

C.S.

Confidential

1923

SHIVES/1 # 17

No. *15/23.*

Ag. Governor.

SUBJECT.

1923.

24 Aug.

Previous Paper.

Services of Señor Ignacio Toro of the Chilean Navy in supervising repairs of H.M.S. 'Afterglow' at Punta Arenas.

248/23

MINUTES.

copied from M. P 248/23

Will you please have enclosed draft typed as a confidential despatch for my signature (ind) H H H 24 Aug.

Personal L^r from Sr. Toro to Ag Governor. 16 Aug 1923

L^r from Capt Hackley. 24 Aug 1923

Confidential Des^p 25 Aug 1923.

File

TTTTT 27 August '23

A despatch by his mail enveys the approval of the S.P. and the flats is to arrive by the Lapone. B.U. - arrival fleet

TTTTT 15 Jan. 24

Subsequent Paper.

Advice of Orders placed
d/10 Dec 1923

(14)

Y.E.
Will your Excellency be pleased
to direct as to how this charge
is to be borne.

G.P.H. 13
Director 23 Jan 1924

It is curious that this should not yet
have been received in the papers

The charge should be against Afternoon
repairs in P.A. I suppose another S.W.

will be necessary

H.H.H. 24 Jan. 24

Y.E.
Your Excellency instructed that this
paper should be brought forward before
next meeting of G. Council.

G.P.H. 14
Director
1 March 1924

Will you please have the enclosed notice enclosed
typewritten (with single line space) for inclusion
in the cabinet. It is to be on show at
the Exhibition from 3-7 p.m. on Saturday

Please also write to the Vice Consul Punta
Arenas saying that the salver is being consigned
to him by A. S. D'Almeida ^{in charge of the passenger} and trusting that
there will be no difficulty in landing it - all

charges being borne by his Govt. ^{and}
He should also be asked to be ~~found~~
wasp to present the value on behalf
of the Government in such form as he
may consider suitable.

The firm of Messrs Garrard should
I think be congratulated on their work
& to close a draft.

TTTT 5 March 1924

Lo to H.B.M. Vice Consul Punta Arenas.

6 March 1924

Lo to Messrs Garrard & Co Ltd. 6 March 1924 (6)

Minute from Colonial Engineer 19 March 1924 (8)

Y.P.
May this papers be referred to the
Colonial Engineer? G.R. 13

O.C.S.W.
22 March 1924

All expenses must be charged
as in my minute of 24 Jan.
No card of or letter will go in the
case.

To C.E.

TTTT 24 March 24

Colonial Engineer.

Referred G.R. 13

O.C.S.W. 24/3/24

The Hon; Col; Secretary.

Thank you, note and returned.

The plate will be packed and placed in the Vault until the arrival of the mail steamer.

P. N. Basely

Col; Engineer.

25/3/24

Minute from the Govt 19 Mar 1924 (19)
Extract from El Magallanes 27 Feb 24 (9a)
Translation (9b)

Y. G.

Submitted with translation.

W. H. 17

W. H. 17

25 March 1924

Thank you.

~~Minute from the Govt~~

I do not

~~propose to take further official action~~

in this yet

~~in this yet~~

W. H. 17 25 March 24

~~Hon Secretary~~

Special Warrant herewith

for ~~£100~~ (Ved. of 8.2 minute of 22 Jan 24)

W. H. 17

W. H. 17

8 April 1924

Y.B.
Special Warrant submitted for
favour of approval. W.L. 13
Chief Sec
9 April 1924.

ttttt 9 April 24

Vide General Warrant No 21/24
Letter from Vice Consul Punta Arenas
Y.B. submitted (10)

ttttt 22 May 24

Comments will be delivered with (7)
They took trouble over the matter & Secy
found that their work has been so much
appreciated. W.L.

22 May 1924

Letter from British Vice-Consul.
Punta Arenas, 20th June, 1924 (11)

Y.B.
Submitted
W.L. 13
for C.S.
24 Oct 1924

Will you please let Mr. Hornum's Health
see this on his return
W.L.
24 Oct 1924.

Y.S.

Submitted

To thank the Vice-Council for
the arrangements made by him
and the trouble he took to make
the presentation in suitable form!

~~W.H.H.~~ 27 Oct. 24

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27 Oct. 1924.

(In a private letter to W. Wildman I thanked him
for trouble he had taken) A

Letter to A.S. by Vice-Council, Punta Arenas,
14th November, 1924. Encl.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF MAGALLANES

CASILLA DE CORREO No. 381.

