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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

SOUTH GEORGIA.

CONNECTED FILES.

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D/3/62.

Oil Storage South Georgia.

See also

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TELEGRAM.

No. 175.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 27th June, 1962 Time : 2130

Received : 28th June, 1962 Time : 1100

No. 167. As Leith and Grytviken will not be operating next season there will only be eight men at Leith and ten at Grytviken. This raises a number of points which will need urgent attention.

(a) Doctor. Present doctor will leave Island when floating factory Southern Harvester calls here November 1962. It is not known whether whaling companies intend to send doctor for the Island. They probably feel this is now Government committment as there will be 40 Government personnel as against their 8 and 10. Suggest Government should contact companies immediately to ascertain intentions as relief doctor must come out on AES or at the latest on Southern Harvester. This is an urgent matter with which all personnel are gravely concerned and no doubt Simms men will have equally strong feelings.

Extracted to 1564/A
(b) Passages. The only direct passages to South Georgia will be AES and Southern Harvester inwards and BAS ships via Stanley. Outward passages BAS ships and AES if she returns to pick up Simms men. It is not known whether Southern Harvester will call here at the end of season. There will be none of the usual whaling transports or oil tankers which called last season. Essential that Penny's relief W/T Operator should arrive AES if we are to honour our obligations.

Extracted to 1564/A
(c) 350 tons only gas oil held at Leith but Salvesens cannot guarantee to deliver any to the Point see Crown Agents letter ref: G6/595/57 dated 28th February, 1962 and Salvesens letter attached to same. We have sufficient supplies at the moment to last until May 1963 then we will be completely out of gas oil. It now becomes urgent to make alternative arrange for our supply. No gas oil available from Grytviken. BAS ship Kista Dan and AES should be informed of gas oil situation. Heavy diesel oil available at Grytviken.

(d) Food supplies. Grytviken have sufficient basic food supplies for Government station and Simms up to March 1963 but Manager will confirm more accurately after stock taking which should be completed about 10th July. The same applies to the numerous essential slop chest goods clothing tobacco cigarettes soap household cleaning materials and all supplies normally obtained by Government and married families. When the result of stocktaking at Grytviken is known it seems very probable that Government order covering all personnel single and married will need to be telegraphed to Crown to be shipped with AES.

Extracted to 1564/A
(e) There will not be a service boat available next season to take the sealing inspector to Bird Island or for elephant seal tagging. Suggest Tickell should be informed no service boat.

(f) Crown Agents should be informed immediately of change in shipping opportunities. It is normally all indents were shipped by whaling companies. It should also be brought to the notice of their passages department.

(g) Grateful you ascertain immediately what empty cargo space available AES on voyage to South Georgia with New Discovery.

Reply at 12

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TELEGRAM.

From

To

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Page 2.

(h) Manager Grytviken informs me that 10 men on station during season includes catering staff to care for Simms men.

(i) There is only very limited time for action on some of the foregoing bearing in mind that AES sails approx. first week September and Southern Harvester third week October and these are only two vessels with cargo space and possible passenger space as normally BAS ships are full with both.

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT#2
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WT P280 161

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			9.7.62.
To				
	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SG a/c

No. 133 Yourtel No. 167 of 27th June 1962 stop No additional
cargo space available AES

Secretary

Time HLB/FH

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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Wt P20 61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Pay			9.7.52
To	L. Tickell, 27 Styvechale Avenue, Earlsdon, Coventry.			SG a/c

Consequent on withdrawal of whaling companies from South Georgia no service boat available for visit of sealing inspector to Bird Island or elephant seal tagging

Officer Administering the Govt.

Time RB/FH

See 30

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt P28 161

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Pay			9.7.62
To	CROWN LONDON	Copies in D/18/51/A x 1564/A		SG a/c

No. 223 Due to closure of whaling stations South Georgia only direct shipping opportunities will be AES in September and Southern Harvester in October stop Please bring to notice of departments concerned with indents and passages

Time RB/FH

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 9.7.62. Time: 1015 Received: Time:

SG No. 6 Grateful learn intentions of whaling companies regarding relief doctor for South Georgia. Present doctor leaves November 1962. Personnel gravely concerned about position and Simms men would probably have equally strong feelings. Relief doctor must arrive by AES or at latest Southern Harvester.

Officer Administering the Govt.

P/L: FH

Reply at 21.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 10.7.62 Time: 0920 Received: Time:

Unnumbered

186 Please copy my telegram SG No. 6 of 9th July
to Governor.

Officer Administering the Government

P/L: FH

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No. 29.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 12.7.62 Time : 0001 Received : 12.7.62. Time : 1530

56 SG. No. 6. Your telegram No. SG. 6. Whaling Companies do not intend to replace present doctor when he leaves.

However wife of dentist elect for South Georgia is a doctor and I understand would be prepared to accept appointment as medical officer South Georgia.

