

WHALING.

SGAWHA/2 # 8

1920.

C.S.

No. 875/20

S. of S. 99.

SUBJECT.

1920

26th August.

Previous Paper.

Sandefjord and Ocean Whaling Companies to operate jointly at Stromness Bay, South Georgia.

CS 918/20 + 440/20. G.O. 292/20

MINUTES.

Hon: Treasurer, (1)

To note,  
for C. S.  
14/10/20.

Hon. for Sec.  
Noted.

MCH  
15. 10. 20

Letter to Magistrate So Georgia 9/9/20 Encl (3)  
Letter from do do 7/3/21 Encl (4)  
Letter from Magistrate So Geo 21st Nov 1920 Encl (3)

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted.

2. Might I venture to draw Your Excellency's attention to pars:4 & 5 of Encl;(3).

3. Your Excellency may wish to see Mr.Binnie with this paper ?

B. Thompson  
A. C. S. 13/7/21.

Subsequent Paper.

9/18/20

H.E.S. What action, if any, do you advise?  
R. 16th July 1921

H.E.the Governor,

Both of these two Companies, (The Ocean, and the Sandefjord) hold a lease at South Georgia. The former at New Fortunes Bay; the latter in Stromnes Harbour. Under the provisions of the lease, each Company may use two Whale-catching steamers; besides these four Catchers, the Sandefjord Co have special permission to employ a Extra Catcher on the payment of a fee of £100 per annum.

2. With regard to the permission granted in S.of S's despatch No.99 of 26/8/20,, and telegram dated 26/7/20, Mr. Binnie rightly points out that by allowing these two Companies to operate jointly from only One Station, (the Sandefjord Whaling Co's Station) it means really that one Company, now called "The Westfold Whaling Co", will be able to operate with FIVE (5) whale catchers, whereas there are in South Georgia, two British Companies with a much larger Plant, and these are only allowed to use Four (4) whale catchers.

3. Mr. Binnie considers that the Ocean and the Sandefjord Companies, operating in Stromnes Harbour as the Westfold Company, should not be allowed to operate with more than Four (4) catchers until such time as the Plant from the Ocean Company's station at New Fortunes Bay has been removed <sup>to</sup> the Sandefjord Company's station in Stromnes Harbour.

4. In any case it would not seem to be fair for this so called Westfold Company to be allowed to operate Five (5) Catchers, and for the two British Companies to be restricted to only Four (4).

5. Mr. Binnie would seem to doubt whether the combined Plant of the Ocean and Sandefjord Company, when worked at one station in Stromnes Bay by the Westfold Company will be sufficiently large enough to utilize the whole carcass of the whale.

6. I venture to think that it would not be advisable to permit the Sandefjord Company to employ their Third Catcher under their lease until such time as they can shew to the satisfaction of the Magistrate at South Georgia, that the Plant is capable of dealing with the catch and to utilize the whole carcass.

*A. C. S.*  
A. C. S. 18/7/21.

H.C.S.

It was not possible to consult Mr Binnie before permission to operate (under special conditions) jointly ~~with~~ at Storming Bay

only was granted to the two companies see telegrams from & to S of S on 29/2/20. (see also to 108/20 in same paper.)

2. Mr Binnie's letter herein was written before operations began during 1920-1921 season.

3. Permission has been granted definitely for 5 catches in season 1920-21 & future seasons during currency of lease of Sandoyra Co on ~~special~~ conditions ~~mentioned~~ specified in para 3 of letter 37463 of 30 July 1920 from C.O.

4. A further report is required from Mr Binnie as to whether these conditions have been fulfilled & whether the necessary plans have been provided for utilising the whole carcass ~~value~~ of all whales taken without waste & whether the whole carcass has been utilised accordingly.

5. Will Mr Binnie also report whether



then an any obligation under lease  
of Ocean Co or New Britain Bay to  
which attention should be directed in  
view of condition (a) in para 3 of C.O. letter.

*[Signature]*  
19 July 1921.

Mr Binnie,

For the favour of your report please.

*[Signature]*  
A. C. S. 20/7/21

Hon: Col. Secy.

With regard to para. 4 of His excellency's minute. When I left S.G. in March there were some 20 pressure boilers added to the Sandefjords Cos, plant and steam boilers were in the course of erection. I am unable to say if the whole capacity of the "OCEAN" station has yet been removed, but it will certainly require the whole of it to cope with the catch of 5 whalers, supposing the season to be as good as xx kxx the past one.

