



R.S.C.

would you kindly put a copy of your reply to (62) on this file pl. - thus to complete the pps. and in order that a suitable reply to (63) can be drafted.

B.

for C.S.  
7.5.79.

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C.S.

Spoke on the telephone today.

M. Clancy

R.S.C.

8.5.79

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Miss Lawrence,

I asked the Registrar to place a copy of his reply to (62) onto this file - so as to complete these pps. and to provide me with material on which to base a reply to (63)<sup>(64)</sup>. He spoke to me afterwards by telephone to explain that his reply was on a file being held at G.H. and that he had no copy of it.

2. I wonder if you could arrange for a copy of the R.S.C.'s minute to be put on this file pl?

B.

for C.S.

9.5.79.

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A.P.

I have placed a copy of R.S.C.'s reply on this file.

11/10/79.

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C.S.

I think the matter of South Georgia Leases is being dealt with at Government House and I should be grateful for direction as to the reply to be given

to the known Agents letter at (64) pl.

J. U.S. 79.

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Y.E.,

W. F.(64) and preceding minutes please.

I think I have the picture with regard to Grytviken but am somewhat vague as to the other properties and would therefore be grateful for Y.E.'s direction as to what instructions we should give C.A.s in answer to F.(64).

J.B.  
C.S.  
14-5-79

C.S.  
I think we shall have to  
forgo, under the deed of  
Sveinsson, the 25 Albian  
stars rents at Grytviken &  
Huvnik (but we still have to  
collect - from Sabrussen -  
the \$2000 for disposal of  
explosives, when they  
have settled with Albian  
Stars). S.M. can confirm.

Rents for Leith etc. should  
be followed up with Sabrussen,  
& subsequently the new  
ones for Grytviken & Huvnik.

What file are we really  
working on in connection with  
this?

W.F. 11/2-

NOTE

Action  
Continued  
on

5/11/3  
Vol. 2  
J.B.

28  
25 April 1975

D C Walker Esq  
British Embassy  
WASHINGTON

WHALE FISHING - SOUTH GEORGIA

1. I think the information sought in your letter of 10 April addressed to Rolton in LAD is best answered by him in consultation with Heap and Miss Hunt in WIAD, who between them have all the necessary information requested by Mr Mansfield.

2. With regard to ownership of the whaling stations in South Georgia, Miss Hunt will no doubt take into account my letter to her SG/1/1 of 27 March.

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H & F French

Copy to:

S Rolton Esq, LAD

Dr J A Heap, Polar Regions  
Section, LAD

Miss N Hunt, WIAD

file re.

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANDING FINANCE  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th JULY 1974.

14. SALE OF FIREARMS EX SOUTH GEORGIA

The Committee were advised that the Chief Police Officer on behalf of Messrs Salvesen of South Georgia had recently sold some fire-arms for the sum of £75 and that Messrs Salvesen had instructed that money realised be given to a Charity or Charities to be nominated by Government.

The sum of £75 had been received in May of 1974 and inadvertently paid into General Revenue.

Members present unanimously agreed that the proceeds should be divided equally between the Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and the Youth Club. See paragraph 3 for provision of the necessary funds.

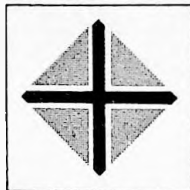
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J.R.W. Parker, Esq. O.B.E.  
Governor of the Falkland Islands  
Government House  
Port Stanley  
FALKLAND ISLANDS



Your Ref.

Our Ref. GHE/dyc Date 17 October 1977

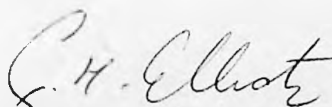
Dear Mr. Parker:

I believe that Frank Mitchell of the Falkland Islands Company had a word with you about Mr. Sharp, who has approached us about removing machinery and equipment from our stations at South Georgia. We have made it clear to him that he is not entitled to do this unless he has made a specific arrangement with us. We would be grateful if you would discourage anyone who makes any such approach to you.

Although we are not actively working on this, we always keep our eyes open for possible activities from South Georgia. At present we are not very confident about large scale catching of krill in the near future, at least by British enterprise, because the material is not as easily marketable as food and would have to be caught in very large quantities to provide a profit for fishmeal production. But I am sure that sooner or later some sort of activity, probably fishing, will start again from the Island.

I hope that the next time you are in London we shall have an opportunity of making contact in order to discuss potential developments.

