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S.S. "Antartico"

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From Actg. Collector

Date June 13th 1919

To the Hon. Col. Secty.

SUBJECT.

Chilean steamer "ANTARTICO"

Put into Egmont Harbour, Saunders Is. W.F. on her voyage from Punta Arenas to Stanley, through stress of weather.

Reference Numbers. }

Hon. Col. secty.

On boarding the s.s. "Antartico" this morning the Master reported to me that he was compelled through bad weather to put into Port Egmont, Saunders Island on his voyage from Punta Arenas to Stanley.

2. A large number of horses died on the voyage and it was only possible to get these out of the hold in calm water.

3. I asked the Master to put in a written report which I now submit herewith - in the circumstances I venture to think that the Masters explanation can be accepted.

M. Bruce Harker
Actg. Collector.

13.6.19

Wednesday the 11 of June 1919 owing to very bad weather we made for the nearest anchorage on the West Falklands. At two o'clock in the afternoon we sighted the coast (Lacandara Is), and we anchored in Egmont Harbour at 6³⁰ pm. We opened the hatches which we had closed owing to the gale of wind there was blowing and we found that 136 horses were lying dead, one on top of the other. We commenced at once to throw the dead ones over board, to make room for those there was still alive.

We finished at 1¹⁵ am next day and fixed up the holds and at 7³⁰ am when the wind calmed down we proceeded to Stanley, where we anchored at 9³⁰ pm same night.

13-6-1919 in P. Stanley


Master of the S.S. Antarctic

Captain Jensen, Master of the S.S. Antarctic, appeared before me this day & made oath that the foregoing is a true statement of facts.



Christian Consulate,
Stanley, 13th June, 1919


Acting Consul.