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D/13/58	D / 13 / 58

TONSBERG COMPANY.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER	
D/2/39/I	Tonsberg whaling lease
D/6/58	Chr. Salvesen & Co.
D/9/47	limitation shore whaling and number of catchers Operating.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 227.

From Officer in Charge, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 18th September, 19 58 Time : 1800.

Received : 19th September, 19 58 Time : 0900.

No. 211. Husvik should now have frozen meat plant in operation in January next and first export in March or April. Manager Olsen due next week on "Teie".

OFFICER IN CHARGE.

P/L:EH

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H.C.S. has seen - file.

(Intld) J.B.
19.9.58.

Copy filed in D/1/49/V.

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26/9/58

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 6th November, 19 58 Time: 21.15

Received: 7th November, 19 58 Time: 09.30

265/608. For information manager names this season are as follows
South Georgia Company Sverre Akseth repeat Akseth. Pesca Fritz
Ringdal. Elliot partner Salvesen's expected to arrive Leith Harbour
about 10th December by Satellite. Ryan has informed me manager
Pesca of his purchase of R.M.L. ship "Highland Chieftain". Apparently
it was announced on B.B.C. Merchant Navy News last Friday night that
R.M.L. has sold "Highland Chieftain" to "British International
Whaling Company"

P/L:IM

B.U.F.

(Intld)

J.B.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

copy filed in:-

3128/47 - Pesca
316153 - Salvesen

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched: 13th January, 1959 Time: 2200

Received: 14th January, 1959 Time: 1000

No. 13/611. Husvik. Manager Olsen has received following telegram in English from Managing Director Bror Von Der Lippe "Your telegram Asdic and report dated 12/12 received. Reference last paragraph letter my personal opinion company will continue next season notwithstanding bad results consequent your report and failing convince authorities detrimental effect of use of asdic we shall seriously consider installation of asdic all catchers the installation if possible being according latest Japanese invention which has much greater scope of operation and for greater radius than German and English sets. Please convey these my personal views to Magistrate Colonial Secretary matter being fully discussed board meeting nearest future regards". Report is that of which you have copies.

You will be interested hear freezer with capacity 3,000 tons meat completed at Husvik in 10 weeks. Meat now being frozen for export.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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Original filed in D/13/58
Copy filed in D/10/58

Original

(Intld)

A.T.D.T.

P/L:IM

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Y.H.
JES

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below

Tel it above. Whaling Report file

16/1/59

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT

(W. & S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				20/1/58
To				

- 4 No. 16. Yourtel 18/611 stop Andic stop Please advise Olsen that it is most unlikely that any firm decision either way would be taken before the end of this season stop In the meantime however we have noted Managing Director's views and would in due course be most interested to hear the formal views on this subject of Teneberg's Board

Copies filed in

first copy in D/10/58

copy D/13/58 (herein)

Time

Action proceeding on 2/10/58

Re L 22, 1959

Telegram filed in D/10/58

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From A.O. SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched : 26th March, 19 59 Time : 2230

Received : 28th March, 19 59 Time : 1145

No. 100

Tonsberg Head Office telegraphed Manager March 18th to make enquiry possibility obtaining sealing licence Georgia. I have therefore as much as Elliot. Salvesen has been told and to apply to you for further information if required. Ends.

Extracted to
1745

{ 106. Cong. arrived March 26th with Maritime Police Lieutenant.
{ Usual drill administration.

CHIEF 'E' : SM

TYPED : IM

Original filed in 2/5/59-84,

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Office, South Georgia

Despatched : 1st April,

19 59

Time : 1600

Received :

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Time :

No. 47.

7 Your telegram No. 100. Please check and repeat telegram under reference.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

CYPHER 'E' : SM
TYPED : IM

Original filed
in 1/5/59. Pen.

Reply at 9

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administration, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 2nd April, 19 59 Time : 1600

Received : 3rd April, 19 59 Time : 1230

SECRET.

No. 100

Tonsberg Head Office telegraphed Manager Husvik March 18th to make enquiries possibility obtaining sealing licence South Georgia. I therefore told him as much as Elliot Salvesen was told and to apply to you for further information if required. Ends.

No. 106.

Ship Conquistador arrived at Grytviken March 26th. Maritime Police Lieutenant on board. He was not permitted to land. Ship sailed April 2nd.

Your telegram No. 47 1st April refers.

CYPHER 'E' : SM

Original filed in 2/159-8m.

Extracted to
Monthly Intell.
Report file-
1745
Bal.

Reply at 2

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 14:4:59.

Time : 10:50

Received :

Time :

SECRET.

FIDEP 53.

My telegram 104 FIDEP. Seal.

Understand from telephone call from Tonsberg Norway this morning that notice of change in sealing licences now issued by Administrative Officer.

In view political issues involved had expected you to give me prior notice of this action. Please confirm whether notice issued and if so quote.

CYPHER 'E' : SM

Reply at 10.2.5/5/59
Original filed in 2/5/59
cm.

Copy of minute at folio 6 in D/5/59.

Y.E.

f. 5 - in D/5/59 (10 herein)

draft

On the basis of folio 3 - (9 herein) I drafted/A. Then on second thoughts felt we had better clear it with A.O. just in case there has been a rather more serious misunderstanding hence draft B as suggested first step.

A.G.D.T.

15.4.59.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 17th April, 19 59 Time : 1000

Received : 19 Time :

SECRET.

No. 105.

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Your Secret telegram No. 100. Sealing. Secretary of State is under the impression from Tonsberg Head Office that "notice of change in sealing licence now issued by Administrative Officer". This looks to us like a misunderstanding on Olsen's part but as the Colonial Office are clearly perturbed I should be grateful for your comments.

Reply at 8 in 5/5/39
Colonial Secretary.

CYPHER 'E' : SM
TYPED : IM

Original filed in 5/5/39. J.M.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched : 18th April, 19 59 *Time* : 2200

Received : 19 *Time* :

128A. Olsen on board "Teie" has received instructions to leave her by catcher and go to Salt Island to fly home. I imagine to assist in planning projected vessel which sort of work is his "forte".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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IM

(Intld)

A. G. D. T.

22. 4. 59

King Edward Point,
South Georgia.
22nd April, 1959.

Dear Aubrey

I have written official letters about this and that as matters have arisen during the last four months. Bill Johnston should be here to-morrow, so I will write about some of the other things.

12 First Tonsberg sealing. Von Der Lippe was in London and saw Ellis about Asdic in February I understand. He may have developed the idea of sealing after that visit. However when Olsen came to see me about it, I told him what I told you in my telegrams that I told him. I could not have said less without leaving him with the idea that Government were quite of a mind to let the present sealing method continue regardless of possible improvements. "However it is only by giving potential licencees some of the data that they can work out what would be worth trying for. Personally I find it hard to believe that freezing seal meat would be worthwhile except as a sideline. A refrigerating vessel used also as a seal blubber and offals factory and taking the best cuts of seal meat for Petfoods sounds as if it may be the Tonsberg intention. I fancy Olsen is being flown home from Salt Island to work on the project. I had a telegram from him asking me if Govt: would consider granting a licence for freezing seal meat and if so what would be the quotas of seals from SG, Falklands and the other Island Groups. I was wondering how to reply when your cypher telegram of 16th came, so I told him his Head Office was in contact with Colonial Office about it and that I could not give specific information telegraphically without danger of getting wires crossed.

Husvik have made a pretty substantial loss on the season's whaling. About £250,000 Olsen says; but that includes a lot of the labour cost of construction of the freezer. Lawrence was most encouraging to Olsen about the frozen meat produced. About £100 a ton for 1000 tons produced goes some way towards covering capital cost of the freezer. All the Husvik catchers have gone home including one under tow. The general impression is that Husvik will be fishing again next year. Lawrence has been encouraging Husvik to experiment again with fish (real ones - Notothenia to the experts). You may hear more of that before long. Indeed you never know but what you will have the Japanese buying Prins Olav from Salvesen to use as a fishing harbour. Stranger things have happened !

Extracted to { meat extract plant going. 150 tons produced is worth £150,000 and very little indeed other by-product reduced to make it. Pesca are philosophical. One must take the bad with the good, they say.
D/6/58.

Extracted to D/10/59. { The Dutch (Govt: subsidised) floating factory expedition has had a 127,000 barrel season in the seas around the South Shetlands. Our whales, which because the ice stayed South, went down there to feed along the edge of it !

Extracted
to 0051/II.

There was a rumour here emanating from the Captain of that ship, the Wilhelm Barrentz, that there was an Argentinian warship patrolling either end of the Bransfield Strait in February. But the rumour was so unsubstantiated that I did not pass it on. In any case I suppose they can do so if they wish so long as they don't cause trouble.

Extracted
to 0625/X.

C in C of course arrived on the very worst day of the year. 31st March. A gale was blowing so whaling was over and everyone was with but a single mind. Norway, and as quickly as possible! The Opal got away the next day, so did the R boats from Pesca. However C in C was entertained in the Villa after a tour round Leith. He gave a lunch party, came round to Cumberland Bay, I took him for a walk ashore and a drink at ours. In the evening Protector gave the Point a buffet supper and a film show on board. Pesca much regretted unable to accept the invitation. The Admiral enjoyed his visit. At least he said so and sent a telegram afterwards in which he referred to his visit as "memorable". Akseth gave him an exceptionally fine whale tooth penguin and I think his chief memory will be of the Leith piggery. He spent a long time there! He was appreciative of the fact that everyone was packing up and going home. At least he has a mental picture of the place now, which is good.

Extracted
to D/10/59.

Pelagic whaling is in the melting pot. It is almost certain to go onto system of quotas for each expedition in terms of Blue Whale units I gather. The result will be more economic whaling and less catchers used to take a longer time to get the quota. So far as we are concerned, it will probably mean less catchers used from Leith for the Harvester and Venturer.

Extracted
to P/783,
P/366/II &
D/5/53.

At the Point, Jock Lawrence has made a very fine workshop for the Diesel engines. They are presently getting together their spare parts and sorting them out there for stowage. The place will be invaluable. He and the 2 DE Mechs have made an extension to the side of the diesel shed and got the red dyke storage tanks properly housed and centrifugal pumps are being set up there. All essential work at last achieved. Jock in Police uniform is impressive. He might have been at it all his life. He can do the real work while Basil Biggs does the odd jobs.

Extracted
to D/28/47

Ringdal has been very helpful throughout the season quite as much so as Butler. He has no intention of letting the Argentinians steal a march on the British so far as Pesca is concerned if he can help it. He has also made me a 10 ft wide path from the jetty past my front door to the gaol and gravelled it really thoroughly for the sum of £17. It makes quite a difference to the station.

Extracted
to P/791.

MacDonald the plumber has achieved what he was sent to do and has done a good deal of plumbing maintenance which has been needed for many years. But it has been a bit of a tussle. He is not a real expert nor all that thorough.

Extracted
to P/847,
& P/744.

So my relief is a Master Mariner aged 43. He should start with certain substantial advantages even if he is not au fait with Govt: accounting procedure and the like.

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Extracted to P/files - P/539 and P/847.

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Ikkin, I fear, has reached the age when his brain will not cope with Govt: accounting procedure as a new subject to be learned. He has tried manfully for 6 months. It is aptly because I had hoped to be able to hand him over in charge of accounts and the office in general instead I shall hand over both Treasury and Customs, Post Office and the general stuff, to Coleman. Still, he knows a good deal about it and where to find information in the office now. So long as Coleman does not rely on him for anything in which complete accuracy is required he will find him very useful and willing. He knows exactly the right approach for trouble makers in Pesca and Argentinian ships in his capacity as Constable and in that way has faised our stock a lot. We have never had a Constable before who knew his job as Ikkin does, nor probably ever shall again. Ringdal was appreciative of his assistance amongst certain unruly drunkards. Pesca Captains are impressed that he is a Policeman not a handyman dressed up. May be I would not now recommend him for the top of the salary scale now as I did in January before I knew that he could not manage accounts, but still he is worth a lot more than Biggs and the Cook & Stewards.

Extracted to D/26/46.

The Tickell-Cordell expedition will be leaving in the Shackleton. I am less impressed with Tickell the more I see of him. Cordell on the other hand is very good value.

Extracted to D/17/58.

Carse. If he has no wireless he can be allowed to hibernate without causing anyone any worry. If he has a wireless, then I think you will have to ensure that adequate funds are laid down for his rescue in winter if necessary. Slightly Machiavellian perhaps, but we are not exactly "Universal Aunts" although we should have to do something if he did wireless for help and then said he was stone broke.

Extracted to D/1/58

Calpean Star arrived 2 days ago with the mail. Lloyds surveyors, according to her Captain, had consigned her in Gibraltar to the breakers in all but deed. However Ryan arrived upon the scene from B.A. and together with his Marine Superintendent, Mr Johnson, he got her moving and away she came down here. Such a polyglot crew you never saw. Greeks, Indians, Negroes and the inevitable Scottish Chief Engineer.

Extracted to 1083.

The increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ d on letters to all except British destinations came from the Postmaster Stanley, just at the Calpean delay time completely without explanation for its necessity and was not appreciated here. It was a very good thing that the Tottan turned up to bring us those 30 bags of mail at the end of December. But for her they would still have been there till the end of March.

Extracted to P/783.

Jock Lawrence is going to have to do a pierhead jump back onto the Shackleton and down here very shortly after his arrival in Psy. However he will tell you something of what goes on here as seen from his point of view. I hope you will be able to give him a letter stating his new conditions

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of service.

I fear you will have had a fairly full season arranging things for Biscoe and Shackleton and then estimates in a burnt out Secretariat. Well, well, we shall hear some of Bill Johnston's story to-morrow, though he will not be staying long.

Please give our messages to Peta. Jean and the boys are fit and all busy, especially with an Engine Boy assisting in the house as a Mess Boy until Shields returns from his sojourn in Discovery House. We look forward to seeing you in June

Yours sincerely

To :-

A.G. Denton Thompson, Esq.: O.B.E.; M.C.,

John A. Matthews

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14th May, 1959.

Dear Mr. Elliot,

Your letter GHE/ER of the 1st February, 1959, addressed to Mr. Arrowsmith arrived here just about the time he was going off on leave. He discussed it with me and asked me to reply on his behalf.

I am afraid that there is not very much that we can say about sealing at the moment except:-

(i) if something happens that results in the South Georgia sealing industry being no longer based at Grytviiken, then it is very likely that the licence will be put out to tender on a long term (probably 15-20 years) whole carcase utilisation basis;

(ii) unfortunately we cannot at the moment give any indication of any change taking place, but if it does everyone concerned or interested will be given ample time to study the implications and to prepare and forward their proposals;

To be quite frank with you, we would not wish you at this stage to read too much into (1) above. As you will I think readily appreciate, Pesca have had the licence for very many years and there is only room for one licensee. They are therefore in a very strong position and I think rightly so.

We were naturally very sorry about the way things have gone this season and hope that next year will be a very much better and, we trust, more profitable one.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Denton-Thompson.

G.H. Elliot, Esq.,
Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
29, Bernard Street,
LEITH,
SCOTLAND

AGDT/EM MF.