Yours sincerely,

  
G.H. Elliot

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Mr Carey comments as follows:

There are no docks at Grytviken. These are at Stromness and there are two - one large and one small. When Mr Carey was there 2 years ago they were still floating and were tied alongside each other. The larger one was sufficient to take the "Shackleton" when she was holed in the ice.

some of/ Mr Carey has not been to Leith himself, but has been told that the roofs of/the buildings have collapsed with the weight of snow and in time all buildings will be affected with the consequent damage to any equipment inside. He considers attempts should be made to salvage such equipment (if any) while it is still possible.

The equipment at Grytviken was purchased through Messrs W Brandt who were Receivers for the Pesca Station (leased, he thinks, by Albion Star from a Mr Ryan)

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Chief Secretary

1. You may be interested to see the attached letter from Salvesens, which has a bearing on the plans we discussed in your Office with Mr Carey (who I think might also see this correspondence).

2. I have drafted a reply for any comments you and Mr Carey might have; in particular could you please fill in, from your files, the name of the firm from whom we bought the Grytviken stuff.

(I assume Salvesens are known to all with, and the surgical equipment is theirs)

  
Governor

7 November 1977

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YE I have no comments but I have filed in (with a slight amendment) the copy you had left in the draft. (We dealt with Brandt as agents for another firm which we can only identify from material now in the Archives.)

2. Mr. Carey's comments are attached below & you may care to incorporate the point that he has made within his second paragraph within your text.

  
J.H.H. 8/11

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CS (257) (49)

Handwritten initials and scribbles.

8 November 1977

G H Elliott Esq  
Christian Salvosen (Managers) Ltd  
50 East Pettos Avenue  
EDINBURGH EH4 1EQ

Handwritten circled initials "WBC".

I am glad of the opportunity afforded by your letter of 17 October to establish contact with your firm, as one of our major tenants at South Georgia. As you may understand, it would be an excellent thing for the development of the Dependencies, and possibly flowing from that, for these Islands, if there could be a reactivation of activity, especially fishing, by a British company. I am sorry I missed the opportunity to talk about this when I was recently on leave in London; I shall not now be home again until probably the middle of next year, but if any of your representatives should be in this part of the world, I would be only too pleased if they could come over to Stanley to talk to us. In the meantime, perhaps we may keep in touch by correspondence, and should you have any tentative ideas about possible projects I shall be glad to know about them.

On the particular point you mention - the approach from a Mr Sharp about the removal of machinery and equipment from your stations at South Georgia - I cannot recall Mr Mitchell being particularly specific about any such idea. He did mention the existence of a dry dock which could perhaps find some use here, but I was not sure whether he was referring to the dock which I believe lies sunken at Grytviken, or the two I think at Stromness, but our conversation was rather inconclusive.

In this connection you may know that the FI Government bought from the Receivers, Messrs. Brandt, the equipment, materials etc. left by Albion Star at Grytviken. With the help of the British Antarctic Survey vessels we have been bringing over such of this material as we would find useful here, and a further uplift exercise will be carried out over the next three or four weeks.

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I must stress that we are only taking the items we purchased at Grytviken. I am however told that there is a lot of valuable equipment lying around elsewhere, particularly at Leith. A good deal of pilfering of this has been going on, and may get worse in the future as fishing vessels of various nationalities call in. Moreover the roofs of the buildings are beginning to collapse and their contents to deteriorate.

In particular there is, I believe, a large quantity of surgical instruments in the hospital at Leith which it would be a pity to see wasted, and which would, I might say, add to our financially restricted medical resources here (there has even been mention of an operating table). If this equipment does belong to you, you may of course not wish to dispose of it. But if you think we might obtain it for a reasonable price we could certainly put it to good use. You may be sure, by the way, that our Stores Officers, who carry out our retrieval operations, are very meticulous men, and would take nothing that does not belong to us. And, on your general point, they, and the base personnel, would certainly attempt to dissuade anyone else from doing so although you may appreciate it is not possible for the small team there to keep much of an eye on what others do.

I look forward to hearing from you again; if you think we could come to an arrangement regarding the Leith surgical equipment perhaps you could let me know by cable.

J R W Parker

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To  
**REP BRANDTRANK LONDON EC**

SETTLE  
IN ORDER TO SETTLE THIS BEFORE END FINANCIAL YEAR CONSIDER  
ITEMS WE REQUIRE WORTH £1,500 BUT PREPARED OFFER £2,000  
FOR EVERYTHING AT ORBYVIKEN IN CASE THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS  
WE COULD USE FOR OR NEXT YEAR.

23 FEB 1976

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CHIEF SECRETARY  
22 JAN 1976  
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To  
REF UNDER THE AGREEMENT

RE. 11

YOUR FAX/TEL 11 NOVEMBER

INSUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT ETC REVEALS DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING ALL ITEMS  
THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND IN CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD YOU ACCEPT BLANKET OFFER  
OF ONE THOUSAND POUNDS.