Would appointment of lady doctor be acceptable? If so what salary should I offer?

Secretary of State

Reply at 27.

P/L : TB

~~151-18-21~~

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See 10

~~Ex 10~~

Am A-O Under acceptable and who what
Telling what's companies used to be his docking
A for any recommendations or salary - So his
near for taking on liability of providing
do over one / present his is inevitable.

What are telegrams am it CT for any views on
Telling how much he offered

12- 13/7/62.

2312

22 deals with 1(a) action on 1(c) is was being
taken in P926. We was here to

deal with 1(d) - now to A O telling him how
we have sent 272 in D 13/58/11, analysis

~~has been~~ informing him as at 10 A of this file
re asking for the necessary information and also asking
whether the results of Stott's taking at Grogby is yet known

for
10/1/62.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy	(Original filed in D/3/58/II)		23.7.62

To

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

sga/c

See 25
No.151 Yourtel 167 para (a) stop Wife of dentist elect for South Georgia is a doctor and is prepared to accept appointment as medical officer stop Would appointment of lady doctor be acceptable query Grateful learn salaries whaling companies paid doctors and for any recommendations regarding salary stop This means Government taking on liability of providing doctor but presume it is inevitable stop
268 in Para (d) stop See 26 Yourtel 175 also refers stop Have sent following telegram to Crown quote New Discovery stop Changed conditions may necessitate storage for food supplies Point stop Administrative Officer suggests (your drawing EC14695) convert proposed cold store on ground floor into deep freeze and adjoining store into cold store and changing rooms into store room to store sufficient meat for Point stop Is this possible now without appreciable increase in costs query unquote stop Kistadan may possibly be able to cater for six months food supply but require some figures to work on i.e. cubic capacity of stores required which suggest might be calculated from known requirements against stocks received in the past stop Is result of stocktaking at Grytviken yet known query

Secretary

Time
RB/TB

Copy typed FH

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Replies at 25 + 26. Bu 27.7.62.

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No. 101.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 25th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1115

Received : 25th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1515

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No. 193. Your telegram No. 151. Medical Officer South Georgia. Assume from your telegram that whaling companies have confirmed that they do not intend sending doctor to South Georgia for coming season? Regards lady doctor with all respects to lady concerned consider South Georgia not suitable place for such appointment. Must stress that Government doctor will be on own with no trained or semi trained assistance therefore importance of surgical experience cannot be over emphasized. Initially Government doctor need to use whaling hospital and equipment and no guarantee that any assistance will be available in hospital as whaling staff cut to bare minimum to run station, maintain essential services and cater for Simms men. Consider in numerous ways male doctor preferable for South Georgia but will be guided by SMO's opinion after consideration of this telegram and in view of difficulty recruitment. Suggest Colony medical officers scale A3. Whaling scale about 25% above maximum in scale A3.

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

DECODE.

No. 102.

TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 25th July, 19 62 Time : 1115

Received : 25th July, 19 62 Time : 1515

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No. 194. Your telegram No. 151. Food supplies South Georgia. Result of stocktaking at Grytviken shows that we cannot rely on Grytviken for supplies for Discovery or married families after December unless their head office alter present policy. Steward Discovery has prepared list of items required based on allowance 20 men for eight months. Eight months chosen in view of possible shipping difficulties in future particularly during initial change over of supply system. This list consists of approx. 140 items and the quantities shown would need to be increased by 50% if we hope to cater for married quarters as well as Discovery. It would appear that this list will unfortunately need to be sent telegraphically. Some items will if at all possible need to be shipped AES the remainder on Kista Dan.

See 27.

Cubic capacity at 40 cubic feet per ton total order for Discovery and married quarters approx. 15 tons. Of this would require approx. 5 tons on AES and 10 tons on Kista Dan. List would not include fresh meat as this is one item we hope to obtain from Grytviken and first outside supply would possibly be made on mid winter Darwin. In view of only receiving Grytviken stock take yesterday will recheck figures given above and then if you are agreeable will telegraph order to you.

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

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No. 110

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 25th July, 1962 *Time :* 1915

Received : 26th July, 1962 *Time :* 1111

No. 197. Reference my telegram No. 194.
Have rechecked figures therein and confirm weight of total order as 15 tons but estimate that stowage factor for cubic capacity should be 100 cubic feet per ton. Maybe FIC could give check on this. Grytviken now putting in supplementary food order but still consider we should endeavour to build up own stock as even with supplementary order only basic foods which will be running low by end of March.

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

28.17

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1. Telegram a/c 6/6 to AO
2. File to ASNO to see 21 or 24.
and get his views please - Perhaps he
would speak.

for
30/7/62.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			31.7.62
To				
etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA,				SGA/c

29/16

No. 153. Yourtel No. 197. FIC reckon cubic capacity of food about 60 cubic feet per ton comma standard being condensed milk which is 40 stop Anticipate Kista Dan arriving January could bring 15 tons stop Is this suitable query Could try to get five tons in AES but unlikely to succeed stop Suggest I explain position to Crown and let you telegraph list direct stop Please advise if funds required

Time RHDM/TB

Secretary

Reply at 34.

