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PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF  
LIVESTOCK INTO SOUTH GEORGIA.  
(MEAT SUPPLIES)

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

D/2/60.

Supply of fresh meat to whaling companies.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched:* 9th August, 19 51 *Time:* 1800.

*Received:* 10th August, 19 51 *Time:* 0900.

*By what method?*  
No 99. SMITH, Fids cook has asked permission to import livestock from Falkland Islands for sale to Whaling Companies.

2. If permission is granted he would of course cease to be employed by Government and wishes to rent area of 10 acres south of Pesca Station including Hestersletten.

3. His intention is to import up to 2000 sheep and 200 bullock and export wool, skins and hides.

4. Feel plan would be very <sup>?</sup> welcome by companies.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

EXX G. T. C.  
S. S.

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H. C. S.,

I have discussed this question with Mr. Grierson who is conversant with conditions at South Georgia. He states that during the summer livestock such as bullock and sheep actually fatten on the pasture which is available, but that this is thickly covered as soon as the winter sets in. Mr. Grierson states, however, that it is possible to keep livestock in fair condition by placing them under cover and by feeding them imported foodstuffs. However to provide sufficient cover and fodder for a shipment such as page 1 suggests, would be a tremendous task, and if such an undertaking were possible, I am surprised that such an experiment has not been tried before during the many years that South Georgia has been used as a whaling station.

to a north  
or so

It would  
have been  
of course.

*[Signature]*

H. C. S.

10/8/51.

Y.E.

Pages 1-2. I agree with A.C.S. Smith is the cook we sent down to S.Georgia this season. As far as I know he has no capital behind him. I should like to know a bit more about this before approving. Where is the money coming from and how is he going to maintain the animals? We dont want the R.S.P.C.A.after us.

13.8.51.

It would not be possible to maintain livestock (other than pigs which eat whale-meal and mess-room swill) during the winter except by elaborate housing and the <sup>the expense of which would be prohibitive.</sup> ~~computation of fodder~~ During the short summer there is nothing more that Smith can do than the whalers can do for themselves. I do not think this is a practical venture. We would require much more information before it can even be considered.

McC. B/viii

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Administrative, Officer South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched :* 14th August, 19 51 *Time :* 0915.

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

No 78. CONFIDENTIAL. Decode yourself. Your telegram No 99.  
Smith.

On the face of it scheme appears a bit wild-cat and would like to have fuller details. Does he propose to winter the animals and if so how. Has he any capital or where does he hope to get it. Doubt very much if F.I.C. will give him extended credit. Fancy that if **it** were practicable proposition whaling companies would have done it for themselves long since.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.  
S.S.

Reply at 5.

BN 17/8/51



TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, S. Georgia

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 16th August 19 51 Time: 20.45

Received: 17th August 19 51 Time: 08.40

Cf

No. 103. Conf. Your telegram No. 78. Smith does not propose to winter livestock and he would only import quantity that he had already ascertained Whaling Company would purchase as fresh meat during the summer and enough to stock refrigerator during the winter.

2. He hopes to purchase sheep in Falkland Islands at about 10 shillings and sell to Whaling Companies at 84 shillings per hundredweight butchered meat, this compares favourably with present price of 96 shillings per hundredweight paid by Pesca and although Salvesen have no particulars cost they consider frozen meat from the United Kingdom is probably more expensive.

3. He would arrange to be paid by Whaling Companies monthly and could pay Falkland Islands Company by monthly instalments completing final payment at the end of May 1952 when refrigerator would be stocked for winter.

4. I have sought reaction Whaling Company who would welcome such a scheme it would not have been worth considering sending ship to Falkland Islands just to supply their own station previously as whaler too small and transport too large.

5. Smith can only raise £300 capital and in view paragraph 3 and above consider Falkland Islands Company would hardly object to extended credit.

6. During the forthcoming season his requirements might not be more than 57 (?) to 106 (?) sheep owing Whaling Companies having already ordered stock but if his scheme approved he would supply full requirements 1952/1953 season.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Abn fi. I am still not convinced. He won't get sheep from here at 10/- a head, it will be more like 30/- to 35/- and I don't know how he proposes to get them down there. We raised no charge by Pesca for the Whaling Companies, but it would be a different matter supplying a business operator, and I think we should have to charge. I reckon it would take at least two sheep and more likely three to produce one carcase.

entirely

400.

6.  
of him with present developments. Now I do I understand  
how he proposes to ship; Biscue can only help when  
she is going direct, normally only once during season.

We don't want to be discouraging but I am not satisfied  
that A.O. appreciates the difficulties. If Fitzroy is  
likely to connect with Harpan it might be better to send  
him a letter? I doubt if anything can be done this

year. Mr. J. Miller might be able to offer some independent  
Mr. Venturo  
advice?

MC 18/viii

ACS Diff. at com to A.O., S.S. Hold till we hear  
about the Harpan connection. If this is ok.  
send letter. If not we must telegraph.

12/8/vi.

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28<sup>th</sup> August, 1951.

Dear Ken.

I fear you will think that we have been rather damping about Smith's proposal to go into the butchery business in South Georgia. We are all for a spot of private enterprise but we cannot help feeling that his appreciation of the situation is faulty and his plan therefore impractical. Firstly, his chances of getting sheep from here at 10/- a head are just about nil. The price would be more in the region of 30-35 shillings. Skins are fetching such a high price at the moment that it doesn't pay the farmer to sell a sheep for much less than that. Admittedly the butcher can sell the skins. That is how Reive, the other butcher here in Stanley, has been able to keep going. (He is out of business at least temporarily because he cannot buy any sheep, the F.I.C. is supplying the whole of Stanley and recently threatened to put the price of mutton up 100%. H.E. managed to persuade them not to do so, but it does look as if the price of mutton will go up here shortly, even if, as I hope, it is not as much as 100%). I don't know whether Smith would be able to market his skins, but unless he can he doesn't stand a chance.

It takes at least two sheep to produce a hundredweight of butchered meat (three if the meat is properly butchered and not all bone and fat like the Stanley butchers serve up). At 30-35/- a sheep Smith's margin will be cut down, even if he does recover on the skins later. Then there is the question of getting the animals down to South Georgia. When we carried some down in the "Biscoe" last season for the whaling companies we did not make any charge, but if we were carrying for someone who was operating commercially we should feel it right to charge for freight. Say 5/- per head (that is not a firm figure). You will know as well as I do, and better, the limitations of the "Biscoe" for sheep carrying on her trips down South when she is necessarily carrying a considerable quantity of stores etc. for Bases. There is also the point that, as far as the "Biscoe" is concerned she can only bring the animals down when she is going direct from Stanley to you which may be expected to be normally only once in the season (and even that cannot be guaranteed). I fancy I saw something in the correspondence about Smith chartering a ship for the job. If he is thinking along those lines he must be round the bend. Chartering ships is an expensive hobby, as we know to our cost.

Wg/

Lieut-Colonel K.S. Pierce-Butler,  
SOUTH GEORGIA.



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We don't want to be discouraging and unhelpful, as I said before, but we do feel that it sounds to be a "shaky do" and would like fuller information as to how he proposes to operate. If it really is sound and if Smith can get the financial backing or credit from the F.I.C. (which I doubt at present) I don't think there would be any objection in principle to leasing him a bit of ground.

yours (Sgd) Mike

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Despatched : 29th August, 1951 Time : 1555.

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

No 86.      5      7  
CONFIDENTIAL.    Your telegram No 103.    Please see my letter  
being mailed to you via Montevideo.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

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# TELEGRAM.

From ..... Officer Administering the Government

To ..... Administrative Officer, South Georgia

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Despatched : 26th January, 1953 Time : 14430

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

No. 18. Damage to steering gear has necessitated Biscoe  
going Montevideo for repairs . Please warn whaling  
companies that this will prejudice my plans for their  
mutton supplies but I will do my best. For your  
information Governor not now returning until end  
of April .

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

G.T.C.  
CGG

Be.

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT BY H.H. THE O.A.G. ON HIS VISIT TO  
SOUTH GEORGIA, 1953.

(Original filed in 0276 Governor's Tours. ....)

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3. Sheep Shipping.

I have promised to try and ship live sheep and carcasses to the Whaling Cos. in Bischoe if a suitable opportunity occurs. In return we might get a pay load of fertilizer and/or cattle food from them. I have asked Mr. Barton to give me a note of possible local requirements and would like to discuss with A.O. on his return. Have we any p.p. on use of these whale products in Falkland Is.?

A.C.S.

Pl. see 49 in 31/6/47 att. - refers to active products at S.S.

Also 129 onwards in 33/46 att - refers to querns only.

Pl. 7/2, 8/2.

Y.H. Minutes at 143, 144 & 145 in 33/46 are relevant.

See 160 for A.O. return.

24/2

*[Signature]*

12

A.O.

P. H.

Will you pl. arrange to  
discuss with H.H.

*[Signature]*  
2/12

H.C.S.

Have seen H.H. about this.  
He is dealing with the matter  
through Mr. Barton.

John P. Blair.  
A.O. 1/IV/63

Recalled for telegram  
filed at 177 on 3/1/63  
attached.

Return to A.O.  
26/3/63.

PA



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

HOA/C

25.4.53

NO.57 IN VIEW RECENT IMPORTATION BEEF ARE WHALING  
COMPANIES STILL WHEN OBTAIN CONSIGNMENT MUTTON BY BISCOE.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Time

S/F

above 7.11

Reply 14

27.4.

see 27/4

27.4

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

14

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 29th April, 1953 Time 1800

Received : 30th April, 1953 Time : 0845

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No 65. Your No 57. Do not consider consignment  
of mutton essential in view recent importation of  
beef.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

W.H. informs  
PA  
30/4

P/L.  
SS

1/12/51

15

2nd December, 53.

Sir,

I am directed to state that His Excellency would like to send the "John Biscoe" on a "meat trip" to South Georgia in January if her schedule permits and I am to enquire whether you would be able to provide about 300 sheep - live and carcasses - for the whaling companies.

2. If you are able can you please advise what prior notice you would require for a firm order.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

*Reply at 16*  
*BU 10/12 reply at 16*

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

3rd December 1953.



The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

## Sheep to South Georgia.

With reference to your letter No. D/12/51 of 2nd. December our Camp Manager would like the voyage of "John Biscoe" confirmed by the 17th. December so that provision may be made for the supply of 300 sheep and carcasses.

Thereafter seven days notice of shipment, and the number of carcasses to be included in the total, would be sufficient.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*A. G. D. Darwin*

MANAGER.

*Y.F. P22 see (16) - can  
we let him know Prof.  
by 17/12? S.R.*

*A/SF Counsel Capt. Johnston urgently.  
me 5/12*

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				9/12/53
To	MASTER JOHN BISCOE			A/C FIDS

GOVERNOR HOPES YOU WILL BE ABLE CARRY LIVE SHEEP AND  
CARCASSES SOUTH GEORGIA BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND VOYAGES  
STOP CHARTER VESSEL WITH BASE & STORES UNLIKELY ARRIVE  
STANLEY BEFORE 15th JANUARY STOP PLC REQUIRES FIRM ORDER  
BY 17th DECEMBER SO PLEASE ADVISE EARLY IF YOU CAN SEE  
ANY OBJECTION

SECFIDS

Time

*Original filed FIDS/65/266*

*This is now on FIDS 266. Bu. 26/12.*



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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Num.	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				2/1/54
To	ADMIN OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA			A/C FIDS

FIDS 65/168 YOURTEL 19th DECEMBER TO GOVERNOR STOP PRICE OF SHEEP ALIVE 22 SHILLINGS AND 6 PENCE EACH COMMA DEAD 4½ PENCE PER POUND COMMA SUBJECT BOTH TO SURCHARGE FIVE PER CENT STOP ALSO COST OF MATERIALS AND LABOUR ERECTING PENS WITH REFUND FOR ANY TIMBER RETURNED IN GOOD CONDITION STOP GRATEFUL KNOW HOW SHEEP AND CARCASSES ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED SO THAT FIC CAN PREPARE ACCOUNTS ACCORDINGLY STOP NEW PARA 2 BIGGS AND FAMILY (WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN) TRAVELLING BISCOE WHICH DUE SOUTH GEORGIA ABOUT 10th JANUARY STOP 500 LIVE AND 200 BEING SHIPPED AS REQUESTED

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

Original filed 65/168

Reply 19

DECODE.

Original in FIDS/LS

19

TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched . 5th January, 19 54 Time : 1200

Received : 5th January, 19 54 Time : 1430

18  
No 2. Your telegram FIDS 65/168 dated 30th December.  
Sheep and carcasses to be divided as follows:-  
South Georgia Company 250 sheep 110 carcasses  
Tonsberg Hvalfangeri 120 sheep 30 carcasses  
Pesca 130 sheep 60 carcasses

ADMIN. OFFICER.

A.C.S.

Pse. advise Mr. Creece.

(Intld) C.C.

5/1.

Done

(Intld) J.B.

5/1.

P/L.  
SS

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TELEGRAM.

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From Colonial Secretary,

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 28th January, 19 54 Time 09.25

Received : 19 Time :

No. 25. "Biscoe" will proceed United Kingdom via South Georgia about end of May. Please inform Whaling Companies who may wish to divert inward mail by "Fitzroy" scheduled to leave Montevideo 1st May and again 19th May though latter sailing may be too late. Please also advise quantity of mutton carcasses if any they would like "Biscoe" to bring.

SECRETARY.