CHIEFSEC.

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YOUR 22ND AGREE ACCEPT ONE THOUSAND POUNDS FOR GOODS LISTED  
YOUR LETTER 24 OCTOBER EXCEPT MILLING MACHINE WHICH ALREADY  
SOLD

BRANDT BANK LONDON EC3

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TO: LIF BRANDBANK LONDON EC3

NO 19

THANKS YOUR TEL 23 JAN. INTEND REMOVING PURCHASES FEB/MARCH.  
IF IN COURSE OF OPERATIONS WE COME ACROSS OTHER USEFUL  
ITEMS WOULD YOU AGREE REMOVAL AND IF SO WOULD YOU ACCEPT  
A GLOBAL SUM FOR EVERYTHING AT GRYTVIKEN OR ALTERNATIVELY  
IF WE COULD AGREE LIST LATER.

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YOURS THIRD NO 19 AGREE REMOVAL ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND WILL ACCEPT  
GLOBAL SUM FOR ALL ITEMS STOP BRANDTBANK LONDONEC

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CABLE & WIRELESS

CABLE & WIRELESS

# MEMORANDUM

Reference S.G. Stores

-9 JAN 1976

Date 9th January, 1976.....

From The Supplies Officer,  
Central Store,  
Stanley.

To The Chief Secretary,  
Secretariat,  
Stanley.  
u.f.s. Fin. Secretary. X

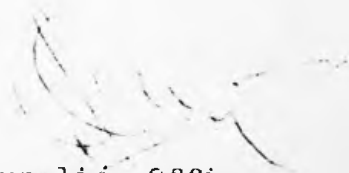
## Stores available at Grytviken.

Resulting from my recent visit to South Georgia with Mr. R. Stocks, I have compiled the attached lists showing items that are at Grytviken Whaling Station and which I consider are of interest to Government, providing they are obtained at an attractive price. I have attempted to assess their current market value but, in most cases, have met with difficulty owing to the lack of price information available.

2. I think that in the case of <sup>sheet 3</sup> furniture and machinery the Supt. Public Works should be asked to make an offer if he is interested in any of the items. I have left the offer column blank on the lists for him to make an offer if he so wishes.

3. There are many smaller items in the Stations main store which would be useful to Government but, owing to our limited time at South Georgia, and our having to crate furniture, we found it impossible to itemize them, especially having to work by torch light.

4. Should Government decide to follow up this survey and make an offer to the Whaling Company concerned, then it would be in our interest to have everything collected and shipped to Stanley as early as possible.

  
Supplies Officer.



Whaling leases file  
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THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH FEBRUARY 20, 1977

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# Salvesen clan go back to the sea

EARLY next month the shareholders of Christian Salvesen will gather in Edinburgh for the company's annual general meeting. Chairman Max Harper Gow will greet them all personally for, with the exception of a few institutions, all are related to him.

Harper Gow's mother was a Salvesen. Managing director Gerald Elliot's mother was also a Salvesen. There are two other family members on the nine-man board.

And, of the 400 shareholders in what is one of Britain's biggest private companies, the vast majority are direct descendants of Christian Salvesen, the Norwegian who founded the group in Scotland over 100 years ago.

Last week the company quietly released its latest report and accounts showing a turnover of £89.5 million and a pre-tax profit up from £4.7 million to a record £6.3 million.

The latest Inland Revenue agreed price for the shares values the company at £13.65 million. A public quotation, which will probably come eventually, would put it considerably higher.

For all its family domination, Christian Salvesen is opening itself more and more to public eye, preparing itself so that, in words of Max Harper Gow: "it will be in the type of shape we could go public any-

time we want to — but in our own time."

Harper Gow's own reign dates to the time when the company was the biggest whaler in the world, mounting expeditions each year to the whaling grounds of the Antarctic. It was a business which Christian Salvesen, who emigrated to Leith in 1850, moved into at the turn of the century.

"Whaling was a business of either feast or famine," says director Barry Sealey, a non-member of the Salvesen family.

BY IVAN FALLON

"Fortunately it was more feast than famine and the reserves of the company were built up."

In the early 1960s, however, the future of the whaling industry was clearly doomed. Each expedition cost £1m, lasted seven months and profits in the good days were about half a million a year. But, with the Japanese and Russians moving in heavily and the whale population in danger of extinction, the business was dying.

Ironically it was the British Government which rescued Salvesen. In the free-for-all of

1961/62, a profitless whaling fleet was worth only scrap value. Then the various governments got involved, thrashed out a quota system and Salvesen alone got 9 p.c. of the world whaling quota. It suddenly made the whaling enterprise a valuable asset.

