

C.S.

PORT & MARINE.  
(Afterglow)  
WHALING & SEALING.

SHIVES/2 # 15

1928.

No. 334/28

Sec. F.Ls. & Dep. Seal. Co.

SUBJECT.

1928

28th Aug.

Previous Paper.

APPLICATION BY FALKLAND ISLANDS AND  
DEPENDENCIES SEALING COMPANY TO HIRE  
H.M.C.S. AFTERGLOW.

MINUTES.

Letter from Secretary. F.L. & D. Sealing Co dated 28th Aug. 1928

Letter to Sec. F.L. & D. Sealing Company. 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1928

Letter from Sec. F.L. & D. Sealing Co. of 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1928

Despatch to S. of S. 40. 297 of 3 of 8/28.

Telegram from S. of S. 17 Nov. 1928

" to " 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1928

Telegram from S. of S. of 4 Dec. 1928.

Y/E.  
Submitted

C. D. J.  
11/12/28

Off the Spot.

Harbour Master,

The. Treas. at Land (Militar)

for work at necessary action, please.

12. 12. 28

Subsequent Paper.

Harbour Master 18.12.28. Submit which H. Baker.  
Hon. Treasurer  
Local Auditor

For note and necessary  
action please.

C. J. F.  
for H.  
14/12/28

Hon. Col. Secretary,

I should be glad if you would  
inform me of the date from which  
the payment of £3 per diem. should be  
collected. There seems to be no record  
in this inst. of the date the vessel was  
handed over to the T. D. Sealing Co.

H. Cher  
Treas.  
19/12/28

Local Auditor  
Passed to you

H. Cher  
Treas.  
19/12/28

Hon. Col. Secy.  
Noted

A. N. Brown

Local Auditor

31 Dec 1928

Y/E.

Submitted.

With regard to Hon. Treasurer's  
query I would suggest that the date  
from which the payment of £3 per diem  
should take effect should be the 29.  
of August, 1928.

A. J. F.  
21/1/29

Inside Minute Paper.

Off 1/2 Sect.

At the time I agreed

verbally to payment for hire

commencing as from 1. 9. 28. This

date should start, please.

2. The hire is being

temporarily extended beyond 31. 12. 28.

Hon. Treasurer will be duly

informed when it actually terminates.

Please t.f. to meet with 21. 1. 29.

After Hon. Treasurer has seen. /s/ 3. 1. 29.

Hon. Treasurer,  
to see.

C.D. J. 4/1/29.

Hon. Sec. Sec. Sec.  
Seen, Thank you  
H. Chen  
R. Meas  
4/1/29



Off. 21/1/29

Letter from Secretary J.I. Sealing Co. 18/1/29 //

Arthur Marks

Please see, say

whether the vessel can be returned

in a satisfactory condition, at what the

numbers of days of what time

Julian

26. 1. 29.

24. 1. 29. Nicholas "Hillington" returned in good condition as regards  
machinery & boiler.

The craft will be thoroughly cleaned by the present caretaker.

W. Maslin.  
W. Maslin.

To B.I. Secy.  
J.

Y. E. Schults. The degree is

payment of time may be accepted

at acknowledged with Marks.

14m C.S

His is satisfactory. Please.  
1/27 JH

1. 2. 29

12 Letter to Secretary. F. Is. National Seal. G. J. February 1929.

Hon. Treasurer

Please see at

with-draw cheque endorsed to

your order.

2. Local Auditor Please offer

for note.

J. M. M. C.

12. 2. 28.

Hon. Col. Secretary

Cheque withdrawn receipt  
herewith.

H. C. L.  
H. M. C.  
13/2/29

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted A. B. Brown

Local Auditor  
15. 7. 29

P. H. C.  
21. 2. 28

(1)

The Falkland Islands & Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd,  
Stanley, F.I.,

28th August, 1928.



Sir,

I beg to enquire whether His Excellency The Acting Governor would approve of this Company hiring H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" to engage in sealing operations in conjunction with the Company's present vessel "Bellville".