Reply at 21

Bel. 7/2  
D. 20.1

P/L: VP

~~Original~~  
copy

— filed in 0604/III - Correspondence relating to mail:  
D/12/51 - Supply of Mutton for S. Georgia.

herein

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Copy filed in 0604/III "Correspondence relating to mails" 21

TELEGRAM.

No. 12.

*From* The Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched:* February 1st 19 54 *Time* 18.00.

*Received:* February 2nd 19 54 *Time:* 09.00.

20 No. 30. Your telegram No. 25. Carcasses per Biscoe. Pesca require up to 150 and Leith 100 Husvik nil. Reference inward mail Companies are instructing Head Officers to ensure that mail connects Fitzroy sailing from Montevideo 1st May.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

F/L.

C  
S/f x opposite?

22  
3/2.

x1 Asf Be ascertain from St of  
Biscoe can carry this amount &  
then place order with R.C. (H. here)  
3/2

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				4.2.54.
To	MASTER JOHN BISCOE			A/C FIDS

D/12/51/22 PLEASE CONFIRM YOU CAN CARRY 250 CARCASSES TO  
SOUTH GEORGIA ON HOMEWARD VOYAGE IN MAY

SECFIDS

Time



DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 56.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia

*To* The Colonial Secretary,

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*Despatched :* 4th February, 19 54 *Time* 12.00

*Received :* 4th February, 19 54 *Time* 13.45

No. 32. Mutton and sheep per last "Biscoe". Pesca request that account should be forwarded for settlement in South Georgia not repeat not through Buenos Aires. Grateful if you can arrange.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L: VP

A.C.S.

Pse. ask F.I.C. accordingly

(Intld) C.C. 4/2

A.C.S.

Account passed to S.G. per BISCOE

29.1.54

4.2.54

Reply at 24

See 19.

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5. 2. 54.
To	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA.			Deps. Acct.

23

No. 35. Your telegram No. 32. Mutton account in  
"Biscoe" mail

SECRETARY.

K. 1 v 22

Bu. 9/2.

Time

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAM

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
4	JOHN BISCOE stat	19/17	2000	5.2.43
To SECFIDS STANLEY				

YOUR D/12/51/22 CAN CARRY 250 CARCASSES IF SPACE IN TWEEN DECKS  
IS AVAILABLE

JOHNSTON

052010z

Time

SJS.

A.C.S

Page 21 and above. Bismarck  
will carry carcasses as  
required

8/2

D/12/51.

26

13th February,

54.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that R.B.S. "John Biscoe" is expected to proceed to South Georgia about the end of May and to enquire whether you would be able to supply 250 mutton carcasses for the whaling companies, as follows:-

Pesca (Grytviken) 150

Salvesen (Leith Harbour) 100

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

*Reply at 29*  
The Manager,

Falkland Islands Company, Ltd. COLONIAL SECRETRY.  
STANLEY.

*23 2*  
*Bel 20/2 N.*  
*No reply 23/2*  
*Bu. 7.3.54*  
*25/2*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

27

*From* The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary

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*Despatched :* 24th February, 19 54 *Time* 1800

*Received :* 25th February, 19 54 *Time :* 0845

No 49. Pesca have asked for confirmation that price of 3671 pounds mutton carcasses landed last Biscoe is £68. 16s. 7½d as they have to complete accounts before end of February.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Reply at 28



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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25.2.54

To

ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

27 NO 47 YOUR TELEGRAM 49 STOP PESCA MEAT ACCOUNTS STOP FOLLOWING FIGURES  
OBTAINED FROM FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY STOP THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE  
BILLS AS FOLLOWS BRACKET A BRACKET 3671 LBS MUTTON 68 POUNDS 16 SHILLING  
AND EIGHTPENCE COMMISSION 11 POUNDS AND ONEPENNY LESS REBATE ON  
MATERIALS FOR PENS 18 POUNDS 17 SHILLINGS AND <sup>ELEVENPENCE</sup> ~~ONEPENNY~~ MAKING TOTAL OF  
60 POUNDS 18 SHILLINGS AND TENPENCE STOP BRACKET B BRACKET 130 LIVE  
SHEEP 146 POUNDS 5 SHILLINGS PROPORTION COST PENS 17 POUNDS 6 SHILLINGS  
AND EIGHTPENCE BULL 5 POUNDS BULL PEN 11 POUNDS 10 SHILLINGS TOTAL  
180 POUNDS 1 SHILLING AND EIGHTPENCE.

SECRETARY

68	16	8	10	5	-
11	-	1	17	6	8
79	16	9	5	-	-
18	17	11	11	10	-
60	18	10	180	1	8

Bu 26 7.3.54

Time

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

°(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)°

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Your Ref. D/12/51

*Stanley,*

26th. February 1954.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

26. With reference your enquiry dated 13th. February for 250 mutton carcasses, we will endeavour to supply these to R.R.S. "John Biscoe" about the end of May. We assume there would be no objection to the ship loading at Goose Green if necessary.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*A. G. Dainton*

MANAGER.

S/F Any objection - apart  
from rudder damage?!

26/2

Reply at 30

- H.C.S.
1. No objection. The intention now I understand is to sail the J. B. cabin in May.
  2. I am very amused at Smith's 'sheep and bullock' scheme page 1 - 6!
- M.H.*  
1/3/54

15/12/51

30

2nd March,

54.

Sir,

30 I am directed to refer to your letter of the 26th of February, 1954, and to state that there would be no objection to R.N.S. "John Niscoe" loading if necessary at Goose Green.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

BU <sup>15/12/54</sup> <sup>25/2/54</sup> N.  
30/4

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

2/3.  
These will go on present voyage, pl.

A.C.S.

Yrs. I will arrange for A/L station.

W. 3/5

Pa N  
3/5

W. 3/5  
30/4

VP

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary

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*Despatched* .      8th November,      19 54      *Time* : 1635

*Received* :      9th November,      19 54      *Time* : 0845

No 191.      Companies have enquired about the delivery date by BISCOE of two tons tallow and whether it is possible that any of the 800 live sheep and 200 carcasses ordered will be delivered before Christmas.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

S/R

We spoke - you are coping?  
(Intld) W.H.  
for C.S.  
9/11.

Reply 33

See 38

32.

NCS.

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The T.B. will not be calling at S. G.  
until the New Year but perhaps the fallow  
and some of the sheep & carcasses can  
be carried on the cathe calling here  
early December.

W.H.

12/11/54.

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.11.54
To				
ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA				DEPA/C

31 NO 203 YOUR TELEGRAM 191 BISCOE WILL NOT BE CALLING YOURS UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS STOP SUGGEST PART OF THIS CARGO MIGHT BE CARRIED IN GALVESEN 'S CATCHER AND IF BJWELLAND CAN GIVE APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES I WILL SEE THAT ORDER IS EXECUTED.

SECRETARY

Bu 28/11

Time

Reply 34

CC/SN

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TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched . 16th November, 19 54 Time : 1925

Received : 17th November, 19 54 Time : 0845

A.

33  
No 199. Your No 203. Bjelland doubtful catcher  
will have space for any cargo. The Companies  
question is :-

31 Will the BISCOE (say in January) deliver the  
quantities listed my telegram No. 191.

The order has already been placed with Falkland Islands  
Company.

B. ADMIN. OFFICER.

B.U.F. & ask S/F for his opinion.

(Int18)C.C.

17/11.

P/L.  
SM

S/F  
34 A with B pl. 10 Feb. 17/11

Reply 36

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ACS

(34)

The answer is 'No' - it may  
be possible to carry a few carcasses  
and perhaps the tallow.

*JH*  
18/11/54



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				19.11.54
To				
	ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPA/C

34 NO 208 YOUR TELEGRAM 199 SHORT ANSWER IS NO BUT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE  
CARRY SOME CARCASSES AND PERHAPS THE TALLOW STOP I HOPE THAT LARGER  
QUANTITIES CAN BE CARRIED ON BISCOE'S HOMEWARD VOYAGE VIA SOUTH  
GEORGIA IN MAY.

SECRETARY

Time

CC/SW

EXTRACT FROM RECORD OF MEETING HELD AT SOUTH GEORGIA  
WITH H.E., A.C., S.G., AND THE WHALING MANAGERS.

(Original filed in 0276 - Governor's Tours - Correspondence)

A

SHIPMENT OF MUTTON

Mr. Bjelland asked for as much live and carcass sheep as possible to be shipped early January.

His Excellency agreed to see what he could do.

EXTRACT FROM RECORD OF MEETING WITH CAPTAIN SALVESEN  
HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON 12.12.54.

(Original filed in 1272 - Interviews with H.E.)

(Subject to Captain Salvesen's Approval).

B.

S/F.

35 with A above - what is position now re.?

Q  
30/12.

C.

A.C.S.

It will not be possible to carry sheep carcasses or tallow. There will be no room for live sheep or tallow and carcasses would go bad before we reach South Georgia. As to spend a fortnight at Signy we can not.

J.W.C.  
11/1/55.

3/5/51  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

38

From ADMIN. OFFICER, S. GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 10.1.55 19 Time : 1700

Received : 11.1.55 19 Time : 1000

31?

No. 7. Last April an order was placed by Whaling Companies for 800 live sheep and 200 carcasses and it was expected that a portion would have been delivered by BISCEE in December.

2. The Companies persistently approach me about when deliveries are to be made. They are, in fact, now short of meat and are anxious to know where they staine as they will have to make other arrangements if BISCEE is not making any shipment.

41 3. The Governor, during his visit, undertook to see what he could do. Grateful you clarify the position.

SM/WH.

Reply 39

ADMIN. OFFICER.

39

J. B.

Reverse with 37c

I have discussed with S/F & there  
appears to be no possible chance  
of Bisere doing a direct trip  
unlike her homeward voyage in May.

2. Draft reply to A.O. S. Georgia  
submitted for consideration, pl.

J  
11/1

APP  
ONK  
"

Issue (copy to S/F)

1

12/1

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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To

12.1.55

ADMIN OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

38

RE TO YOUR TELEGRAM 7 REAT SUPPLY STOP GOVERNOR VERY MUCH REGRETS  
THAT OWING TO OTHER URGENT COMMITMENTS OF DISCOE IT WILL NOT BE  
POSSIBLE TO MAKE SHIPMENT UNTIL HER HOMEWARD VOYAGE IN MAY STOP  
PLEASE INFORM WHALING COMPANIES ACCORDINGLY.

SECRETARY

Time

S/F.

We spoke - re. see 38-40

ACS  
ndia  
13/1/55B  
10/1.

JE/SM

41

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

TO

But to KIV  
+ on mass  
on (24/4/55)  
8/11

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42

TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched . 19th February, 19 55 Time : 2055

Received : 20th February, 19 55 Time : 0845

No 28. Grateful you confirm that 300 mutton  
carcasses will be sent last BISCOE.

ADMIN. OFFICER

A.C.S.

Discuss with S/F & FIC early.  
(Intld) G.C.  
21/2.

Reply 44

A.C.S.  
On Biscoe's last voyage she will be 6 weeks getting to  
P.G. (too long for live or dead sheep). P/G. intends to  
make a special run in May with whalers' mail,  
carcasses and live sheep (if required).  
W.H. 21/2.

P/L.  
SM

43

ACF. Reverse

J. knows about Briscoe's trip - but  
can she carry this quantity & can she  
safely? - J.  
rev



## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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44

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23.2.55

To

ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

42 NO 31 YOUR TELEGRAM 28 BISCOE CAN CARRY 300 MUTTON CARCASES ON ROUTE  
UNITED KINGDOM STOP FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY WILL HOWEVER REQUIRE  
DEFINITE ORDER BEING PLACED WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS FROM TODAY STOP  
PLEASE ARRANGE DIRECT WITH ~~THEM~~ ACCORDINGLY,

SECRETARY

Pax

Time

12/24

Telegram to Secy for FMS Office London of 28.3.55

"RB 15/55 Salvagers request maximum quantity mutton  
carcasses be shipped on John Bisco for Leith  
Harbour Whaling Station on next voyage ☺  
No live sheep required this occasion  
Wells"

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				31.3.55.
To	MASTER JOHN BISCOM			A/c FIDS

65/312 Grateful know what is the maximum quantity mutton carcasses you can take to South Georgia in May stop Number asked for previously was 300 but request is now for quote maximum quantity unquote

Secfids

Reply increased 600

Time

Bu 7/4  
JH  
G 2/4

Re:me

F.I.C. asked to confirm they can supply 600 carcasses.

Bu. 12/4

Q  
9.4.

A/SF says Biscom's wh. sailing will not be around 15th May.

Q  
20/4

Spoke Mr. Blevins F.I.C. who is still not in a position to say whether 600 carcasses can be supplied.

Bu. 23/4

Q 28/4.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia

To The Colonial Secretary

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Despatched : 27th April, 19 55 Time : 11 30

Received : 27th April, 19 55 Time : 12 30

In 0604/17

No 63. Your No 64. Grateful you confirm that  
NORSEL will deliver mutton carcasses ordered.  
Tonsberg Hvalfangeri have also placed a considerable  
order for stores through FIC which were intended for  
BISGON.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Reply 47

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				28.4.55
To	ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPA/C

46  
 NO 66 YOUR TELEGRAM 63 STOP CONFIRM NORSEL WILL BRING MUTTON CARCASSES  
 STOP ORDER INCREASED TO SIXHUNDRED BY SALVESING HEAD OFFICE STOP PLEASE  
 TELEGRAPH DISTRIBUTION FOR INFORMATION SUPPLIERS STOP TONBERGS STORES  
 ALSO BEING CARRIED ON NORSEL.