Typed Copy/LH.

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1st Copy filed in 4/9/59 "Pesca Sealing".

*I have
made the reply
on file to Reply
at 11.4 pm but
reply on 5/12/59.*

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9th May, 1959.

BvdL/MA

Colonial Office,
Falkland Islands Department,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London S.W. 1.

Your ref.: FST.80/57/07.

Attention Mr. M.A. Willis.

Dear Sirs,

We beg to thank you for your letter of the 7th inst. regarding Sealing in the Falkland Islands Dependencies, and we have studied your letter with great interest.

We especially note that the Governor is anxious that Sealing should be resumed in the Falkland Islands themselves and that he hopes that it will be possible to find an operator willing and able to work both areas.

For order's sake we would like to state that we shall study the draft Sealing Licence enclosed with your letter and try to find an economic method of adopting one of the alternatives suggested.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Governor of the Falkland Islands Dependencies, and as soon as we have come to a conclusion, we shall write to the Governor again.

Yours faithfully,

Aktieselskapet

TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI

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DECODE.

No. 9.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 1st November, 19 59. *Time :* 1915.

Received : 19 *Time :*

Following received from Olsen.

"Strictly confidential. One of our men is seriously ill and operation too complicated to be undertaken here. Is there any possibility of transfer to South America in a month's time. Kindly inform if there is any sailing from South Georgia, Bases or Stanley. If not our Doctors will have to operate as soon as possible. Regards Olsen."

Apart from "Darwin" sailing on 3rd December is there any way we can help?

Administrative Officer.

P/L : IM

Reply at 23
See 24925

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 1st November, 19 59 Time : 0930

Received : 19 Time :

IMMEDIATE.

22 refer.

We are considering what can be done but it is essential we are given diagnosis and indication of patient's condition vis a vis sea passage that might impose severe strain. Suggest Husvik M.O. might discuss case on R.T. with S.M.O. here if practicable.

Colonial Secretary.

'Phoned W/T Station 9.30 p.m. 1st November.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. A. S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				2:11:59

To

MASTER BRACKINGTON

22

120/2728 WE HAVE HAD AN URGENT APPEAL FROM RUSKIN TO ASSIST IN BRIDING MAN IN
 NEED OF URGENT OPERATION TO MONTVIDEO STOP SMO SATISFIED REQUEST JUSTIFIED STOP
 PLEASE THEREFORE DIVERT TO SOUTH GEORGIA COLLECT PATIENT AND SAIL FOR
 MONTVIDEO STOP AM ENQUIRING ABOUT AVAILABILITY FULL SOUTH GEORGIA STOP WHAT
 QUANTITY WILL YOU REQUIRE QUERY THIS TELEGRAM HAS BEEN REPEATED TO AG SOUTH
 GEORGIA

GOVERNOR

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. A. S. LTD.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

2-11-59

To

AC SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

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120/2723 FOLLOWING IS TELEGRAM SENT TO MASTER SHACKLETON TODAY BEGINNING WE HAVE
 HAD AN URGENT APPEAL FROM HUSVIK TO ASSIST IN SENDING MAN IN NEED OF URGENT
 OPERATION TO MONTVIDEO STOP SMO SATISFIED REQUEST JURISDICTION STOP PLEASE THEREFORE
 DIVERT TO SOUTH GEORGIA COLLECT PASSENGER AND SAIL FOR MONTVIDEO STOP AM ENQUIRING
 ABOUT AVAILABILITY FUEL SOUTH GEORGIA STOP WHAT QUANTITY WILL YOU REQUIRE QUERY
 ENDS

GOVERNOR

Time

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 13.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 2nd November, 1959. *Time :* 1430.

Received : 2nd November, 1959. *Time :* 1150.

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Unnumbered. Most grateful your prompt action with Husvik very much appreciated by all here. Stocks of gas oil 210 tons of which we can spare up to 100 tons. Specification of gas oil South Georgia •854 at 60° temp.

Administrative Officer.

'Phoned Secretariat 1150/2nd.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
23	South Georgia etat	37/36	1900	2.11.59.

To

SMO Stanley

Unnumbered x Dangerous drugs x Your tel 28/10/59 x Pesca now advise that drugs have been shipped on Southern Harvester x Most grateful your prompt help to Husvik ~~xxx~~ which they very much appreciate

Admin.

28
J.L. S.L.
2
3/11/59.

Time

Kiv 22 onwards

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No. 1.

TELEGRAM.

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From Turnbull, R. R. S. "Shackleton".

To Governor, Stanley

Despatched : 2nd November, 19 59. *Time :* 1950.

Received : 3rd November, 19 59. *Time :* 1045

Proceeding South Georgia E.T.A. probably Saturday morning. Have ample fuel to reach Montevideo without bunkering South Georgia.

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Turnbull.

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Phd. to S/F at 1050 3rd Nov.

(Intld.)

JB

Note. Sec. F.I.D.S.
has informed
A.O. South Georgia

A.G.D.T.

P/L : IM

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GOVERNMENT TELEGR.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. A. S. LTD.

Number

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

5:11:59

To

ADMINISTRATIVE SOUTH GEORGIA

NO FIDS

59 RJMS
FIDS 120/274. RE: SINGLINGTON SATURDAY MORNING STOP FUEL NOT REQUIRED

NO FIDS

Time

PA 5 11 59

COPY FOR C.S.O.
GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
1	Shackleton etat	26/25	2000	5.11.59.

To
AO South Georgia (R) Secfids Stanley

Can embark Mr Kittang for Montevideo as arranged by Secfids stop Eta
Saturday 1400 unless further delayed by weather

Turnbull

Shacklton says sending direct to South Georgia.

Time JC *[initials]*

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
90	South Georgia	113	1230	6.11.59

To

TM 2 Secretary Secfids Stanley

No 269 repeated Captian Turnbull Shackleton following received from manager akseth leith x Quote thanks notes re Kittang comma he has however changed his mind and will await teie stop we can however retain berth as we have a medical case which we would like to send Montevideo comma he is a Norwegian named Reidar Sjue comma he smashed his hand between rope and footblock on Southern guider two days ago and small finger of left hand has been amputated and rest of hand and fingers badly smashed stop Doctor would prefer to take this opportunity of getting him Montevideo for specialist surgical treatment stop advise soonest unquote

Admin

CAJ

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Reply at 35

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. & A. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				6.11.33.
To	A.O.S.F.		A/C FIDS	
34 346	120/2756	PLEASE ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADMIR. SOUTH GEORGIA'S TELEGRAM NO. 269 STOP TELEGRAM REPLAYED TO MASTER SHACKLETON=		
			SFCFIDS	
Time				

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. S. S. I.	Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
		Psy			7.11.59
To	MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO (Deps A/c)				

No. 8. Please arrange ambulance meet Shackleton arriving about 13th for gastric case for admission British Hospital under Garcia Capurro stop Charges to Tonsberg Whaling Company

Secretary

Time

JB/IH

Copy to S.M.O.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Psy

7.11.59

To

ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

(Deps A/c)

No. 263. Have arranged for Macstaple to meet Husvik's patient with ambulance and see him British Hospital stop Can do same for other patient if Salvesen so wish stop Please advise

Secretary

Copy to S.M.O./

Time

113/11

Rope at 38

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Lu 9.11.59

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 113.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 8th November, 19 59. *Time :* 1530.

Received : 9th November, 19 59. *Time :* 1000.

37 ref

Salvesen have made their own arrangements for their patient.
Both stations send their thanks for your help in this matter.

Administrative Officer.

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Copy to S.M.O. please.

(Intld.)

JB

P/L : IM

Best Bl

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
123	South Georgia	28	1215	9.11.59.

To
His Excellency the Governor Stanley

We all hereby express our sincere thanks for your efficient and kind help stop Our patient sailed in Shackleton this morning

Manager Olsen.

HL has seen - Pa.

10/11/59.

Time

JC

AKTIESELSKAPET
TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI

CODES: { A. B. C. FIFTH AND IMPROVED
BENTLEY
BOE CODE

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Telegramadresse: „Hvalfangeriet“.

Telefon 11767.

P.O. BOX 2.

Tønsberg, 20th October, 1959.
NORWAY.

Bankforbindelse:

Tønsbergs Industri- og Sjøfarts-Bank A/S.

BvdL/MA

Secretariat

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For filing & return, H.

His Excellency Sir Edwin Arrowsmith,
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands,

Per "John Biscoe",
c/o Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon S.A.,
Colon 1486-90,
Montevideo,
Uruguay.

11-11-59

Dear Sir Edwin,

Husvik Harbour.

I had hoped that I should have been able to come to London before your departure for the Falkland Islands. Unfortunately when telephoning the Colonial Office a couple of days ago, I heard that you had just left for South America, and I therefore wanted to reach you by mail in this way.

I was very happy, however, to have had an opportunity of speaking to you and explain the various problems we now have had at the Island and how much we are now struggling to keep the station going. In this connection I may remind you that the loss we sustained from last season's operations amounts to about £ 300.000. -. -. It was therefore with the greatest difficulty that we found a solution to our problems and were able to raise finance for a continuation of our operations.

You will recall that we discussed several different matters during our meeting on Wednesday the 22nd July, and I would like to refer them here:

1) General problems. We discussed the outlook for next season, and we contemplated the possible decline in the number of whales around South Georgia. There is no reason to believe, however, that the abnormally low production last season could be ascribed to a sudden decrease in the stock of whales. There were on the contrary certain factors which together may have caused the bad results, and I told you in this connection that some of our whalers had observed a special grayish colour of the ocean, which beside the absence of krill and very stormy weather were the main causes. We also heard from some of our people a theory being mentioned, a theory which tried to explain the colour of the sea by suggesting that a volcanic eruption may have taken place at the ocean bed somewhere around the Falkland Islands. Otherwise there is nothing that would indicate any great changes in the sea life in this part of the Antarctic ocean.

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, Falkland Islands.

20/10-59.

It is, however, interesting in this connection to mention that the Dutch whaling expedition "Willem Barendzs" was operating last season mostly around South Orkneys, and as you perhaps know, this expedition had a very good production, and this indicates also that the weather around those islands must have been very good. This may be surprising, but it is common experience that there may be great differences in the weather conditions in the Antarctic at places not very far from each other.

We hope that we at least shall attain an average production of well above 50000 barrels, which is about the average of our production in the last 10 to 12 years.

2) Taxation. We referred to our view on the general form taxation at South Georgia. The actual taxes we pay and also the licence fees are quite moderate, and generally speaking, we think that they are quite reasonable. The export duties, however, which may also be considered as a kind of taxation, are quite substantial. We are of the opinion that it is not reasonable to pay export dues on the basis of C.I.F. values, and they should be based at least on F.O.B. values. As long as the companies at South Georgia are operating at a profit, these duties may be acceptable, but when the stations operate at a loss another basis of assessment should be used. In this connection I also mentioned frozen meat, on which we, as I expect, shall have to pay export duty. This we would also find unreasonable, considering the fact that we shall have to pay 10 per cent import duty to Great Britain. I had the impression that you would take this matter into consideration in order to find a solution.

3) A South Georgia Company. In order to avoid the import duty on our meat we had contemplated transferring four of our Whale Catchers to British flag, and I understood that it may be possible to register a Company at South Georgia, and you would look into this. I made it clear to you that our buyers, Messrs. Petfoods Limited, had indicated that they would share with us the saving in import duty, as our Contract with them stipulates that the duty shall be borne by the buyers. We have approached the Norwegian Authorities with regard to the subject of transferring the four catchers mentioned, but unfortunately they have not yet taken a very favourable view in this matter.

4) Sealing Licence. You made it clear to me that Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A. has been granted a renewal of the Licence for sealing and that you could only offer a Sealing Licence for the Falkland Islands proper. In your opinion, however, sea elephants are very scarce on these islands, and you had great doubt whether it would be profitable to operate on the basis of the number of animals that you had previously indicated. It was also mentioned by you that at Port Stanley there is a freezing plant together with a cold store, which is not in use, and you asked me whether this could be of any value to us in the future, referring to a statement by Mr. Lawrence of Petfoods Limited, who had indicated that this Company might be interested in inspecting the plant, with a view to storing frozen whale meat there

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, Falkland Islands.

20/10-1959.

5) Asdic. The view of my Company on the use of asdic at South Georgia was referred to you, and I had the impression that on the basis of the material we had procured and also the statement by Professor J.T. Ruud together with that of Mr. Mackintosh, had convinced you that the use of asdic should be forbidden for the future. We think that both Salvesen and especially Pesca are of the opinion that the use of asdic will be permitted in not too long a time. An indication of this may be the fact that the Rosina catchers have had their asdic apparatus overhauled and tested before they left Norway at the end of this summer. Since I saw you in July we have further interviewed many gunners working for other companies with floating factories, and what we have been told have further confirmed that asdic should not be used at South Georgia. We regret that Mr. Ryan, with whom we are on such friendly terms, should have spent so much money on the installations of asdic, but this can not in any way alter our conviction.

Up to this moment the catch reports from South Georgia have been very disheartening, but we hope that things will change fairly soon, and that the operations will end well in the spring. Should our operations have satisfactory results, we shall of course go forward and also extend our activities to the production of meat extract.

We would like to express our gratefulness for the sympathy you have shown us and hope that everything will turn out to our mutual satisfaction.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Kind regards

Bror von der Lippe

Bror von der Lippe

46.

Y. B.

Had on file as instructed, R.

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12/1/59.

Extract from the Colonial Secretary's Report
on his visit to South Georgia, December, 1959.

Whaling Company Notes.

Tonsberg are in a mess. They lost £300,000 last season and are operating on borrowed capital this year. Unless they get at least 40,000 barrels this year there appears to be every prospect that they will close down. They had just under 10,000 by the second week of December. The A.O. understands that Ryan is interested in the possibility of taking over the station if Tonsberg give up.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at
238	South Georgia	2355	1355 11.2.60.

To

Etat TM3 Secretary, ~~Seafids~~, ~~Mal~~ Stanley

No 44 following received from Manager Olsen Husvik quote grateful if we may repatriate two men on Shackleton they can look after themselves unquote stop Can you help

Admin

Time RRB/ WB

Reply at 51.

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To	Adminoff South Georgia		(Deps A/c)	

SC refers

No. 38. Following from Denton Thompson stop Your 44 passages for Husvik personnel stop For various reasons we would very much rather not repeat not be pressed with this request unless they are urgent medical cases

Secretary

Time AGDT/IN

Reply at 52

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TELEGRAM.

No. 341.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 13th February, 1960. *Time* : 2230.

Received : 19... *Time* :

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No. 49. Your telegram No. 38.

Husvik advised accordingly. Reply Olsen stated wished to consult doctor who was then at Leith. Following note arrived at 1800 "Ref. my note Doctor now returned from Leith. We have cancelled asking passage for first case Myhre Nilsen. Second case Lund needs operation sorry third case agreed this afternoon both doctors Husvik Leith that Aamodt should be sent home for very urgent abdominal investigations and treatment. Therefore I must still ask repatriate two urgent medical cases." Olsen's first telegram did not indicate that request concerned medical cases only stated men able look after themselves. As now stated concerns two urgent medical cases.

