following way:
 2/3rds between the Government, Messrs. Bryde & Dahl and Compania Argentina de Pesca in proportion to the number of men employed by each in the summer time and 1/3rd between the Government, Messrs. Bryde & Dahl, A/S Tonsberg Hvalfangeri, A/S Vestfold, The Southern Whaling & Sealing Co. Ltd., possibly The South Georgia Co. Ltd. and ourselves, also in proportion to the number of men employed in the winter time. As winter months are considered: June, July, August, September.

A refund of kroner 250. per month will be made to us for the doctor's board at Grytviken.

We trust that this arrangement will be acceptable to the Government.

We are, etc.,

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA
Sociedad Anonima

(Sgd.) G. M. PASSMAN.

Presidente.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. G. M. S. SMERY, F.C., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE DOMINIONS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

1st June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 91.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 141 of the 30th of December, 1926, I have the honour to report in accordance with your instructions on the measures which have been taken locally for combating the pest of the blow-fly.

2. You will recollect that Sir John Middleton in paragraph 6 of his letter of the 15th of December, 1926, a copy of which was enclosed in your despatch under reference, recommended inter alia that the Board of Health should consider what means are practicable for ensuring the destruction of carcasses on the common and the other lands in the vicinity of the town of Stanley. This recommendation has been duly referred to the Board of Health and appropriate bye-laws have been made of which I annex a copy for your facility of reference. I am of opinion that these bye-laws should prove to be effective in their operation.

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3. Sir John Middleton further recommended the use for this purpose of the West Australia fly-trap. The twelve traps and the necessary quantity of wire gauze for making fifty additional traps ordered by him through the Crown Agents for the Colonies were

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received in February. Although the past summer has not been so noticeable as some others for the prevalence of the blow-fly a trial has been made with the traps at Government House, at Sullivan House, the official residence of the Colonial Secretary, and at other suitable places, including the Hospital. The results of this trial cannot be said to have been generally satisfactory but experiments will be renewed next season.

4. In accordance with Sir John Middleton's third recommendation two consignments of parasitised puparia of the blow-fly have been sent to the Colony from the Imperial Bureau of Entomology. The first consignment was received on the 2nd of February, and the second on the 27th of April, 1927, but hitherto the parasite, Alysia Manducator, has failed to show any sign of development. In the absence of Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist, as Whaling Officer at the South Shetlands the assistance of Mr. N. A. Mackintosh of the 'Discovery' expedition, senior scientific officer in R.S.S. "William Scoresby", was sought in this connection and was willingly given. I enclose a copy of a report furnished at my request by Mr. Mackintosh and also of a letter addressed by the Colonial Secretary to the Director of the Imperial Bureau of Entomology which sets out the present position. You will see that the further advice of the Bureau in the matter has been asked

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Enclosure III.

REGULATION No. 1-3 - BURIAL REGULATIONS

No. VI of the Act of June, 1927.

and that in the meantime the parasitised puparia are being carefully preserved and watched.

THAT OFFICER.

1. The person I have the honour to be,
the limits of the town or Sir,
shall vary the care. Your most obedient,
eight hours of death to a ...
feet. humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

2. If the owner as aforesaid shall fail to bury the carcass within forty-eight hours the Inspector of Nuisances on receipt of information to such effect shall serve on him a notice in writing requiring him to bury the carcass within a further period of forty-eight hours and if the owner as aforesaid shall still fail to bury the carcass within such period of forty-eight hours the Inspector of Nuisances shall forthwith cause the carcass to be buried.

3. In any case under the preceding regulations where the owner as aforesaid shall fail to bury the carcass within forty-eight hours of the receipt of a notice in writing from the Inspector of Nuisances and the Inspector of Nuisances shall cause the carcass to be buried the owner as aforesaid shall pay to the Inspector of Nuisances as damages the costs of such burial not exceeding £1 and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £5.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH,

No. 91 of the 1st of June, 1927.

DRAFT BYE-LAWS.

1. The owner of any animal which dies within the limits of the town or the common of Stanley shall bury the carcass of such animal within forty-eight hours of death to a depth of at least three feet.