Harper Gow and his cousin, Gerald Elliot, both of whom had often gone south with the whaling fleets, decided to get out while they had something to sell. The Japanese were interested and the fleet and

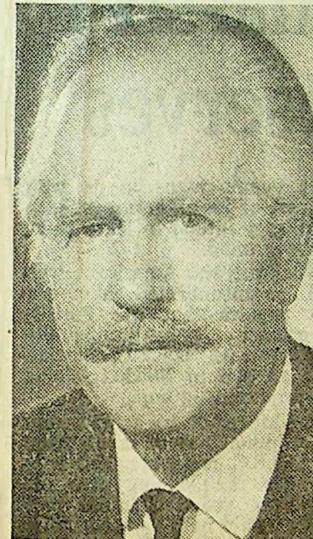
quota were sold, the fleet to be scrapped but the quota to be used to the full by the Japanese.

Last week's accounts sum up the net effort of the Salvesen management since. There have been some mistakes—the factory trawlers, for instance, were probably ahead of their time, technologically advanced but regarded suspiciously by tradition-dogged fishermen.

But there have been some notable successes, particularly cold storage and transport. From owning a tiny coldstore built in Grimsby in 1958 to ser-



Gerald Elliot



Max Harper Gow

vice the factory ships, the company is by far the biggest cold storage company in the country today, nearly twice the size of its nearest rival.

"We had 500,000 cubic feet of cold storage in 1958, which was the year I joined," says Barry Sealey. "Now we have 40 million."

From cold stores have come other developments. Salvesen today runs a fleet of 400 refrigerated lorries.

Some 150 of its lorries run under the British Home Storage emblem and from Atherstone, in Warwickshire, transport all the merchandise, frozen and unfrozen, for B.H.S. around its 100 stores.

Under Harper Gow and Elliot, Salvesen has extended its fishing and seafood interests (they made a trading profit of £1.4 million last year), spent in all some £45 million on housebuilding, property and the brickworks, continued the shipping business founded by old Christian Salvesen himself (to run coal and paraffin out of Leith and import timber from Norway) and, finally in 1973, moved into the oil industry by investing £5.5 million in a converted drill-ship to become the first British oil drilling contractor.

Until 1963 Salvesen was a family partnership, its main operating company called the South Georgia Company. It still owns land on South Georgia, an island south-east of the Falklands, where it had its whaling station.

Today it is a company of contrasts, part modern, part traditional, private but trying more and more to meet full public company standards of accounting and openness. It is part conglomerate, part integrated.

The modern is epitomised by its new head office sited to take advantage of the view over the full Edinburgh sky-line. Here even the directors sit in open plan, hidden from each other only by an astonishing jungle of pot plants.

The traditional is symbolised by the plaques at the entrance to the building. One indicates that this is the office of the Norwegian Consul in Edinburgh (Harper Gow), another that the Finnish Consul is here (Elliot) and a third that it is the official office of the Danish Consul (Robin Salvesen, great-grandson of the founder).

The titles mean precious little other than a lot of dashing round whenever there is an official ship's visit. But they

retain the links with the Salvesen origin. The Salvesen emblem today is the Norwegian flag turned at a 45 degree angle.

One feels that only recently has the company been finding its longer term sense of direction, gradually discovering through a process of trial and error the areas where it can best employ its considerable cash flow and resources.

The property division, for instance, nestles uneasily in the current structure. Harper Gow admits that there may come a point when the company "slims a bit."

"As a family company we've never been tied to doing one thing," he says. "We've always had the feeling that the company was more important than the things you're doing. Sometimes you must take a couple of steps out."

That philosophy served well with the transformation from a whaling company to today's structure.

But in some cases Harper Gow and Elliot may have taken a step too far.

"We regularly think 'where do we go from here?'," says Harper Gow. The immediate emphasis will be in building up a budding business servicing the North Sea oil industry.

At present capital employed is £1 million but over the next few years could build up to £10 million. The cold storage company, too, is moving into Europe, building its first store in Northern France.

But in the short-term, profits this year will suffer from the losses of the drill-ship company (now 40 p.c. owned and operating two drill-ships), and a downturn in other divisions. "I anticipate a fall in pre-tax profits," said Harper Gow in his chairman's statement. The profit record is already very uneven with a £5.7 million pre-tax figure becoming £1.7 million in 1974 and £4.7 million in 1975.

A relapse this year may put back the time for a public flotation but the 400 members of the Salvesen clan (none with more than 5 p.c. of the equity) will not worry too much. Nor will the company's biggest shareholder, the Church of Scotland with 20 p.c., left by "Uncle Fred" back in 1935. Today the stake is worth at least £2.7 million.