CALLE ROCA 858.

PUNTA ARENAS, MAGALLANES
CHILE.

Ignacio Toro.
16th August 1923

Dear Mr Keaton

The slight service I have endeavoured to render you in the matter of the Afterglow was really undeserving of the grateful feelings which you assure me in your welcome letter of July 5th

Your kind appreciation of my efforts to be of some help to you and to the Officers of the Afterglow I greatly esteem, moreover when I considered a very pleasant duty to do so in this case to pay in a small way a debt of gratitude I have for the courtesy and assistance that were afforded to me while I was in England during the difficult times of the past war.

With an expression of my highest esteem

I remain

Yours very faithfully

Ignacio Toro.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

25th August, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to bring to the attention of Your Grace the friendly disposition of the Government of Chile as displayed in recent relations between the Administration of this Colony and the local Government of the Territory of Magellanes.

2. I had occasion to visit Punta Arenas in April last on leave and duty. Under the directions of Mr. Middleton, I made arrangements for repairs to H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" and for the improvement of communications between this Colony and Punta Arenas. There are in the latter place, as Your Grace is aware, large British interests and a population of some 5,000 British people.

3. I received every assistance from the Vice-Consul, stationed at Punta Arenas and received much attention from the Chilean authorities.

4. The Governor of the Territory assured me of his earnest desire for co-operation. He exemplified the possibility of the Falkland Islands ever being in need of immediate assistance through any natural causes and said that the resources of his territory would be

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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

at our disposal - the reason being that the British people had made that territory prosperous and the least he could do would be to endeavour to repay the debt. He showed altogether a very friendly and courteous disposition.

5. The local Naval Commander-in-Chief, Captain Arturo Swett, who received his training in the British Navy, showed his friendship in a practical form. He gave instructions, which were immediately effective, for the improvement of wireless communication. Negotiations had taken place some years ago between the British Admiral on the station and the Chilean Government and rates had been fixed. There the matter had rested. Since Captain Swett took action all telegraphic traffic to and from Chile, Europe and the Argentine has been cleared without difficulty. Formerly Carrizo the Uruguayan station had been from time to time overloaded with work, or from some other cause had been unable to receive or transmit Colonial Government messages. Captain Swett directed furthermore that the "Afterglow" should receive the same attention locally as vessels of the Chilean Navy and he did all in his power to assist in the effect of repairs.

6. Señor Ignacio Toro of the Chilean Navy, Inspector General of Machinery in Punta Arenas, gave up much of his time to supervising the repairs to the "Afterglow". I attach a letter from the Harbour Master in reference to this. He supervised the work throughout, visiting the vessel sometimes two or three times a day and insisting after personal examination on his directions being carried out. Before leaving

In duplicate.

Punta/

Punta Arenas, I informed him that the Government of the Falkland Islands would be glad to be allowed to pay the fee attached to this work, which as Inspector of Machinery, he receives from mercantile concerns. He refused point blank to accept any fee, stating that he considered that work done for a British Government ship was the same as work for vessels of his own navy. The cost of the repairs effected was £1,500; the work lasted for two months and Señor Toro presented a complete report upon it. I attach a copy of a private letter received by me from him on the completion of his work. I venture to hope that Your Grace may be pleased to allow the Government of this Colony to acknowledge the services of Señor Toro by a presentation of plate of a value, not exceeding £50.

In duplicate.

7. The captain of the port and the Postmaster also afforded in their respective spheres every attention and courtesy.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

The Duke,

and Colonial Secretary,

Stirling.

ENCLOSURE NO. I TO FALKLAND ISLANDS CONFIDENTIAL

DESPATCH of the 25th of August, 1923.

Harbour Master's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
24th August, 1923.

Sir,

On the completion of the repairs of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" at Punta Arenas, I have much pleasure in placing on record the invaluable services rendered by Señor Ignacio Toro of the Chilean Navy.

2. His supervision of the work undertaken at the request of the Government of the Falkland Islands, has resulted in the repairs being executed in a very satisfactory manner, which otherwise would have not been the case.

3. Through the unfailing courtesy and prompt attention of Señor Toro difficulties were overcome and efficiency and economy established.

I am, etc.,
(Sgd.) Colin E. Hockly,
Harbour Master.

The Honble.,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS CONFIDENTIAL

DESPATCH of the 25th of August, 1923.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF MAGALLANES

Casilla de Correo No. 591

Calle Roca 858.

Punta Arenas, Magallanes.

Chile.