Administrative Officer.

P/L : IM

Reply at 53.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia repeated Master

R.R.S. "Shackleton".

Despatched : 14th February, 19 60. Time : 2245.

Received : 19 Time :

Unnumbered 14th February.

52 Your telegram 49. As the two men are urgent medical cases Master of "Shackleton" is asked by copy of this telegram to take them to Capetown on assumption men are returning to Norway. Agreement is conditional on Olsen taking immediate steps to book onward air passages as we understand sea passages are difficult to obtain and we are most anxious to avoid any immigration difficulties in South Africa. He should also clear their entry through Norwegian Consular in Capetown please ensure that the two men have valid passports or alternatively are provided with travel documents certifying their identity and reasons for travelling. Doctor on "Shackleton" should be provided with full details of the two cases by the Medical Officer Husvik.

Secretary.

DECODE.

No. 213

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 12th March, 19 60. Time :

Received : 13th March, 19 60. Time :

Strictly Confidential.

5 3/2/39/5

81.2 D/O 158 63 No. 73. Your telegram No. 62 your telegram acknowledged.

heads

Husvik are dismantling all small engineering equipment for shipment Norway also Station store including harpoon heads of. Service boat also returning. Oil stocks 500 tons being held not sufficient for starting station next season. Olsen told by Company he has been appointed engineer on Balaena next season. Company have had to sell cargo ship Linde.

Captain Henningsen states Company trying to sell Teie to Persian Gulf Oil Company for housing construction labour battalion abroad.

From above would say Husvik will not operate next season. Olsen will not commit himself with a definite yes or no at this stage.

55

A.C.S.

The indications could hardly be
 clearer. If we hear nothing final within
 six weeks we should telegraph Tansing
 head office for a firm decision. We may need
to withdraw license approval £.5 D/2/39/11

2.8.11

16.3.60

56.

Office

Copy of 54 should
 go on D/2/39/11

2.8.11

16.3.60

19/3/60

58.

— then Rev. six weeks as at (55)

16.3.60

16.3.60

bu 27.4.60

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 23rd April, 19 60. Time : 1217.

Received : 19 . Time :

No. 101. Winter managers for Whaling Companies.

Leith S. Akseth Musvik S. Thorstensen Grytviken
C.T. Thorsen.

Administrative Officer.

(Intld.)

AGDT

P.A.

JB

Original in D/6/58
Copies in D/15/58,
and D/2/47.



Handwritten notes: 28 Dec 60 (SS)

60

HCS

SS Nothing further from Tomberg
yet. We will need to know soon for
another season also - a whale fishing
inspector. We have told Crown that we
may need three.

Draft tel. r/c.

SK

28.4.60

61

HCS.

Thank you. A slightly amended pl. - with copy Aa

C.L.P.

2.5.60.

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To	Tonsberg Hvalfangeriect Norway			(Deps A/c)

In order make whaling inspectorate arrangements forthcoming whaling season grateful formal advice whether you intend operating land station South Georgia 60/61

Secretary

Time DNM/TH.

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To				
Administrative Officer South Georgia			(Days A/c)	

62 No. 87. Addressed Tonsberg Norway stop

In order make inspectorate a arrangements forthcoming whaling season
 grateful formal advice whether you intend operating land station South
 Georgia 60/61

Secretary

Reply at 64

Time 10.10/11.

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TELEGRAM.

From Tonsberg, Hvalfangeriet, Norway.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 5th May, 19 60. *Time :* 1330.

Received : 6th May, 19 60. *Time :* 1000.

63

Your telegram.

Regret will not operate landstation Husvik Harbour
1960/61.

Hvalfangeriet.

B.U.F.

DRM

Copy to A.O. F.I.D.T.

in Customs



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Tel to A.O.
+ all local watches

Yh

64 Now that Tonsberg have decided to close down for 1960/61 we will have to let Salvesen ^{and Pesca} know about additional catches. Folios 77-81 in D/6/58 refer.

You also mentioned about Inspectors being briefed regarding duties. This can be embodied in telegram informing Crown we require only 2 Inspectors. Draft o/c.

Yh 7.5.60

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			9.5.60.
To				
Salvesen Keith Telex			(Deps A/c)	

Tonsberg have intimated they will not be whaling from South Georgia next summer stop propose therefore offer you three repeat three additional catchers licence for 1960/61 season and similar number to Pesca s top Grateful confirmation you will be taking them up

Secretary

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AGDE/TH.

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D/13/58 ✓

See 19

Time

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20.5.60

Time: 1600

Received:

Time:

FIELD NO. 42.

Please pass following to Governor begins.

Whaling and Asdic. Tonsberg state they will not operate next summer and I have offered three additional catchers each to Pesca and Salvosen as agreed. Pesca have replied requesting reconsideration of Asdic ban so that they can "plan for next season". A.C. reports South Georgia rumour that Salvosen considering similar approach. My view is that if report that Salvosen will only operate one pelagic expedition next season is correct then we may well be under increased pressure to lift asdic ban very largeley because Salvosen will have asdic fitted pelagic catchers unemployed unless of course he disposes of them. You may wish to discuss in London and in the meantime I have deferred reply to Pesca. ends.

O.A.G.

Re
23.5.60

AGDE/MW : CTC

c.c. D/13/58
D/10/58
D/6/58

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TELEGRAM.

From Tonsberg, Hvalfangeri

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched :	23rd May	19 60	Time : 1400
Received :	24th May	19 60	Time :

We are much obliged for your telegram and have
to day paid £15,000. to Crown Agents.

Original on D/1/49/VI
Copies on T.GEN/1 vol.iii
D/13/58
Copy to Collector of Customs

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 25.5.60

Time: 1100

Received:

Time:

FIDEP NO.45

My FIDEP 43. At my request Tonsberg have made payment on account and inform me £15,000 paid to Crown Agents on 23rd May.

O.A.G.

Original on D/1/49/VI
Copies on T.Gen/1 vol.iii
D/13/58
Copy to Collector of Customs

TC/MW

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 26.5.60

Time: 1000

Received: 26.5.60 Time: 1000

FIDEP No. 35

Your FIDEP No. 7, 15 and 45.

I agree Duty on whale oil at South Georgia may be reduced to a flat 5/-d per barrel with effect from 1960/1961 season. This must however be kept under review and I suggest you submit an annual report on position and position re introducing higher rates.

No. 112. So far as Tonsberg's request is concerned I agree retrospective reduction cannot possibly be made and Tonsberg should be informed accordingly.

etc

Original on D/6/17/II

Copies to D/1/19/vi

D/13/58

Collector of Customs

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Officer Administering the Government

To Tonsberg, Hvalfangeri

Despatched : 28th May 1960 19 Time : 1100

Received : 19 Time :

Your representations have received the most careful considerations but much regret we are unable to approve retrospective reductions in rates of duty on whale oil. Secretary of State has concurred with this decision. For your information the rate is to be reduced to a flat 5/-d per barrel with effect from 1960/1961 season, but I appreciate that this does not solve your immediate problem and I regret adverse decision.

AGDT/MW : P/L

Original on D/I/49/vi
copy to D/13/58

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Tonsberg, Hvalfangeriet, Norway.

To Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 27th May, 19 60. *Time :* 1415.

Received : 28th May, 19 60. *Time :* 1000.

Re your telegram ⁶³ 5rd our telegram ⁶⁴ 5th instant.

We not omit informing that we are making last effort continue operate next season even if prospects presently very unfavourable. We shall let you know immediately ultimate decision taken which within fortnight otherwise normally refersto applications by Manager Husvik March First.

Hvalfangeriet.

P/I : IM

(Intld.)

AGDT

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See ~~24~~ 45
Reply at 78

See 9B in 7/10/58.

Reopen. Reply in 01/10/10

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 30.5.60.

Time: 14.00.

Received:

Time:

FIDEP No. 49. Whaling Licences.

Following for Willis.

After stating categorically that they will not operate next season Tonsberg have now telegraphed me saying they are "making last effort" to do so. This has put me in a difficult position because additional catcher licences have already been promised to Salvosen and Tonsberg (FIDEP 42) and it is now getting late in the day for policy vacillation. Alternatives are -

- (1) Let sleeping dogs lie and if Tonsberg operate then let them do so up to a maximum of ten catchers which other two companies will have making total of thirty.
- (2) Tell Tonsberg there are now no licences available for 1960/61.
- (3) Tell Pesca and Salvosen that decision to grant additional licences must be held in abeyance pending final decision by Tonsberg expected within next two or three weeks.

In my view 1 and 2 are out of the question and 3 is the right course. But Salvosen may protest and will doubtless do so direct to S. of S.. You will appreciate that in making a decision on this question of licences which should be done soon we must be assured that on this occasion we are supported in London. Matter is urgent and I should be grateful for early reply.

Officer Administering the Government.

CFC : AGDT/IL.

Original in D/9/47/11

Copies in D/6/58

D/13/58

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Reply at 7.5
R. P.

DECODE.TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 31.5.60. Time: 1730. Received: 1.6.60. Time.

Priority. FIDEP No. 38.

73 Your telegram 49 FIDEP. Whaling Licences.

Following from Willis.

Governor left this morning and so could not consult him, but we approve your alternative (3). Presume you will inform Pesca and Salvesen your end.

Original in D/9/47/11
Copy D/6/58 and D/15/58

GTC : SC Typed IM

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TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Government.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 1st June, 1960. Time : 1430

Received : 19 Time :

72 No. 105. Tonsberg advise me they are making final effort to continue whaling next season but decision expected within a fortnight. In the circumstances I have advised Salvesen with expression of regret that decision to grant extra licences 1960/61 season to him and Pesca must be held in abeyance pending outcome of Tonsberg's efforts. Please inform Pesca accordingly with similar expression of regret. For your information I am pressing Tonsberg for very early decision and have cleared proposal to hold extra licences in abeyance in the meantime with Secretary of State.

Officer Administering the Government.

Original in D/9/47/II

Copies in D/6/58

D/15/58

D/28/47/II

G.T.C. : Underlined

P/L : AGDE/LH

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 1.6.60 Time : 1515 Received : Time :

FIDEP No. 46.

14 Your Priority telegram FIDEP No. 38.

Whaling Licences.

Following for Willis. Many thanks prompt decision and
reply. Confirm I will inform Salvesen and Pesca.

Officer Administering the Government.

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D/13/58
D/28/47/II

G.T.C. : IM
Typed : AGDT/IH

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To	TOWNSHIP IN MANAGERIAL WORK (DEPT A/C)			

72 YOUR TELEGRAM 27/11 LAST STOP WE HAD ALREADY CRAFTED ADDITIONAL GATHERING LICENCES TO PERCA AND SALVEREN IN VIEW OF YOUR DECISION NOT TO WHALE IN 1960/61 SEASON AND CANCELLATION OF THIS DECISION HAS CAUSED US EMBARRASSMENT STOP MOST GRATEFUL THANKINGS EARLIEST POSSIBLE DECISION BY YOUR COMPANY

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

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D/13/58 & D/28/47/11

Time

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To				
SALVENSEN LEITH TELEX			(Dēpaa/c)	

66 My telegram 9th May stop Tonsberg now advise me they are making effort to continue whaling stop In circumstances I regret we must hold decision to grant additional licences for 1960/61 season to your company and Pesca in abeyance until final decision by Tonsberg expected within fortnight stop I regret serious inconvenience this will no doubt cause and I am pressing Tonsberg very early final decision

Officer Administering the Government

Time AGDT/LH

Regd. 88

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TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th June, 19 60 *Time :* 1706

Received : 9th June, 19 60 *Time :* 1000

We feel it is not repeat not open to you to reconsider grant of three additional licences subsequent to our confirmation on 12/5 of acceptance of your offer of 9/5. We have since made considerable re-arrangement in our repair programme and entered into various commitments relative to engagement of gunners etc. Meantime our enquiries indicate no chance Monsbergs Hvalfangeriet operating on own account though possible they might act on behalf of Ryan who has been negotiating hire of "Teie" and catchers. We are continuing our arrangements basis ten licences and request your immediate confirmation.

SALVESEN.

P/L:MF

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	Psy			13.6.60
To				
TOMSBURG NORWAY				(Deps A/c)

For your information this Government has after full consideration of all the implications decided to lift the ban on the use of asdic for whaling purposes stop With effect from 1960/61 season

Colonial Secretary

Issued from D/10/58

Copy in D/13/58 ✓

Time AGDE/LH

Reply at 82

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No. 4.

TELEGRAM.

From Hvalfangeriet, Tonsberg, Norway.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	14th June,	19 60.	<i>Time :</i> 1412
<i>Received :</i>	14th June,	19 60.	<i>Time :</i>

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Your telegram yesterday re asdic received. We still maintain opinion that use asdic will have detrimental effect on future South Georgia whaling and decision will make continuation of our operations more difficult.

Hvalfangeriet

P/L : LH

Original in D/10/58
Copy in D/12/58✓
P.A. on file
(Intld.) AGDT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			18.6.60
To	TONSBERG HVALFANGERIET NORWAY			(Deps A/o)

Grateful to know whether you can yet say whether you intend
to operate 1960/1961 season in South Georgia

Colonial Secretary

Copy on
~~Issued from~~ D/13/58 ✓
Copies on D/6/58
" " D/28/47/II
Issued from D/9/47/II

Time AGDT/LH

BU 23660

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 20.6.60. Time: 2000 Received: 21.6.60. Time 1000.

Confidential.

50 FIDEP No. 46. Reference Salveson's telegram to Colonial Secretary of June 8th about the additional whaling licences. Salveson feel strongly in the matter and are pressing me to take up urgently with you.

2. Grateful to know what is behind latest development and what reply you sent to Salveson.

Secretary of State

GTC : III Copy to Sec., F.I.D.S.

RB

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TELEGRAM.

From Hvalfangeriet, Tonsberg, Norway.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th June, 1960. *Time :* 1826.

Received : 21st June, 1960. *Time :*

83 Your telegram 18th.

Hope decision within 1st July.

Hvalfangeriet.

Orig. in D/9/47/11

Copy in D/6/58

" " D/28/47/11

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P/L : IM

Bu 1/7/60

D/13/58.

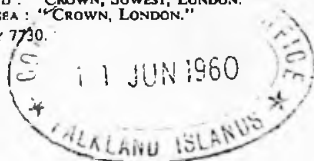
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Communications to be addressed to
THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
and the above reference quoted.

4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS (INLAND : "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
(OVERSEA : "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE : ABBEY 7730.



25 MAY 1960

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the sum
of £15,000 _____ has been received

from Akkieselskapet Torsberg's Aalfangeri,
being Norway

part payment of export duty on
whaling produce from our land station
Husvik, Harbour, South Georgia

The amount has been credited in the

FALKLAND ISLANDS account
for the month of May 1960.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

AOFIST
CFC.

Ken L. Hume

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
PORT STANLEY,
Falkland Islands

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A/O, F.I.D.T.

CT.

To note 86 pl.

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TELEGRAM.

From Salvason, Leith Scotland.

To Governor, Stanley.