"It finances half the committees in Edinburgh," says an executive sourly.

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SOUTH GEORGIA (GRYTVIKEN AND HUSVIK) LEASES.

1. By Crown Lease dated the 22nd December 1961, 500 acres of land (Grytviken Whaling Station) at the Harbour of Grytviken, Cumberland Bay, South Georgia were leased to Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited for the term of 21 years from the 1st July 1960, at an annual rental of £250, payable on the 1st October in every year provided inter alia that if the yearly rent of £250 shall be unpaid Sixty days after any of the said days the same is made payable (whether lawfully demanded or not) ..... it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors into and upon the said leased lots or parcels 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 Her and Their first and former estate.

2. By Crown Lease dated the 12th January 1961, 500 acres of land (Husvik Whaling Station) at Husvik Harbour, Stromness Bay, South Georgia were leased to Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited on similar conditions to those in paragraph 1 above, except that the term of years commenced on the 1st October 1960. Rental being payable on the 1st October in every year.

3. According to the Crown Agents accounts rental has been paid up to the 30th September in each case. This is not correct in the case of Grytviken, and should be up to the 30th June 1976.

4. On the 6th August 1975 the Foreign and Commonwealth Office agreed in principal to the transfer of the leases of Grytviken and Husvik whaling stations from Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited to Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited, subject to agreement on the terms of the lease. (SG/1/1 - 230).

5. A new lease covering both Grytviken and Husvik whaling stations was drafted by Mr. Frederick G. Cooke, Legal Adviser. (SG/1/1 - 250).

6. The lease was signed by the Acting Governor on the 11th October 1977, sealed with the Public Seal and forwarded to Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited of Edinburgh, Scotland for completion. (SG/1/1 - 255) At that time it was mistakenly believed that Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited had been supplied with a copy of the lease in draft form.

7. On the 19th December 1977 Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited wrote the Chief Secretary complaining that no draft lease had ever been discussed or agreed between the parties and suggested that the new lease should commence on the surrender of the Albion Star leases rather than the 1st October 1977. (SG/1/1 - 257).

8. Messrs. Norton Rose, Botherell & Rooke (Solicitors ?) on behalf of their clients Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited, under cover of a letter of the 14th February 1978 to the Chief Secretary forwarded a draft Agreement for the surrender of the leases and also a draft Surrendered deed for consideration.

9. Both documents provided that the Surrender shall include the following provisions -

- (a) "a release by the Landlord of the Tenant from all liability claims and demands in respect of the rent reserved by or any breach of the covenants contained in the Leases under which the Tenant holds or otherwise";
- (b) "that the Tenant's fixtures in or upon the said premises shall not vest in the Landlord upon the execution hereof and that the New tenant to whom the Landlord has agreed to grant a new lease of the said premises shall upon and after the execution of such new lease have such rights in and over the said Tenant's fixtures as if they had been annexed to the said premises after the execution of such new lease".

10. Under paragraph 9(a) above Albion Star would be released from all existing liability or claims including the rents now in arrears.

11. Under paragraph 9(b) above the Tenant's fixtures which include "trade fixtures" such as heavy machinery, engines and boilers, etc. would pass to Salvesen.

12. Trade fixtures are fixtures attached by the Tenant for the purpose of his trade or business and have long been removable by the Tenant at any time during the term, but not after he has ceased to be Tenant and has failed to take a reasonable opportunity of removing them.

13. It appears from the above and in spite of the correspondence concerning stores etc., at Grytviken, that Albion Star and Salvesen intend the Tenant's fixtures to pass to Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited, the new lessee.

14. As rental is now in arrears in respect of both leases Government could terminate the leases and negotiate a new lease with Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited. Such an action may invite a claim from Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited for compensation, as in such circumstances they would lose the payment of £35,000 from Salvesen and consequently a further problem would be created in the collection of the £4,546.95 from Albion Star to cover the expenses for the removal and destruction of explosives from Grytviken.

15. I think in order to resolve this problem frank discussions between the parties are called for.

16. Please see the attached paper concerning Grytviken (South Georgia) Stores.

*J.P. Bennett*  
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GRYTVIKEN (SOUTH GEORGIA) STORES ETC.

1. On the 24th October 1975 the Chief Secretary wrote to Wm. Brandt and Son Ltd., concerning the purchase of various items of equipment lying at Grytviken, South Georgia, the property of Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited. (Annexure "A").

2. Brandt's Limited written reply of the 11th November 1975 to the letter referred to in paragraph 1 above. (Annexure "B").