Ignacio Toro.

16th August, 1923.

Dear Mr. Neaton,

The slight service I have endeavoured to render you in the matter of the Afterglow was really undeserving of the grateful feelings which you assure me in your welcome letter of July 5th.

Your kind appreciation of my efforts to be of some help to you and to the Officers of the Afterglow I greatly esteem, moreover when I considered a very pleasant duty to do so in this case to pay in a small way a debt of gratitude I have for the courtesy and assistance that were afforded to me while I was in England during the difficult times of the past war.

With an expression of my highest esteem.

I remain, etc.,

(Sgd.) I. Toro. E.

Falkland Is. 1704/1.

TENDER

 for the supply of Silver Waiter.
returnable by Noon

All communications on this subject to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the above reference being quoted.

Messrs. Garrard & Co Ltd.,
24 Albemarle St.,
W.1.

Service
Special A/c. (if any)

~~XXXXXXXX~~ O.Lr.No.
~~XXXXXXXX~~ 53027/23 of
Date ~~XXXX~~ 9.11.23.

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

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
1		Silver 23" rosette bordered Waiter.		47 10 0
		Engraving inscription on same		2 10 0
<p>Ordered by His Excellency J. Middleton, C.M.G.</p> <p>and at his request despatched per our agents, The American Express Company, to His Excellency, H. Henniker Heaton, Government House, Stanley, Falkland Islands.</p> <p>A detailed list of the contents must be enclosed when possible in each package.</p>				

(This space is for use in the Crown Agents' Office.)
Inspector: — *Accepted 10/12/23*
Add to F. only: Garrard & Co. *already despatched*
4. 12. 23.
10. 12. 23.

Add:—Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any)
Cost of packing for export ...
Cost of delivery f.o.b. (See Note, as to Dock and Harbour Dues.)
ALTERNATIVE: Cost of packing and postage to ...
(See paragraph 4 of Instructions for tendering on back of form.)

Deduct:—Trade and shipping allowances } = £
per cent. on £ }
Cash discount for prompt payment } = £
per cent. on £ }
Net amount payable (including all charges) on receipt of bills of lading, parcels receipt or certificate of posting ... } = £
ALTERNATIVE: Total net cost f.o.b. ... } = £
(Firms should insert here a quotation for delivery at any other port at which they can deliver f.o.b. more cheaply than at the port indicated by the Crown Agents.)

TOTAL £	50	0	0
	50	0	0

NOTE.—"All Dock and Harbour Dues and Charges (including Port of London port rates and Clyde Dues) where charged are payable by the Contractor, and must be included in the contract."
RAILWAY MATERIAL, COAL, COKE AND OIL TO BE USED TO GENERATE HEAT OR PRODUCE POWER.—All Dock, Harbour Dues and Charges (including Port of London port rates and Clyde Dues) are payable in full at all ports by the Contractor.
OTHER PORTS.—London and Bristol.—Eleven-twelfths of published consolidated rates for Dock and Harbour Dues, Wharfage, etc., are payable by Contractors, and in the case of London 75% of the London Port Rates.
Southampton.—Dock charge for labour is payable by the Contractors.
Other Ports.—75% of the charges are payable by the Contractors.
The exemption certificates necessary to secure reductions, will be forwarded by the Crown Agents' Shipping Office.

We hereby agree to supply, of the best quality and make, subject to the approval of your inspector and to the conditions overleaf and to ~~despatch from our bonded ship~~ despatch by post within *already despatched* days from the date of order, the articles above specified, at the price set against each, and at the total cost shown above, which includes all charges.

Signature: *Garrard & Co. Ltd.*
Address: *24 Albemarle St. Ldn. W.1.*
Dated this: *4th* day of *December* 19 *23*

(This space is for use in the Crown Agents' Office.)
Add to S.O. & D.S. only: —
Add to F., S.O., & D.S.: —
Instructions to Inspector: —

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THIS SALVER has been purchased for presentation to S^r Toro, a Chilean naval engineer officer, who is Inspector General of Machinery at Punta Arenas.

By the courtesy of the Chilean naval authorities, S^r Toro gave up much of his time to supervising the repairs to HMS after her arrival in 1923. He was unremitting in his endeavours to obtain the best possible work from the contractors; ~~and~~ his assistance, ^{which} was invaluable, ~~and~~ resulted in much economy of public funds.