Despatched :	24th June,	60. 19	Time :	1550.
Received :	25th June,	60. 19	Time :	1000.

38. in D(a) 4715

Thank you replying shortly.

Salvason.

P/L : IN

Reply at 90.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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	PSY			5.7.60.
To				
HVALFANGERIET TONSBORG NORWAY			(DEPS A/C)	

GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE YET IN A POSITION TO SAY
WHETHER YOU WILL BE OPERATING NEXT SEASON

SECRETARY

Time AGDT/IM.

Reply at 91.

Issued from D/9/47/11
Copies in D/13/58
D/6/58

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 6th July, 19 60. *Time :* 1628.

Received : 7th July, 19 60. *Time :* 1030.

88 Thanks your telegram 24th June.

We have decided take up ten licences regardless whether Tonsberg operates or not. Understand however that most unlikely Tonsberg will operate.

Salvesen.

P/L : IM

91
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Hvalfangeriet, Tonsberg, Norway.

To Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 6th July, 19 60. Time : 1145.

Received : 7th July, 19 60. Time : 1030.

89 Your telegram 5th.

Operation unlikely advising definitely within
few days.

Hvalfangeriet.

P/L : IM

Reply at 92

92

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			7.7.70.

To

Tonsberg Hvalfangeriet Norway

(Deps A/c)

9, Your telegram 6th stop You should know that when you informed me officially you would not operate firm offer of three additional catchers for next season was made to Salvesen and Pesca stop Salvesen now states he wishes operate up to 10 catchers whether you open or not stop If you should decide operate you and Pesca have same privilege

Colonial Secretary

NPA/TH

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Tonsberg, Hvalfangeriet, Norway.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 11th July, 19 60. *Time :* 1520.

Received : 12th July, 19 60. *Time :* 1000.

89, 91, 92 etc. Referring previous telegrams we hereby humbly ask for consent to transfer the lease granted our company to Albion Star Southampton Limited a company founded by Mr. Alfredo Ryan of Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A. operating from Grytviken. We under an agreement will sell to Albion Star all our belongings and stores at Husvik Harbour together with the vessel "Teie" and two whalers now laid up here. Thankful for immediate attention owing next seasons nearness.

Tonsberg Hvalfangeriet.

P/L : IM

Original in D/13/58

Copy in D/3/60

Reply at 95.

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JE

93 submitted accordingly

John

12.7.60

95
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From GOVERNOR

To TONSBURG, HVALFANGERIET, NORWAY

Despatched : 13th July 1960 Time : 1200

Received : 19 Time :

93 Your telegram 11th July. Consider matters would be expedited if you and Ryan representative arrange meeting with Willis, Colonial Office. There are points on which I would like clarification such as position regarding outstanding export duties.

P/L : MW

Copied in 9/3/60.

96
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 13.7.60

Time : 1200

Received :

Time :

PRIORITY

No. 100.

For Willis. Following telegram has been received from Tonsberg, begins:

"Referring previous telegrams we hereby humbly ask for consent to transfer the lease granted our company to Albion Star Southampton Limited a company founded by Mr. Alfredo Ryan of Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A. operating from Grytviken. We under an agreement will sell to Albion Star all our belongings and stores at Husvik Harbour together with the vessel "Teie" and two whalers now laid up here. Thankful for immediate attention owing next seasons nearness." ends.

2. I have replied begins:

"Your telegram 11th July. Consider matters would be expedited if you and Ryan representative arrange meeting with Willis Colonial Office. There are points on which I would like clarification such as position regarding outstanding export duties owing." ends.

3. Prima facie I have no objection to transfer but I would like to know:-

(a) Is Albion Star (Southampton) Limited a new company formed specifically for taking over Tonsberg and distinct from Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited.

(b) Export duties (see above).

140 in
2/3/60
4. Presumably transfer is intended to be permanent and similar action to that proposed in paragraph 3 of Slaughter & May's letter to you of 24th June 1959 would be desirable.

5. Speed is essential if ex-Tonsberg factory is to operate next season and unless your legal advisers see any objection I would be prepared to issue licence to Albion Star (Southampton), if properly incorporated, for one season pending completion legal formalities regarding lease.

GTC : MW

Repey at 99
Feb 102

Bu 21.7.60

Bu 30.7.60

copy in 2/3/60.

Outstanding Whaling Duty owed by Tonsberg Whaling Company

Position as at 12th July, 1960

1954/56	Whaling Seasons	£7,407. 16. 6	Actual
1956/57	Whaling Season	10,034. 1. 4	Actual
1957/58	Did not Whale	- - -	
1958/59	28,996 barrels exported	3,624. 10. -	Estimated additional duty to be received at 2/6 per barrel.
1959/60	26,096 barrels exported	3,262. -. -	

£24,328. 7.10

* £15,000 paid see 68.

Willis
12/7/60.

Mr Morrison

98.

For Tonsberg file.

DA. 13.7.60.

* The £24,328. 7.10 is in addition to the £15,000.

Willis
23/8/60.

AKTIESELSKAPET
TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI

CODES: { A. B. C. FIFTH AND IMPROVED
BENTLEY
BOE CODE

97A

Telegramadresse: „Hvalfangeriet“.

Telefon 11767.

Bankforbindelse:

Tønsberg Industri- og Sjøfarts-Bank A/S.

P.O.BOKS 2.

Tønsberg, 14th July, 1960.
NORWAY.

BvdL/MA

The Governor for the Falkland Islands Dependencies,
His Excellency Sir Edwin Arrowsmith,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir Edwin,

Your kind letter to me dated the 12th January this year has been left unreplyed for which I ask you to apologize.

Since that time the whaling season 1959/60 has come to an end, showing very disappointing results for our Company. The two last seasons have had the most grave effects, as large sums have been lost, and in spite of the most energetic struggle we could not find any means of continuing our operations. Personally I believe that the conditions around South Georgia will prove to be very difficult in the coming years, and as you have recently learnt through our telegraphic correspondence, we have decided to withdraw, and at the moment of writing we are negotiating with Mr. Ryan of Cia. Argentina de Pesca S.A. for the sale of our station, our transport vessel "Teie" and two whale catchers.

Although our material are not fetching high prices, we have found, in view of the gloomy future, to accept now what in the future may be deemed to be reasonable and satisfactory. The sums involved in the transaction will only cover a small part of our total losses in whaling. We hope, however, that Mr. Ryan, who will be buying the material mentioned on behalf of the Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd., will be able by his purchases to make his whaling profitable. By acquiring the "Teie" his transports will be much cheaper, and with an additional number of whale catchers he should be able to make some money, if the whales around the island are still plentiful. Further he may be in the position to make use of the freezing plant and cold store at Husvik Harbour.

Whether the lifting of the ban on the use of asdic is a wise decision I do not know. We in this Company have been principally against it for years, but if it is so that many of the whales which are being chased in the vicinity of South Georgia, also may have been in contact with the floating factories and their asdic equipped catchers, it may prove of advantage, but time will show.

Apart from whaling South Georgia may have a future as a base for fleets of fishing vessels and perhaps other economic ventures. This I sincerely hope.

When we ultimately transfer the station to the Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd., it is of course on the understanding that the old liabilities remain with our Company.

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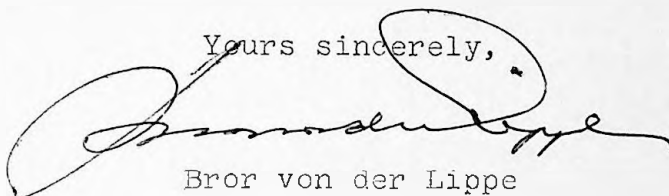
Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, Falkland Islands.

14/7-60.

We had hoped that the Authorities of the Falkland Islands Dependencies and/or the Colonial Office in London could reduce these old liabilities in view of the great sums we have paid to the Dependencies in all these years, and I should appreciate having your comments to this question, and if you have a good advice to give me on what procedure should be taken, I would be most grateful.

Before ending this letter I would like to thank you personally on behalf of my Company for all the interest you have shown in our problems and for all the kind interest you have taken in all matters pertaining to the Husvik Harbour land station.

Yours sincerely,



Bror von der Lippe

99
DECODE.

COPY

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 19.7.60. Time: 0200. Received: 20.7.60. Time: 2100.

Immediate.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 75.

90 Your No. 100. Following from Willis begins:-

Reference to Albion Star (Southampton) Limited in Tonsberg's telegram there was a mistake as Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited propose to take over from Tonsberg.

2. Albion Star have now made formal application to transfer Tonsberg lease to them. If transfer is approved they propose to surrender lease immediately and apply new lease.

3. I am informed that if Pesca tried to sell out to Albion Star at this stage their Board would insist on land station being put up for public auction in Buenos Aires. To overcome this, Pesca have applied for permission to grant a sub-lease to Albion Star for 1 year at annual rent of approximately \$20,000. Sub-lease will contain option on the part of Albion Star to purchase Pesca lease. When option is exercised it is intended that purchase should be completed as originally intended on 30th June 1960.

4. Also inform that Albion Star propose to purchase the 5 whale catchers from Avide Shipping Company at written down book value of approximately \$270,000 each and will give mortgages to Rosina to secure amount paid for catchers mortgages in favour of Rosina will then be released. Port of registry will be changed to Port Stanley. This will mean additional loan of \$1,350,000 which will be secured by means of mortgage on catchers with Rosina.

5. Shares in Albion Star (South Georgia) will be registered in the name of Trucidatore Nominee's Limited being Slaughter and May's Nominee's Company and will be held to order of Rosina. Albion Star's Board of Directors are as follows:-

Messrs. Clark
A.G. Barton
H.C. Harding
Ringdal

6. Grateful to know as soon as possible whether

(a) You approve proposal on paragraphs 2 and 3, and

(b) You have any objections to proposals in paragraphs 4 and 5.

: MW Copied IM

Reply at 100

Orig in D/3/60

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 20.7.60. Time : 1700. Received : Time :

IMMEDIATE

CONFIDENTIAL

99 No. 103. Your No. 75. Albion Star.

I approve proposals in paragraphs 2 and 3 and have no objections to proposals in paragraphs 4 and 5.

OTC : IM Copied IM

See inf

Orig in D/3/60.

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TELEGRAM.

From Clark, Albion Star, Southampton.

To Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 21st July, 19 60, Time : 2030.

Received : 22nd July, 19 60, Time : 1000.

Intentions this season use both stations freshest
whales to Husvik others Grytviken emphasis on meat
productions arranging expedition on these lines will
discuss future programme with you due course.

Clark Albion Southampton

B.U.F.
DRM

P/L : IM

Orig in 2/2/60.

DECODE.TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 28.7.60. Time: 0600 Received: 29.7.60. Time: 1500

96 No. 79. Your telegram No. 100.

Have you reached any agreement with Tonsberg regarding payment outstanding export duties? If not what is the total amount outstanding and do you wish me to press Tonsberg for payment?

Secretary of State

40 FIST

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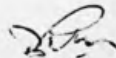
Reply at 10.7.

GTC : FH
Typed IN

at 68?

What is the situation pl?

Is it £24,328 - 7-10 less £15,000 promised



29.7.60

104.

A.C.S.

your minute at (103) correct. I should

point out however that 58/59 & 59/60 figures at (97) are only "estimated". Definite figures will not be known until production for these seasons have been sold & sales certificates rendered by all three whaling companies.

There is also the 1959/60 companies employees income tax (usually paid by the company) to be received yet but presumably this is something quite different.

W.H.H.

29/7/60

H.C.S.

102-104 We cannot give an accurate figure as sale is based on average sale price for oil of these companies.

We managed to get £15,000 from Tonsberg recently - see folio 68 but they still owe us a lot of money. folio 97 refers.

I will discuss if you wish.

broken. 106

D.H.
2.8.60

L. E. Pl. see 102

2. Answer to first sentence "no"
2. to second estimated at £9,328
adding as at A of 104

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3/8/60

107
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 4.8.60

Time: 1200

Received:

Time:

PRIORITY

No. 113.

102

Your telegram 79. I have heard nothing from Tonsberg since their telegram repeated to you in my telegram No. 100. Outstanding duty estimated between £9,000 and £10,000 but actual amount will not be known until oil for seasons 1958/59 and 1959/60 has been sold and sales certificates rendered.

2. Suggest you should either (a) obtain written agreement from Tonsberg that they will pay on demand or (b) accept undertaking from Albion Star that they will accept responsibility for outstanding duties.

3. The income tax owing by Tonsberg employees for 1959/60 is still outstanding and would normally be paid about December. I presume Tonsberg will pay in due course but grateful if you would also mention this to them.

GTC : MW

Reply at 118.

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sum
for
9/8/60

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th August, 19 60. *Time :* 1100.

Received : 4th August, 19 60. *Time :* 1530.

No. 153. Following received from Winter Manager Husvik.

"Received from Hvalfangeriet. Shore station Teie Busen 5 Busen 6 sold Ryan to be taken over 15th August. Ryan consider work Husvik with small crew." Ends.

Administrative Officer.

(Intld.)
DM

110
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 5th August, 1960. Time 1430

Received : 19 Time :

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 137. Following for information

Tonsberg have requested transfer of lease to Albion Star (South Georgia). They will sell stores etc. Teie and two whalers at Husvik. On the transfer of the lease Albion Star intend surrendering immediately and applying for new lease.

Pesca have applied for permission to grant a sub lease to Albion Star for one year at annual rental approximately £20,000. Sub lease will contain option for Albion Star to purchase Pesca lease. Albion Star intend purchasing five whale catchers from Avide Shipping Company port of registry to be Stanley.

Colonial Secretary

Original in D/13/58
Copy in D/3/60 ✓

AKTIESELSKAPET
BERGS HVALFANGERI

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Telegramadresse: „Hvalfangeriet“.

Telefon 11767.

Bankforbindelse:
sbergs Industri- og Sjøfarts-Bank A/S.

P.O.BOKS 2.

Tønsberg, 8th August, 1960.
NORWAY.

PF/MA

The Governor for the Falkland Islands Dependencies,
His Excellency Sir Edwin Arrowsmith,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

Husvik Harbour Land Station.

As you know, our Company's results the last seasons at Husvik Harbour have been very unfavourable and with yearly heavy losses.

On the departures of the transport-vessels from South Georgia the later years we have paid an export duty of 5 sh. per barrel of oil.

Up to the season 1955/56 there has been a regulation in this export duty according to the price obtained per ton.

Under the circumstances we humbly ask you to assist us in getting an agreement that the 5 shillings per barrel paid for the later seasons from 1956/57 will be considered as full payment.

You will be aware that the whaling expeditions in the Antarctic have not to pay any such export duty and the prices obtained for the products are of course the same for South Georgia as well as for the factories in the Antarctic, but with more undergrade oil and greater operating expenses comparatively than these.


We know that you understand our position and hope in due course to receive your favourable reply. We think that you also will appreciate that the 5 sh. per barrel is quite a heavy expense imposed on a company.

Yours faithfully,

Aktieselskapet

TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI

Acknowledgment at 121



Reply at 114

Secfids/

Reference (111)

We have already told Tonsberg that we are unable to approve retrospective reductions in the rates of duty on whale oil. See item (71) on D/13/58.