3. The Chief Secretary's reply of the 21st November 1975 to the letter referred to in paragraph 2 above. (Annexure "C").

4. On the 22nd January 1976 the Chief Secretary telegraphed Brandtbank, London, as follows -

"Inspection equipment etc., reveals difficulty identifying all items that are available and in circumstances would you accept blanket offer of one thousand pounds." (SG/12/4 - 9).

5. To which Brandtbank London replied on the 23rd January 1976 as follows -

"Agree accept one thousand pounds for goods listed your letter 24th October (Annexure "A") except milling machine which already sold. (SG/12/4 - 10).

6. On the 3rd February 1976 the Chief Secretary telegraphed Brandtbank London as follows -

"Thanks yours 23rd January. Intend removing purchases Feb/March. If in course of operation we come across other items would you agree removal and if so would you accept a global sum for everything at Grytviken or alternatively if we could agree list later." (SG/12/4 - 12).

7. On the 5th February 1976 Brandtbank replied as follows -

"Yours 3rd. Agree removal additional items and will accept Global sum for all items". (SG/12/4 - 15).

8. On the 23rd February 1976 the Chief Secretary telegraphed Brandtbank as follows -

"In order to settle this before end financial year consider items we require worth £1,500 but prepared offer £2,000 for everything at Grytviken in case there are other items we could use now or next year." (SG/12/4 - 16).

9. According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary "everything" means "without exception, without any hesitation".

10. Brandtbank replied to paragraph 8 above on the 26th February 1976 as follows -

"Yours 23rd. Accept your offer Pounds Sterling 2,000. Regards" (SG/12/4 - 19).

11. On the 9th September 1976 Grindlay Brandts Limited wrote (SG/12/4 - 41) to the Chief Secretary complaining that they had heard nothing from him since 3rd February (para. 6 above) and enquired whether or not the items had been cleared from Grytviken. They also requested the payment of the £2,000.

12. On the 30th September 1976 the Chief Secretary instructed the Crown Agents to pay Grindlay Brandts £2,000 for the purchase of equipment from Grytviken. (SG/12/4 - 42).

13. On the 12th December 1977 Brandtbank telegraphed the Chief Secretary, as follows -

"Reference your letter 24th October 1975 (Annexure "A") and cable dated 3rd February 1976 (para. 6 above). In view of impending transfer of leases can you advise us of any additional items removed by you Feb/March 1976 from Grytviken apart from those listed in above letter. Regards". (SG/12/4 - 170).

14. On the 3rd February 1978 Brandtbank telegraphed the Chief Secretary as follows -

"Further our cable 12/12/77 (para. 13 above) reference your letter 24/10/75 (Annexure "A") and cable No. 19 3/2/76 (para. 6 above) transfer of leases proceeding but Salvesen requires advice of any additional items removed by you in Feb/March 1976, from Grytviken apart from those listed in above letter. Please confirm you are providing such list or that all items have been removed from the station - JAMES."

15. This problem is connected with that of the Grytviken and Husvik leases.

16. Although on the face of the above, Government appears to have a strong case in support of the enforcement of the agreement entered into at paras. 8 and 10 above, I would suggest that the matter be discussed between the parties in the first instance.

17. It is also apparent from the above that Albion Star or their agent and Salvesen have agreed that the Tenant's fixtures, other than those removed by Government, shall pass to the new tenant Christian Salvesen (Managers) Limited.

18. Please see the paper concerning South Georgia (Grytviken and Husvik) Leases.

*J.P. Bennett*  
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12A. On the 2nd December 1977 Christian Salvesen wrote to His Excellency the Governor as follows -

"I was interested to hear that you have been taking some equipment from Grytviken. As you know, we have been in contact with the owners for some time about taking over the whole station.....  
We are in the process of finding out from Brandt what exactly they have sold to you and what they will be selling to use."

24 October

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RefL PWD/13/4

Wm Brandt & Son Ltd.  
P.O. Box 95  
36 Fenchurch Street  
London EC3

Dear Sir,

This Government is badly in need of various items of equipment lying at Grytviken, South Georgia, for our Public Works Department, and I am wondering if you would be good enough to advise me, by air mail at an early date, if you would be prepared to sell the items.

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2. I enclose a list of the items we would like to purchase and look forward to your reply. If agreement is reached on the sale of the items we will arrange for an officer to go to South Georgia to supervise the removal of the items to Stanley by British Antarctic Survey vessel this southern summer.

3. I understand some sales have been made at nominal prices and we would wish to take advantage of this if you feel able to extend these terms to Government.

Yours faithfully,

B B Morrison  
for Chief Secretary

No. ....