2. If the owner as aforesaid shall fail to bury the carcass within forty-eight hours the Inspector of Nuisances on receipt of information to such effect shall serve on him a notice in writing calling upon him to bury the carcass within a further period of forty-eight hours and if the owner as aforesaid shall still fail to bury the carcass within such period of forty-eight hours the Inspector of Nuisances shall forthwith cause the carcass to be buried.

3. In any case under the preceding bye-laws where the owner as aforesaid shall fail to bury the carcass within forty-eight hours of the receipt of a notice in writing from the Inspector of Nuisances and the Inspector of Nuisances shall cause the carcass to be buried the owner as aforesaid shall pay to the Inspector of Nuisances on demand the costs of such burial not exceeding £1 and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £5.

ENCLOSURE No. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH,No. 91 of the 1st of June, 1927.

R.S.S. William Scoresby

May 1st 1927

Sir,

At the request of H.E. the Acting Governor I am writing to report on the blow fly puparia, parasitised by Alysia Manducator, which were sent to Stanley on the recommendation of Sir John Middleton.

I have made an examination of the puparia and taken steps to provide for the hatching out of the parasite. The instructions as to the handling of the puparia did not clearly indicate the method by which the parasite should actually be applied so as to be propagated among the blow flies of the Falkland Islands but the programme we have adopted is as follows. The puparia were kept, together with the moss in which they were sent, in glass jars, and it was hoped that the parasite would hatch out and could subsequently be applied to blowfly maggots collected locally. Some of the puparia were kept in the Government Naturalist's workshop, and some (at a more equable temperature) in the Police Station. Up to now however the parasite has shown no sign of hatching out.

I have opened some of the puparia at the laboratory of the R.S.S. William Scoresby. The contents were in the liquified condition and though they may well have been alive all those examined contained a number of active Nematode worms. There was no actual appearance of specimens of Alysia in the course of development.

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THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 - 2 - PARASITISED PUPARIA OF THE
No. 91 of the 1st of June, 1927.

No. 5727.

The new supply of parasitised puparia received by the S.S. Ballena and forwarded by parcel post instead of by cold storage have a more healthy appearance and do not appear to be infected by nematodes. They are also being kept in glass jars and are being watched for signs of development.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge with thanks, etc., receipt of your letters of the 22nd of February, 1927, relative to the introduction into this colony of the parasite *Allysius Macgregori* and also of the copy of the pamphlet on the breeding of blowflies kindly supplied by the Agency General for Eastern Australia and enclosed in the former letter.

I am to say that the two consignments of parasitised blowfly puparia have been safely received, the one by s.s. "Vernona" on the 2nd of February, 1927, and the other by s.s. "Ballena" on the 27th of April, 1927.

I would explain that in the absence with the 'Discovery' expedition of Mr. J. K. MacLellan, Government Naturalist, and at the South Islands of Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist, it was difficult at first to ascertain exactly the proper method of handling the parasitised puparia. On the arrival however of the R.S.S. "William Seabrook" of the 'Discovery' expedition the assistance of Mr. E. A. Mackintosh, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., the

senior/

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IMPERIAL BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY,
BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),
CRIVELL ROAD,
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ENCLOSURE No. III TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH.No. 91 of the 1st of June, 1927.No. 57/27.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

6th May, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letters of the 22nd of January and of the 5th of February, 1927, relative to the introduction into this Colony of the parasite *Alysia Manducator* and also of the copy of the pamphlet on the trapping of blowflies kindly supplied by the Agent General for Western Australia and enclosed in the former letter.

2. I am to say that the two consignments of parasitised blowfly puparia have been safely received, the one by s.s. "Orduna" on the 2nd of February, 1927. and the other by s.s. "Ballena" on the 27th of April, 1927.

3. I would explain that in the absence with the 'Discovery' expedition of Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Government Naturalist, and at the South Shetlands of Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist, it was difficult at first to ascertain exactly the proper method of handling the parasitised puparia. On the arrival however of the R.S.S. "William Scoresby" of the 'Discovery' expedition the assistance of Mr. N. A. Mackintosh, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., the senior/

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senior scientific officer on board, was sought and there is no reason to believe that any step prejudicial to the success of the experiment has been taken.