SECRETARY

See 48

Time CONFIRMATORY COPY. 'PHONED TO W/T STATION 1430/27th.

DECODE.

48

TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 28th April, 19 55 Time : 1050

Received : 29th April, 19 55 Time : 0845

47

No 64. Your No 66. Mutton carcasses distribution  
as follows 300 Leith 150 each Husvik and Grytviken.  
Companies would in fact take as many carcasses as  
NORSEL can carry.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Reply 49

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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3.5.55

To priority

OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

UNNUMBERED STOP YOUR NO 64 MUTTON CARCASSES STOP QUESTION OF INCREASING ORDER TO NORSELI'S CAPACITY MAY RESULT IN DELAY OF VESSEL STOP IN WHICH CASE DEMURRAGE AT RATE TWOHUNDRED POUNDS PER DAY WOULD ARISE STOP WOULD COMPANIES ACCEPT THIS STOP KILLING RATE OF SHEEP LIMITED TO THREEHUNDRED PER DAY XXX

SECRETARY

Reply 50

Time CONFIRMATORY COPY PHONES TO W/ STATION 1415/30th

JB/SM

filed P.A.  
12.11.55

DECODE.

50

TELEGRAM.

From The Officer in Charge, South Georgia

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 1st May, 19 55 Time : 1227

Received : 1st May, 19 55 Time : 1230

49

No 68. Your Unnumbered 29/4. Mutton carcasses  
NORSEL. Companies not repeat not prepared accept  
liability any demurrage charges. They request  
vessels departure not to be delayed their account  
and will accept number carcasses loaded. May I  
suggest that if circumstances permit every effort  
be made to meet increased order.

OFFICER IN CHARGE

See 51



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				2.5.55
To				
OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA				DEPA/C
50				
NO 69 YOUR NO 68 STOP MUTTON CARCASSES STOP NORSEAL DELAYED OWING MINOR REPAIRS AND QUESTION OF DEMURRAGE WILL NOT NOW ARISE STOP SHE IS DUE LOAD CARCASSES AT DARWIN AM 5TH MAY AND PROCEED DIRECT SOUTH GEORGIA STOP AS MANY EXTRA CARCASSES AS SUPPLIERS CAN HAVE READY WILL BE SHIPPED				
SECRETARY				
Time				

JB/SM

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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To

GILRUTH DARWIN

3.5.55

HOA/C

NORSELS ETA GOOSE GREEN NOW FIVE PM WEDNESDAY STOP GRATEFUL IF LOADING  
COULD COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MASTER

COLONIAL SECRETARY

*Spoke Mr. Gilruth - he is shipping 900 carcasses  
as follows*

<i>Saunders</i>	<i>400</i>
<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>250</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>250</i>

Time

*Actually 893 carcasses*

*900*

*JB/SJ were shipped @ 12/5*

*3/5.*

DECODE.

Original filed in FIDS/File

TELEGRAM.

53

COPY

From The Colonial Secretary

To Officer in Charge, South Georgia

Despatched : 6th May, 19 55 Time : 1530

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

No 71. NORSEL sailed daybreak today. Eight passengers  
Dentist Dr. Schonfeld, Met. Assts Smith and Maloney and  
five labourers for Leith Harbour. Three bags mail.  
893 mutton carcasses. Cement, tallow and general cargo  
for Husvik. General cargo for Grytviken and Leith.  
Government liaison officer on board is K.V. Blaiklock.  
E.T.A. South Georgia 10th.

SECRETARY

10  
12/5

## TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 4th October, 19 55 Time: 1355

Received: 4th October, 19 55 Time: 1400

No.139. Sheep Carcasses. Companies are anxious to know definite dates when deliveries by "Biscoe" or other ships can be made this season as it will be necessary if no deliveries are forthcoming.

Last season a shipment was expected by December but in fact it did not arrive until May.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AS/F

Your observations would be appreciated.  
(Intld) J.B.

4/x.

P/L:IMR

ACSabove

1. It is never possible for F.S.D.S. to give definite dates of delivery to South Georgia of quantities of cargo except to say May is the earliest known opportunity but any opportunity which arises in meantime will be taken advantage of. Ships sailing for Dependencies in November & January are expected to be fully loaded on Stanley and will not return until April at the earliest
2. Pages 32-36 clearly indicate that companies at South Georgia had no reason to expect deliveries in December last year and if A.O. gave them that impression then he must accept the consequences.

55 3. If, as I believe it is, this commitment is considered important and we are so directed by H.E. then a special voyage may be possible to arrange between the date of return of Besicov from South i.e. about 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1955 & the estimated date of her sailing on 2<sup>nd</sup> voyage i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> January 1956. A firm decision should be available on or about 10<sup>th</sup> November when Besicov arrives from U.K. but even so conditions down South may spoil the best laid plans.

JH 4/10

~~JH~~

Reverse with N&F's comments.

2. Draft reply s.f.c.

⊙  
s/x.

ALD.

Isam pe.

R-6/10

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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				7.10.55
To	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA			DEP/A

54 NO.152. YOUR TELEGRAM NO.139 SHEEP CARCASSES STOP SHIPS SAILING FOR SOUTH GEORGIA BEFORE APRIL OBLIQUE STROKE MAY ARE LIKELY TO BE FULLY LOADED STOP REGRET NO DEFINITE DATES CAN BE GIVEN PENDING GOVERNOR'S RETURN EARLY NEXT MONTH.

SECRETARY

Time JB/IMR

bu 7/10/55

57  
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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched. 20th October, 19 55 Time: 1245

Received: 20th October, 19 55 Time: 1200

15/39/II  
No. 160. Your 166. Companies will take as much  
live and carcass mutton as there is space for on  
"Biscoe".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

B. U. F.

(Intld) J. B.  
20/10.

GOEL

QES file out.  
in 3 28/10

Ans. to file where SF asked  
Biscoe above cargo space &  
Bul. will be. B  
26/10. But 7/10 out

58  
MAGNET

A/SF.

Reverse

If Biscoe can accommodate will  
you pl. state quantity she will be  
able to carry as order should be  
placed now.

ACS.

Nothing can be done 1st voyage.  
Biscoe departs Stanley about 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. on  
2<sup>nd</sup> voyage and we can try to arrange  
shipment at that time

Mrs.  
14/11



~~Yes~~  
 57 with 58.

58 is still in the air - in any case  
 it will in all probability mean Bieve coming  
 as Darwin for the more shortly after Xmas  
 holidays wh. may be problematical as  
 far as Darwin is concerned. I propose  
 therefore to reply to 57 as in draft  
 at b. c. ?

~~Q~~  
 16/11

✓ 2.4.11  
 16/11

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

EP/A/C

57 No.196 Your telegram 160 Regret BISCOE unable carry mutton first voyage stop may be possible on second voyage late December stop In order that provisional order may be placed well in advance please telegraph numbers required and for whom.

SECRETARY

Reply at 61

Time

JB/IR

Rec 24/11/55  
Act Leacock H.M.O.  
WA  
24/11

61  
● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 20.11.55

19

Time 1810

Received: 21.11.55

19

Time: 0945

60 No.193. Your No.196. Companies will take  
as much live and carcase mutton as can be put  
aboard "Biscoe".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

B.U.F.

(Intld) J.B.  
21/11.

P/L:IMR

See 65

62

TELEGRAM

DECODE

A. S.F.

60 wbl.

Wanted you kindly let me know  
Business capacity in this respect  
imagine 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. ETD is likely to be  
somewhat extended now?

21/11

ACS

There will now be no opportunity  
for mutton dead or alive before 28<sup>th</sup> Jan  
and even this is a remote chance.  
No definite estimate of chances can be  
made before 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

21/11

~~207~~  
63

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER , SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched .	1/12/55	19	Time :	0938
Received :	2/12/55	19	Time :	0945

No.202. Companies would be glad to know for certson when it will be possible to make a shipment of carcase mutton as it will be necessary for them to place urgent orders elsewhere, if no delivery can be made.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Pl. send copy to A S/F for favour of his observations.

(intl'd) J.B.  
2/12

GTC:IMR

Reply at 66

~~24~~

A.C.S.

64

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It is now quite certain that neither of F.I.O.S. vessels can hope to deliver mutton or anything else to South Georgia before the first week in April.

The voyage which we had hoped to make at the beginning of January was entirely precluded by Biscoe's breakdown at Montevideo. Biscoe & Shackleton are expected to leave Stanley on 2nd & 1st voyages respectively about 28th Jan and both will be fully laden. Only mail for South Georgia can be carried for delivery at end of voyage late in March.

Drge to go acc. pl

D.S.M.

M.S. 3/12

*Copy in 04/03/1955* *65*  
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5.1.2.55

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

*61* No.211. Following from Blyth for Gutteridge stop Items asked for including 24 mutton shipped on BISCOE straight edge in care of ~~Chief~~ Engineer.

SECRETARY

Time *ASB*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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7.12.55

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

BPFA/C

63 No. 214. Your telegram 202 stop Now quite certain that neither F.I.D. S. vessel can hope deliver mitten comma or anything to South Georgia before first week April stop Anticipated January voyage is precluded on account Biscoe's breakdown in Montevideo stop Biscoe and Shackleton expect leave Stanley on 2nd and 1st voyage respectively end January and both will be fully laden and only mail for South Georgia can be carried for delivery late March.

SECRET BY

Time

WH/IR

*Last*

*b.c. 7/3/56*

*8/12*



67  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

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Despatched: 19th January, 19 56 Time: 1530

Received: 20th January, 19 56 Time: 0956

No.17. The Whaling Companies are fully aware the "Biscoe" will be waiting a considerable time in Stanley for arrival of "Shackleton" and they enquire whether it would be possible for her to make a mutton run in the meantime.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

S/F,  
?.  
(INTLD) J.B.  
20/1

GTC:IMR

Rec Filed  
for your comments pl.  
Jhar  
for ag. cl.  
20/1/56

Reply at 69

68  
A.C.S (the latter).

P. 67. Regret delay but know unable  
to undertake ship run at the stage  
as ship's engineers overhauling engines  
and job takes about ten days and  
will not be completed until almost the  
end of the month.

*[Signature]*

24/1/56.

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY

To ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

Despatched : 25/1/56 19 Time : 1300

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

67

No.20. Your telegram No.17. Regret "Biscoe" unable undertake mutton run as engineers overhauling engines which task will not be completed until end January.

SECRETARY

*PS*

GTC:WH/IR

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 19th February, 19 56 Time: 2115

Received: 20th February, 19 56 Time: 0900

No.33. Mutton Carcasses.

Companies have again enquired when delivery is to be made in accordance with Governor's comment of last season. It is felt that since Government is operating two ships definite arrangements could be made.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

S/F

?

(INTLD) J.B.

20/2

GTC:IMR

A.C.S.

John Brown will make mail / mutton run to S.G. during first week in May. We should inform whaling companies that their mail should be sent via Port Stanley

J.B.

20/2/56

70

Reply 71

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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23/2/56

To

ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

K  
NO. 39. YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 33 MUTTON CARCASSES STOP NIAGON WILL  
BULK MAIL MUTTON VOYAGE FIRST WHEN MAY STOP PLEASE TELEGRAM  
NUMBER OF CARCASSES REQUIRED AND FOR WHOM STOP WHALING  
COMPANIES MAY WISH ROUTE THEIR MAIL VIA STANLEY FOR THIS  
VOYAGE IF SO MONTEVIDEO CONNECTION WOULD BE FITTEROY SAILING  
FOR HERE ON 24TH APRIL.

SECRETARY

Sec 72  
27/2/56

Time

BU 13/56  
BU 9/3/56 2:30m

72  
DECODE.

18.

TELEGRAM.

From ..... ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To ..... COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched: 1st March, 19 56 Time: 1900

Received: 2nd March, 19 56 Time: 0900

71  
No. 42.      Your 39.      Mutton Carcasses.

Quantity required Pesca 150, Tonsberg 150 and Salvesen 50  
only total 350.      Companies would appreciate a better quality  
carcass than was delivered by "Norsel" last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

B. U. F.

(INTLD) J. B.

2/3

P/L:IMR

73.

S/F

Rescue.

Last year they had 900 carcasses!  
You may wish to let H.E. see before he  
departs - in fact he should see it, in  
view of 70. I don't know what a.o.  
means by "Governor's comment of last  
season" unless it is x on 88.?

N.B.

Perhaps they have a meat order  
placed in B.A.? - Pesca have  
a charter vessel going to S.S. from  
here towards the end of this  
month, hence the small order from  
here?

Q  
2/3.

Y/E  
Page 72-73. You  
wish to discuss  
this  
7/3/57.

OK  
cf

74

10th March,

56

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that R.R.S. "John Biscoe" is expected to proceed to South Georgia about the first week in May and I am to enquire whether you would be able to supply 350 mutton carcasses for the whaling companies as follows:-

Pesca	150
Tonsberg	150
Salvesen	50

2. The companies would appreciate a better quality carcass than was delivered by "Norsel" last year.

Reply at 45.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. BOUND

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

JB/MF

Recd 20/3/56  
Su 27/3/56



# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.



*Stanley,*

22nd March

19 56

The Hon. Acting Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

74. With reference to your letter No. D/12/51 of 10th inst. I have informed our Camp Manager of the whaling companies' requirements of mutton carcasses about the first week in May, namely -

Pesca	150
Tonsberg	150
Salvesen	50

2. Concerning the second paragraph of your letter Mr. Gilruth informs that the majority of the mutton shipped South by "NORSEL" last year were in first class condition. Possibly ten percent were no better than average, due to extra carcasses being ordered at the last moment.