Tonsbergs position regarding outstanding whale duty is as follows:-

Outstanding Whaling Duty owed by Tonsberg Whaling Co.
Position as at 12th July 1960

1954/56	Whaling Seasons	£7,407. 16. 6	Actual
1956/57	Whaling Season	10,034. 1. 4	Actual
1957/58	Did not whale	- - -	
1958/59	28,996 barrels exported	3,624. 10. -	} Estimated addit- } tional duty to } be received at } 2/6 per barrel
1959/60	26,096 barrels exported	3,262. - . -	
		<hr/>	
		£24,328. 7.10	

The above figures are the same as the figures given by me at (97) and the total amount outstanding of £24,328. 7. 10 is in addition to the £15,000 paid by Tonsberg in May (see item 68).

This contradicts my previous minute at (104) and I regret very much that I am unable to explain why I agreed that the position at that time was £24,328. 7. 10 less £15,000 paid in May, especially when I had already headed (97) with 'Position as at 12th July 1960'.

The Colonial Office ought to be told of the correct figures and I now submit for approval a draft telegram giving revised figures.

The position with the other two whaling companies is that they have paid outstanding duty up to and including the 1955/56 season, but so far no money has been received for the additional duty due from the 1956/57 oil production. All three companies were billed for this in May 1960.

None of the companies can be billed for the additional duty due on the 1957/58 (Tonsberg did not whale this year), 1958/59 and 1959/60 oil productions until these have been sold and sales certificates rendered.

W.H. Hall

24.8.60

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 24:8:60 Time : 1600 Received : Time :

No. 121..

Outstanding Whaling Duty owed by Tonsberg Whaling Company.

I regret incorrect figures were given in my telegram 113 and I should be grateful if estimated figures could be amended to read between £24,000 and £25,000.

£15,000 on account was paid by Tonsberg in May against duty on 1954/56 seasons and due to misunderstanding this amount was deducted twice when assessing nett amount outstanding.

GTC : SC

Reply at 118.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 25.8.60

Time: 1200

Received: 25.8.60 Time: 1500

CONFIDENTIAL

100 No.89. Your tel.103 Albion Star

Solicitor asking for draft of the lease of Husvik to Albion Star which they suggest should be on the same lines as Tonsberg lease. Latter however have lost their lease and it cannot be readily traced here in absence full particulars. Presumably lease recently drafted for Grytviken will do as model but please telegraph full description of land to be leased and any special points you wish incorporated in the draft.

GTC

HCS

115

We shd. get an answer off to this fairly quickly.

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gms

26.8.60. Reply at 117

File with B
for early action in late 20.8.60

117.
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 6.9.60

Time: 1210

Received:

Time:

CONFIDENTIAL.

114- No. 135. Your telegram No. 89.

Albion Star.

Only 1949 lease of Grytviken available locally but provided no clauses peculiar to recently drafted lease such lease may be used as model. 1949 Grytviken lease provided for establishment by lessee of Met. Station but please ensure that present lease provides for furnishing of meteorological reports to Administrative Officer as required. Description of land as follows: the lot or parcel of land in the island of South Georgia hereby leased is five hundred acres, more or less, in Husvik Harbour, Stromness Bay, with metes and bounds as follows (that is to say) bounded on the coast line by a road reserved to Her Majesty, measuring thirty feet from high water mark, and inland by Crown Lands.

Governor

Original in: D/13/58✓
Copy in: D/3/60✓

G.T.C. : RB/LM
Typed : LH

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR ⁶

Despatched:

Time: 1745

Received: 7.9.70.

Time: 1000.

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113

No. 95. Your telegram No. 113 and 121.

I am informed by Tonsberg that Income Tax owed by their employees for 1959/60 was paid on August 2nd.

The Company acknowledge liabilities for payment duty on whale oil is still undischarged.

Secretary of State.

119

HCS

This tel was exempt on receipt and I don't know if you have seen it or not.

g. & for information

on 13/9/60

120
J.H.

13.9.60

GTC : IM

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Ref: D/13/58.

STANLEY,

.....17th October, 1960.....

Sir,

11/ I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th August, 1960,
regarding Duty on Whale Oil.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) D. R. Morrison.

for *Colonial Secretary.*

Aktieselskapet,
Tonsberg Hvalfangeri,
Tonsberg,
NORWAY.

DRM/FH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Governor, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 14th October, 19 60. *Time :* 1527.

Received : 15th October, 19 60. *Time :* 1045.

Apprehensive about operation Leith Harbour after present season. Decision to operate present season based on near certainty that Tonsberg Hval would not operate and that we would get for Leith Harbour half of total licences issued. In submitting to board our recommendation as to whether or not to operate can we assure board that total licences will be equally divided between the two remaining companies.

Salvesen.

(Intld.)

DM

Original in D/6/58
Copy in D/13/58 ✓

P/L : IM

See 113

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 18th October, 1960. Time : 1030

Received : 19 Time :

/// No. 187. Have received telegram from Salvesen Leith as follows

Apprehensive about operation Leith Harbour after present season. Decision to operate present season based on near certainty that Tonsberg Hval would not operate and that we would get for Leith Harbour half of total licences issued. In submitting to board our recommendation as to whether or not to operate can we assure board that total licences will be equally divided between the two remaining companies.

Grateful your comments and what do you think total should be.

Colonial Secretary

Original in D/6/58
Copy in D/13/58

G.T.C. : DRM/LH

Reply at-113

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched: 21st October, 19 60. Time: 1815.

Received: 22nd October, 19 60. Time: 1030.

Confidential.

112 No. 206. Your telegram No. 187.

This is a matter that needs careful consideration in the light of present circumstances and of future policy. Salvesens enquiry would appear to be seeking assurance Ryan will not be able to operate more catchers than Salvesen although Ryan is operating 2 stations.

It would seem a logical conclusion in obtaining licence to operate land station sufficient catchers would be available to that land station for supply of whales and to operate as an economic unit.

111 Salvesens reference to (2 remaining companies) is misleading as although Ryan is to all appearances the owner, he may quite easily form 2 separate companies for Grytviken and Husvik.

I would suggest for your consideration that the licence be granted for the 7 catchers to each operating station (not the companies) with the proviso if not fully utilised by any one station remainder be equally divided between other 2 stations. In the case where 1 of the other 2 stations unwilling operate his share of spare catchers then the third station have option of operating the spare catchers with a maximum of 10 catchers to any 1 such station made up by 7 ordinary catchers plus 3 spares. The operating station concerned should advise the Government not later June 1st each year the number of catchers they intend using following season. If any station does not utilise catchers quota remainder could be offered to other station or stations giving sufficient time to get crew and fit out ships.

The foregoing should safeguard Government against being committed to a policy on catchers quotas between Ryan and Salvesen (which would appear to be Salvesens desire) and assist in maintaining balance between 2 companies P.S. 7 catchers per station have been recognized quota per station for many years now.

Administrative Officer.

Orig. in D/6/58
Lms. in D/6/58

(Intld.)

DM

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TELEGRAM.

From H. E. THE GOVERNOR

To TONSBERG, NORWAY.

Despatched : 16th January 1961 19 Time : 1700

Received : 19 Time :

/// Your letter 8th August 1960. Regret Government
not prepared to remit arrears of tax.

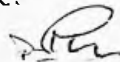
P/L : MW

Ba to check
Payment of tax
Bu 27.7.61

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AO FIST

125 Was this ever paid?



27.7.61

Ref: D/1/49/VI.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

20th April, 1961.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence between this Government and your company regarding the additional duty payable on first grade Whale and Seal Oil in respect of the 1954/55, 1955/56 and subsequent seasons.

2. It is observed that up to and including our March 1961 account with the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, the outstanding balance of £7,407. 16. 6d. covering the 1954/56 seasons does not appear to have been paid, and I am, therefore, to ask you to be good enough to indicate as early as possible when settlement of this long overdue account may be expected.

3. As regards the additional duty payable on Whale oil exported from South Georgia during the 1956/57, 1958/59 and 1959/60 seasons I am to request you to forward evidence of your company's losses or profits for these years to The Colonial Office, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1 in order that further consideration may be given to your letter PF/MA dated the 8th August, 1960, requesting the remission of duty above the 5 shillings per barrel already paid for the years 1956/57, 1958/59 and 1959/60.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) H.L.Bound.
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Tonsberg Hvalfangeri,
Tonsberg,
Norway

CWH/FH

128

A.C.S

Reference your minute at 126.
 No, I am still waiting for the money.
 I have now put on this file at 127
 a copy of the letter sent to Tansberg on
 the 20th April, 1961. If nothing comes
 in by the next mail I suppose we
 had better remind again. Would you
 bring up about the 10th August please.

W. Hall
 27/7/61.

DU 10.8.61 to A.C.S.

129

A.C.S

Draft submitted on D/1/49/VI.
 a copy of the letter eventually sent
 should be registered on here.

W. Hall
 11/8/61.

D/1/49/VI.

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17th August, 61.

Sir,

127 I am directed to refer to the correspondence between this Government and your company regarding the additional duty payable on first grade Whale and Seal Oil in respect of the 1954/55 1955/56 and subsequent seasons, and to request your immediate reply as to when the £7,407. 16. 6. referred to in the letter from this office dated the 20th April, 1961 will be settled.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison
COLONIAL SECRETARY

for

Bonsberg Hvalfangeri,
Bonsberg,
NORWAY.

VIM.

Copy to A.O., F.I.D.T.
D/13/58

Reply at 131

AKTIESELSKAPET
TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI

Telefon: 11767

Telegramadresse: „Linde“

Telex: 4265 - Linde tb

Bankforbindelse:

Tønsbergs Industri- og Sjøfarts-Bank A/S

Bankgironr. T 1002/885



BOKS 2.

Tønsberg, 13th September, 1961.
NORWAY.

SE/MA



Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sirs,

130 We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th ult.

As previously informed you, the whaling operations at Husvik Harbour have not been successful in the seasons since 1950, and our Company has sustained heavy losses.

On the 23rd May, this year, we sent "Extracts" of our Company's accounts for the three last seasons to the Colonial Office, London, and we enclose herewith copies of these "Extracts" for your information.

The duty imposed on our Company for the seasons 1954/55 and 1955/56 amounts to £ 53.240. 16. 6., and of this amount we have paid £ 45.833. -- --.

The great losses sustained have brought our Company in an awkward financial position, and we therefore humbly ask you to reconsider the question of additional duty and accept the amount already paid as full settlement for the two seasons in question.

Awaiting your good news, we are, dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,
Aktieselskapet

TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI

Encl.

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Reply at 140.

E x t r a c t

from Aktieselskapet Tønsbergs Hvalfangeri's account for
the Whaling Season 1956/1957:

1956/1957Expenses:

Total working expenses in connection with the whaling at Husvik Harbour, South Georgia, ...	Kr. 18.668.168,64
Part of Administration expenses and interest relating to the Company's Whaling Industry ..	" 879.150,56
Ordinary depreciations of whaling material and the ships relating to whaling	" <u>2.438.959,56</u>
	Kr. 21.986.278,78

Less Income:

The value of the entire production of whale oil and whale meal	" <u>18.813.357,47</u>
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Leaving a loss for the season of Kr. 3.172.921,31

equal to £ 158.646. o. o.

Certified:

A. J. Midling, Auditor.

E x t r a c t

from Aktieselskapet Tønsbergs Hvalfangeri's account for
the Whaling Season 1958/1959:

1958/1959.

Expenses:

Total working expenses in connection with the whaling at Husvik Harbour, South Georgia,	Kr.16.813.170,09
Part of Administration Expenses and interest relating to the Whaling Industri	" 1.311.136,42
Ordinary depreciations of whaling material and the ships relating to whaling.....	" 644.599,00
Depreciation of the Freezing-plant for the Whale Meat	Kr. 1.053.533,79
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	Kr. 19.822.439,30

Less Income:

The value of the entire production of Whale Oil, Whale Meal and frozen Whale Meat	" 12.294.520,42
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Leaving a loss for the season of Kr. 7.527.918,88
equal to £ 376.395. 0. 0.

Certified:

A. J. Midling, Auditor.

E x t r a c t

from Aktieselskapet Tønsbergs Hvalfangeri's account for
the Whaling Season 1959/1960:

1959/1960.

Expenses:

Total working expenses in connection with the whaling at Husvik Harbour, South Georgia	Kr.14.671.238,54
Part of Administration expenses and interest relating to the Company's Whaling Industry...	" 1.240.604,51
Ordinary depreciations of whaling material and ships relating to whaling	" 333.000,00
Depreciation of the freezing-plant for the Whale Meat	" 1.053.533,80
	<u>Kr. 17.298.376,85</u>

Less Income:

The value of the entire production of Whale Oil, Whale Meal and frozen Whale Meat	" 11.535.653,79
	<u>Kr. 5.762.723,06</u>

equal to £ 288.136. 0. 0.

Certified:

A. J. Midling, Auditor.

G. E.

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Y/E Could you clarify the position of the outstanding £7,407.16.6 please.

This is the amount due from Tombsbury for the 1954/56 seasons for which Pesca & Salvemans have already paid in full.

Is the S of S thinking of remitting this in addition to arrears for subsequent years or is he expecting us to treat this as a separate issue? If the latter, I think we must decide whether we are to keep pressing for the payment of £7,407.16.6 or tell the S of S that further attempts would be useless and arrange ask for his approval to write it off although we cannot do this if he does not agree to write-off the other arrears.

10/10/61.

October 11, 1961

(Dear Pettit)

I enclose a letter we have received from Tonsberg about their arrears of Duty. I do not see that we can let them off the amount of £7,407.16.6d for the 1954/56 seasons, because the other two Companies have both paid for these years in full. The Colonial Secretary is writing to them to that effect.

I hope to hear from you soon about the question of the outstanding arrears.

Yours ever,

signed Edwin Arrowsmith

R.G. PETTITT ESQ.

Ref: D/13/58.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27 October, 1961.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. SE/MA of the 13th September, 1961, and to state that there appears to be some misunderstanding. In paragraph 3 of my letter of the 20th April, 1961, I asked for figures for the period 1956-57, 1958-59 and 1959-60 seasons and these figures you have now forwarded. This information was asked for in view of the request in paragraph 4 of your letter of the 8th August, 1960, in which you say "under the circumstances we humbly ask you to assist us in getting an agreement that the 5/- per barrel paid for the later seasons from 1956-57 will be considered as full payment". This request has been receiving and is still receiving very careful consideration.

2. My letter of the 17th August, 1961, however refers to a different matter namely the arrears for the season 1954-55 and 1955-56. There has never been any question of waiving these arrears and I must again request an immediate reply as to when these arrears will be settled.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Aktieselskapet,
Tonsberg Hvalfangeri,
Tonsberg,
NORWAY.

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To see latest correspondence pl
27.10.61

H.C.S.

Seen. Thank you.

20/11/61

16.12.61

DECODE.

No. 55.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 18.12.61 Time: 1730 Received: 19.12.61 Time: 1015

791 in S/1/49/7. No. 98. Your telegram No. 129. Duty on whale oil.