4. I am to enclose for your information a copy of a report furnished by Mr. Mackintosh in this connection and I would add that there has been no sign of life from the puparia up to the present date.

5. You will see that Mr. Mackintosh considers that the first consignment of the puparia may not have been in as healthy a condition as those recently received. I should be glad to learn whether this is in fact the case in view of the apparent infection by nematode worms to which reference is made.

6. I am also to enquire at what temperature it is desirable that the parasitised puparia should be kept previous to hatching and at what dates it is to be anticipated that the several consignments will become active.

7. I am to express the grateful appreciation of this Government for your good offices in this connection.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) G. R. L. BROWN.

for Colonial Secretary.

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L. C. M. S. SMYTH, M.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

1st June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 92.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of an interim report by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Whaling Officer, on the whaling season 1926-1927 at the South Shetlands. You will observe that the tabulated results of the season's catch are not included in the report. In view of the many and important questions raised in it I have not desired to delay its transmission to you on this account and I will forward the completed returns with necessary comments as soon as they become available.

Enclosure I.

2. I enclose a copy of a report furnished in this connection by Dr. S. W. Kemp, Director of Research for the 'Discovery' expedition, consequent on personal discussion of the issues involved. I have to express myself as being in agreement generally with the opinions held by Dr. Kemp.

Enclosure II.

3. The season must be described as unsatisfactory from the point of view of the majority of the companies in operation at the South Shetlands. For the greater part of the season whales were scarce and inferior and total failure was prevented only by a short period of good fishing from the middle of March to the middle of April. Although there is little doubt that the South

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Shetlands is overfished at present it would be rash, nevertheless, in my opinion positively to assign the small number and poor condition of the whales there taken during the past season to any other cause than seasonal fluctuation.

4. I propose to review in serial order the several matters touched upon by Mr. Bennett and by Dr. Kemp. In the first place it would appear to be of material importance to reduce in any way practicable the number of floating factories licensed to operate at the South Shetlands. This might be effected by the transfer to the South Orkneys of one or more of the floating factories licensed for the South Shetlands. In this connection I would state that I understand in conversation with Commander J. R. Stenhouse, D.S.O., of the R.R.S. "Discovery" that the previous objection to this course on the score of the lack of suitable anchorage at the South Orkneys should not prove to be insuperable. Furthermore the companies operating at the South Shetlands appear for the most part not to be established and to work on any sound financial lines but to be animated solely by the spirit of greed. I cannot refrain in the circumstances from the reflection that it might be no bad thing if one or two of the least efficient should find themselves unable in a future season to continue and thus permit of the cancellation of their licences. I should add that in the expression of this sentiment I am influenced in some degree by the consideration that the land station is superior beyond comparison to the floating factory /

factory as an economical method of working.

para 5. The matter of the substitution by the companies of gunner-managers for the old class of managers in command of the expeditions is, I concur, serious but in solution it is beset with difficulty. Dr. Kemp is of opinion, however, that the change is being forced upon the companies by the gunners and that the former would welcome any action which might enable them to resist a tendency originating in the cupidity of the latter. I have to suggest that any step which is possible may be taken to verify the attitude of the companies in the matter and to ascertain whether such restriction as can properly be imposed by this Government is likely to be effective in result.

para 6. In regard to the semi-pelagic operations conducted off the pack-ice by the South Shetlands floating factories at the beginning of the season I have thought proper to recommend to you in my telegram of the 16th of May, 1927, the adoption of the measure advocated by Mr. Bennett and Dr. Kemp so as to shorten the season at the South Shetlands from the 10th of November to the 10th of May in each year. It is rare that the harbours at the South Shetlands are sufficiently free from ice to permit of an unimpeded entry prior to the former date and in practice the latter date has been seldom exceeded. The whales moreover do not make their appearance in this area in any number much before the middle of November.

para 7. You are aware that I have also recommended in this same telegram the delimitation of the South

Shetlands

Shetlands and the South Orkneys areas by the 52nd parallel of west longitude. During the past season many of the floating factories licensed for the South Shetlands were operating at one time to the south and to the east of the South Orkneys and without claiming to exercise control over extra-territorial waters I would suggest that operations such as those referred to by Mr. Bennett amount to trespass beyond the limits of the areas for which licences to operate in territorial waters are granted and may properly be regarded as infringing on such licences and as being prejudicial to their continuance.

