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*Governor*

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*14<sup>th</sup> April*

*Instructions to be communicated  
by S.M., South Georgia, to the masters  
of vessels.*

Previous Papers.

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14th April, 17

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to forward to you the attached copy of a letter which has been sent to you direct by the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies containing instructions to be communicated confidentially to Masters of vessels before leaving South Georgia.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

E. B. Binnie Esq.,  
Stipendiary Magistrate,  
South Georgia.

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Honourable Colonial Secretary,

In duplicate I annex copy of a Confidential letter from the Colonial Office to the Magistrate, South Georgia, dated 5th March, 1917.

By letter please send one copy to the Magistrate by mail to-day via Punta Arenas and Buenos Aires for his information and guidance.

  
Governor.

14th April, 1917.

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Downing Street,

5th March, 1917.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to inform you that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have requested that you may be instructed that Masters of both British and neutral whaling vessels should be directed to apply to the British Consuls at their ports of call in order to obtain information as to the routes they should follow. No instructions as to particular ports of call are necessary, except that the Canaries and Madeira must be avoided. Monte Video and St. Vincent (S.V.) however are considered the best for steam whalers, and the same two ports with the addition of the Azores in the case of sailing vessels.

2. You should therefore in confidence advise the Masters of homeward bound whaling vessels to proceed in accordance with these instructions.

3. This letter will be handed to you by Captain Sinclair of the s.s. "Coronda". The unusual course of communicating with you direct has been adopted in order to avoid any possible delay. A copy of this letter has however been sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands who will in due course confirm the instructions which it contains.

I am, etc.

(SD) G. Gringle.

THE MAGISTRATE,

SOUTH GEORGIA.