Tonsberg should pay all arrears. Salvosen should pay all arrears unless they propose to whale in 1962/63. In those circumstances payment of arrears on oil yet to be sold and half that duty on oil sold may be deferred until end of present season when duty for 1962/63 and arrears of duty still due from Albion Star will be re-considered in the light of current year's operations.

Secretary of State

C.T.C. : TB
TYPED. : LH

Original in: D/1/49/VI
Copies in: D/6/58/II
D/3/60
D/13/50
Copy to: AO/FIDE.

AKTIESELSKAPET
TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI

Telefon: 11767

Telegramadresse: „Linde“

Telex: 4265 - Linde tb

Bankforbindelse:

Tønsbergs Industri- og Sjøfarts-Bank A/S

Bankgironr. T 1002/885



BOKS 2.
Tønsberg, 22nd November, 1961.
NORWAY.

SE/MA

Messrs. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sirs,

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of 27th ult. from which we note that the matter of waiving the additional duty for the late~~s~~ seasons from 1956/57 is receiving kind consideration.

Regarding the arrears for the seasons 1954/55 and 1955/56 we are endeavouring to have this settled within the end of this year, and we will let you know when the remittance is sent.

Yours faithfully,

Aktieselskapet
TØNSBERGS HVALFANGERI
Hollefoss

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H.C.S. noted. Thank you.

at last we appear to be getting somewhere

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Just as a point of interest you may wish to know that Tansberg have now paid their outstanding arrears of whaling duty on the 1954/56 seasons.

all three companies are therefore clear up to and including the 1955/56 season.

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H.C.S. To you please for filing on Tansberg's file if you so wish.

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No mail c/Bm / 1462

Extract from S/S Despatch No. 79/64 dated 14th August, 1964.

Original filed in D/6/59/E

4. Consideration has been given to what measures, if any, might be taken to secure the recovery of the debt owed by Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri. It is understood that a judgment obtained against the firm in a South Georgia Court would be enforceable by the normal methods by which a judgment or decree for the payment of money by that Court may be enforced, including execution against the property of the firm within the jurisdiction of the Court. The fact that a foreign firm is involved would be irrelevant. However, it might not be worth while obtaining a judgment which could not be enforced because the relevant firm had no property within the jurisdiction upon which execution could issue if the firm did not satisfy the judgment debt. In order that further consideration may be given to the matter it would be appreciated if you would advise whether Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri still own or control any property or effects in South Georgia, and if so, their approximate value together with an approximate estimate of the likely costs of obtaining a judgment against the firm in the South Georgia Court based on the tariff of legal fees and costs at present in force. Further reminders should of course continue to be sent to the firm about the need for payment of the debt.

Reply at 153

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 16th September, 19 64. Time : 1205

Received : 19 Time :

No. 253. Tonsberg Hvalfangeri. Advise what property or effects this Company control or have in South Georgia together with approximate value thereof.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : WHT/LH

Reply at 33 152

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No. 59.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 17th September, 19 64. Time : 1730

Received : 17th September, 19 64. Time :

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109 in D/3/58 No. 305. Your telegram No. 253. Tonsberg
Hvalfangeri. All South Georgia property and effects
of this company sold to Albion Star (South Georgia)
Limited in 1960. My telegram No. 153 3rd August
1960 refers.

Administrative

G.T.C. : LH

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F. I. ref: D/6/59/E

C. O. ref: FST 27/2/026

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 23rd September, 1964.

No.164. SAVING. COLONY.

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Your Despatch No. 79 of the 14th August, 1964.

Recovery of debt owed by Tonsberg Hvalfangeri.

The firm of Tonsberg Hvalfangeri sold all their South Georgia property and effects to Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd. in 1960.

It appears that no judgment enforceable against them could be obtained.

It is confirmed that regular reminders have been sent to the firm requesting immediate payment of the debt. No acknowledgements have been received.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

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Mr. S. S.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 1 OCT 1964

No. 98

Colonial Office Reference EST 27/2/026

Your reference D/6/59/E

3# 150 With reference to my despatch
your savingram No. 79, para 4
telegram

of the 14th August 1964, I enclose, for your
information,
consideration, a copy of the paper noted below.
observations,

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Originator and date

Subject

Foreign Office 24.9.64

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ACS. May I please
have background before I
have for V.B. ?

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(CW 1481/1)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

September 24, 1964

You wrote to me on August 18 (FST/27/2/026) about a debt contracted on South Georgia by the Norwegian Company Tønsbergs Hvalfangeri.

2. I now enclose for your information a copy of a letter from the Commercial Counsellor at Oslo, together with a copy of a letter he has written to the Norwegian firm. We shall of course let you know what response the firm makes.

(D.J.E. Ratford)

Miss E.M. Ware,
Colonial Office.

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R. 741/7/64.

Telex: 1375.

16th September 1964

Dear Sirs,

I have received an enquiry from the Foreign Office in London in regard to a sum of £17,081 said to be owed by your company to the Falkland Islands Government in respect of arrears of export duty. I understand that the Falkland Islands Government have written to you direct on this subject but have received no reply.

I should be grateful to know whether your records confirm this debt to be outstanding, and if so whether the Falkland Islands Government may shortly expect a settlement. I shall naturally be glad to pass on to the Foreign Office any comments you may have on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

P.J.E. Hale.
(Commercial Counsellor).

A/S Tønnebergs Hvalfangeri,
Tønneberg.

B.741/6/64.
Oslo.

16th September 1964

Please refer to your letter CW/1481/1 of August 20 about a debt of £17,081 owed by Tønsbergs Hvalfangeri to the Falkland Islands Government.

This company is still very much in business as shipowners, although its whaling activities have ceased. According to taxation figures, the company's taxable assets were in 1962, Kr.5,400,000, and in 1963, Kr.664,000, whilst its taxable income was in 1962 Kr.16,300 and in 1963, Kr.33,700. (Real assets and income may be expected to be considerably higher than "taxable" figures).

Two recent bank reports affirm that the company carries out its obligations correctly and can be recommended for business connexions.

... In the light of this information there seems no reason why the company should not settle its debts in the normal manner. I have therefore written a letter to them in the terms of the enclosed copy. We do this frequently and find that our letter has the desired effect; though we have never before, so far as I am aware, had to dunn a shipping company for an amount as high as £17,000!

Yours ever,

P.J.E. Male.

D.J.E. Ratford Esq.,
The Foreign Office,
London.

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The action is returned of you.

being briefly Tonsberg was one of the three Norwegian Companies which fished for Whale H S.G.

They all claimed to make a loss over the last few years of their activities. Brundt's Subscribers who were ^{then} operating with other Companies paid ~~for~~ their bills for clubs on Whale oil (albeit under a certain amount of pressure) & Tonsberg did not.

The matter is largely out of our hands & is being looked after by the Co. We forward our instructions & send regular demand notes. Unfortunately Tonsberg disposed of all their S.G. property to (?) Subscribers & action in our Court would be unproductive.

DI 4.11.64

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BU 15.5.65

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Our ref: FST 27/2/026

Your ref: D/6/59/E

S A V I N G

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 3 SG.

Date 4 FEB 1965

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153 Your savingram No. 164 of the 23rd September, 1964.

Recovery of the debt owed by Tonsberg Hvalfangeri in respect of
export duty, South Georgia

The Foreign Office has been asked to take up through the British Embassy in Oslo the repayment of the debt owed by Tonsbergs.

A A copy of a letter from the company to the Embassy is enclosed for your information.

The company has requested a reduction in the amount owed. This has been considered but as the other companies operating in South Georgia paid their debts in full no reason is seen for any reduction in the debt owed by Tonsbergs. However it is considered expedient to indicate willingness to consider repayment of the debt by agreed annual instalments. Subject to your views it is proposed to ask the Embassy to inform the company that it is regretted that no reduction can be made in the amount due but that in view of the company's difficulties repayment over a period will be allowed. The debt should therefore be repaid in three annual instalments, two of £6,000 and a final payment of £5,081. The first instalment should be paid at once.

Please telegraph your views on this proposal.

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Reply at 160

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Tonsberg, Norway,

27th October, 1964.

The British Embassy,
Drammesveien 4, Oslo.

We refer to the telephone conversation in which we enquired about a possible settlement of the payment outstanding for Export Duty in respect of Husvik Harbour Whaling Station in South Georgia.

... In May 1961 we sought from the Colonial Office, London, a revision of the amount, but our request was rejected. As you will see from the enclosed copy of the letter to the Colonial Office we had big losses at the station in the three last seasons, and we have since that time had great difficulty in providing money to cover the large debt that occurred as a result of this loss. We have also found it necessary to sell several of our ships.

We have done our best to find ways and means of paying the outstanding Export Duty, but unfortunately other and more pressing liabilities required all the capital we have had at our disposal.

We allow ourselves therefore, respectfully, to request a reduction of the sum, and we will ask your permission to pay it over a period of time.

As the Embassy has been informed, our loss in three seasons was about £823,000, which is confirmed by the enclosed copies of extracts from our accounts, supported by the auditor's signature.

We hope the Embassy will assist us to obtain a sympathetic hearing of our request, taking into account the considerable sums which earlier, from 1907 onwards, have been paid to the Falkland Islands Dependencies by our company.

As stated, our company, despite the greatest exertions and modernisation and rationalisation of the whaling station, has only suffered losses which finally threatened its very existence.

The principle is in line with the normal idea of fair play that a business making a loss should not be liable for taxes.

We shall be grateful for your help in this matter.

Respectfully,

Aktieselskapet Tonsbergs
Hvalfangeri.

(sd). T. Ellefsen.

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For your views on 157 pl

[Signature]

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Suggest reply 'apre'

[Signature]

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 23.3.65 Time: 1530 Received: Time:

In Confidence.

157 No SG 6. Your saving SG 3 4th February. Tonsberg debt
for export duty. Your proposal agreed.

Governor

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Bu 15/5/65 (186)
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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. NO. 107 SAVING
Date 21 OCT 1965

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Recovery of the debt owed by Tonsberg Hvalfangeri in respect of Export Duty South Georgia.

Our last communication to you on this subject would appear to be our savinggram No.3 of 4/2/65. Subsequently the Embassy in Oslo wrote to Tonsberg's on the lines indicated in our savinggram (copy enclosed) but there has been no reply to this letter.

2. Our legal advice now is that an approach be made to a firm of Norwegian lawyers, requesting them to inform us what evidence would be necessary to prove a Falkland Islands debt in a Norwegian court. Should it be shown that it is only necessary for a customs officer to appear before the court, with documents to prove the amount of the debt of the company concerned, it is considered that the case should be proceeded with.

3. We did receive information last year that Tonsberg's while no longer carrying on their whaling business, owned a tanker, chartered another ship and were believed to be taking delivery of a new ship this year. They were said to "meet their obligations satisfactorily and to be safe for engagement in the way of business". The tax report for 1963 showed that the company had a net capital of Norw. cr. 664,000 and a net income of Norw. cr. 33,700.

4. Provided the lawyers indicate that the case is not likely to be unduly difficult, it is suggested that they should be asked to send a letter to the company demanding payment of the first instalment of the debt by a certain date and informing them that failure to pay will result in legal proceedings being commenced in a Norwegian court against them.

5. The cost of obtaining an opinion is not known here; the Treasury however, suggest that this should not exceed £250.

6. You may consider that although legal proceedings are likely to take a long time, it would be preferable for you to instruct lawyers direct rather than that we should act as intermediaries. The Commercial Secretary (J.L.W.Hobbs) of the Embassy, Oslo, gave us the following names of debt collecting agencies and lawyers:-

Debt Collecting agencies:

De Forenede Bureaurer,
Skippergaten 27, Oslo.

Creditreformforeningen for Norge,
Akersgt. 16, Oslo.

Juridisk Byrå,
N. Slottsgt. 3. Oslo.

Lawyers:

H.R. Advokat M. Dahl-Hansen,
Karl Johansgate 25, Oslo.

H.R. Advokat Per Helweg,
Lille Grensen 7, Oslo.

H.R. Advokat J.C. Mellbye,
Tolbodgaten, 32. Oslo.

7. We should be grateful to learn your views on this please.

SECEP

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JLWH/PES

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9th April, 1965

Dear Sirs,

Please refer to your letter SE/MA of 9 November 1964 regarding a debt outstanding to the Falkland Islands Government.

I have now received a letter from the Colonial Office, which says that the contents of your letter have been carefully considered by the Falkland Islands Authorities, but that they regret that they cannot agree to a reduction in the amount of the debt. In view of the difficulties you describe, however, they are prepared to accept payment in three annual instalments, viz, an immediate one of £6,000 followed by payments of £6,000 and £5,081 after one and two years respectively.

I shall therefore look forward to hearing that you can accept this proposal and can make a first payment in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

J.L. W. HOBBS
COMMERCIAL SECRETARY

FIRST ANTON VON DER LIPPE
SKIBAREDERI,
TONSBERG,
NORWAY

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14 November, 1965

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Would you please refer to Colonial Office Savingram 107 dated 21st October 1965 (reference FST 27/2/026). I am rather concerned at the thought that the Falkland Islands Government which numbers not a single lawyer among its members, should become involved in legal proceedings in Norway which are said to be likely to take a long time.

We are already handicapped by such things as the forthcoming six-week gap in the mails and I feel that we should make an indifferent showing in a matter of this sort.

You are aware of the extent to which South Georgia is going to require help from United Kingdom funds and I really feel that the best way of recovering the Tonsberg debt is for the Colonial Office to try to do so for us.

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BU 6.1.65
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J.S. Bennett Esq., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office



COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1

Telephone: ABBey 1266, ext.

Our reference: FST.27/2/026

Your reference: D/13/58

29th December, 1965.

Per Sir Cosmo

162 Thank you for your letter to Bennett of 14th November about the Tonsberg debt. In the circumstances we agree that it would probably be better if we tried to recover it from here.

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2. I have now further consulted our legal advisers who have asked for a 'detailed precis' of the case. I do not think we are in a position to give them this from our records here, I see that in your despatch No.7 of 5th May, 1963 you mentioned that Tonsberg's and two other companies owed money for export duty and listed the amounts, but it was not until your despatch No.13 of the 20th May, 1964 that there is a suggestion that Tonsbergs would not pay and that consideration might be given to taking action against them. From that time onwards we took a hand and we have among other papers a copy of a letter from Tonsbergs admitting that they owed money for export duty but not stating the amount.

3. I should be grateful therefore if you would arrange to let us have the details of the debt, a list of the documents and any other evidence you consider it might be necessary to produce, including any officers concerned, to support the case please.

Yours sincerely
A. St. J. Sugg

(A. St. J. Sugg)

SIR COSMO HASKARD, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Reply at 164

D/13/58

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10 March 1966

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Would you please refer to your letter FST.27/2/026 dated 29th December 1965 about the Tonsberg debt.

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The debt is in respect of Export Duty payable under the Customs Order, Vol.II, Cap.16. Details are given in the attached papers marked A, B and C. The rate per barrel was calculated after information regarding the price obtained for first grade oil was received from all three companies operating at South Georgia. The average price, applied to a sliding scale, produced the effective export duty expressed in terms of so much per barrel.

