

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

70/16

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Governor's Office.



From	SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.	Salvesen's claim for the hire of "Hanka".
No.	Date
4.	5th January, 1916.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.	MINUTES.
286/16	An Col. Sec: Please ascertain by letter whether Agents of Salvesen can give us any further details - <u>D.</u> 2. 3. 16
396/15	H.S./ Letter sent to Agents accordingly. CS. 286/16 desp. to S/SK: 50, 3 April 1916. <u>C. J. Connelly</u> <u>D.</u> 4. 4. 16
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Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of Executive
Council held on the 29th March, 1916.

A letter dated 14th March, 1916 from Messrs Salvesen's Agent in Stanley was read, shewing the circumstances under which the "Hanka" was requisitioned, and stating that the Agent had at the Government's disposal a sum of £21.10 collected in respect of passages supplied to person travelling in the "Hanka" after the requisitioning. The Council considered Messrs Salvesen's claim of £91.10. 0 exorbitant and recommended that the sum of £21.10. 0 held by the Agent be handed over to Messrs Salvesen together with a bonus of £50 for the hire of the vessel, this payment to close matters.

The Governor concurred and said he would submit the matter to the Secretary of State for settlement.

(SGD) T. N. Goddard.

Clerk, Ex. Co.

31. 3. 16.

*Key with 70/16
Governor*

Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Stanley, March 14th, 1916.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter 286/16 of the 10th instant on the subject of the requisitioning of the steam whaler "Hanka" in October, 1914.

2. On looking up my records about that time I find the following entry:-

"October 21st, (1914). The whaler Hanka put into Brenton Loch yesterday to ascertain whether any mails had arrived from England - the Governor at once sent out a message by telephone ordering her to Stanley to assist in the work of removing women and children. She arrived at 6.30a.m. and leaves this evening with about 30 people for San Carlos. From there she goes to Port Howard".

3. Mr. W.C. Girling who received the telephone message from Mr. Allan, our Manager at Darwin Harbour, has now left the Colony; I did not happen to be in the Office at the time, but Mr. Allan corroborates the above and informs me that an entry in his diary is as follows; "Oct. 20th Hanka at Brenton Loch. Sent her to Stanley by the Governor's order".

4. Governor Allardyce requested me to arrange the collection of passage money on the same basis as the charges of the coasting steamer Falkland, and we collected the sum of £21.10.0 - this sum we still hold at your disposal as reported in my letter of March 24th, 1915. A list of the passengers carried is enclosed herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) W. A. Harding.
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.



FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO: 4.

Downing Street,

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5th January, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 117 of the 13th September and to transmit to you, for your consideration, a copy of correspondence with Sir W.L. Allardyce relative to the account submitted by Messrs Salvesen & Company for the hire of the steam whale fishing vessel "Hanka" in October 1914.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. Brown Law

GOVERNOR

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

&c., &c., &c.

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ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No. 4 OF 5/1/16

BAHAMAS

SEPARATE



Downing Street,

17th November, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands respecting an account for £91.10. Od. submitted by Messrs Salvesen & Company for the hire of the Steam whale fishing vessel "Hanka" in October 1914.

2. I shall be glad if you will furnish me with a report on the circumstances in which this expenditure was incurred and also with your views as to the reasonableness of the charge.

I have &c.,

(SD.) A. BONAR LAW.

GOVERNOR

W.L. ALLARDYCE, C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

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Separate.

6th December, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Separate of the 17th November last, submitting a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands covering a claim by Messrs. Salvesen & Coy. for £91.10.0 for the hire of the steam whaler "Hanka" in October, 1914, and asking me for a report on the circumstances in which this expenditure was incurred.

2. When the late Admiral Cradock reached Stanley in October, 1914, he confirmed the report that a German squadron consisting of the "Scharnhorst", "Gneisenau", "Leipsic", "Nurnberg", and "Dresden" were concentrating on the West Coast of Chile, and on the 19th October I consulted my Executive Council on the subject, and with their concurrence, and the approval of the Admiral, I issued a Notice, of which I attach a copy, warning Heads of families that women and children would in all probability be safer in the Camps than in Stanley.

3. The "Hanka" happened at that time to be in
Stanley

The Right Honble

A. Bonar Law, P.C.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Stanley, and as she was returning to her headquarters at New Island, I arranged with Mr Harding, Salvesen's local agent, for her to embark certain women and children, and drop them at San Carlos. The vessel may also have called at other Settlements en route; I really forget the details now. So far as I can recollect the cost of passages was not discussed. The inter-insular steamer "Falkland", I remember, gave a reduced rate in view of the threatened raid by the enemy. The "Falkland" and the "Hanka", and the tug "Samson" belonging to the Falkland Islands Coy., were the only steamers available to transport the women and children.

4. I must confess to very great surprise at Messrs. Salvesen making any claim at all in the circumstances; they may perhaps have overlooked the fact that had the subsequent enemy raid been successful their factory, their whaling fleet, and the lives of their employees would have been in very great peril. At the time of the "Hanka's" voyage however there was little or no risk attached to proceeding from Stanley to New Island.

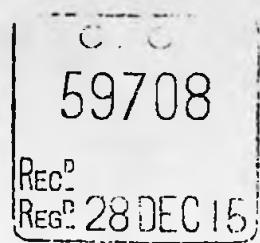
5. I regret to say that I am bound to regard Messrs. Salvesen's claim for £91.10.0 as both preposterous and absurd, but before any question of payment is considered I would suggest that full particulars of the claim be submitted to the local Government and a list given of the number of women and children conveyed to the different Settlements.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,humble servant,

W. G. Colquhoun
Governor.



PUBLIC NOTICE.

By the Governor-in-Council.

Owing to the naval situation in South American waters Heads of families are hereby advised that women and children would in all probability be safer in the Camps than in Stanley at present. Arrangements have been made to place the S.S."Falkland" at the disposal of those who desire to be conveyed to other parts of the East Falkland and to the West Falkland. Persons intending to leave Stanley should notify the Agents of the steamer as soon as possible, giving the names of the settlements at which they desire to be landed.

By command,

(signed) T.N.Goddard.

Clerk to the Executive Council.

19th October, 1914.

Government House,

Stanley.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 50.

Government House, Stanley.

3rd April, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 4 of the 5th January, with enclosures, on the subject of the claim of Messrs Salvesen and Company for £91.10.0, for the hire of the Steam Skaler "Hanka" in October, 1914.

2. I brought the subject before the Executive Council at a meeting held on the 29th March, when the members considered the claim of Messrs Salvesen to be exorbitant, and recommended that the sum of £21.10.0 collected in respect of passages by the "Hanka", together with a bonus of £50 for the hire of the vessel, should be paid to Messrs Salvesen and Company in full settlement of the matter.

3. Subject to your approval I submit the Crown Agents be authorized to settle the matter with Messrs Salvesen and Company accordingly, and pay them the sum of £71.10.0.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas John S.
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.