

C.S.

PORT & MARINE.

(Miscellaneous.)  
(Shipping)

19 40.

No. 180/40.

SHIVES/13 # 24

Consul, Punta Arenas,

SUBJECT.

19 40.

30th December.

Previous Paper.

ENQUIRES WHETHER MR. WILLIAM RATCLIFFE  
IS COMPETENT FOR COMMANDING SCHOONER  
WEDELL.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram from H.M. Consul, Punta Arenas of 30. 12. 40.

*S. Mark*

*Refused.*

*31/12/40*

Hon; Colonial Secretary.

Mr Ratcliffe has had years of experience in steam and sailing vessels round these islands and although very competent and capable of commanding the schooner "Wedell", does not hold a navigation certificate.

If the "Wedell" is under the British flag, not exceeding 100 tons and is to be regarded as a "home trade ship", certificated officers would not be required for plying between the Falklands and Punta Arenas, but for entry here from a foreign port the vessel must carry clearance papers complying with the requirements of the Chilean port authorities.

*J. P. ...*  
S.M.

*31/1/41*

*R.P.S.*

*Pl. telegraph accordingly.*

*31/1/41*

2. Telegram to H.M. Consul, Punta Arenas of 3. 1. 41.

*P.A.*

Subsequent Paper.

Letter from H.B.M. Consul, Punta Arenas 14/1/41.

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.. Mr. J. Keller of 14/1/41.

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Letter to H.B.M. Consul, Montevideo, of 2/4/41.

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Treasury Receipt No. 1586 of 3/4/41.

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Letter from H.M. Consul, Montevideo of 24/4/41.

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.. to Brown Agents of 5/5/41.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* H.M. Consul, Punta Arenas, .....

*To* Colonial Secretary. ....

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*Despatched:* 30th December, 19 40. *Time:* 1600.

*Received:* 31st December, 19 40. *Time:* 1030.

Can you assure me if William Ratcliffe is competent for  
commanding schooner Wedell.

BRITCONSUL.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, .....

To H.M. Consul, Punta Arenas. ....

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Despatched: 3rd January, 19 41. Time: ...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time: ...

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Your telegram 30th December Ratcliffe has had years of experience in steam and sailing vessels round these islands. Although competent and capable commanding Wedell does not hold navigation certificate. Vessel must carry clearance papers complying with requirements Chilean port authorities for entry at this port.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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BRITISH CONSULATE,  
MAGALLANES, CHILE.

January 6th, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to request , if anything can be arranged for the undermentioned:-

EFTIMIOS.GEORGIU, a Greek sailor, who has expressed a desire to join the Greek forces, or assist Great Britain in some way.

He has a Greek passport, issued by the Greek Vice-Consul here.

He claims to speak fluently  
Greek,  
Turkish,  
Spanish,  
French  
and a little English.

If there is no possibility of assisting him to get aboard an English ship there, then he will have to return to Punta Arenas and for this reason, his passport was not visaed for the Falkland Islands.

We have been unsuccessful in our efforts to assist him here and the Naval Attache in Santiago could do nothing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

*C. V. Woodford-Booth*

H.B.M.'s Consul.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

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TELEG. "CARNILAN" PUNTA ARENAS

CASILLA 2-D.

PUNTA ARENAS, (CHILE)

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January 14th 19 41.-

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley.



Sir,

I beg to advise you that Mr John Hamilton will be responsible for the crew of the schooner "Weddell" formed by the following persons:

Roman Ruiz, sailor, Juan Nahuelhuen, sailor and Efftimios Georgiu, cook of the mentioned schooner.

These men will remain in the Falklands until there is an opportunity for them to return to Punta Arenas.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Your obedient servant

for JOHN HAMILTON. *tu*

*J. Miller*

180/40.

2nd April,

41.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will be good enough to pay the sum of £18 to Mr. EFTIMIOS GEORGIU, who is travelling to Punta Arenas via Montevideo.

2. This amount comprises the balance of wages due to Mr. Georgiu when he signed off the schooner "Weddell" in this Colony.

3. Mr. Georgiu is desirous of joining the Greek Forces but it has not been possible to provide him with a passage on a British vessel from here. It is understood that he will consult the Greek Consul on the subject on his arrival in Montevideo and in this connection I am to enclose a copy of a letter received from His Majesty's Consul at Punta Arenas.

4. I am to request that you will recover the amount of £18 from the Crown Agents through the Foreign Office in the usual manner.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*A. J. G.*  
for Colonial Secretary

H.M. Consul,  
British Consulate,  
Montevideo,  
URUGUAY.

No. 1586

THE TREASURY  
STANLEY, FALKLAND IS.



Date

Received from *The Hon. Colonial Secretary.*  
the sum of *Eighteen pounds* —  
on account of *Deposits - Hon. Col. Secretary.*  
*(On behalf of Greek seaman Georgios Sfikinos.)*

£18 —

*[Signature]*  
Treasurer.

A numbered receipt should be obtained for all Money paid to Government.



BRITISH CONSULATE,  
MONTEVIDEO. (7)

April 24th, 1941.

Sir,

With reference to your communication No. 180/40 of the 2nd. April 1941 concerning Mr. Eftimios Georgiu I have to inform you that the sum of 136.44, being the equivalent of £18.0.0 at the rate of exchange of 7.58 = £1, was paid to him on the 14th. April 1941.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*N. W. Stewart*  
H. M. Consul.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

18/40.

5th May,

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Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that His Majesty's Consul at Montevideo has been requested to pay to a Mr. Eftimios Georgiu, a Greek subject proceeding from the Falkland Islands to Punta Arenas, Chile, via Uruguay, the sum of \$18 and to recover the amount from the Foreign Office in the usual manner.

2. I am to request that you will meet the claim when it is presented from the funds of this Colony.

I am,

Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, Westminster,  
LONDON, S.W.1.