8. The delimitation in this manner of the areas covered by the respective licences will facilitate the more efficient control of the industry by the whaling officers in the Dependencies of the South Shetlands and of the South Orkneys. The general question of control is such as to require the most careful consideration and I do not propose to touch on it in any detail in this despatch. I would ask your reference, however, to my despatch, No. 89 of the 26th of May, 1927, in regard to the irregular circumstances of the simultaneous conduct of operations at the South Orkneys by the s.s. "Sevilla" and the s.s. "Saragossa" instanced in paragraph 27 of Mr. Bennett report. I agree with Dr. Kemp's suggestion relative to the compulsory notification of their movements by floating factories and I propose to give administrative effect thereto from the beginning of the 1927-1928 whaling season.

9. I propose similarly to give effect to Dr. Kemp's recommendation that the manager of every land station and floating factory operating in the Dependencies should be required to furnish in an appropriate form a monthly record of ice conditions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

By the way, Dr. Kemp's recommendation is that too many factories are operating in the South Shetlands and with little fuel - especially during the winter months when alternative fuel is not available. The Commission gives to three factories to work at the South Shetlands, and if it is possible to save an actual reduction in the number of factories, two at least, in addition to the S/S Orrell, should be licensed for the South Orkney only.

Dr. Kemp's recommendation is the result of the results of a survey made by a number of factories at the beginning of the season, and, by reason of low, they were unable to reach Inception Island. The results, as is mentioned, are certainly very satisfactory, but I am not certain that there is any truth in the suggestion that the S/S Orrell should be licensed for the South Orkney only.

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ENCLOSURE No. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH,

No. 92 of the 1st of June, 1927.

COPY.

R. R. S. Discovery,

Port Stanley,

17th May 1927.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the "Interim Report on Whaling at the South Shetlands, Season 1926/27" by Mr. A. G. Bennett. The report contains a number of suggestions regarding the future administration of whaling and on this subject I wish, with your permission, to offer a few remarks.

2. In para. 9. Mr. Bennett gives it as his opinion that too many factories are operating in the South Shetlands and with this I am in full agreement. During the past season some alleviation was afforded by the permission given to three factories to work at the South Orkneys, and if in issuing next year's licenses, it is not found possible to make an actual reduction in the number of factories, two at least, in addition to the S/S Orwell, should be licensed for the South Orkneys only.

3. Mr. Bennett draws attention to the pelagic methods of whaling adopted by a number of factories at the beginning of the season, when, by reason of ice, they were unable to reach Deception Island. The method, as he maintains, is doubtless very wasteful, but I am not certain that there is any truth in the contention (para. 15) that whales which would otherwise reach South Shetland waters are

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scared by this pelagic fishing.

4. It would seem to be difficult or impossible to prohibit these pelagic methods entirely, but they could be largely prevented if two other recommendations which Mr. Bennett has made (para. 22) are followed. If the season opens on a later date there is less chance that the factories will find their passage to the South Shetlands obstructed by ice, and if the whaling areas of the South Orkneys and South Shetlands are defined and licenses issued for only one of them a certain amount of additional control will be established.

5. The latter recommendation perhaps involves some change in policy, for as I understand it, a factory licensed for the South Shetlands will be prohibited from fishing in any part of the South Orkney area - even in extra-territorial waters. The claim thus made to control the operations of licensed vessels outside the three mile limit has its parallel in British Fishery administration: the trawling limits in home waters frequently extend more than three miles off the coast, and there are consequently areas, open to foreign vessels, from which British trawlers are excluded.