S^r Toro declined to accept any remuneration for his work of supervision or the fee to which he was ~~as Inspector~~ entitled ~~for his services~~ on the ground that he considered it "as ~~of~~ in his own words" a pleasant duty to pay in a "small way a debt of gratitude for the courtesy and assistance afforded to me while I was in England."

The Colonial Government considered however that the special credit of the Colony required that the signal services rendered should be acknowledged and the salver, which is a remarkably beautiful specimen of the finest silversmith's work of the present day, has been bought at a cost of £50. The weight of the salver which is of solid silver is 120 ozs.

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C. 15/23.

6th March, 24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands proposes to present Sr. I. Toro with a piece of plate in recognition of his services to the Colony in 1923 in connection with the repairs to H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" at Punta Arenas.

2. The plate which takes the form of a salver, 23 inches in diameter and weighing 120 ozs., has been received here and will be forwarded by the steamer "Oropesa" on the 6th of May next in charge of the purser, who will be requested to hand it over to you. I am to state that His Excellency will be grateful if you will be kind enough to take charge of it on arrival. Any expenditure in this connection or in respect of Customs Duty will be defrayed by this Government.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S VICE CONSUL,
PUNTA ARENAS,
CHILE.

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3. I am to ask whether you will be so good as to present the salver to Sr. Toro on behalf of this Colony in such form as may appear to you to be most suitable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

C. 15/23.

6th March,

24.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Acting Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge the receipt of a silver waiter with inscription ordered by Mr. Middleton for the account of this Colony and received on the 7th of February last.

2. I am to express the appreciation of the Government for the great skill with which the work has been executed. The design is excellent and the price very moderate.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

Messrs. Garrard & Co. Ltd.,
24 Albemarle Street,
London, W. I.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....



MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From The Colonial Engineer.....

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Date 19th March 1924.....

To The Hon. Col. Secretary.....

Piece of plate to be presented to Senor Toro.

Reference Numbers.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

After the close of the Exhibition the acting Col. Treasurer handed over to me the presentation plate to be given to Senor Toro.

2. I should be glad if any card or letter which may have to be enclosed with the plate could be forwarded as soon as possible, also any instructions with name and address to which package is to be forwarded.

3. I would suggest that the plate be packed as soon as possible and package placed in the vault until it can be sent to its destination.

4. Please to state under what Head and sub-head the expenditure is to be made.

R. B. Asely
Colonial Engineer.

19/3/24.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor

to The Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat.

Will you please have this put up in
the map containing my despatch on the
Afternoon's visit to Punta Arenas. Can a
translation be made?

Will

19 March 24

Anteros de las mejores marcas

Ecós de la estada de un barco inglés

El gobierno británico agradece las atenciones de las autoridades y del ingeniero en jefe de la maestranza del Apostadero.

Se recordará que hace algún tiempo estuvo en el puerto, en reparaciones el barco británico «Afterglow», siendo su oficialidad atendida en forma conveniente por nuestras autoridades locales, quienes dispensaron a los visitantes las facilidades que para su imprevista permanencia entre nosotros eran necesarias.

El Ministro de S. M. Británica, en Santiago, ha enviado con este motivo al Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores la siguiente comunicación de agradecimiento, que encontramos en uno de los diarios del norte del país; llegados en los últimos correos.

Dice así esta comunicación:

Excelencia:

Tengo el honor de informar a V. E., que el Gobernador en ejercicio en las islas Falkland ha llamado la atención del Gobierno de S. M. hacia las bondades, cortesía y atención extrema que le fueron tributadas por las autoridades del territorio de Magallanes durante una visita que hizo a Punta Arenas en Abril último en el barco de S. M. «Afterglow».

En especial el Gobernador menciona las facilidades excepcionales que le fueron ofrecidas por el Gobernador del Territorio de Magallanes para las reparaciones del barco, las eficaces medidas adoptadas por el capitán en jefe, capitán Arturo Swett, para el mejoramiento de las comunicaciones radiotelegráficas con las islas, y las molestias generales que se impuso el Inspector General de Máquinas, don Ignacio Toro, mientras el barco de S. M. «Afterglow» estuvo reparándose.

El Gobernador en ejercicio de las islas Falkland declara que los funcionarios señalados le prestaron una valiosa ayuda, y el principal secretario de Estado de S. M. para las relaciones Exteriores, me pide hacer llegar a V. E. los sinceros agradecimientos y el aprecio de S. M. por sus cortesías y amables atenciones.

Aceptad, etc.—A. C. Grant Duff.

TRANSLATION.

RESPECTING THE VISIT OF AN ENGLISH VESSEL.