He further points out that the crew of "NORSEL" did not trouble to stow the carcasses in such a way that they would keep in condition. They were thrown down into the hold in one great heap and the hatches put on.

The condition of mutton killed in May is necessarily dependent on the weather during the foregoing season and if better mutton is required than was supplied last year the Camp Manager will not guarantee to provide it. The whaling Companies are at liberty to obtain their supplies elsewhere.

11 3. Please confirm whether this mutton is to be kept in readiness or not. I take it that this order supersedes our normal standing orders for South Georgia.

11 4. It should be mentioned that Pesca has not yet paid for its consignment by "NORSEL" in 1955, nor Tonsberg for theirs by "JOHN BISCOE" in 1954.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*A.P. Davis*  
MANAGER.

Reply at 80

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PSY

26/3/55

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, S. GEORGIA

DEP A/C

No. 56.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 42 MUTTON CARGASSES STOP ORDER

PLACED WITH F.I.C. ACCORDINGLY WHO COMMENT THAT CONDITION OF

MUTTON IS DEPENDENT ON WEATHER DURING FOREGOING SEASON AND IF

BETTER MUTTON IS REQUIRED THAN WAS SUPPLIED LAST YEAR THE COMPANY

WILL NOT GUARANTEE TO PROVIDE STOP THE WHALING COMPANIES ARE AT

LIBERTY TO OBTAIN THEIR SUPPLIES ELSEWHERE STOP F.I.C. REQUEST

CONFIRMATION THAT THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES THEIR NORMAL STANDING ORDERS

FOR SOUTH GEORGIA STOP THEY ALSO MENTION THAT PESCA HAS NOT YET PAID

FOR NORWELL CONSIGNMENT 1955 NOR TONSBORG FOR BISCOE SHIPMENT 1954.

2. IN VIEW OF PARAGRAPH 1 GRATEFUL YOU CONFIRM THAT THE

350 CARGASSES ORDERED IN YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFER NOT REPRESENTS

TOTAL NUMBER REQUIRED AND WHETHER DEFINITE ORDER MAY NOW BE PLACED.

SECRETARY

Reply at 71

R-9/55  
26/3/55

JB/IR

12

12

DECODE.

No.575

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched: 27th March, 19 56 Time: 1700

Received: 28th March, 19 56 Time: 0945

16 No.58. Your telegram No.56. Mutton Carcasses.

I am not aware of any standing order for South Georgia but the Whaling Companies may have placed one privately. Request definite order is made in accordance with my telegram No.42.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/L:IMR

Reply at 18

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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PSY

28/3/56

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA /C

77

NO. 58. YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 58 NOTION CARCASSES STOP GRATEFUL.  
 YOU APPROACH WHALING COMPANIES REGARDING STANDING ORDER VIA-  
 LIS THE 350 CARCASSES ORDERED THROUGH YOU.

SECRETARY

Reply at 77

Time

10/11

B.L. 10/4/56

B.L. 31/3/56

B.L. 30/5/56

B.L. 31/4/56

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No. 75

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

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Despatched: 4th April, 19 56 Time: 1030

Received: 5th April, 19 56 Time: 0945

18 No. 60. Your telegram No. 5. Mutton Carcases.

Whaling Companies inform me that they have no knowledge of any standing order for a fixed quantity. They are anxious to receive live sheep early in the season and if the "Biscoe" had been able to make an early delivery the order would have been considerably larger than the one placed for May.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/L:IMR

D/12/51

80

6th April, 56.

Sir,

75 I am directed to refer to your letter of 22nd March, 1956, and to our conversation of yesterday and to state that confirmation has now been received from South Georgia to the effect that the whaling companies requirements of mutton carcasses are as follows:-

Peasca	150
Tonsberg	150
Salvesen	50.

2. R.R.S. "John Biscoe" proposes to lift the carcasses from Goose Green the first week in May and a definite date will be communicated to you as soon as known.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. Bound

See 82  
The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

JB/vm

S/F.

Reverse para. 2.

Anything definite pl.?

J  
15/4.A.C.S

We spoke. J.B. will leave Stanley a.m.  
 2nd May for Darwin. She will leave Darwin  
 a.m. 3rd E.T.A. South Georgia a.m. 6th. A.O.  
 has been informed of ETD Stanley and ETA. S. Georgia

J.B.

19/4/56.

D/12/51

82

20th April,

56.

Sir,

80  
I am directed to refer to my letter No. D/12/51 of 6th April, 1956, regarding the supply of 350 mutton carcasses for South Georgia and to inform you that R.R.S. "John Biscoe" is now scheduled to leave Stanley for Goose Green to collect the carcasses a.m. on 2nd May. The ship will leave for South Georgia a.m. on 3rd May.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. Pound

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
STANLEY.

JB/VM

Bur 3/5/56

P. Am  
3/5/56



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Copy to: FIDS

83

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

22.9.56

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA.

NO. 156 FIDS PLANNING SEND SHACKLETON SOUTH GEORGIA FIRST WEEK  
APRIL 1957 STOP WOULD THIS TRIP BE SUITABLE TO COMPANIES FOR MEAT  
AND MAIL PURPOSES.

SECRETARY.

Reply at 84

Time

JB/MP

Copy to S/F RD

Copy sent to S/F

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 24th September 1956 19 Time : 1558

Received : 25th September 1956 19 Time : 0900

No:135. Your tel. No:156. Mail.

Extracted  
to  
21/5/39.

The first week in April being end of season with many vessels leaving here for Europe gives ample mail opportunity at that time. The months of November, February and June would be preferable.

2. Mutton. The last consignment of carcasses was extremely poor and a large quantity had to be thrown away. The companies intended to complain to the Falkland Islands Company and informed me that they wished to look for another supplier. By choice they would like live sheep delivered here in October or November. The catering adviser of Salvesen (Mr. Kennedy) however told me when he left South Georgia last April that he would contact F.I.D.S. office in London concerning future supplies and delivery.

S/F 50. 4m  
See 85.  
A.O.

85  
A.C.S.

page 84 . is not very encouraging -  
we will probably send "Shankleton" direct  
to Antarctica . Suggest. in let. further  
action come from A.O .

Feb.

25/9/56

Yes

PC  
25/9

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 8th October 1956 19 Time : 1935

Received : 9th October 1956 19 Time : 1600

84 No:144. My tel. No:135. Your tel. No: 156. Mutton and Mail.

Grateful to know dates when Biscoe and Shackleton will be available to carry mutton and cargo from Stanley direct to this island. Companies are anxious to know because they wish to make arrangements for future meat supplies.

2. I feel I should mention that companies have said that now Dependencies have two vessels operating they look forward to more attention than in the past.

GTC : PT

Reply at 89.<sup>A.O.</sup>  
R.F. to you for B. H. H. H. H.  
13/10/56

ACS "Shackleton" will visit S. G. during first  
 half of November. Limited number mutton  
 carcasses only can be carried. It is  
 unlikely vessel will make journey again from  
 Stanley desert as mutton not required in  
 April. <sup>4 pages 84-85</sup> pages 84-85 refer.

"Bisbee" <sup>can</sup> ~~will~~ make mutton / live sheep / meat run  
 but may on homeward voyage - can give no  
 details re. the stage of any other calls  
 but it is unlikely she will make the  
 run Stanley / S. G. desert.

*Ally*  
 13/12/56

Yes.

To see 86 - I propose to reply  
as in S/F's 87.

Q  
12/11.

12/51  
DECODE.

No. 281.

TELEGRAM.

89

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 15th October, 1956 Time: 1200

Received: 15th October, 1956 Time: 0330

86

No. 148. My Telegram No. 144. Salvesens Head Office have re requested shipment of 200 live sheep to Leith Harbour on Biscoe or Shackelton before the end of January 1957. The order has been placed with Fleetwing.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L:MF

See P. 100.

90

No 1

Mr. Board's Rd minute at 88. Telegram  
as proposed by him may issue. We have  
received further message from AO at 89.

Don  
19/6/56



Sec. F.I.D.S.

A

91

Carrying mutton carcasses is a nuisance and I don't suppose  
the Captain much care for it - but the whaling companies are paying for  
a very substantial amount of F.I.D.S. and we give them practically nothing in  
return.

I know all the difficulties - particularly in view of our Royal warrant  
commitments - but I would be glad if you would consider it very carefully  
and see whether there is any prospect of giving the H.O. a more encouraging  
reply than proposed in J. 87. - and if getting 200 good mutton carcasses down there.

R.G.H.  
17/10/56

B

MEMORANDUM

17th October, 1956.

From

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LTD.,  
STANLEY.

To The Secretary,

F.I.D.S.

Dear Frank,

We have had a telegraphic enquiry from the Manager, Leith  
Harbour, asking if there is any possibility of shipping 200 live sheep  
from Stanley to South Georgia before the end of January. We can supply  
the sheep - can you supply a ship by then? Apparently mutton is on  
the menu for H.R.H.

Yours sincerely,

*J. G. H.*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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92

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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23rd October 1956

To

MASTER, SHACKLETON.

a/c F.I.D.S.

86 + 89

D/12/51/92 WHALING STATIONS HAVE RECEIVED MUTTON CARCASSES  
DELIVERED FIRST CALL SHACKLETON STOP HOW MANY CAN YOU MANAGE  
PLEASE?

Reply at 9/4

SECFIDS.

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 23rd October 1956 19 Time : 1130

Received : 19 Time :  
86 + 89

No:169. Your tels. Nos: 144 and 148.

Shackleton can deliver sheep carcasses early in November and grateful to know requirements. Biscoe can make mutton carcasses/ live sheep/mail run end of May on homeward voyage.

2. F.I.D.S. ships very much occupied this summer with complicated relief programme, increased scientific activities and Royal Visit and very much regret unable to make definite promise to deliver live sheep before the end of January. I am however considering ways and means and hope to be able to tell you something more definite early in November.

SECRETARY

Reply 1-95

GTC : PT

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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94

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
2	SHACKLETON etat	33/31	1200	24.10.56

To

SECFIDS STANLEY

YOUR D/12/51/92 ABOUT 300 MOSTLY ON DECK STOP HAVE NO TARPAULINS HERE  
OTHERWISE WE COULD CARRY MORE IN HATCHES CAN STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE  
MUTTON AT RINCON GRANDE

MASTER

241200z

ie

353/



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

95

No. 484.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 25th October, 19 56 Time : 1245

Received : 26th October, 19 56 Time : 0230

93

No. 154. Your 169. Live Sheep and Carcasses per Shackleton. Head Office Salvesens have confirmed that live sheep only are required before the end of February. Tonsberg require 50 mutton carcasses. Pasca have no requirements for either Shackleton or Discoc.

I am afraid companies are a bit wary of accepting mutton carcasses owing to the poor quality of the last delivery. Grateful you confirm that the delivery to Tonsberg will be made in November.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L:MF

Sec. Fids.

(Intld) A.C.D.F.

Extracted  
to  
9/5/39.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

96

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 25th October 1956 Time : 2250

Received : 26th October 1956 Time : 0930

153. Grateful if it could be arranged for following to be supplied for this station on Shackleton in November - 5 tons of cement for Squash court and other foundations, also 10 mutton carcasses.

Extracted  
To  
D/S/39.

See 95

Replied 99.

GTC:RJB

A.C.S

Page 95. I have ordered  
50 cases for Tinsberg; these  
will be delivered by Shackleton  
Sailing about 7th November.

Page 96. Have ordered 10  
 million candles for A.O. -  
 can P.W. supply candles for?  
 Should be possible carry candles  
 first voyage but will conform  
 in amount vessel

Will you reply to A.O. pr?

Trus.

29/10/56.

Dr

26 Can you supply 5 tons  
Cement for B Georgia  
Dunford  
29/10/56

725

Feb 28 - Put P can supply and I will  
await orders to ship.

WPK

K.V. Kel. & Co 31/10/56

98

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				6.11.56
To	BROWN	RINCON GRANDE		A/C FIDS

CARGASSES REQUIRED FOR SOUTH GEORGIA 50 WHALERS  
10 AC AND 10 BARS TOTAL 70

SECFIDS

Time

KIV 97.  
21.11.56  
Ad pr



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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99 ~~99~~

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

14.11.56.

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

DEPSa/c

96

No.178 YOUR TELEGRAM NO.163 STOP CEMENT AND MUTTON CARCASSES  
SHIFTED PER "SHACKLETON" 14TH ALSO FIFTY CARCASSES FOR  
TONGSBURG.

Q.A.H.

SECRETARY.

Time

VM/MC

Extract of  
Paral 8  
1947 96  
relating to  
a deep pl.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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100

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

6.12.56

To

A.O.

SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

89

2/12/51/100 YOURTEL 148 DATED 15TH OCTOBER TO COLONIAL SECRETARY  
STOP PROPOSE MAKING SHEEP RUN TO SOUTH GEORGIA MID JANUARY WITH  
SHACKLETON STOP PLEASE CONFIRM SALVESERS STILL REQUIRE + 200 LIVE  
SHEEP STOP DO OTHER STATIONS REQUIRE LIVE SHEEP AND ARE ANY  
CARCASSES REQUIRED? WILL STATIONS ORDER DIRECT OR SHALL I PLACE  
ORDERS THROUGH FIC?