6. In several parts of his report Mr. Bennett has referred to the change that has recently been introduced in the management of factories by the appointment of gunner-managers. From the Government point of view this change in management is open to serious objection. The gunner-manager is away all day with his catcher, sometimes for 20 hours out of 24; it is altogether impossible for him to manage

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his factory, and such supervision as exists is necessarily left to subordinates. More often than not he is illiterate or ill-educated and no reliance can be placed on him in carrying out the whaling regulations. Managers of the old style are all, in my experience, men of good standing and education, able to recognise the need of regulations and for the most part anxious to observe them.

7. It appears that this change in management is not by any means the deliberate policy of the companies, but that their hands have been forced by the gunners. Notwithstanding the almost fabulous sums that gunners can earn in a successful season, their demands were continually increasing and these could only be met by combining the posts of gunner and manager. The change is thus due to the avarice of gunners, the rivalry between companies and the desire of each to secure at least one gunner of high reputation. Of eleven factories operating this season in the South Shetlands only three ('Ronald', 'Roald Amundsen' and 'Svend Foyn') had old style managers, and there were rumours - whether true or not I cannot say - of a conspiracy led by Granot of the 'Thor I' to depose them.

8. It appears to me very desirable that the companies should revert to the old style of management and I think Government should seriously consider whether gunner-managers could not be prohibited altogether. In my opinion there are good grounds for such action, and I believe the companies would welcome it. Possibly some further enquiry should first be made, to verify the facts and to discover if

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such a condition attached to the license would be likely to prove effective.

9. The need for upholding the authority of the whaling officer need not be emphasized, nor the necessity for prompt action when regulations are violated or the conditions of the license contravened. The defiance of authority shown this year by S/S 'Sevilla' will doubtless be considered when next season's licenses are being issued. Factories should be required to notify the whaling officer daily of their movements when entering South Shetlands' waters; they should report to him their arrival at Deception Island or other anchorage and inform him promptly when they move to another harbour.

10. In my ninth scientific report to the Discovery Committee (para. 30) I have recommended that every shore station and factory should be required to furnish a monthly record of ice-conditions. Such records will be of considerable scientific value and their collection should not present any difficulty.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) STANLEY KEMP.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

4th June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 93.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 110 of the 17th of July, 1926, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the disposal of certain steel drums used for the conveyance of kerosene and spirit to South Georgia for the wireless Telegraph Station, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements have now been made for the sale locally to the Compania Argentina de Pesca of fifty of these steel drums at £1. 10s. 0d each. This was the best offer received from the whaling companies operating at South Georgia and in the circumstances it was considered desirable to accept it.

2. I would add that an endeavour will be made similarly to dispose of the remaining eighty-five drums as they become available for disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 94.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

4th June, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 100 of the 14th of September, 1926, I have the honour to submit the following report on the condition of the Fur Seal herds in the Falkland Islands for the season 1926-1927.

2. I would explain in the first place that largely on account of the fact that the patrol boat, H.M.C.S. "Afterglow", has been out of commission throughout the past year it was again impossible to visit Bird Island and Beauchene Island; nor did any opportunity occur for the same reason of inspecting the rookery at the Volunteer rocks. Every endeavour to investigate the conditions at these localities will be made during next season.

3. On the occasion, however, of the visit to the Colony of R.S.S. "William Scoresby" of the 'Discovery' expedition Mr. Mackintosh, the senior scientific officer on board, was good enough to make arrangements to inspect the rookery at Elephant Jason Island and to furnish a report of which I annex a copy for your information. It is

Enclosure I.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

to be regretted that Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist, was absent from the Falkland Islands at the time in his capacity as Whaling Officer at the South Shetlands and was therefore unable to accompany Mr. Mackintosh but I enclose a copy of his comments on Mr. Mackintosh's report in the form of a minute addressed to the Colonial Secretary.

Enclosure II.

4. You will observe that this rookery appears to be in a flourishing condition even if its increase may be prejudiced in part by the company of a large number of sea lions. There is also every probability that at least one other rookery exists in the same neighbourhood.