The British Government gratefully acknowledges the courtesy and assistance of the authorities and of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Naval Arsenal.

It will be remembered that sometime ago, the British vessel "Afterglow" was in Punta Arenas undergoing repairs, and that the local authorities extended to her Officers all the assistance and facilities which the unforeseen length of the vessel's stay at this port necessitated.

The British Minister at Santiago has, in a communication to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Chile) expressed the appreciation of His Britannic Majesty's Government for the services rendered. His Excellency's despatch, which has been copied from a Northern Newspaper received by last mail, reads as follows:-

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Acting Governor of the Falkland Islands has called the attention of His Majesty's Government to the kindness, courtesy and unfailing attention which the Authorities of the territory of Magallanes extended to H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" during
her

her recent visit to Punta Arenas.

The Acting Governor especially mentions the exceptional facilities afforded by the Governor of the territory of Magallanes for carrying out the repair of the vessel, the effective measures taken by Captain Arturo Swett for the improvement of Radio-telegraphic communication with the Falkland Islands and the great trouble which Don Ignacio Toro, Inspector General of Machinery, took upon himself in connection with the repair of the "Afterglow".

The Acting Governor of the Falkland Islands states that the Officials above-mentioned rendered valuable ^{aid} ~~service~~ and His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs desires me to express to Your Excellency the sincere thanks and appreciation of His Majesty for their courteous and ^{friendly} ~~kind~~ assistance ^{attention}.

I have the honour, etc.,

(Sgd.) A. C. Grant Duff.

C/15/23

TELEGRAM.

From : The British Vice Consul

To : Governor, Port Stanley.

Dispatched : 6th May, 1924

19 24 Time. 5 p.m.

Received : 7th May,

19 24 Time. 10.40

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 OFCOPHUTFC OSUYCMAEOW CORUZREVEGE AVBOQOPOLY OHTUSAFCIL
 MFKTHYPSY CLAUT.

Meaning.

Your despatch of 6th March C 15/23 custom authorities
 will admit plate without ordinary formalities provided
 that it is not manifested but sent as a private parcel
 to me. 6th May, British Vice Consul.



M.P.C/15/23

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NA/288/23.

British Vice-Consulate,

Punta Arenas, Chile.

17th May 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch of the 6th March last, No. C.15/23, I have the honour to report that the package containing the plate to be presented to Señor I. Toro arrived safely per S.S. "Cropesa".

In accordance with Your Excellency's wishes, the presentation will be made in the most suitable form possible and a full account will be forwarded you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble,
obedient servant,

T. Bairdman.
British Vice-Consul.

H. E. The Acting Governor
of the Falkland Islands,
S T A N L E Y.



NA/288/23.

British Vice-Consulate,

Punta Arenas, Chile.

20th June 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that on the 3rd instant, at the official reception given in honour of the birthday of H. M. The King, held in the rooms of the British Association of Magallanes, kindly placed at my disposal by the President and Committee, the silver Salver, presented by the Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands, was formally handed over by me to Engineer-Lieutenant-Commander Ignacio Toro, Chilean Navy.

2. The ceremony was carried out in the presence of the Civil Governor of the Territory, The Judge, Naval Commander-in-Chief, Captain of the Port, the principal Civil Service Officials, Naval and Military officers and British residents, some 250 persons being present.

3. The presentation was made in Spanish and the reply thereto in English. In his speech, which was heartily applauded, Señor Toro expressed his deep

gratitude to

H. E. The Governor

of the Falkland Islands.

gratitude to Your Excellency and the Government of the Colony for the handsome gift and his appreciation of the kind thought which prompted such a generous recognition of his services.

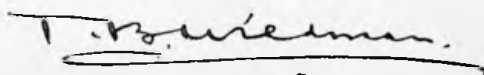
4. The salver, which was exhibited for some days previous in the windows of Messrs. Vickery in Punta Arenas, was the object of great admiration and attracted a large amount of attention.

5. An account of the ceremony was published in the "Magellan Times" on the 4th instant. Copies of the paper are forwarded through this Vice-Consulate in the ordinary manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble servant,


British Vice-Consul.

C. 15/23.

4th November, 24

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 20th of June, containing an account of the proceedings on the occasion of the presentation of plate to Senor Ignacio Toro of the Chilean Navy in recognition of his services to this Government.

2. I am to express to you His Excellency's thanks for the arrangements made and for the trouble you took to make the presentation in suitable form.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S VICE-CONSUL,
PUNTA ARENAS,
CHILE.