Reply at 101

SEC FIDS

*[Signature]*

Time

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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101

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
361	SOUTH GEORGIA etat	42/40	1900	10.12.56

To

SECRETARY FIDS STANLEY

YOUR D/12/51/100 STOP WHALING COMPANIES HAVE PLACED AN ORDER FOR LIVE SHEEP WITH PITALUGA RINCON GRANDE AS FOLLOWS SALVESSENS 200 TOENBERGS 30 PESCA 500 TOTAL 730 WITH DELIVERY BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY PER SHACKLETON

ADMIN OFFICER

PA / Please inform Mr. Stanton and  
write for Stanley Order, Shackleton  
See 103 ✓  
J.B. 11/1/57 JAT

Time  
SJS /

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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102

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

12.12.56.

To

PITALUGA RINCON GRANDE

A/C FIDS

*Cancelled*

D/12/51/102 I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION THAT  
YOU CAN SUPPLY 730 LIVE SHEEP MID JANUARY FOR DELIVERY  
SOUTH GEORGIA BY SHACKLETON STOP UNDERSTAND ORDER  
PLACED DIRECT

SECRETARY FIDS

*See 100 + 101*

*Confirmed by message from Rincon to A.O. that  
sheep can be supplied. W. Breece informed 13/12/56*

Time

76.

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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103

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				28.12.56.
To	PRIORITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA			A/C FIDS

101  
D/12/51/103 YONUTEL 10TH DECEMBER STOP 730 LIVE SHEEP  
BEING SHIPPED MID JANUARY STOP PLEASE CONFIRM WHALING  
COMPANIES WILL BEAR COSTS ERECTION PENS BY PIC ESTIMATED  
AT APPROXIMATELY £150

SECFIDS

Reply at 105

Time

27/12

104.

S.G. No. 25/56.

MEMO.

C.S. No. ....

25th November 1956

From:—

To:—

Captain N Brown

RMS Shackleton

Little Harbour.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,

South Georgia.

The following live sheep are required provided  
delivery is made before the end of  
January 1957:—

Pescu	500
Salween	200
Tonsberg	30
	<u>730</u>
	Total.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICER  
25 NOV 1956  
SOUTH GEORGIA  
FALKLAND IS. DEPENDENCIES

*[Signature]*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

105

*From* A.O. South Georgia.

*To* Secfids.

*Despatched* : 1st January 19 57 *Time* :1200

*Received* : 2nd January 19 57 *Time* :1130

Ref your D/12/51/103.

Confidential. Companies state purchase for live sheep were made by them with Pitaluga Estate therefore they did not expect incidental expenses would occur with Falkland Islands Company. They have said they do not wish to pay these extra costs and if necessary will cancel the order, they also say they do not want live or carcase mutton supplied by Falkland Islands Company the reason being poor quality supplied by them in past. Grateful this matter is brought to attention of Colonial Secretary and Captain Brown.

Reply at 106

GTC:RJB

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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106

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3.1.57.

To PRIORITY  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA. A/C FIDS

105  
D/12/51/106 YOURTEL 011200Z AND MY 103 STOP SHEEP BEING  
SUPPLIED BY PITALUGA ESTATE BUT IN ORDER TO CARRY SHEEP  
PENS MUST BE ERECTED IN VESSEL AND FIC ONLY ORGANISATION  
ABLE TO DO THIS STOP ONLY TIME AVAILABLE FOR ERECTION  
PENS WAS BETWEEN 29TH AND 31ST DECEMBER AND WORK NOW  
COMPLETED AT COST £145 STOP CAPTAIN BROWN HIMSELF  
REQUESTED 28TH DECEMBER THAT I APPROVE ERECTION PENS BY FIC  
AND WORK HAD TO COMMENCE 29TH IN ORDER TO COMPLETE IT  
BEFORE VESSEL SAILED ON 1ST JANUARY TO BRING IN CAMP  
RESIDENTS FOR ROYAL VISIT STOP CONSEQUENTLY IN ORDER TO  
MEET SHEEP REQUIREMENTS WHALERS I APPROVED ERECTION FULLY  
EXPECTING RECEIVE CONFIRMATION TO MYTEL <sup>103</sup> ~~101~~ BY RETURN  
STOP ESTATE PITALUGA WILL CHARGE FOR SHEEP ONLY AND I  
ASSUMED WHALERS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION MEET COST TIMBER  
AND ERECTION PENS STOP COLONIAL SECRETARY IS AWARE OF  
THIS MATTER

Reply at 107  
SECFIDS



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

107

From A.O. South Georgia.

To Secfids.

Despatched : 4th January

19 57

Time : 1857

Received :

19

Time :

Your D/12/51/106. I regret Companies are not prepared pay these extra costs, moreover they consider amount excessive. There is no doubt Companies would not have objected so much if they had been informed or when order was first placed it was stated extra charges would probably occur. It must be appreciated that your telegram 103 was received by me on 28th and there was no mention of an immediate reply, and for me to travel to all stations to discuss such a matter invariably takes several days because I do not have my own boat.

HRS

PA

GTC:FKE

Please see telegram

submission + Sn. pass

105-7 return HCS

*[Handwritten signature]*

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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108

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

10.1.57.

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

D/12/51/108 DISCOS EXPECTED SAIL FOR SOUTH GEORGIA END

APRIL STOP DO WHALERS REQUIRE SHEEP CARCASSES QUERRY IF SO WOULD

LIKE TO KNOW NUMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE STOP

Understand

Bonner

San

Carlos

RIFIO

CEEGR

OC UZ Y

UPIFE

RBWWL

-

willing to

supply

good

class

TXXXX

SGPBO

PKFUC

GLRRL

CZFGO

mutton

KPAWN

SECFIDS.

Reply 1100

WJH  
10/1/57

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## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
139	SOUTH GEORGIA etat 42		1240	10.1.57

To  
SECRETARY FIDS STANLEY

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA URGENTLY REQUIRE 3 TON OF BEEF AND 1 TON  
OF CARCASE MUTTON IN ADDITION TO THE LIVE SHEEP ORDERED AND WOULD  
BE VERY GRATEFUL IF IT COULD BE SUPPLIED ON THE NEXT SHACKLETON  
ADMIN OFFICER

*Action below*

*Reply to 1108*

SJS/  
Time

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				10.1.57.
To	MASTER SHACKLETON			A/C FIDS

D/12/51 PESCA REQUIRE 3 TONS BEEF AND 1 TON CARCASE MUTTON  
IN ADDITION TO LIVE SHEEP STOP CAN YOU OBTAIN EN ROUTE

SECFIDS

*See request above*

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
258	SOUTH GEORGIA	18	1255	16-1-57

To

URGENT SECFIDS STANLEY

GRATEFUL IF A SHEEP DOG FOR PESCA COULD BE SENT ON SHACKLETON

ADMIN OFFICER

*Reply at B  
see 112*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
CONFIRMATION - 'PHONED				17.1.57

To PRIORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

2/658 SHACKLETON LEFT STANLEY FOR SOUTH GEORGIA 16TH JANUARY WITH 730 LIVE SHEEP FOR PESCA COMMA LMITH AND TONSBERG AND A QUANTITY OF BEEF CARCASSES FOR PESCA STOP REQUEST SHEEP DOG UNOBTAINABLE STOP PASSENGERS ARE HITTLE BROWN AND WHITE COMMA LAST TWO NAMED BEING IOY GLACIOLOGISTS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
289	SOUTH GEORGIA etat	26/24	2130	17.1.57

To

SECRETARY BIDS STANLEY

YOUR D/12/51/108 STOP TONSBERG ONLY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF 75 MUTTON CARCASSES COULD BE DELIVERED ON THE APRIL BISCOE

ADMIN OFFICER

*P.A. Please phone Mr J. Bonner letting him only 75 mutton carcasses required and that probably not. should be sent to him for him to look at small quantities*

SJS/

Time

*18.1.57*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
397	SOUTH GEORGIA	21	1925	23.1.57

To

SECRETARY FIDS STANLEY

COMPANIES WOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW PRICES OF LIVE SHEEP, CARCASSES AND BEEF DELIVERED BY SHACKLETON

ADMIN OFFICER

*Reply at 113*

*P.A.*

*Please obtain prices from Rincón Grande.*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				25.1.57

To

J BOASE

SAN CARLOS

A/G FIDS

ONLY 75 CARCASSES REPORTED SOUTH GEORGIA APRIL AND DOUBT WHETHER WORTHWHILE RINCÓN TO COLLECT SUCH SMALL QUANTITY

*See 124*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				25.1.57

To

PITALUGA

RINCÓN GRANDE

A/G FIDS

GRATEFUL KNOW PRICES OF LIVE SHEEP COME CARCASSES AND BEEF COLLECTED BY SHACKLETON

*See 111*

RECEIVED

Time

112

BROADCAST NOTICE

A TRAINED SHEEP DOG IS REQUIRED FOR SOUTH GEORGIA. IF ANYONE IS ABLE TO PROVIDE AN ANIMAL OF REASONABLE STANDARD IN TIME TO BE EMBARKED IN R.R.S. SHACKLETON SAILING FROM STANLEY AT 6 P.M. LOCAL TIME TODAY WEDNESDAY THE 16th JANUARY WILL HE PLEASE CONTACT THE MANAGER FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY AND AT THE SAME TIME ADVISE F.I.D.S. OFFICE.

Broadcast 1 p.m. 16/1/57.

see 110 A

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

113

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

31.1.57

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

1114  
D/12/51/113 YOURTEL 25RD JANUARY STOP HAVE OBTAINED PRICES  
FROM MISS PITAGORA AS FOLLOWS 750 LIVE SHEEP AT TWENTY  
EIGHT SHILLINGS PER HEAD L1022 STOP FORTY MUTTON CARCASSES  
AT TWENTY TWO SHILLINGS PER HEAD L114 STOP NINE OWEN AT  
SIXPENCE PER POUND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS AVERAGE L112 TEN  
SHILLINGS STOP TOTAL L1175 TEN SHILLINGS STOP GRATEFUL  
KNOW HOW PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE RINCON (CASH)

SEC FIDS

Reply at 115

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114

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				19.2.57

To ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA A/C FIDS

D/12/51/114 GRATEFUL FOR REPLY TO MYTEL 113 DATED  
31ST JANUARY

SECFIDS

Reply at 115



DECODE.

115

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer.

To Secfids.

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Despatched 22nd February 19 57 Time : 2230

Received : 23rd February 19 57 Time : 1015

Your D/12/51/113. I should like to await the return of Shackleton in March as there are minor differences over the number landed at each station. When this is settled Companies will make remittances direct from here to the Pitaluga Estate.

P/L.

See 116

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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116

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

25.2.57.

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

115  
D/12/51/116 YOUPTL 22ND NOTED STOP SHACKLETON NOT CALLING  
SOUTH GEORGIA AND SUGGEST POINTS CLEARED UP BY TELEGRAM

See 117

SECFIDS

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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117

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

25.2.57.

To

MANAGER RINCON GRANDE

A/C FIDS

D/12/51/117 YOUR ACCOUNT DATED 14TH JANUARY STOP HAVE  
 ARRANGED FOR LOCAL PAYMENT MUTTON AND BEEF SUPPLIED TO  
 SHACKLETON STOP WHALERS TAKING UP WITH CAPTAIN BROWN  
 MINOR POINTS OVER THE NUMBER SHEEP LANDED EACH STATION  
 AND WILL THEN MAKE PAYMENT DIRECT TO PITALUGA ESTATE  
 FOR SHEEP MUTTON AND BEEF SUPPLIED

See 116

SEC FIDS

A/T (FIDS)

Account - see | Re. above - please arrange pay £20-4-0  
 cover. | to Rincon Grande and bill them for  
 charge. | £145 being costs of pen erection  
 S.B.2 | by F.I.C.

W.H.B.  
 23/2/57.

S/F £20.4- paid to F.I.C. for % Min D. Pitaluga  
 who has also been billed for £145.

NFA when S/F  
 has all

W.H.B.  
 28/3/57.

W.H.B.  
 28/3/57.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Pierce Butler South Africa.

To Officer Administering the Government.

Despatched : 25th February, 19 57 Time : 1646

Received : 25th February, 19 57 Time : 0900

Grateful if you could obtain trained  
sheepdog for us to arrive here before end  
season.

PIERCE BUTLER.

REPLY AT 120

P/L:MF

File.

(Inld)

J.B. 26/2/57

Y.H. J. i. - we will advertise

d  
2 1/2.

119  
HCS/ Please

1. Reply that we will do the best we can.
2. Advertise as you suggest.

Opt.  
28.2.57.

Office

Issue - then ask SFF re shipping opportunities  
✓ whether dog can be carried. We will  
then advertise.

Q

28/2.

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120

Number

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Words

Handed in at

Date

28.2.57

To

PIERCE BUTLER SOUTH GEORGIA.

DEPS A/C

118 YOUR TELEGRAM 25TH STOP WE WILL DO THE BEST WE CAN TO

OBTAIN TRAINED SHEEP DOG.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

JB/MF

As I

2. Opportunity will occur about  
27th April, and dog will be carried.

DR - 1/3/57

121 ✓ 2

121

Office

D765

Thank you

2. We will advertise early April - at Bld. the  
free than.

3. The average price for a trained dog is around \$5 acc. to aq. Dept.

1/3/5 7.

02/14/57

W A N T E D.

A trained sheep dog for despatch to South  
Georgia towards end of April.

Anyone interested in selling such a dog  
should apply to the Secretariat.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

2nd April, 1957.

Ref: D/12/51

bu. 9/4  
3/4

JB/MC



123

J. H.

Re: - no response after repeated  
broadcasts.