2. In the month of March there were a great number of carcasses moored to the buoys at Stromness harbour. On enquiry as to what the intention of the coy. was regarding these carcasses, I was informed that they had all been opened up and all inside fat taken out, whereby they would keep in good condition for a much longer time. This is so. But, there is always the possibility of breaking loose and drifting out to sea. Before leaving the Dependency I asked Mr Barlas to be sure and mention in his report, if these carcasses had been properly used, as the catching would cease on 31st. May, it is possible that the coy. would use up everything before leaving S.G.

3.

One will be able to judge better on receipt of the Magistrate's report, as to what waste has taken place if any.

4. The production of the "VESTFOLD" Co, for the period was 39000 barrels, I am unable to say what the catch was up to 31st May.

5. Other conditions embodied in the OCEAN Cos, lease, are similar for the "VESTFOLD" Coy.

*[Signature]*

Ag. Postmaster  
23/7/21.

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted.

2. No report has so far been received from Mr. Barlas

Actg: Magistrate, Sth: Georgia.

*[Signature]*  
A. C. S. 23/7/21

H.E.S.

Await further reports from S Georgia.  
Inform Mr. Hamilton should see  
these papers. *SA*  
23 July 1921.

Mr. Hamilton,

For your information.

*W. Thompson*

A. C. S. 25/7/21.

*Hon. Col. Sec.*

*Noted and returned please  
J. Hamilton.*

*Stipendiary Magistrate  
West Galilee.*

*16/8/21*

Letter from Magistrate, S. Georgia, 20th Nov.,  
1920.....Encl..6

(H) (V)  
C O P Y.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

No. 99.

26th August, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 28th July, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Sandefjord Whaling Company, relative to the proposal that the Sandefjord and Ocean Companies should, in future, operate jointly from the station of the former Company at Stromness Bay, South Georgia.

2. A copy of this despatch and its enclosures, together with copies of the telegraphic correspondence with you on the subject, is being forwarded direct to the Magistrate at South Georgia for his information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Sgd). Milner.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COPY

7463/20.

Downing Street,  
30th July,1920.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd July relative to the operations of the Sandefjord and Ocean Whaling Companies at South Georgia.

2. It is understood, from interviews with Captain J. Rasmussen at the Colonial Office, that the Ocean Whaling Company is associated with the application made in your letter, and on this understanding Lord Milner is prepared to approve of the two Companies working jointly and solely at the station of the Sandefjord Company at Stromness Harbour, Stromness Bay, South Georgia in the season 1920-21 and future seasons during the currency of the lease of the Sandefjord Company, but this concession may be withdrawn if either Company fails to perform the obligations referred to in the next paragraph. The number of whale catchers which may be operated under this arrangement is limited to three in the case of the Sandefjord Company and to two in the case of the Ocean Company.

3. This permission is granted (a) without prejudice to the obligations of the Ocean Whaling Company under the lease held by that Company in respect of its existing station at New Fortune Bay and (b) subject to the condition that the Sandefjord Whaling Company, in addition to complying with the requirements of its existing lease, is required, in carrying on its whale fishery at South Georgia, to provide the necessary plant for utilising the whole carcass of all whales taken, without waste, and not only the blubber, and to utilise the whole carcass accordingly. The lease of the Ocean Whaling Company already imposes a similar obligation on that Company.

4. I am to request that both Companies will express in writing their acceptance set forth in this letter.

THE MANAGING DIRECTORS  
SANDEFJORD AND WHALING COMPANY.

A copy

A copy of the correspondance will then be forwarded to the Officer Asministering the Government of the Falkland Islands and the Magistrate at South Georgia for their information.

I am etc.

(Sgd). H.J.Read.



NO. 10000 20,

1920,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed letter of the 20th inst. regarding the matter mentioned therein.

The matter has been considered by the Board of Directors of the Falkland Islands Company, and the Board have decided to advise you that the same will be dealt with in the usual manner. The Board have also decided to advise you that the same will be dealt with in the usual manner. The Board have also decided to advise you that the same will be dealt with in the usual manner.

Yours, etc.

H. J. READ, SECRETARY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY,  
HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,  
STATIONERS' BUILDINGS, SOUTH GEORGIA.

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.



C. Y.

JOHAN RASMUSSEN OG ALEX. LANGE.