All companies made a deposit at the rate of 5/- per barrel on exportation from South Georgia, the balance being payable when the effective rate for the season became known following the receipt of information of the selling price of first grade oil.

D.....

A copy of a translation of a letter dated 27th October 1964 from the Tonsberg Company is attached and marked D. It might be the same one as that to which you refer.

The Senior Customs Officer and Administrative Assistant of South Georgia is at present on leave in the United Kingdom. His name and address is :-

H.B. Ruddy,
26 Southdown Road,
Shoreham-by-Sea,
Sussex.

Ruddy's South Georgia service dates back only to June 1959 but he could fill in useful background information of the situation prevailing at South Georgia during the period involved.

As collection of the duty was undertaken by the Collector of Customs in Stanley, Mr Ruddy might however not be aware of the situation with regard to Tonsberg's indebtedness.

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A.St.J. Sugg Esq., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office

Copy: A.O. South Georgia.

STATEMENT OF DUTY PAID AND DUTY DUE ON WHALE OIL EXPORTED DURING 1956/57 SEASON.

Tonsberg Whaling Company.

<u>Export Date</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Quantity shipped</u>	<u>Duty paid on export</u>	<u>Date landed</u>	<u>Quantity landed</u>
19.12.56	Teie	12,834 barrels W.O.	£3,208 10 -.	3.2.57	12,904.96 barrels
7.4.57	"	35,631	8,907 15 -.	8.5.57	36,317.97 "
		<hr/> 48,465 <hr/>	<hr/> £12,116 5 -. <hr/>		<hr/> 49,222.93 <hr/> "

Total export duty on 49,222.93 barrels @ 9/-
Less amount paid at South Georgia on 48,465 barrels

£22,150 6 4.
12,116 5 -.

Additional amount due to South Georgia

£10,034 1 4.

STATEMENT OF DUTY PAID AND DUTY DUE ON WHALE OIL FOR THE 1958/59 SEASON.

TONSBERG WHALING COMPANY.

<u>Export Date</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Quantity shipped</u>	<u>Duty deposited on export.</u>	<u>Date landed</u>	<u>Quantity landed</u>
27.12.58	Teie	11,525 barrels	£2,881 5s. -.	5.2.59	11,630.72 barrels
5.4.59	Teie	17,471 "	4,367 15s. -.	20.5.59	17,744.20 "
				24.5.59	
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		28,996	£7,249 -.		29,424.92
		<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>

Total export duty on 29,424.92 barrels @ 7/6 per barrel

£11,034 6 11d.

Less amount paid at South Georgia

7,249 - -d.

Additional amount due to South Georgia

£3,785 6 11d.

STATEMENT OF DUTY PAID AND DUTY DUE ON WHALE OIL EXPORTED DURING THE 1959/60 SEASON.

TONSBERG WHALING COMPANY.

<u>Export Date.</u>	<u>Vessel.</u>	<u>Quantity Shipped Barrels.</u>	<u>Duty Deposited on Export.</u>	<u>Date Landed</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity Landed.</u>
28.12.59	Teie	5770 (W.O. No.1)	£1042 10 --	No Landing Certificates	5770 barrels
	"	3475 (W.O. No.2)	868 15 --	received.	3475 "
4.4.60	"	15231 (W.O. No.1)	3007 15 --	"	15231 "
	"	700 (W.O. No.2)	175 -- --	"	700 "
	"	920 (Sperm)	230 -- --	"	920 "
		<u>26096</u>	<u>£6524 -- --</u>		<u>26096</u>

26096 Barrels @ 7/6 per barrel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£9786	--	--
Less amount paid at South Georgia...	<u>6524</u>	--	--
Additional amount due pending receipt of Landing Certificates								<u>3262</u>	--	--
										<u>=====</u>		

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Tonsberg, Norway,
27th October, 1964.

The British Embassy,
Drammesveien 4, Oslo.

We refer to the telephone conversation in which we enquired about a possible settlement of the payment outstanding for Export Duty in respect of Husvik Harbour Whaling Station in South Georgia.

In May 1961 we sought from the Colonial Office, London, a revision of the amount, but our request was rejected. As you will see from the enclosed copy of the letter to the Colonial Office we had big losses at the station in the three last seasons, and we have since that time had great difficulty in providing money to cover the large debt that occurred as a result of this loss. We have also found it necessary to sell several of our ships.

We have done our best to find ways and means of paying the outstanding Export Duty, but unfortunately other and more pressing liabilities required all the capital we have had at our disposal.

We allow ourselves therefore, respectfully, to request a reduction of the sum, and we will ask your permission to pay it over a period of time.

As the Embassy has been informed, our loss in three seasons was about £823,000, which is confirmed by the enclosed copies of extracts from our accounts, supported by the auditor's signature.

We hope the Embassy will assist us to obtain a sympathetic hearing of our request, taking into account the considerable sums which earlier, from 1907 onwards, have been paid to the Falkland Islands Dependencies by our company.

As stated, our company, despite the greatest exertions and modernisation and rationalisation of the whaling station, has only suffered losses which finally threatened its very existence.

The principle is in line with the normal idea of fair play that a business making a loss should not be liable for taxes.

We shall be grateful for your help in this matter.

Respectfully,

Aktieselskapet Tonsbergs
Hvalfangeri.

(Sgd.) T. Ellefsen.

DECODE.

No 51

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 6th.6.66 Time: 2124 Received: 7.6.66 Time 0900

No 74 Tonsberg debt.

Grateful to know (a) whether concession under which company operated included specific reference to Export Duties.

(b) The order fixing rate duty. Please send copies of these.

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GTC : ER
Intld. H.L.Bound

Reply 168

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TELEGRAM.

166

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 15th June, 19 66 *Time :* 0930

Received : 19 *Time :*

No 114 Colonial Office asking whether concession under which Tonsberg Company operated at South Georgia included specific reference to export duty. If you have copies of leases or other documents would you please examine

Secretary

GTC : ER

Reply 167

Bu 25/6/66 (x)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

167

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 17th June, 19 66 Time : 1800
Received : 17th June, 19 66 Time : 1615

166 No 148 Your telegram No 114. Have copy of Lease dated 9th December, 1950 but can find no specific reference other than that contained in second schedule to lease paragraph four section (H) "will conduct all operations in connection with the aforesaid business of whale-fishing in accordance with (1) the provisions of the Whale Fishery Ordinance, 1936, the Regulations made from time to time thereunder, and any other law for the time being in force,".

Copies of correspondence and accounts from 1948 onwards on file in which specific reference to subject mentioned in both letters and accounts between Government/Head Office of Company and Local Manager

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P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 24.6.66

Time: 1100

Received:

Time:

No SG 5

165
Your telegram No 74 Tonsberg Debt.

- amended- see 169
- (a) only concession lease of land for factory etc at South Georgia includes no specific reference to Export Duty nor does Whaling Licence issue annually.
 - (b) order fixing duty is the original printing volume II page 143 commencing "on whale and seal oil"

copies following

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See 170.

Governor

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 27.6.66

Time :

Received :

Time :

168

No 586

My telegram SG 5 Import Duty should read Export Duty

Governor

P/L : ER

F. I. ref: D/13/53

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 24th June, 1966.

No. SG.14/66 SAVING. South Georgia

Tonsberg Debt.

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a Further to my telegram No SG5 of 24th June, 1966 I enclose two copies of Customs Order No 6 of 1943. I have marked the part that refers to the Tonsberg case; it has since been amended but was in force as written throughout the period to which the debt applies.

GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

Customs Order (No. 3) 1948.

Whereas in accordance with Section 5B of the Customs Ordinance 1943 as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Ordinance 1946 Customs Order (No. 3) 1948 was submitted to the Legislative Council on the 11th June 1948.

And Whereas the Legislative Council amended the said Order.

It Was Resolved by the Legislative Council that Customs Order (No.3) 1948 as amended, be confirmed with effect from the 11th June 1948, as follows :—

Order by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

Under the Customs Ordinance 1943 as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Ordinance 1946.

No. 6 of 1948. MILES CLIFFORD,
Governor.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by the Customs Ordinance 1943 as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Ordinance 1946 and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Customs Order (No. 3) Short title.
1948.

2. From and after the date of publication of this Order the Import Duties.
following import duties of customs shall be payable :—

ARTICLES		RATE OF DUTY.
1. Matches, for every gross of boxes not exceeding 10,000 matches	as stated per gross boxes not exceeding 10,000 matches	10/-
Matches for every gross of boxes exceeding 10,000 matches per 10,000 matches and so on in proportion.		
PROVIDED that the tariff of import duties on matches manufactured in and consigned from any part of the British Empire shall be at ONE HALF of the General Tariff.		
2. Spirits, wines, malted liquors :		
(a) On rum, not exceeding the strength of 20 per cent under proof, and in proportion for any greater strength than 20 per cent under proof	per gallon	36/-
(b) On all other Spirits, not exceeding the strength of 20 per cent under proof, and in proportion for any greater strength than 20 per cent under proof, including mixtures and preparations containing spirits as ascertained by Sikes' Hydrometer.	" "	52/-
(c) On British wines and all other unenumerated and unexempted beverages not liable to spirit duty.		
In cask	per gallon	4/6
In bottle	per dozen litres	13/3
" " "	" " quarts	9/9
" " "	" " pints	5/-

ARTICLES					RATE OF DUTY
On other wines.					
In cask	...	...	...	per gallon	6/6
In bottle	...	...	...	per dozen litres	19/6
" "	...	...	...	" " quarts	14/3
" "	...	...	...	" " pints	7/3
(d) On malt liquor, mum, spruce, cider, perry,					
In cask	...	...	...	per gallon	1/-
In bottle	...	...	...	per doz. reputed qts.	2/-
" "	...	...	...	" " " pts.	1/-
3. Tobacco : Products of the British Empire. Manufactured from tobacco which is the produce of the British Empire.					
(a) Cigars	...	...	...	per pound	19/3
(b) Cigarettes	...	...	...	" "	9/6
(c) Cut and manufactured tobacco, snuff, and all other unexempted tobacco	...	...	...	" "	5/7
On other tobaccos.					
(a) Cigars	...	...	...	" "	20/-
(b) Cigarettes	...	...	...	" "	10/-
(c) Cut and manufactured tobacco, snuff, and all other unexempted tobacco.	...	...	...	" "	6/-

Export duties.

3. From and after the 1st day of January 1948 the following export duties shall be payable in lieu of any duties payable prior hereto :—

On Wool, for every 25 pounds or part thereof, one shilling and threepence.

On Whale Oil and Seal Oil :

Up to and including the 30th September, 1948, five shillings per barrel of 40 gallons.

On and after the 1st October, 1948, the duty shall be assessed on the average market price per ton for the season of first grade oil and shall be at the rate of 6d. per barrel of 40 gallons for each £5 or part of £5 of such average market price.

This duty will be levied on all whale oil produced within the Colony or its territorial waters or within any of the Dependencies or their territorial waters.

On all Whale and Seal products other than oil, sixpence per one hundred lb. weight or part thereof.

On Tallow, whether prepared from sheep or cattle, two and a half per centum of the average United Kingdom/Continent market value at the time of shipment.

In the event of any difference of opinion arising as to the market price of any substance named in this Order the decision of the Governor in Council shall be final.

Import Duty exemptions.

4. The following articles shall be exempt from import duties imposed by the Customs Ordinance 1943 or any amendment thereof and by this Order :

All articles imported or taken out of bond for the use of the Governor or in recognised messes, camps and canteens by His Majesty's Navy or by overseas units of His Majesty's Army or Air Force, and all articles imported for exportation or for shipment as stores by His Majesty's Navy.

Military, Air and Naval Departments and messes purchasing any articles whatsoever duty paid for consumption within their own camps, messes or canteens shall be entitled to have the duty refunded out of the Public Treasury on the certificate of the Officer in command of any Military, Air or Naval Department, or of any of His Majesty's Ships of war.

All dutiable goods imported or taken out of bond for use on board merchant vessels outside the territorial waters of the Colony and its Dependencies subject to such conditions and limitations as to quantities as the Collector of Customs shall prescribe.

Consuls de Carrière in this Colony of any foreign countries in which is accorded or in which hereafter may be accorded to British Consular Officers the privilege of exemption from Customs Duties in respect of official goods imported into such foreign countries by His Majesty's Government for the use of His Majesty's Consulates shall have a like privilege granted to them of exemption from any duties that may be levied in this Colony on goods which may be imported by their respective governments as *bona fide* official supplies for the use of such Consuls.

Any article whatsoever imported for use of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.

Ethyl alcohol imported with the approval of the Senior Medical Officer.

Perfumed Spirits and Cologne Water, fortified lime-juice not exceeding 15% proof spirit, and all mineral waters including material for manufacturing the same: provided that such material shall not exceed 99% of proof spirit content.

Naptha or methylic alcohol in its crude state and not fit for use as a potable spirit or for admixture with a potable spirit.

Tobacco forming an ingredient in sheep-wash, or hop-powder manufactured in bond in the United Kingdom.

Wines imported for sacramental purposes on proof to the Collector that they shall be used as such.

5. The Customs Order 1948 is hereby revoked with effect from 12th May, 1948. Revocation.

6. This Order shall apply to the Dependencies. Application.

Made by the Governor in Executive Council on the 19th day of May, 1948.

L. W. ALDRIDGE,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Confirmed at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 11th of June, 1948.

L. W. ALDRIDGE,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

M.P. 0465.

Assented to in His Majesty's name this 12th day of June, 1948.

MILES CLIFFORD,
Governor.

[L.S.]

No. 5



1948.

Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

IN THE TWELFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

G. M. CLIFFORD, C.M.G., O.B.E., E.D.,
Governor.

An Ordinance

To amend the Income Tax Ordinance 1939.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 1948 and shall be read and construed as one with the Income Tax Ordinance 1939, hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Ordinance".

Rates.

2. Section 21 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted in lieu thereof :—

"21. (1) The tax upon the chargeable income of every person other than a company shall be charged at the following rates :—

On the first £100 of such income	...	Nil.
In respect of the excess over £100		
for every pound of the first £100	...	1/6
" " " " " next £250	...	2/-
" " " " " £250	...	2/6
" " " " " £250	...	3/-
" " " above £950	...	3/6

(2) The Tax upon the chargeable income of a company shall be charged at the rate of three shillings and sixpence on every pound of the chargeable income thereof."

Deduction in respect of wife and dependants.

3. Section 15 of the Principal Ordinance shall be amended by the substitution of "eighty" for "fifty" in the last line thereof and by the addition of the following subsections:

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Our Ref: DSF 32/22/12

Your Ref: D/13/58

SAVING DESPATCH

From the Secretary of State for Commonwealth
Affairs.

To the Officer Administering the Government of
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date

28 SEP 1967

No.

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Saving Despatch

Tonsberg Debt.

The sum of £2,500 was credited to the Falkland Islands Dependencies (South Georgia) Account with the Crown Agents on the 16th June, 1967 being the first instalment towards the repayment of the debt mentioned above.

A further instalment of £2,500 less £202. 3s. 2d. in respect of the lawyer's fees in Norway was credited to the above mentioned account on 27th September, 1967.