2. J. H. may therefore wish to inform  
Col. Pierre-Bullen

S  
9/4

I will tell him.

H. J.

2957.

This correspondence shd. now go  
in the main file as P.A.

S  
10/4

S  
10/4

PA

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
199	SOUTH GEORGIA STATION	14	1600	11.11.57.

To

URGENT SPIVEY STANLEY

HVSVIR REQUEST ORDER FOR 75 CARCASSES MUTTON BE CANCELLED

Lansbury.

ADMIN OFFICER,

See 111B

W. Barnes informally phone.  
12/4/57

Time  
REY

Pa.  
B  
12/4

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer. South Georgia.

*To* Secretary, Stanley.

*Despatched*. 10th October, 19 57. *Time* :1245

*Received*: 11th October, 19 57. *Time* :

227. Manager, Leith, has requested supply  
200 live sheep this season if possible by  
November Shackleton. Have informed him  
November almost certainly impossible.  
Request confirmation.

P/L: FS.

Copy to Secfids.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

12.10.57.

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C HO

125  
No. 189 YOURTEL 227 MUCH REGRET CARGO POSITION MAKES IT  
QUITE IMPOSSIBLE SUPPLY 200 LIVE SHEEP NOVEMBER SHACKLETON  
STOP FIRM ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAKE SHACKLETON  
AVAILABLE FOR SHIPPING SHEEP IN JANUARY STOP PLEASE ADVISE  
TOTAL REQUIRED FOR ALL STATIONS BOTH LIVE AND DEAD

SECRETARY

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
275	SOUTH GEORGIA	28	1525	12/10/57
To				
SECFDDS	STANLEY			

GRATEFUL YOU TRY TO OBTAIN 2 TRAINED SHEEPDOGS FOR US TO COME  
 BY FIRST OPPORTUNITY STOP SUGGEST BROADCAST <sup>AD</sup>ASERTISEMENT WE WILL  
 PAY EXPENSES THROUGH MAGISTRATE

PSCA

Reply at 125  
 Action at 129

Time

PMMCL/

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

128

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				19.10.57
To	PERCA	SOUTH GEORGIA		A/C DEP

127  
D/12/51 YOURTEL 12TH OCTOBER HAVE ARRANGED BROADCAST

NOTICE

See 1 129

SECFIDS

Time

BROADCAST NOTICE

2 trained sheepdogs are required for South Georgia. If anyone is able to provide an animal of reasonable standard in time to be embarked in R.R.S. "Shackleton" sailing from Stanley on or about the 11th November, please advise F.I.D.S. office.

To be broadcast 3 times.

F.I.D.S. Office.

19/10/57

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
32	NORTH ARM	13	0920	21110.57.

To

FIDS STANLEY.

PLEASE WIRE PRICE OFFERED FOR TRAINED DOG AND OBLIGE

STEVE JOHNSON.

Time

OAS/



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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131

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22.10.57
To	PESCA	SOUTH GEORGIA		A/C DEP

D/12/57 FURTHER BYTEL 19th OCTOBER HAVE RECEIVED ONE ENQUIRY  
AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL KNOW PRICE OFFERED FOR TRAINED DOG

Replied to

SECFIDS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
477	SOUTH GEORGIA	29/27	1840	23.10.57.

To

SECFIDS STANLEY

YOURTEL D/12/57 HAVE NO IDEACURRENT PRICES BUT WILL PAY WHAT YOU  
CONSIDER FAIR PRICE GRATEFUL YOU GET ADVICE DOG YOUNG AND FULLY  
TRAINED

PESCA

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				25.10.57
To	STEVE JOHNSON	NORTH ARM		A/C DEP

WHALING COMPANY SAY THEY ARE PREPARED TO PAY FAIR PRICE  
FOR YOUNG WELL TRAINED SHEEP DOG STOP PLEASE NAME YOUR  
PRICE

See B.  
Re

SECFIDS

Time

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
40	NORTH ARM	12/11	0900	28/10/57

To  
F I D S SECRETARY STANLEY

THANKS <sup>1310</sup>MESSAGE PRICE OF DOG £10  
STEVE JOHNSON

Antonia B.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30.10.57

To  
PESCA SOUTH GEORGIA A/C DEP

DOG OFFERED BY STEVE JOHNSON NORTH ARM FOR £10 STOP REGRET  
CANNOT INSPECT OR OTHERWISE GUARANTEE STOP IF ACCEPTABLE PLEASE  
TELEGRAPH YOUR ANSWER DIRECT TO JOHNSON URGENTLY AND INSTRUCT  
HIM SHIP SHACKLETON PROBABLY LEAVING HERE 3TH NOVEMBER STOP

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.11.57

To  
PESCA FROM SOUTH GEORGIA A/C DEP

SHEEPDOG EMBARKED ON SHACKLETON ETA 18TH

SEC FIDS

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer.

To Secretary.

Despatched: 4/11/57. 19 Time: 1355.

Received: 5/11/57. 19 Time: 1030.

243/370. I am having to pay about 4s 6d a kilo for meat from Pesca and allowing 2 kilos per man per week including bone. Pretty expensive. Do you think we could get some Bullocks down alive by Shackleton, If so what price. We would do our own butchering. I expect they would be a bit too like macrofauna for November voyage.

Administrative.

134.

HCS has seen - file pl.  
(Intld) JB.  
5/11.

Reply at 135.

P/L  
MNG.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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To 2/11/37.

ADMIRALTY, SOUTHGEORGIA. DEP A/C.

133

NO 212 YOUR 243/370 BUILDINGS STOP TOO LATE FOR THIS CHRONICLE  
BUT WILL ENDEAVOUR ARRANGE ON NEXT RUN.

SECRETARY.

JB  
ENC.

136  
Be to Riv. cases in Log.  
— on 7/12  
B  
21/12

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number Office of Origin Words Handed in at Date

25.11.57.

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NORTH GEORGIA

A/C DEFS.

D/12/51/156 JANUARY STATIONERON PLEASE ADVISE WHALING COMPANIES TO ORDER  
NUMBERS OF MUTTON CARCASSES AND LIVE SHEEP PERCENT FROM SUPPLIERS HERE  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR FATTERS TO  
SET ASIDE REQUIREMENTS STOP AS A GUIDE TO QUALITY AND NUMBERS LAST  
YEARS SHEEP WERE OBTAINED FROM FALKLAND ISLANDS (GRADE BUT MANAGERS  
MIGHT WISH TO OBTAIN QUOTATIONS) STOP IN DUE COURSE PLEASE ADVISE  
THIS OFFICE QUANTITIES ORDERED FROM WHOM AND TO WHICH DESTINATIONS  
THEY ARE TO BE DELIVERED

SECFIDS

Time

Beef on the Hoof.

The A.O. may raise with you the possibility of getting down some beef on the hoof for use at the Government Station.

We are looking into this and are hoping to get him something down (if not on the hoof at least in the form of fresh meat) on the January sheep run to South Georgia.

NOTES:

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hot fresh meat.

H. C. S.

Beef on the Hoof at South Georgia.

I do not think this is a very serious problem. The A.O. told me that they would not require fresh meat, and I understand that beef is obtainable when vessels come in from the Argentine. In any case, whale steaks are an adequate substitute for beef and mutton is what is really necessary to provide a change in diet.

Although it might be possible to send down some beef on the hoof on the sheep run, I think the cattle would arrive in very poor condition and I do not know whether they would be better being slaughtered. It did not strike me that this was a very serious suggestion but you might like to look up whatever papers there may be on the matter.

30th December, 1957  
EFA/PT

141  
EFA - 0.14  
141  
2/1/58

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

95.

From.....ADMINOFF, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To.....COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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Despatched: 6th January, 19 58 Time: 1615.

Received: 7th January, 19 58 Time: 0930.

12/710. Would be grateful if you could ask Agricultural Officer purchase and send to South Georgia by Shackleton 12 good egg laying sort pullets for Discovery charging head 1 subhead 23 provisions.

ADMIN.

O i/c Ag. Dept.

143

H.C.S. would like you to do your best to help A.O. with above request.

(Intld) J.B.

7.1.58.

P/L:EH



144

O. i. c. Agricultural Department.

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Please note f. 142 & m 143

and re-rotate f. to be m for f.o.

10/1/50

145

KB Recalled from to C. i. c. Ag. Dept for filing 145.  
He is dealing with 142.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				23.1.58.
To	PRIORITY			
	MASTER SPACKLETON			N/C FIDS

120/113A YOURTELS 181430Z and 201500Z STOP VERY LITTLE SHEEP FEED  
TENDER WAS RETURNED BY YOU TO STANLEY AFTER LAST SEASONS DELIVERIES  
AND THIS VIRTUALLY USELESS STOP COST OUR FED TO SUPPLY SUFFICIENT  
TENDER FOR 200 SHEEP ABOUT £50 STOP ASSUME SUPPLIERS WILL AGAIN  
MEET THE EXPENSE AND WILL INCLUDE IN OVERALL CHARGE TO WHALING COMPANIES

SECFIDS

Time

Bel (112)  
15/3  
21/2/58

12th February,

58.

To: The Officer-in-Charge,

From: The Colonial Secretary.

Agricultural Department,

STANLEY.

Would you please arrange to purchase and send down to South Georgia next F.I.D.S. ship half a dozen mutton sheep for consumption at the Government Station.

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

AGDT/MC

(Bu 142 on 15/38)

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICEFALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

14:3:58

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

D/12/51/148 ESTATE H J PITALUGA KINCON GRANDE HAVE ASKED FOR PAYMENT 200  
MUTTON WINNERS AT 23 SHILLINGS PER HEAD AND ONE DOG AT THREE POUNDS TOTAL  
TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE POUNDS ALL DELIVERED LAST SHACKLETON VISIT STOP  
PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER PAYMENT TO BE MADE LOCALLY TO YOU (IN WHICH EVENT I  
WOULD PAY ESTATE PITALUGA) OR DIRECT TO ESTATE PITALUGA

SECFIDS

Time  
See 1495

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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149

W. &amp; S. LTD.

Num	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
		A		22.4.58

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

D/12/51/149 WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY BY TEL. LAST MARCH

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Reply at '4' SECFIDS

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. &amp; S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
353	Southgeorgia etat	/31/29	12/50	23/11

To

Secfids Stanley

150.

Sg111your d/12/51/149 payment will be made through magistrate Southgeorg  
 Southgeorgia stop will advise you when made stop regret delay  
 in answering original telegram

Officer in charge

PA

Please K.I.V.

151

Time

dp

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25/4/58

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152.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. & S. Ltd.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				1.6.58
To	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	SOUTH GEORGIA		/C VIDEN

1495  
1/12/51/150 Y. 111 STATE H J PITKINGA PRESSING FOR SETTLEMENT OUTSTANDING  
ACCOUNT. WOULD MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN EXPEDITE PAYMENT

Reply of 153/55.

RECEIVED

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. & S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
120	South Georgia etat	34/32	1805	11.6.58.
To		153		
Secfids Stanley.				

152  
Active

Your D/12/21/150 sorry about delay but next boat round from Leith should have draft covering this amount though I cannot say for certain when this will be

O.I.C.

A.S.F.

154

Time  
OAS/

Invoice has been removed and is attached to L.P.V.  
for £31.12- (chargeable to 7.0.2). The balance will

be received as a remittance from the A.O. I.D.C.

Seen by A.S.F. 19/6/58

18.6.58.

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. &amp; S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
326	South Georgia etat 22/18		1200	26.6.58.
To				
Secfids Stanley.				

152 Your D/12/51/150 £283/-/- collected from South Georgia Co grateful  
you pay Estate Pitaluga

Officer in Charge

A.T. F.I.D. - 156

To you for - presumably  
Bennie's stree. amount his payments?

Time

OAS

A.C.S.

above paid. Bennie's.  
money has now been received. 28/6/58 3.6.58

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
40	South Georgia	<del>36</del> xx 3 26/25	1800	2.10.58.
To				
Fids Stanley				

Referring to cable 10/6/58 from manager rincon grande please inform us if you can supply 100 carcasses frozen mutton price and shipment

Pesca.

*See above it addressed 159 K.F. 108. - We haven't a copy of the cable referred to. In the circs. I can see no alternative but refer matter to Manager, Rincon Grande advising as in drafts tel. at G.C. - JC now submitted for consideration.*

*30/10/58*

*21/10/58*

Time



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W. & S. LTD.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

Copy to S/T.

21.10.58.

To

MANAGER RINCONGRANDE.

Hoa/c

Your cable to Pesca 10th June stop Pesca have telegraphed regarding possibility of supply 100 carcasses frozen mutton and price stop Frozen meat is of course impossible but you may like to telegraph quotation for fresh mutton to Pesca direct and if acceptable apply to FIDS for shipping space.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

JD/WH

There is a further 60.



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161

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
373	South Georgia	8	1730	21.10.58.
To				
Fids Stanley.				

159 Please answer our cable 2nd

Pesca.

162

In Rincon Grande's  
hands now

163

Time  
OAS/

copy at 164

be had better say so  
by 4 164

refuse

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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164

W. &amp; S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				23.10.58.
To	PESCA SOUTH GEORGIA.			Dep a/c

161 Yourtel to Beifids of 21st Matter has been referred to  
Ninon Grande Farm who will contact you.

SECRETARY.

Time

1000 / RH

23/10/58

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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165

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
522	etat South Georgia	48	1800	29.10.58.

To

Secfids Stanley.

Husvik Harbour request one hundred live sheep and fifty carcasses  
Leith Harbour require two hundred live sheep for Salvesen account  
and four live sheep for Akseths personal account as last seasons  
sheep were of good quality can you please arrange for same supplier  
this year

Administrative.