5. I would add that the necessary measures to be taken for reducing the sea lions at this rookery will receive full consideration and more especially in conjunction with Mr. Davis' application to kill sea lions for commercial purposes if such is approved by you in accordance with the recommendation made in Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch of the 12th of April, 1927.

6. Such steps as are practicable will also be taken to investigate the existence of the subsidiary rookery on the main island to which reference is made by Mr. Mackintosh as well as of any other rookeries of which indication may become apparent.

7. I would state that during the year in view of the incapacity of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" a regular guard of three men with a gun was maintained on Elephant Jason Island to protect the rookery against poachers /

ENCLOSURE No. 1-3 -
No. 94 of the AM of Dec. 1926

RE: poachers as reported in paragraph 5 of Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 100 of the 14th of September, 1926. No incident of an unusual nature, however, is to be recorded.

I beg to submit the following report on the fur seal rookery at Elephant Island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

The R.S.S. William ... visited ...
Jason Island on Feb. 1926 ...
And I took the opportunity ... rookery
accompanied by Captain ... Mr. ... and
Mr. John. ... as mentioned in Mr. ... report
of June 26th 1926 the rookery is situated on a rock
about a mile from the western end of the said island.
The weather was fine and we were able to make a landing.

A large number of seals were on the rock but it was found extremely difficult to make an estimate of the numbers present as very many took to the water as we approached and when we had landed it is probable that many more were in the water than on the rock. By counting the number of seals however which occupied different areas and judging the proportion these bore to the total number present the population of the rookery was estimated at 3-4000. Of these probably 1000 were sea lions adult and young and 2-3000 fur seals. It should be emphasized however that these figures are very rough and could hardly form a basis for a reliable numerical comparison with the numbers

THE HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

ENCLOSURE No. I TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH.

No. 94 of the 4th of June, 1927.

COPY.

R.S.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY

MARCH 26th 1927.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation of 7/3/27 I beg to submit the following report on the fur seal rookery at Elephant Jason Island.

The R.S.S. William Scoresby visited Elephant Jason Island on Feb. 10th to land the Jason guard and I took the opportunity of visiting the rookery accompanied by Captain Mercer, Mr. Gunther and Mr. John. As mentioned in Mr. Bennett's report of June 28th 1926 the rookery is situated on a rock about a mile from the western end of the main island. The weather was fine and we were able to make a landing.

A large number of seals were on the rock but it was found extremely difficult to make an estimation of the numbers present as very many took to the water as we approached and when we had landed it is probable that many more were in the water than on the rock. By counting the number of seals however which occupied different areas and judging the proportion these bore to the total number present the population of the rookery was estimated at 3-4000. Of these probably 800 - 1000 were sea lions adult and young and 2 - 3000 fur seals. It should be emphasized however that these figures are very rough and could hardly form a basis for a reliable numerical comparison with the

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THE HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

numbers reported during recent years. One might say however that there was no evidence of any striking alteration in the number of fur seals since the visit reported on by Mr. Bennett in June 1926. Account should perhaps be taken of the size of the rock on which the rookery is situated. This is actually quite small and may set a limit to any further increase in the size of this particular rookery. I should mention that at one point on the main island we saw about 200 fur seal and a few sea lions.

Another point which should be commented on is the number of sea lions which were observed at the rookery. Mr. Bennett mentions that only five were present on the occasion of his visit in June, while Mr. Hamilton, in his report of April 20th 1923, states that in January 1923 "there were many male sea lions with harems of various sizes...." It seems probable therefore that the number may vary according to the time of year. At the same time the great number inhabiting the rock at present is a point which deserves some consideration.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) N. A. MACKINTOSH.

ENCLOSURE No. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH.

No. 94 of the 4th of June, 1927.

COPY.

O.in.C., Sect.,

Mr. Mackintosh has well described the spot and his experiences there are those of mine, except the sea lions.

I would recommend that these lions be got rid of. They take to a spot and if undisturbed rapidly introduce their friends.

Care must however be taken that the shooting down of the lions does not frighten the fur seal.