A/T

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To note pl.

JA 20.10.67

£7000

B. A.

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See. thank you

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28/10/17

Per

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 25.9.68

Time: 1535

Received: 25.9.68

Time: 1500

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22125. Tonsberg Debt.

The sum of £2,500 was credited to the Falkland Islands Dependencies (South Georgia) account with the Crown Agents on the 24th September 1968, being the third and final instalment in the repayment of the debt mentioned above.

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Ag. C.T.

To see pl.

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PL : TB

F. I. ref: D/13/58
C. O. ref: DSF 32/22/12

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SAVING TELEGRAM. DESPATCH

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary ~~for Technical Co-operation~~ of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 30th September 1968.

No. 11 SAVING. SOUTH GEORGIA

Tonsberg Debt. 174

Your telegram 22125. of the 25th September 1968 refers.

I regret that we are unable to reconcile your figures against the total debt of £17,080.

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In your Saving SG 3 of the 4th February 1965 the repayments were stated as "three annual instalments, two of £6,000 and a final payment of £5,081". We have always worked on this figure.

171
Your Saving SG 11 of the 28th September 1967 reported two payments of £2,500, less lawyer's fees of £202. 3. 2d.

Can you refer me to any correspondence which might have been overlooked, or provide an explanation for the difference?

It would appear that a large balance may have to be written-off. If this should be so may I please have the appropriate authority?

GOVERNOR

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SAVING DESPATCH

From the Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs.

To the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Date 29th October 1968

No. 63 Saving

Your Saving Despatch 11 of 30 September 1968.

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Tønsberg Hvalfangeri.

It would appear that copies of correspondence between this office and the British Embassy, Oslo were not supplied to you. These letters, based on legal advice, finally agreed to a reduced repayment of the debt owed to the Falkland Islands by the above company. Copies of part of this correspondence are now enclosed and I apologise for our omission in not informing you before now.

2. You will see that the Commonwealth Office accepted the offer of £7,500 in lieu of the whole amount owing to Tønsberg's inability to pay any more.

3. Authority was given the Treasury to the Agreement and you should quote the following in your accounts when referring to the write off of the balance.

Treasury (Morris's) letter 2-FD363/15/04 dated 13 December 1966 to Commonwealth Office.

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15th February, 1967.

YG.5/3

Draft Below.

- ① - Would you please refer to your letter B741/52/66 of the 6th January and previous correspondence about the Tonsberg Kvalfangeri debt.

I am sorry it has not been possible to write to you on this any earlier, but after giving the matter further consideration it has been decided to adhere to our original decision to accept the company's offer to pay the sum of £7,500 in full settlement of the debt in three equal annual payments, and I should therefore be grateful if you would kindly proceed on the lines indicated in my letter of the 24th October.

5 on Feb 27/2/67

In extension of the final sentence of my letter of the 24th October, perhaps our lawyer could be instructed not to settle unless Tonsbergs pay £2,500 down and offer some arrangement for the balance of £5,000 which he is satisfied can be enforced (e.g. a blank transfer to shares) - but we will leave this to him. He should also include as a condition of the settlement that in the event of default in the payment of any instalment, the whole original debt revives.

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It would be helpful if we could receive payment of the first instalment before 31st March 1967.

P.J. Streams, Esq.,
British Embassy,
Commercial Department,
Thomas Heftyesgate 3,
Oslo,
Norway.



BRITISH EMBASSY
COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

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Telephone: Oslo 56-38-90

B. 742/56/67

YC. 5/3.

14 April, 1967.

R. L. pl.
D. W. 17/4
Tønneberg Hvalfangeri

I wrote to you on 10 March to say that we had given Advocate Dahl-Hansen instructions about the debt this company owes the Falkland Islands Government in the terms of your letters of 24 October last year and 13 February this year.

The Lawyer for Tønneberg Hvalfangeri has now given our lawyer a reply, and the translation of the essential portions of the reply is as follows:

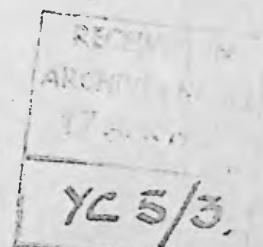
1. A/S Tønneberg Hvalfangeri agree to pay £2,500 at once after being informed where or to what bank the amount should be paid. (I presume it can be paid to the British Embassy, Oslo). Further £2,500 is to be paid in August this year, and the last £2,500 in August, 1968.
2. There is no consent on my stipulation that in case of default the whole of the original debt would revive. I therefore take it that this is accepted.
3. Tønneberg Hvalfangeri want some official document about the settlement which can be used for the purpose of their book-keeping.
4. Tønneberg Hvalfangeri do not consent to putting up a bank guarantee.

With regard to the last point, Mr. Dahl-Hansen has asked whether it would be sufficient for you if the company signed a letter of indebtedness which contained a clause covering enforced payment without legal proceedings in case of default. This seems fair enough and I should be most grateful if you could let me have authority to instruct our lawyer to accept the company's agreement so that the first payment can be made.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Streams
B. J. Streams.

D. F. B. Wellman Esq.,
Commonwealth Office,
Great Smith Street,
London SW1.



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TST 27/2/56
D/56/35/2/3/E

October, 1956.

Draft Below.

Will you please refer to the correspondence between our Offices about the recovery of a debt of £17,031 owed by the Norwegian firm of Tønshovgt-Avaldsen to the Falkland Islands Government, being duty on the export of whale oil from South Georgia, relating with your letter to Miss Ware of the 15th October.

21. He is eventually engaged, through our Embassy in Oslo, a Norwegian lawyer to advise us about the possibility of collecting this debt and we have been in communication with him for some time. He told us that Norwegian law was similar to English law in that it was not possible to take action in Norwegian Courts to enforce a foreign revenue law. However, as a result of his writing to the Company he has now received from them an offer to pay the sum of £7,500 in full settlement of the debt in three equal annual payments.

22. Our Legal Officer on commenting on my suggestion that we should accept the Company's offer writes:-

"I agree that it would be advisable to accept the offer. I am influenced by the following considerations.

1. We are advised that it is improbable that we can enforce in a Norwegian Court a claim for tax in the Falkland Islands.
2. For the same reason it is improbable that we can do so in the Courts of any other foreign country, even by the method of suing on a Falkland Islands judgment (which would first have to be obtained.)

In England a claim for foreign tax is not enforceable even indirectly and the Court will look behind the form of the action to see the substance of the claim. So the tax claim will not be enforced even in the form of an action on a judgment.

The law is likely to be the same in most foreign countries.

Without getting judgment in the foreign country concerned it would not be prudent to arrest one of the company's ships. If the ship were arrested pending suit at our instigation and the action subsequently failed, we should merely run ourselves into heavy expenses and damages.

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A. F. Morris, Esq.,
Her Majesty's Treasury,
London, W.C.2.

3. Although the Falkland Islands has a Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance, this has not yet been extended to any foreign country so as to enable a Falkland Islands Judgment to be enforced without bringing an action.
4. An action in any foreign country would probably run into evidential difficulties, particularly after this long lapse of time.
5. The company has no property in the Falkland Islands. So a judgment obtained in the Falkland Islands could not at present be enforced there; and it is unlikely that the company would in the future acquire assets there or send one of its ships there if there was a risk that they or it would be seized in execution or arrested.

I think that we should suggest that our Norwegian lawyer should obtain some tangible advantage in return for agreeing to the terms of settlement offered. I have in mind the payment of the first instalment at the time of settlement and a written consent to judgment (notwithstanding it might be unenforceable) or admission of liability, for the balance; but this could be left for him to negotiate.

4. I have spoken to the Governor of the Falklands who has been in London recently and he too believes that we should accept the offer. I propose therefore to instruct the lawyer to accept the offer and proceed as the Legal Adviser suggests and should be grateful for your approval of this course. I should rather like to get a reply off to Oslo as soon as possible because there has already been some delay since the Company's offer was made and I should be grateful for an early reply.

S. C. H. J.
(A. St. J. Sugg)

Mail from 177

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To see from f. 177 pl. I regret that
this was not referred to you earlier.

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/ L. G.
11/1/69

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ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

M.P. 279/1907

Copy sent to S.M. South Georgia
13/2/11 vide M.P. 177/1910
(Intld.)

WLA

Lease to The Tonsberg Hvalfangeri
of certain lands at Husvik Harbour
South Georgia

Dated 3rd February, 1910.

Received 5th April, 1910

(Intld.)

TAVB

Falkland Islands.

This Indenture made this third day of February one thousand nine hundred and ^{ten} ~~nine~~ Between His Most Gracious Majesty Edward, VII: by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, of the one part, and the Tönsebergs Hvalfalgeri, of the town of Tönseberg in the Kingdom of Norway (hereinafter called the Lessees) of the other part, Witnesseth that His Majesty doth hereby lease unto the said Lessees and their assigns, all that lot or parcel of land situate in Husvik Harbour, Stromness Bay, in the Island of South Georgia, one of the Dependencies of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, all which lot or parcel of land, containing five hundred acres, more or less, is more particularly delineated and described in the first schedule hereto, to have and to hold the said lot or parcel of land hereinbefore expressed to be hereby leased unto the said Lessees and their assigns from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eight, for the term of twenty-one years, Yielding and paying therefor yearly, and every year during the said term hereby granted, the clear yearly rent or sum of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling, payable on the first day of January in every year to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, or the Treasurer of the said Colony of the Falkland Islands: And the said Lessees do hereby for themselves and their assigns covenant with His Majesty in the manner following (that is to say) That they the said Lessees or their assigns shall and will truly pay, or cause to be paid unto His Majesty, his heirs and successors, the said clear yearly rent or sum of two hundred and fifty pounds at the times and in manner hereinbefore appointed for payment thereof: And also shall not nor will at any time during the said term hereby granted without the previous consent of the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands assign, underlet, or part with the possession of the said lot

lot or parcel of land hereby leased or any part thereof.

Provided that this lease is granted subject to the reservations, conditions, and restrictions set forth in Section twenty-one of "The Land Ordinance, 1903" being Ordinance No. 9 of 1903 passed by the Legislative Council of the Colony of the Falkland Islands on the 16th day of December 1903 and assented to by the Governor and given under the Public Seal of the said Colony on the 18th day of December, 1903, save and except as in so far as any reservations, conditions, and restrictions in whole or in part are herein expressly excluded and subject also to the covenants, reservations, conditions and restrictions, set forth in the second schedule hereto and Provided always that if it shall happen that the said yearly rent of two hundred and fifty pounds shall be behind, or unpaid, by the space of Sixty days next over, or after, any of the said days whereon the same is hereinbefore made payable (whether lawfully demanded or not), or if the said Lessees or their assigns shall not well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, and keep all and every the covenants, clauses, conditions, and agreements hereinbefore, and in the second schedule hereto, contained which on their part ought to be paid and performed according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, then and in either of the said cases, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, his heirs or successors, into and upon the said leased lot or parcel of land, or any part thereof in the name of the whole, to re-enter and the same to have again, retain, repossess, and enjoy as in his and their first and former estate. And His Majesty, for himself, his heirs and successors doth hereby covenant with the said Lessees and their assigns, that they the said Lessees and their assigns, paying the said yearly rent of two hundred and fifty pounds

on the days and times and in manner
aforesaid and observing, performing, fulfilling
and keeping all and every the covenants,
clauses, conditions, and agreements in this
indenture and the second schedule hereto
contained on their part to be observed,
performed, fulfilled, and kept, shall and
lawfully may peaceably and quietly have,
hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy the
said lot or parcel of land hereby leased, for
and during the said term hereby granted.

In Witness whereof His Excellency
William Ramond Allardyce, Companion of the
Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
and Saint George, Governor and Commander-
-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland
Islands and its Dependencies, hath with the
special sanction of the Secretary of State—
for the Colonies hereunto set his hand for and
on behalf of His Majesty and caused the
Public Seal of the said Colony to be hereunto
affixed at Stanley in the said Colony, and
the said Lessees have hereunto set their hands
and seal the day and year first above
written.

W. Allardyce

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.



~~by his Excellency~~
T. A. V. Best.

Colonial Secretary.

Altiseoldhabet
Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri

Pear Hytten
Manager

Signed, sealed and delivered
by the said Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri,
in the presence of, —

Haakon Pedersen
Ingolf Hjörnuð

The First Schedule referred to
in the above-written Indenture.

The lot or parcel of land in the
Island of South Georgia hereby leased
is five hundred acres, more or less, in the
harbour marked **Musvik Harbour** on
the sketch or plan affixed hereto, with
metes and bounds as follows (that is to
say) bounded on the coast line by a
road reserved to His Majesty, measuring
thirty feet wide from high water mark, and
inland by Crown Lands.

The Second Schedule referred to in the
above written Indenture.

The lot or parcel of land hereby leased is
leased for the purpose of enabling the Lessees
to carry on Whale-fishing in the waters of
South Georgia.

2. The Lessees are prohibited from taking,
removing, appropriating, killing, or in any way
using either for their own benefit or for the
benefit of any other person or persons, any
product or animal whatsoever on the Island
of South Georgia or any Islands adjacent thereto.

3. The right to win and take mineral oil on
the lot or parcel of land hereby leased is reserved
to the Crown.

4. The Lessees hereby for themselves and
their assigns covenant with His Majesty, his
heirs and successors that they the Lessees
and their assigns during the said term.

(2) Will not employ more than two vessels in
taking whales off South Georgia in addition
to any store ship or floating factory, or factory
erected on land leased under this agreement,
provided however that on the additional
payment of one hundred pounds sterling,
payable in advance by the Lessees on the first
day of January in any one year during the term
of this lease, to the Crown Agents for the
Colonies or the Treasurer of the Colony of the
Falkland Islands, they shall have issued
to them a whaling license, permitting them to
employ one additional vessel in the taking
of whales off South Georgia during the
year in question.

(b) Will keep regularly from day to day from the first day of January, one thousand, nine hundred and ten an accurate record of meteorological observations in respect of temperature, the readings of the barometer, the amount of rainfall, and the direction and pressure of the wind on and at the lot or parcel of land hereby leased, and will furnish full particulars of all such observations with as little delay as possible to the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the time being.

(c) Will keep in stock on the said lot or parcel of land hereby leased a reasonable quantity of coal and provisions to be supplied at cost price to any ship requiring coal or provisions.

(d) Will establish at Glusvik Harbour and maintain in proper working order two leading beacon lights, to be exhibited at all times between the hours of sunset and sunrise as guides to shipping.

(e) Will give full facilities of access to the shore on which the lot or parcel of land hereby leased is situate to all persons holding leases by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands or who shall proceed to the island of South Georgia with the sanction of the Governor of the said Colony, and

(f) Will furnish to the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the time being an annual report respecting their operations in South Georgia.

Belvedere
Postoffice
Daguer-Hytten
Larsberg

South Georgia

Larsens Point

Husvik Harbour

Tonsberg Point

Strømnes Harbour

Strømnes Bay

Cap Saunders



Maalstok 2 under = 1 Kvartmil (1 Eng. sjemil)

Scale 2 quadrates = 1 engl. nautical mile.