A.C.S.

166

This should have been addressed to you.  
Will you please take action & request shipment  
by us in due course? *W.P. 31.10.58* See 168

Time

OAS/

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SENT

W. &amp; S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				11. 10. 58.

To

MARGARET RINCON GRANDE

Leys a/c

Whalers would like you to supply following.    Husvik Harbour 100  
live sheep and 50 carcasses.    Leith Harbour 200 live sheep for  
Salvesens account and four live sheep for Aksoths personal  
account.    Can you supply and if so when?

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

JB/AM

Reply at 169

be. 1/11  
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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3.11.58.
To				
	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA.			Dep a/c

166 No. 275 Yourtel 29th October to Secfids stop Meat stop Matter  
has been referred to Manager Rincon Grande and a reply is awaited.

SECRETARY.

JB/RI

Re 5/11/58

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number Office of Origin Words Handed in at Date  
 1 Rincon Grande 65 1300 1.11.58.

To Colonial Secretary Stanley

can supply all sheep and carcasses stop would be more convenient to us to supply in January also sheep would be in better condition then stop If carcassesx are urgently needed could supply them November stop This would apply Pesca too of course it all depends when transport is convenient for FIDS stop Thanking you very much for all information

Manager.

S/F (on file)

Envelope for your observations on enclosed

Time JC

2/11/58

A.C.S.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

D/12/51

RECEIVED

If they want meat early Biscoe can

take it, leaving here about 24th November

Shackleton will take live sheep, if required,  
about 24th January but this date may be  
subject to some adjustment. Not earlier, however

JH  
5/11/58



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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172

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				6. 11. 58.

To

PRIORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE SOUTH GEORGIA

No a/c

108 No. 280 My 275 meat stop Rincon Grande has replied begins can supply all sheep and carcasses stop would be more convenient to us to supply in January also sheep would be in better condition then stop if carcasses are urgently needed could supply them November stop this would apply Pesca too of course it all depends when transport is convenient for FIDS once stop para two if meat urgently required Miscon can take it leaving here about 24th November stop Shackleton could take live sheep about 24th January stop latter date may be subject adjustment but will not be earlier stop para three please telegraph decision early particularly if meat required November

SECRETARY

P/L:

JD/IN

Copy sent to S/f  
SH

Rec. 11/11/58  
Rec. 2 2 1

DECODE.

173

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

*Despatched* . 9. 11. 58.

19 .. *Time* : 13. 30

*Received* : 10. 11. 58.

19 .. *Time* : 10. 30

271/362. Baa. Pesca would prefer take 50 carcasses November and place definite order for more carcasses January - possibly 200 - when supplies of meat from Baires have been received at Grytviken December. South Georgia Co. prefers January delivery their order. Tonsberg Husvik have been experiencing difficulty rounding up sheep that have now overwinter twice there and wish cancel order for 100 live and 50 carcasses. Manager requests 100 carcasses only and no live sheep January.

2. Shall I tell managers here to contact Pitaluga Rincon Grande direct concerning payment and other sheep matters but to let me know if changes in numbers to be supplied are requested.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/L:IM

Copy sent to S/F.

Reply at  
174.

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W. &amp; A. LTD.

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Copy to S/F.

20.11.58.

To

ADMINOFF ZRH

Dep a/c

173 No.302 Your 271/362 stop MUT stop Pesca's 50 carcasses being shipped  
by Fleetwing Biscoe 24th stop Small consignment did not warrant diverting  
Biscoe to collect from Camp stop Para 2 Your para 2 stop Yes please.

SECRETARY.

Time

JB/PH

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W. A. S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21.11.58
To				
MANAGER RINGBORN GRANDE			DEPS A/C	

No meat for Whalers required November stop About 500 carcasses  
 repeat carcasses likely to be required towards end of January  
 stop Whalers are being advised to contact you direct concerning  
 shipment and payment

Copy to S/F  
 (initial) Jm

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time JE/IN

Rec 7/11/58

Rincon Grande  
10th Dec. 1958.

Dear Mr. Denton-Thompson,

I do not know quite what to do regarding the Mutton for the Whalers, as I have not heard anything from them since your last telegram to me. So I thought I would write to you. I hope you will not mind.

Such a large quantity of Mutton Carcasses in January would be almost impossible.

Because of the flies and also the inadequate buildings for storage.

It would take three days at least to kill them.

Shall I inform Whalers of this, or wait until they contact me?

Would be most grateful for your advice in connection with all this.

Yours Truly  
 Diana Pitulanga  
 Reply at 178

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(W. &amp; S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30/12/58
To				
ADDNORTH SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPS A/C	

No. 350. We are in some difficulty over mutton for South Georgia stop In light of cargo commitments this year we cannot carry live sheep in January stop with the facilities available to us here it is going to be very difficult indeed particularly if the weather is good to supply 300 carcasses with any guarantee that even the majority of them will reach you in good condition stop The only farm that could slaughter and load that number of carcasses is Goose Green and you will remember that the great majority of carcasses supplied by Goose Green last time arrived in poor condition stop Para. 2. Shackleton makes another voyage South Georgia in March and weather will be cooler consequently carcasses will have better chance of survival also live sheep could be carried then stop Please inform Whalers and ask them that in view of the circumstances they would prefer the later

SECRETARY

Shipment.

Reply at 179.

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT

(W. &amp; S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				31/12/58
To				
MANAGER, RINGEN GRADE			DEPT A/C	

177 WHALERS HAVE BEEN TELEGRAPHED INFORMING THEM THAT THERE WILL BE  
 ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SOUTH GEORGIA IN MARCH AND ASKING THEM  
 IF THEY WOULD PREFER BUTTON SHIPPED THAT VOYAGE <sup>stop</sup> ~~and~~ WILL KEEP  
 YOU INFORMED

SECRETARY

Time DRG/IN

Hold for dep of  
 coming in

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

179

No. 70.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia,

*To* Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched .*      5th January,      19 59      *Time :* 1800

*Received :*      6th January,      19 59      *Time :* 0900

177

4/362. Sheep. Your telegram 350. Manager Leith replies "Regret March unsuitable for live sheep and we do not wish carcasses in view our previous experience with them. If any possibility in February this would be acceptable but otherwise please convey our apologies to Rincon Grande and cancel our order for this year". Manager Pesca wishes cancel order this year though he might take sheep if available March. Reply from Husvik awaited.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L:FH



180  
~~243~~

EXTRACT FROM MINUTE TO THE ASSISTANT COLONIAL SECRETARY FROM THE HONOURABLE  
COLONIAL SECRETARY OF THE 14th JANUARY, 1959.

(5) South Georgia meat run.

Could you be ready to deal with these in discussion say Friday morning.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

*To* COLONIAL SECRETARY

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*Despatched .* 7th January, 1959 *Time :* 1320

*Received :* 8th January, 1959 *Time :* 0930

No. 10/362. Sheep. Manager Husvik replies

"We then prefer the later shipment and can do

with 75 carcasses. We have earlier ordered

100 and can reduce 25".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/L:IM

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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19/1/59

To

MANAGER RINGBORN CR/IDE

DEPS A/C

January next trip to South Georgia has been cancelled stop  
Small number of carcases and large number live sheep possibly  
required late February stop Will telegraph details when position  
is more clear

SECRETARY

182

8.  
Re 2.2.59 to enquire position  
regarding movements of ships

Time JD/IM

25/1/59

5/8

184  
Sigs. Mease Voyage.

I suspect things are very much 'in the air'  
but would be glad to learn any news as more  
has to be ordered well in advance.

185  
Acs

Shackleton will go to South Georgia in March  
or early in April but I regret no firm or  
even approximate date can be given at the  
moment.

9.2.59

186  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

*To* COLONIAL SECRETARY

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*Despatched* : 7th February, 1959 *Time* : 1730

*Received* : 8th February, 1959 *Time* : ....

54/362. Manager Leith has lost majority of his pigs and would like up to five hundred live sheep if opportunity permits.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,

(Intld)

A. G. D. T.

9.2.59

P/L:IM

*Reply at 91*

187.

S/F

Reverse - this would bring the shipment up to around 700 live sheep + 100 carcasses as follows:-

Lith	500 live
Pelca	200 (?) live
Husvik	100 carcasses

Presumably "Shackleton" can carry this amount?

Q  
12/2/59 188

A.C.S.

Since Shackleton must now take cargo to bases on next voyage there will be no outward call at South Georgia direct nor can meat or live sheep be carried. A special voyage to South Georgia & back is therefore indicated at the end of the season and this cannot be made before early April. 13/2/59

HCS

189

186-188 for inf.

2. Drop refer to ad. s.f.c.

8

12/1/69

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H.C.S.:

Thank you. I suggest as slightly

amended.

R. J. P.

17.2.59.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				18.2.59
To				
ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPS A/C	

186 No. 43. Yourtel 54/362 Much regret that since Shackleton must take cargo to bases no outward call with meat will be possible before early April stop Will an April delivery do?

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time AGDT/TH

Reply 2492

Ble  
2513



DECODE.

192

TELEGRAM.

*From* ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

*To* COLONIAL SECRETARY

*Despatched* 23rd February, 19 59 *Time* : 1620

*Received* : 24th February, 19 59 *Time* : 1000

191 66/362. Sheep. In view your telegram No. 43  
Manager Leith requests two hundred live sheep  
only early April.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L:IM

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. & S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				24.2.59

To

MANAGER RINCON GRANDE

~~RECEIVED~~ DEPS A/C

SOUTH GEORGIA MEAT TRIP NOW NOT LIKELY BEFORE EARLY APRIL STOP  
*you*  
 COULD SUPPLY UP TO 400 LIVE SHEEP AND UP TO 100 CARCASSES THEN

COLONIAL SECRETARY

VIM

Reply 21-1944

Bu. 7/3  
 Q

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

194

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
339	Rincon Grande	24	1030	25.2.59.

To Colonial Secretary Stanley

Shall be able to supply stated number of sheep requested for South Georgia stop Date very suitable many thanks regards

D. Pitaluga.

195

Yes

D. i. - this means that the sheep are lined up wh. is the wrong way.

26/2/59

Good. 26/2/59

Time

1/4  
Bel 20/3

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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1959

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
310	Rincon Grande	52	1050	26.3.59.

To John Bound Secretariat Stanley

I have received replies from whalers concerning beef carcasses which I have forwarded on to you stop Two of the messages seem rather ambiguous to me implying that the ~~mutton~~ mutton supply is cancelled stop Would be very grateful if you would let me know your opinion regards

Diana.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

1958

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

MANAGER, RINCON GRANDE

THANKS YOUR OFFER BEEF CARCASSES BUT REGRET NONE REQUIRED BY US

MANAGER ASKETH

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

1950

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

MANAGER, RINCON GRANDE

THANKS YOUR NOTE BUT EXPECTING OUR "CONQUISTADOR" WITH WINTER SUPPLIES IN  
A FEW DAYS

PESCA

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

1950

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

MANAGER, RINCON GRANDE

THANKS OFFER WILL NOT NEED SUPPLIES AS ALL SHIPS RETURNING NORWAY END OF SEASON

MANAGER HUSVIK

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* COLONIAL SECRETARY

*To* MANAGER, RINCON GRANDE

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*Despatched* : 28th March, 1959 *Time* : 0910

*Received* : 19 *Time* :

Telegrams are not clear on meat requirements but will clarify with South Georgia as soon as something more definite is known about "Shackletons" movements.

SECRETARY.

P/L:DM

Rec 7/24  
P



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

1917

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

4.4.59.

ADMINISTRATIVE SOUTH GEORGIA

THIS A/C

No. 95. Shackleton sailing 4th for medical case from Bases stop Coming back here and provisional RED South Georgia 18th stop There is possibility she may be delayed to 28th April and bring down new Cook/Stewards for Discovery arriving that date but no decision on this can be taken at present stop  
2. Please ask Whaler to telegraph meat requirements now

SECRETARY

Time

JB/TM

Recd. 18.1.199

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

198

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

6.4.59.

MANAGER HINCH CRAWDE

DO A/C

SHACKLETON WILL NOW NOT DO MEAT RUN UNTIL 28TH APRIL

SECRETARY

Time

JB/TM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched : 6th April, 19 59 Time : 1900

Received : 7th April, 19 59 Time : 1430

197 116/362. Your telegram No. 95. Sheep. Manager Leith would like 200 live sheep if he can have them before about 20th April (he said this the day before your telegram received) otherwise none. Grytviken and Husvik require none. Request four carcasses for Government Station. Please do not lay this on specially. Leith can manage without these sheep but a little mutton occasionally is nice.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

P/L:IM

Reply at 200

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

8.4.59.

ADVICE BOUND GEORGIA

DATA A/C

199 No. 98. Yourtel 116/362 Stop Sheep stop Shackleton cannot arrive much before 4th May stop If no meat is required by whalers provisional order must be cancelled now stop Please confirm stop Four carcasses for Government station will be shipped

SECRETARY

Time

JP/TM

Rep at 201  
12/4/59

201

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched : 9th April, 19 59 Time : 1230

Received : 9th April, 19 59 Time : 1400

900  
120/362. Your telegram No. 98. Sheep.