It is difficult to suggest a method because of the conditions that might be met. Several days and several men would be necessary at the Jasons.

The Guard might be asked if fur-seal calls at night have been heard from other directions than the known rock. I suspect other spots.

The area of Jasons is rather extensive.

Please see minute in 120/26.

(SGD.) A. C. BENNETT.

AG. NATURALIST.
20.5.27.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 95.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. W. W. Stuart, Customs Officer, South Georgia, vacation leave for four and a half months from the 10th of May to the 24th of September, 1927, inclusive, to be followed by leave of absence with half salary for one and a half months from the 25th of September to the 9th of November, 1927, inclusive.

2. I would add that Mr. Stuart sailed for England direct from South Georgia, on the 10th of May, and that no earlier opportunity has occurred for the transmission of the copy of his leave certificate which I now enclose.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 96.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th June, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 19 of the 4th of March, 1927, I have the honour to furnish you, in accordance with your instructions, with my observations on the application of Mr. M. Larsen Kroghen for a licence to utilize whale carcasses and whale bones (skeletons) for the manufacture of guano.

2. I would state in the first place that there is on the beaches in the harbours at both the South Shetlands and South Georgia a large quantity of accumulated whale bones, mostly dry, of which use might be made for the manufacture of guano, if indeed such manufacture is likely to prove commercially successful. Whale carcasses on the other hand are not to be found in the same manner as under the existing whaling regulations of the 17th of October, 1921, the utilization of the greater portion of the carcass is made compulsory and the accumulation of whale matter that cannot be utilized without undue waste is prohibited.

3. I consider that Mr. M. Larsen Kroghen might with advantage be granted a licence to utilize whale bones and that he might further be permitted/

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permitted to take for the purpose stated such portions of the whale carcasses as are not required to be consumed by the licensed companies under the regulations. For in this way the dual object of the entire prevention of waste and of the preservation of general amenity would be served.

4. If however his real purpose is to secure whole carcasses for utilization I consider that the application should be refused. Licensed companies are obliged so far as possible totally to utilize the whales taken by their catchers and it would appear to be most undesirable to permit them to engage in any traffic in whole carcasses or entire portions of such which might act as a direct inducement to waste and lead to the killing of an increased number of whales without a correspondingly increased production of oil.

5. As you are aware the land stations operating at South Georgia already undertake to a considerable degree the manufacture of guano and bone meal. At the South Shetlands one company alone, the land station "Hektor", conducts this branch of the industry as the remaining companies operate only with floating factories and are on this account unable to extend their activities beyond the trying-out of oil. I am doubtful as to the advisability of granting the applicant a licence such as he seeks for the South

Shetlands /

Shetlands and for South Georgia simultaneously at any rate in the first instance and the former Dependency in the circumstances would appear to be the more suitable field.

6. Accordingly, I have to suggest that Mr. M. Larsen Kroghen in reply to his letter might be offered a licence, which would be virtually, though not expressly, a monopoly, for a period of five years at the South Shetlands to utilize whale bones (skeletons) lying on the shores and the refuse from whale carcasses, as distinct from whole carcasses or entire portions of such, for the manufacture of guano on the payment of an annual fee of £100 and of the usual duty on the exportation of guano.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

permitted/

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No. 97.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th June, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 25th of February, 1927, relative to the question of establishing some centralised system of registration for Industrial Designs throughout the Empire, I have the honour to inform you that no objection exists, so far as this Colony is concerned, to the adoption of a scheme on the lines suggested by the Federation of British Industries.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

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No. 98.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th June, 1927.

Sir,

In continuation of Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 79 of the 19th of April, 1927, I have the honour to forward herewith six copies of regulations made by me in Executive Council on the 5th of May, 1927, under Section 6 of the Water Supply Ordinance, 1927.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

6th June, 1927.

PALM LAND ISLANDS.

No. 99.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith six
copies of the Report on Education in the Colony
for the year 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 100.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th June, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the Treasurer's report on the finances of the Colony and the Dependencies for the year 1926, together with the usual returns.

Six copies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

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