2. If favourably considered the scheme would operate on the lines of the "Afterglow" being used as the hunting ship and the "Bellville" as the factory, for a period of approximately 4 months - i.e. until the end of the present extended season in the Falkland Islands.

3. Should His Excellency be kind enough to give this matter his approval I shall be obliged if you will inform me <sup>of</sup> the terms under which the "Afterglow" would be hired to this Company.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. Brewer*  
for Secretary.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

29th August, 28.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th of August, 1928, I am directed to inform you that the Acting Governor is prepared to approve of the hire of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" to your Company for the purpose of employment in connection with sealing operations around the coasts of the Colony for a period of four months, approximately, until the 31st of December, 1928, or thereabouts, and on the following terms :-

- (i) The Company shall pay to the Government the sum of £3 (Three pounds sterling) for each day of hire ;
- (ii) The Company shall pay all expenses whatsoever necessary for the running and maintenance of the vessel while under hire ;
- (iii) The Company shall not be liable for the value of the vessel if lost while under hire by act of God or by mishap not due to the negligence or incompetence of the Company's servants ;
- (iv) The Company shall be liable for the value of the vessel if lost while under hire by cause other than aforesaid ;
- (v) The value of the vessel shall be set for the purpose of the present hire at £4,000 (Four thousand pounds sterling) ;
- (vi) The Company shall be liable for all damage sustained/

The Secretary,  
The Falkland Islands & Dependencies  
Sealing Company, Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

sustained by the vessel while under hire except that when such damage is attributable to some essential defect in the vessel not known at this date to exist the liability of the Company shall be subject to arbitration ;

- (vii) The Company shall man the vessel with a sufficient crew including a competent Master and a competent Engineer ;

and

- (viii) The Company shall on the conclusion of hire restore the vessel to the Government in a condition not less satisfactory in every respect than that in which it was taken over.

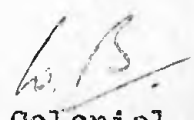
2. I am to add that the period of hire above mentioned will be subject to curtailment in the event of the sale or projected sale in the meantime of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow".

3. I am to ask you to confirm in writing the acceptance of the terms detailed if they are agreeable to you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Colonial Secretary.



The Falkland Islands & Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd,  
Stanley, F.I.

29th August, 1928.



334/28.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day's date on the subject of the hire of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" to this Company for a period of approximately four months, which period it is understood is subject to curtailment in the event of a projected sale of the vessel by the Colonial Government to another party.

2. In reply I have to inform you that the terms of hire enumerated in your letter are acceptable to this Company, and it is the Company's desire to commence getting the ship ready for sea at the earliest possible moment.

3. With reference to condition No. vii in your letter under acknowledgment I beg to advise you that it is the Company's intention to appoint Mr John Davis Master and Mr George Meierhofer Engineer of the vessel; Mr Davis has had long experience in coastal work in the Colony and has recently acted as mate on the M/V "Bellville", while I understand that Mr Meierhofer acted for some four or five years as assistant engineer in H.M.C.S. "Afterglow".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Creane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

for Secretary.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

30th August, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 297.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Hodson's despatch No. 36 of the 25th of January, 1928, I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with Mr. Hodson's instructions given shortly before his departure from the Colony on leave on the 9th of June, 1928, H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" has been taken completely out of commission and laid up under a caretaker as it was found in practice that the proposed arrangement of keeping her half in and half out of commission and running her from time to time with a scratch crew was not fully satisfactory.

2. I have further to inform you that on application received from the Secretary of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies Sealing Company, Limited, I have now agreed to hire H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" for the remainder of the current year to the Company for use in connection with their sealing vessel "Bellville" on operations around the coasts of the Colony.