Cancellation confirmed.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

202

1:1M

202

Disc. tals. from V  
to Lincoln Grande & then  
Rec. 23/4/59 to order cancelled  
for Govt. Stn. 8/4/59.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
129	Rincon Grande	35	0920	10.4.59.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

Could you give me any idea please if whalers still require same amo  
of live sheep and carcasses as we want to keep them back in paddoc  
till Spackleton calls regards

Diana Pitaluga

Reph

Time

RFB/4

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

204

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

10.4.59

To

MANAGER MINCON GRADE

DEPS A/C

See 203

REGRET THAT WOULD HAVE CANCELLED ALL MEAT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS YEAR

SECRETARY

e JB/BI

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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205

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
160	Rincon Grande	34	0925	13.4.59.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

Most regrettable indeed about meat for ~~whalers~~ whalers stop We are most grateful for all the assistance you gave us stop Thank you so much for taking so much trouble regards

Diana Pitaluga.

Time JC

file to be ab  
bc fl  
to order for some 23/4/59



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INLAND ISLANDS

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Number 206 Office of Origin Words 28 Dated in 27

NB

Five mutton carcasses ordered for @ \$ from  
FIC

24/4/59

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20  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 372.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

*Despatched :* 25th November, 19 59. *Time :* 1830

*Received :* 26th November, 19 59. *Time :* 1000

Following received from Husvik. Understand  
Biscoe will come from Stanley next month. Would  
it be possible to get 120 mutton carcasses per  
Biscoe. Signed Olsen. Please advise.

Administrative Officer.

208.  
S/F.

He presumably means the trip  
shortly after Xmas? If so can  
Biscoe oblige please?

(Intld.) JB

26.11.59.

*Rapey at 210*

*ACS.*

*209*  
*yes, but they will probably have to  
be stowed above deck. 9/12/59*

P/L:LH

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. & T. LTD.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

Psy

2. 12. 59.

To

Adminoff South Georgia

(Deps A/c)

207 No. 283. Yourtel 25th November Mutton for Husvik stop Biscoe can carry but in view of probable heavy cargo commitments for Halley Bay it may repeat may be necessary to stow above deck stop Will this be acceptable to Olsen

SECRETARY

Time

JB/IM

Reply at 21

61 8.12.59  
206 12.12.59

211  
DECODE.

No. 76.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 5th December, 1959      *Time :* 1255

*Received :* 6th December, 1959      *Time :* 1615

210  
No. 285.      Your telegram 283.

Mutton for Husvik.

Note from Olsen "mutton carried on deck is acceptable on direct trips Stanley South Georgia". Please arrange accordingly.

Administrative Officer.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 130.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

*Despatched* : 8th December, 1959 *Time* : 1145

*Received* : 9th December, 1959 *Time* : 1030

No. 288. Mutton.

Pesca would like approximately 4 tons mutton either in cold storage or hung in the rigging and Leith want approximately 250 sheep on the hoof if it can be arranged. Possible mid February call of Shackleton would do admirably. Alternatively as Biscoe is delayed and there may be more time after sports for killing could she bring down Pesca's requirements of which Fleetwing are aware leaving Leith's mutton on the hoof for Shackleton if she calls.

Administrative Officer.

*Reply at 225*

*213.*  
*S/F*

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(Intld.) JB

9.12.59.

P/L:LH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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Despatched : 14th December, 19 59. Time : 1630.

Received : 15th December, 19 59. Time : 1030.

No. 294. Following for Bound from Denton-Thompson.

Mutton for Whaling Station.

Pesca will have to order meat from B.A. within next few days if "Biscoe" or "Shackleton" are not firm propositions. Grateful to know the position though appreciate difficulties.

Administrative Officer.

IM

Reply at 215.

KIV 212.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Psy			16.12.59
To	Adminoff South Georgia	Conf copy - Phoned W/T Station 1430/16th.	(Deps A/c)	

214 No. 292. Following for Denton Thompson from Bound  
Yourtel 294 arrived amidst rabied dogs spray dip and SFC  
all now successfully cleared stop new para

2. Meat position stop Am in consultation with Governor  
re shipping and Butchers Conference organised stop Details  
as soon as possible stop Please assure Pesca everything possible  
being done to help stop Ends

SECRETARY

Time JB/LH

KIV

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY			17.12.59.
<b>To</b>				
ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA		(Conf. copy - Phoned W/T Station 1615/17th.)		(DEPS A/C)

NO. 293. MEAT SUPPLIES STOP FOLLOWING FOR DENTON THOMPSON FROM BOUND STOP DISCOES SAILING NO SCHEDULED PM 30TH AND BUTCHERS HAVE NOW AGREED TO SHIP 120 CARCASSES FOR HUSVIK AND FOUR TONS CARCASE MEAT FOR PESCA STOP WE HAVE ASKED JOHNSTON IF HE CAN CARRY THIS QUANTITY STOP NEW PARA

2. SHACKLETON HAS BEEN CHARTERED BY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE LEAVING STANLEY FOR CAPE VIA SOUTH GEORGIA ABOUT FEBBRAURY 10TH STOP SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING 250 LIVE SIEEP FOR LEITH

SECRETARY

EPA/IM

Time



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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

°(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)°

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



*Stanley,*

16th December, 1959.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
S t a n l e y.

Sir,

With reference to our conversations re the supply of mutton carcasses to South Georgia, the position is as follows:-

We received a telegram from Pesca, dated 4th December enquiring as to availability and price of four tons mutton to be shipped per R.R.S. "John Biscoe" to which we replied on the 5th that we could supply four tons at ten days notice, price £74.13. -. per ton f.o.b. but if "John Biscoe" was to sail 29th December we regretted we could not supply owing to the intervention of holidays.

You advised us later that sailing date for "John Biscoe" had been postponed until 2nd January and although Pesca has not confirmed the order or replied to our telegram, we were assured by you that the meat was definitely required so we went ahead with plans to get extra sheep in from Camp.

30"  
To-day you advise that sailing date has been advanced to p.m. 29th December and we have had to make special arrangements to kill on Sunday 27th and a.m. Tuesday 29th. Sunday's kill will be taken to the ship's side a.m. Tuesday, but Tuesday's kill will not be sufficiently set to stack or hang close together and the Chief Officer should be advised accordingly.

In addition to the 4 tons for Pesca which is equivalent to approximately 200 carcasses averaging 45 lbs. each we are also preparing to fulfil an order for Husvik for 60 carcasses and understand that Kiddle's Butchery is to supply an equal quantity. We have advised Mr. P. Kiddle to charge 8d per lb. as we are doing for we see no reason why the Sheep Owners Associations Farms and Butcheries should sell to the Whaling Industry at the same price as to Stanley.

There will thus be approximately 320 carcasses to load on to R.R.S. "John Biscoe"

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*A. G. Bantlin*

MANAGER.

*Reply at 2.18*

*Ackd  
17/12/59*

D/12/51.

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18th December, 59.

Sir,

217

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 16th December, 1959, regarding the supply of mutton carcasses for South Georgia and to confirm that the following carcasses are required:-

Musvik	60 carcasses (plus 60 being supplied by Middle's Butchery)
Pesca	4 tons (200 carcasses approximately)

Pesca's order is subject to the confirmation of the Master of R.M.S. "John Biscoe" that he can carry the whole amount.

\* Captain Johnston has been telegraphed and his reply is awaited.

2. "John Biscoe" is scheduled to sail on the evening tide of 30th December and not 29th December as stated in your letter. This should permit the carcasses killed on 29th December to be sufficiently set for loading a.m. 30th December.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

\* Capt. Johnston has since confirmed  
that he can accommodate the  
above order

*[Signature]*

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company Ltd.,

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SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			18.12.59
To				
Adminoff South Georgia			(Deps A/c)	

216 No. 295. Mytel 293 Meat supplies stop Johnston has confirmed he can carry whole consignment and firm orders have been placed with suppliers on behalf Husvik and Pesca

SECRETARY

Time JB/LH

2421

S/F

19/12/59

214-219.

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Thank you very much for your co-operation  
& assistance.

\$  
18/12/59

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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*Despatched* : 30th December, 19 59. *Time* : 1345.

*Received* : 30th December, 19 59. *Time* : 1545.

No. 306. Grateful advice F.I.D.S. ship movements and possible E.T.A. South Georgia. Information required to answer queries here concerning sheep for stations also possible outward mail opportunity.

Administrative Officer.

Original in D/12/51.  
Copy in D/1/58.

P/L : IM

Copy in D/1/58. Reply at 224.

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	Psy			2. 1. 60.
To				
Adminoff South Georgia			(Deps A/c)	

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21/1/58

No. 302. Yourtel 306 Shipping Movements stop Shackleton  
ETA 1/2nd January stop See mytel 301 stop Biscoe ETA 2/3rd  
January stop Further details will be telegraphed by Biscoe and  
Secfids

Secretary

Time JB/IM

PAH  
21/1/60

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			14. 1. 60.
To	Adminoff South Georgia		(Deps A/c)	

212 No. 8. Yourtel 225 stop Leith should be advised place order their 250 live sheep now stop Please telegraph source of supply when known

Secretary

Reply at 226

Time JB/IN

225/1.60

226/1.60

226

J.

NOTES ON A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE INTRODUCED REINDEER  
OF SOUTH GEORGIA ON 14 MAY 1963

1. This discussion between Dr E.J. Lindgren, Honorary Secretary, Reindeer Council of the United Kingdom, Mr W. Vaughan, Government Biologist at South Georgia, and Dr M.W. Holdgate, Senior Biologist, British Antarctic Survey, was held at Harston during the morning and early afternoon of Tuesday 14 May 1963.

2. The two herds of imported reindeer now established on the island of South Georgia were agreed to be of importance scientifically as well as economically.

3. The ir scientific interest derives from the fact that despite their derivation from semi-domesticated stock, these animals have now been truly feral for fifty years. During that period behavioural adjustments have probably occurred and it is of interest to determine the degree to which the herds now follow behaviour patterns more typical of wild deer than of semi-domestic ones. The initial populations (whose origin cannot yet be proven) were small in number and considerable in-breeding must have occurred during early years. The small reservoir of genetic material available, together with the dissimilarity of environment between South Georgia and Scandinavia may well have led to physical divergence in some characters.

4. Furthermore, it is reported that these animals have adopted a diet unusual for reindeer, namely one consisting largely of phanerogamous plants, and especially of tussock grass (Poa flabellata). This is a topic demanding further study. While lichens do not dominate the vegetation at low levels on South Georgia, observation shows that they are not uncommon at such levels and they occur among moss banks in some areas of tussock grass (for example, on King Edward Point and about Leith). Even while feeding in tussock, therefore, the reindeer may take a proportion of lichen. Moreover, so far the feeding habits of the animals have been studied predominately in summer: it is possible that in winter they take a lichen diet, especially since ridge-crests where lichens dominate the vegetation are the areas normally kept fairly snow-free by the wind.

5. Besides these scientific interests it was recognised that the reindeer herd is economically the next most valuable asset the island possesses, after whales and seals, and consequently it deserved fuller study leading to a more rational utilisation.

6. Having considered these justifications for further study of the South Georgia reindeer, as an extension and supplement of the valuable preliminary investigation by W.N. Bonner, the discussion turned to more practical aspects. It was noted that Mr Vaughan was returning to the island in the near future, and that if there were no shore-based whaling or sealing in the coming season he might have time available for other research. In the months of December and January routine tagging and census work on the fur seal at Bird Island would have to take priority, but it was agreed that it was scientifically fully justifiable that Mr Vaughan should devote such other time as he could spare to observing reindeer under both summer and winter conditions.



7. The summer of 1963-64 was likely to be particularly favourable for such observations because a summer camping party, including Mr R. Clagg, Entomologist ( Bishop Museum, Hawaii) and Mr R. Longton, Botanist, (British Antarctic Survey), will be established at several points on South Georgia for periods of some weeks at a time, and their study areas are likely to include both the regions in which reindeer herds are established. From the point of view of safety, it would be a great advantage to them to have Mr Vaughan, who has considerable local experience, with them. The three-man party would be stronger and more adaptable than a two-man group. Furthermore, their presence would be an asset to Mr Vaughan who might otherwise be unable to spend so long in the regions where reindeer occur. It seemed obvious that there were many advantages in Mr Vaughan joining this summer party as soon as possible after the completion of his seal tagging programme.

8. At this stage it was recognised that the consent of the Government of the Falkland Islands must be obtained, and it was agreed that Mr Vaughan should make an application for leave to undertake summer studies on the reindeer, in company with Mr Clagg and Mr Longton. Dr Holdgate undertook to discuss shipping arrangements for his transport with Sir Vivian Fuchs and Mr Green of British Antarctic Survey and to seek their opinion as to the desirability of his joining the summer party. He also undertook, if their reaction were favourable, to write to the Governor of the Falkland Islands explaining the background to the proposal and supporting it on scientific grounds.

9. Finally, certain additional details were considered. It was agreed that if time permitted it would be an asset for Mr Vaughan to visit Reindeer House, Glenmore, but that the short period available made such an arrangement difficult. Dr Lindgren promised that the Reindeer Council would aid Mr Vaughan in any way they could, and expressed the Council's deepest interest in his results. Mr Vaughan and Dr Holdgate, for their part, undertook to keep Dr Lindgren fully informed of the progress of their research, and it was thought probable that on his return from South Georgia Mr Vaughan might wish to spend some time in Scotland making comparative observations on semi-domesticated reindeer. It was agreed that as a very long-term possibility, if the resident population at King Edward Point, South Georgia, were to be maintained or increased, the semi-domestication of a small group of reindeer at a point convenient to the station should be considered. Such animals would be a valuable meat source, and the meat obtained from well-managed animals would be superior in every way to that obtained from shooting forays against driven beasts.

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