

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

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Date of Receipt.



From		SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.		ARGENTINE DE PESCA COMPANY'S WHALING LEASE AT JASON HARBOUR.
No.	Date.	
111	9th Oct., 1916.	

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

694/16

Registered Number of last Despatch.

284/16

MINUTES.

Copy sent to Col Sec to inform Coy as directed, with ref. to these letters of 14.7.16.
 D.J.
 22.11.16

Also to inform British Minister with ref to my letter to him of 25.7.16. "I will sign letter".
 D.J.
 19.12.16

Desp. to Sec of State No 203 of 19th Dec 1916.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 111



Downing Street,
9th October, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.132 of the 25th July, relative to the proposal that the Cia Argentina de Pesca should surrender their lease of Jason Harbour, South Georgia, and to request you to inform the Argentine Company that it is recognised that they were fully entitled to decline the suggested arrangement, and that there is no intention of interfering with the rights secured to them by the lease in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

A. Bonar Law

GOVERNOR

W.D.YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G. ,

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 203.

Government House, Stanley.

19th December, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 199 of the 7th November, 1916, I have the honour to forward herewith for your information a copy of a letter from the Magistrate, South Georgia, reporting the arrival of the S.S. "Woodville" at South Georgia, with plant and factory for Messrs P. Irvin and Sons, Limited, whaling station at that Dependency.

2. With regard to the selection of a site for Messrs Irvin's whaling station, I have instructed the Magistrate that any available site in Cumberland Bay, not included in the leases to the Argentine Company, may be selected by the representative of Messrs Irvin for the purposes of a whaling station, and that immediate occupation of same may be allowed pending the issue of a second lease to Messrs Irvin. The terms and conditions of the lease are stated in the Colonial Office letter No. 8724/16 of 25th February, 1916, to Messrs Irvin and Sons.

3. I have further instructed the Magistrate that the Argentine Company hold no exclusive right to Cumberland Bay. That any claim the Argentine Company may put forward in this respect must be considered alone within the terms and conditions of the leases granted

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granted to the Company, that he is not to be bluffed by the local Manager of the Argentine Company, and that he is to give every facility and assistance to Messrs Irvin and Company in placing them in occupation of an available site within Cumberland Bay, should they so desire, or elsewhere.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

S.G. 177/16.

The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

6th November, 1916.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No. 587/16 of 10th July I have the honour to inform you that, the S.S. "Woodville" has arrived at South Georgia with the plant and Factory of Messrs Irvin and Company.

2. I understand from the local Manager of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, that this Company does not anticipate surrendering their lease at Jason Harbour nor will they exchange, and as I have not yet received definite instructions how to proceed in the matter, I advised the representative of Messrs Irvin to make a tour of the Island in order to see if a suitable site could be found elsewhere; the manager has now returned and informs me that, a suitable place could be found in Cumberland Bay, to the East side, which is about 8-10 miles from the Grytviken station, and would not interfere with the latter station, but again the representatives of the Compania Argentina de Pesca protest.

3. I do not see that the Compania Arg. de Pesca has any legal claim to the whole of Cumberland Bay as they apparently imagine, their lease states 500 acres of land situate in Grytviken Harbour, in Cumberland Bay, and in the same way as at Stromness Bay, where there are three companies all working together and in close proximity to each

Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

each other, so there could be at least another Company at Cumberland Bay; the Manager is prepared to await the arrival of the Coronda from Falkland Islands before taking any steps in the matter, and failing further instructions by the Coronda, will proceed to Prince Olafs Harbour and make the best possible arrangements there.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) Edw. B. Rinnie.

Stipendiary Magistrate.