3. I should explain that the terms briefly on which I have agreed to this hire are as follows : the Company will pay to the Government the sum of £3 for each day of hire and will themselves meet all expenses necessary for the running and maintenance

of/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMEKY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

of the ship during hire; the Company will be liable to the Government for the value of the ship in the amount of £4,000 if lost through cause other than the act of God or unavoidable mishap and for the cost of making good any damage sustained by the ship unless such damage is attributable to an essential defect in the ship at present unknown to exist when the matter will be subject to arbitration; and the Company will maintain a competent Master and a competent Engineer in the ship and will return the ship at the conclusion of hire in a condition not less satisfactory than that in which it was taken over from the Government. Furthermore the period of hire may be curtailed in the event in the meantime of the sale or projected sale of the ship.

4. In agreeing to the hire of H.M.C.S. "After-glow" for the purpose stated I have taken into consideration the fact that it is the settled policy of the Government to encourage in every way proper the newly formed Falkland Islands and Dependencies Sealing Company, Limited, and this fact has also weighed with me in fixing the terms of hire as favourably for the Company as seemed to me possible. I would point out in addition that the Government is saved all expense of maintaining the ship while under hire and that the ship herself should gain rather than lose in general condition by use. I am, moreover, not without hope that the Company may desire to purchase the ship if the trial thus to be made of her fulfils their expectations. I feel in any case that the ship is more

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likely to attract a purchaser if in actual employment instead of lying idle amongst the hulks and other derelict craft in Stanley Harbour.

5. I would add that I am confident that the arrangement made will be in accordance with your desire as well as with that of Mr. Hodson so much so that I have not thought it incumbent upon me to seek your prior sanction thereto by telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Secretary of State.*To* His Excellency the Acting Governor.

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*Despatched:* 17th November, 1928. *Time:* 11.35.*Received:* 18th November, 1928. *Time:* 12.25.

GOVERNOR STANLEY.

Confidential Your despatch of 30th August No. 297 in your despatch of 17th June 1927 Confidential you reported Afterglow totally unfitted for any purpose whatever I shall be glad to be informed whether she has subsequently been passed as seaworthy by competent authority Crown Agents state on present information they regard insurance as impracticable. I am not aware that any definite meaning has been attached in law to expression "unavoidable mishap".

SECRETARY OF STATE.



DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Acting Governor.*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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*Despatched:* 19th November, 1928. *Time:* 15.20.*Received:* ... 1928 *Time:*CHAPLIN'S  
LONDON.

Confidential. November 19th Your telegram of 17th November Confidential Afterglow Certificate of seaworthiness was given 24th November 1927 on completion of refit at Punta Arenas by John Dickson Consulting Engineer and Surveyor to Lloyds Register of Shipping. Vessel was not previously insured and as she is now employed on work not more hazardous than before do not consider insurance imperative for short period up to end of year to be covered. Grateful for instructions whether any amendment should be made in terms of hire to Company.

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TELEGRAM.

From.....The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To.....H. E. the Governor.....

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*Despatched:* 4thnDecmeber, 1928. 192      *Time:* 1250  
*Received:* 6th December, 1928. 192      *Time:* 1042.

4th Dec.      Your despatch of 30th August 297 Afterglow  
I approve action taken and terms of hire.

s. of S.

Telephone 39.

KELVIN STORE,

PORT STANLEY.

January 18th, 1929

The Falkland & Dependencies Sealing Co., Ltd.

Hire of Afterglow M.P.334/28

Sir,

I beg to inform you that we finished with hire of Afterglow on the 5th, January, and this vessel has been repaired, cleaned and given over to the satisfaction of Commander Amedroz (Harbourmaster).

I am asked to convey the thanks of the directors for the assistance given by the Government to the above Company in the hire of the Afterglow.

I enclose cheque for the sum of three hundred and Eighty one pounds £381. This being payment for One hundred and twenty seven days at £3 per day,

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*B.R. Watson.*  
Secretary,

The Honiurable,  
The Colonial Secretary,

334/28.

11th February, 29.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 18th of January, 1929, with enclosed cheque for £381 in payment for the recent hire from this Government of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" at the rate of £3 per day for 127 days.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Falkland Islands and Dependencies  
Sealing Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.