# BILL OF LADING/CONSIGNMENT NOTE

Vessel P. R. L. JAMES BISHOP at PORT CHARLOTTE

Consignor Public Works Department, South Georgia

Consignee Public Works Department at Port Charles

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Packages	Contents	QTY	UNIT	NO.
1	Metal working lathe (1/2" chuck) X	2.00	1	0 0 1
1	Tap weller (transformer type)	.60		5 0 0
2	Vertical drilling machine	.72		1 0 0
	" " "	.20		1 5 0
1	Sheet metal millstone	.13		5 0 0
1	" " roller X	1.10		5 0 0
1	Bench grinding stone	.05		2 5 0
	" "	.05		2 5 0
	" "	.05		2 5 0
	" "	.05		2 5 0
2	Machine backsaw	.60		5 5 0
	" "	.60		5 5 0
2	Portable electric drill 1/2" chuck	.20		1 5 0
	" " " "	.60		1 5 0
1	Sheet metal bending machine	1.20		4 5 0
1	Angle iron punch and crowbar	1.20		5 0 0
1	Milling machine (not available)	.55		4 0 0
1	Pressing machine	.60		5 0 0
3	Vice	.25		2 0 0
	"	.05		2 0 0
	"	.05		2 0 0
2	Qty - acetylene tubes and gun	.40		
	" " " "	.40		
1	bench press	.85		1 5 0
1	Hydraulic pipe bender 3" cap	.35		5 0 0
	Various angle irons (multiple sizes)	---	10	---
	Various flat and round bar (multiple sizes)	---	4	---
	Various mild steel plate (multiple sizes)	---	6	---
	Various lengths corrugated roofing (multiple sizes)	---	10	---
	Various diameter copper pipe (various sizes)	---	2	---
	Various diameter galvanized pipe (various sizes)	---	5	---
	Water tank galvanized	1.50		2 0 0
	" "	.95		1 0 0
	" Pipe	1.50		0 0 0

Date .....

for MASTER

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9. BILL OF LADING/CONSIGNMENT NOTE

Vessel..... P. R. S. JOHN DISCO..... at..... SOUTH GEORGIA.....

Consignor..... Public Works Department, South Georgia.....

Consignee..... Public Works Department..... at..... Port Stanley.....

Packages	Contents		
Water pump		1 .75	1 0 0



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ANNEXURE

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# BRANDTS LIMITED

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36 FENCHURCH STREET  
LONDON  
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DAJ/PES

11th November 1975

The Secretariat, - *mu 2*  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South Atlantic.



For attention of D.R. Morrison Esq.

Dear Sirs,

Thankyou for your letter of the 24th October 1975, regarding the possibility of purchasing certain equipment lying at Grytviken, South Georgia.

We are in principal prepared to sell the items which you mention in your list, and would suggest that you make us a blanket offer for all the items.

We would mention, however, that the milling machine has already been purchased and is awaiting removal from the station, and therefore this item is not available for sale.

Awaiting your news,

Yours faithfully,  
For and on behalf of  
BRANDTS LTD.,

*[Signature]*  
Authorised Signatory.

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Our Ref: PWD/13/4

21st November,

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Brandts Ltd.,  
P.O. Box No. 95,  
36 Fenchurch Street,  
London EC3P 3AS.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter DAJ/PES of 11th November about equipment at Grytriken.

2. I note that you are prepared to accept a blanket offer for the items listed and this will be prepared as soon as more detail is known of the actual quantities available. It is not expected that this will be known until the end of the year.

3. Thank you for your co<sup>o</sup>  
-operation.

Yours faithfully,

(D R Morrison)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

From The Supplies Officer,  
Central Store.

To The Chief Secretary,  
Secretariat.

10 FEB 1978

Subject: STORES KI GRYTVICKEN - DEC 1977

The following is a brief account of my recent visit to South Georgia for the purpose of collecting machinery and stores.

2. I left Stanley on the 14th November, onboard ERS "John Biscoe" accompanied by Messrs H. Keenleyside and R. Roberts of P.W.D. and returned on 13th December, 1977, having spent fifteen days working at Grytvicken whaling station where we dismantled machinery, collected stores and loaded same onto "John Biscoe."

3. On my arrival at the whaling station, I found that the station had once again been plundered by crew members of visiting foreign ships. Mainly, I was given to understand, by Polish seamen who hacked entry into most buildings and left the station in a deplorable state. The Main Store was one of the buildings broken into and left in a ransacked condition. Mr. Dave Orchard, the wintering base leader, informed me that some twenty foreign ships had used Grytvicken jetty since I was last there in January, 1977. Under these circumstances Government may wish to consider revising the port entry and watering fees levied on visiting foreign ships.

4. I attach lists of items brought back together with my suggestions as to their disposal. Should you be in agreement, I would be grateful for your authority to distribute them accordingly.