SANDEFJORD,

13th August, 1920.

No. 37463/20.

Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favour of 30th ult. contents of which we have noted with thanks.

The matter has been discussed by the Board of Directors of both the "Ocean" Whaling Company, and the Sandefjord Whaling Company. The negotiations have resulted in an agreement which will be transacted on the General Meetings during the next three weeks. We are confident that the agreement will be corroborated by the shareholders and when the General-Meetings have been held, formal information from each Company will be forwarded to you.

We are., etc

JOHAN RASMUSSEN OG ALEX.  
LANGE.

(SIGNED) JOHAN RASMUSSEN.

MANAGING DIRECTORS OF

SANDEFJORD WHALING CO.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

Governor to Secretary of State

Sent 25th July,

UNBOARDED SANDEFJORD AND OCEAN COMPANIES OBELICA

MARTIN.

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With reference to your telegram of 25th July, Sandefjord and Ocean Companies, no objection.

Martin.

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Secretary of State to Governor.

Dated 26th July, received 27th July.

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PARTIDA OPERATE JANAJILL OCEAN COMPAN\* AT STROMNESS ONL\*  
FURROWDUST SILVEROOD PROFONDETE AGREE COMPARTO ANNULATING  
UTILISATION OF WHOLE CARCASS SILVEROOD PLUMRIDES HAVE  
OBELICA REMURADO.

MILNER.

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Owing to difficulty of obtaining transport vessel "Sandefjord"  
Company applies to operate jointly with Ocean Company at  
stromness only in future. Propose to agree subject to  
condition to the utilisation of whole carcass. Presume that  
you will have no objection: telegraph reply with least  
possible delay.

Milner.

675/20.

9th September, 1920.

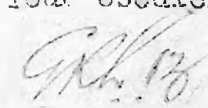
Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to forward to you herewith for your information the enclosed copies of telegrams between His Excellency and the Secretary of State, relative to the amalgamation of operations of <sup>the</sup> Sandefjord Whaling Company and the Ocean Whaling Company at Stromness Bay, South Georgia.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

  
for Colonial Secretary.

The Stipendiary Magistrate,

South Georgia.

(13)

The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

7th March, 1921.


Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 675/20, of the 9th September, 1920, (directed to the Customs Officer and addressed to the Deputy Magistrate) covering copies of Telegrams between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
(Edw. B. Binnie)  
Magistrate.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

(5)



S.G. 125/20.

The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia,

21st. November 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of correspondence, dealing with the amalgamation of the Ocean and Sandefjord whaling co's, operating at South Georgia - direct from the Colonial Office by s.s. CVERDALE.

2. The reason given by the Sandefjord co, is that there is a difficulty in obtaining a transport vessel, this excuse to me seems one which should not carry much weight, as at the present time there are scores of vessels laid up in British ports for lack of cargoes, though it may have happened that at the time of application there really was a shortage of transports.

3. According to the Norwegian papers, it is stated that both companies have dissolved and the shares paid up, and that a new company is formed namely "THE WESTFOLD WHALING Co". From the correspondence from the Colonial Office, it would seem, that, although both companies are working jointly at the Stromness station, we still look upon them as the Ocean and Sandefjord whaling co's, when in reality neither exist.

4. I am inclined to think that the real reason for the so called amalgamation is that the Ocean whaling co, with only 2 catchers could not pay the dividends anticipated by the shareholders and the Sandefjord company with 3 boats and a comparatively small station had bright prospects in view

*St. Annan  
Colonial Secretary  
Stanley*



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view, should the amalgamation take place.

5. I observe that the newly formed company ~~are~~ licensed to use 5 Whale catchers; one could hardly recommend a continuance of this in view of the fact that there are 2 British companies operating under 2 separate leases each <sup>will</sup> and a much larger plant using only 4. As the proposal is to remove the Ocean whaling co's. Plant from New Fortune bay to Stromnes Hbr, it will remain to be seen if it is sufficiently large enough to work up the whole carcass.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(Edw. B. Binnie)

Magistrate.

(6)



S.G. 126/20.

The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia,

20th. November 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Administrator's Minute covering copies of Telegrams having passed between His Excellency and The Secretary of State, on the subject of the amalgamation of the Sandefjord and Ocean whaling companies at South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edw. B. Binnie".

(Edw. B. Binnie)

Magistrate

The Honourable

Colonial Secretary,

FALKLAND ISLANDS