5. The following are some of the items remaining at Grytvicken that may be useful to Government:

- (a) Three metal working Lathes in apparently good condition.
- (b) Blacksmiths mild steel flats (approx 2 tons), Angle Steel for building construction, and Flat steel sheets of 5/16" & 1/2" thickness.
- (c) Electrical Welding Rods - mainly heavy gauge 3,25 - 5 mm. dia.
- (d) Scrap Metal - Heavy Copper steam tubes (approx 2-3 tons).

6. There are a few buildings at the station that may be suitable for erecting as hangars for light aircraft, namely:

- (a) Plate Shed. 42' wide x 72' long x 18' walls. Steel framed and clad with corrugated iron.
- (b) Machine Shop. 50' wide x 87' long x 11' walls. Steel framed with corrugated iron cladding. Also has wooden 1st floor.
- (c) Freezer Shed. 66' wide x 115' long x 15' walls. Constructed of steel uprights with timber beams and roof supports. Covered with corrugated iron.

7. During this visit I inspected all of the fuel and whale oil tanks on the station. All were completely empty with the exception of tanks Nos: 29 & 31 standing outside, and a tank housed inside the Pump House. The contents of tanks 29 & 31 was mainly water with approximately 2 - 3 feet of furnace fuel oil floating on the water. The Pump House tank contained 9 feet of Furnace Oil (See attached tank plan of station). I see no problem with regard to pollution at this particular station.

8. To conclude, I would like to mention my appreciation of the way in which the crew of "John Biscoe" helped us collect and load the items brought back, and in particular their assistance given in handling the large lathe and winch.

Supplies Officer.

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FM CAMBRIDGE HQ  
TO STANLEY

FOR GOVERNOR FM BAWDEN.

GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE REMOVAL OF  
WHALING RECORDS FROM LEITH, STROMNESS AND HUSVIK FOR RETENTION  
IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE CAMBRIDGE.

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FM STANLEY OFFICE  
TO CAMBRIDGE HQ

X/250/78. FOR BAWDEN FROM ACTING GOVERNOR BEGINS  
YOUR MESSAGE C/2571/78. READILY AGREE REMOVAL OF WHALING  
RECORDS TO SCOTT INSTITUTE.

ENDS

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1. I would be grateful if you would look up the South Georgia whaling station lease papers to let me know what the present position is regarding the leases of Grytviken and Murreit, that is whether Albion Star is in default on payment of the rents.
2. If they are, I am not sure if we could reasonably take any action to terminate the leases. I believe they have some while yet to run, and Salvesens have been negotiating to take them over. ~~As~~ Action on this was about to be completed in October last when Salvesens put something of a pistol at our heads over the question of approval for the sale of plant and material at the stations to an Argentine scrap metal merchant, which I have declined to assist.
3. I would like to get this whole thing cleared up as soon as possible, but before doing so perhaps we could discuss with Mr Bennett.

Governor  
2 April 1979

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H.F.

I attach details prepared by Mr. Bennett of the South Georgia Leases. The position regarding the Grytviken and Husvik Leases is that rent is considerably in arrear and Government has power to re-enter. Re-entry would terminate the Lease.

Either with or without re-entry to terminate the Lease, Government may "distrain", or seize, goods on the leased premises on account of rent arrears. This remedy is not as attractive as it might at first seem. Fixtures, trade or otherwise, cannot be seized; nor tools or instruments of trade unless there are otherwise insufficient goods to cover the arrears.

A more attractive remedy is possibly to sue the lessee's for the arrears and in default of payment to obtain judgment, which can be enforced by "execution" or seizing the lessee's goods. In that case, trade fixtures can be taken in execution. Ships, too, can be seized.

On termination of a lease, by re-entry or otherwise, the lessee is himself entitled to remove trade fixtures. A landlord would have to act quickly to seize them by way of "distress" for rent or in execution of a judgment for the arrears.

*R.H. Vessey*

R.S.C.  
5th April 1979.

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The Colonial Secretary  
Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands  
South Atlantic

Our ref TS 3950

Your ref

25 April 1979



Dear Sir

SOUTH GEORGIA WHALING STATIONS

It would seem from our records that we have received no instructions from you recently in connection with the recovery of rents for Leith, Stromness and Prince Olaf harbours (from Christian Salvesen) and Grytviken and Husvik harbour (from Messrs Brandts Ltd). I shall be grateful therefore if you will let me know at your convenience whether there is any further action which you require Crown Agents to take in this respect.

Yours faithfully

T.M. Ketley

T M Ketley  
Secretariat

NOTE Action Continued  
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J.E.B.  
c.s.