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P/926 No. 159. Yourtel No. 195 stop Transport for Tickell can probably
be arranged

Secretary

Time RB/TB

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Looped to 2/5/6

Atty. SMO,

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File to you as directed in para. 2 of f. 28¹⁷, pl.

P for C.S.

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Shema - Get off before 30.7.62.

d. result
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
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	Psy			1.8.62
To				
etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA				SGA/c

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25 No. 161. Yourtel of 25th July stop Have discussed with acting SMO as you suggested stop Fully appreciate importance of recruiting doctor with surgical experience and will make this clear to Secer comma but does this necessarily eliminate a woman if thus experienced query Absence of guarantee of assistance at hospital alarming and hope something would be arranged if necessary but again would position be better for a male query Recruitment of unmarried lady doctor to go round camp stations in Falklands was a failure but I wonder whether from social point of view there would be any objections to dentists wife practising at Point and Grytviken stop Unless there are factors which I have missed I would suggest accepting appointment stop If this is impossible I suggest that recruiting efforts continue the wife being appointed temporarily if necessary till vacancy filled

Secretary

Time RHDM/TB

DECODE.

No. 129/181.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 31st July, 1962 Time: 1245

Received : 31st July, 1962 Time: 1500

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No. 203. Your telegram No. 158. Agree Kista Dan bring 15 tons January and forget about AES. Grateful as suggested you explain position to Crown and advise me indent number to use in connection with telegraphic order. Extremely difficult to give cost of order suggest that Crown advise cost on receipt of order and then if necessary additional funds be requested.

Administrative Officer

See 38 + 39.

KIV-32.

PL : TB

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Accordingly. huf

From re O.I.C

BAS

gm.

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No. 22/86.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th August, 19 62 Time : 1400

Received : 4th August, 19 62 Time : 1200

No. 207. Your telegram No. 161.

When whaling companies provided doctor they also engaged diakons these are Norwegian male nurses with operating theatre pharmaceutical and x-ray experience specially trained for service in remote districts. At present time no diakons at South Georgia and Doctor Nurse is without any kind of trained assistance. The only assistance Government doctor can expect from whaling company while using their hospital is the provision of someone for hospital cleaning. There is no service boat operating from Grytviken next season it will be impossible therefore to evacuate patient in case of emergency. I have discussed matter with Doctor Nurse and he is of a very definite opinion that appointment of lady doctor would in all respects be a most unsuitable appointment. He states that commonest emergencies being orthopaedic in absence of trained assistance necessary doctor be possessed of physical strength unusual in woman. Also that frequently South Georgia doctors are called on to attend venereal diseases cases on visiting ships apart from cases amongst newly arrived whalers.

If male doctor not available and again assuming that in fact whaling companies have confirmed they are not sending doctor to South Georgia for coming season bearing in mind they are legally bound to have doctor on Southern Harvester on her voyage South can only agree that rather than be entirely without doctor lady doctor should be temporarily appointed until male doctor engaged.

Administrative Officer

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now to SgS male doctor necessary
if doctor doctor's wife employed then
or any permanent all somebody else
can be engaged.
Assume that makes of a visiting factory men
in his and 5. Selkirk. If so I understand
has we legally bound to send doctor

PL : TB
Underlined in GTC

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 10.8.62

Time : 1515

Received :

Time :

10 ~~21~~ SG. No. 15. Male doctor necessary. If dentist's wife employed should be only temporarily till somebody else can be engaged. Assume that neither of the whaling factory ships is being sent by Salvesens. If so I understand they are legally bound to send doctors. Your telegram SG. No. 6 refers.

Officer Administering the Government

PL :TB

See
Reply at 11.

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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			11.8.62
To				
etat CROWN LONDON	SGA/c			

No. 263. Adminoff South Georgia will be telegraphing list of stores required for next year stop Most important these shipped KISTADAN stop Grateful you secure shipping space fifteen tons and confirm stop Please telegraph estimated cost on receipt of order quoting indent 249/62

Secretary

Time HLB/TB

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To				
etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA				SGA/c

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No. 168. Yourtel No. 203. Crown have been advised
accordingly Indent 249/62 refers

Secretary

me HLB/TB

40.30

O.C.B.A.S.

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To see f. 34 pl.

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for C.S.

" 8.62

OAG

notes checking on -

E. Dahl

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4, 5, 7 & 19 should be dealt with when H.E. returns

or when a mail is going to S.E. if no letter happens before -
all advice in 26 news to have been taken by 27/7/62

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is regards 37 a further question has arisen in

D3/58/II Please send telegram as at 6/C with copies

for D3/58/II

8 28/3/62

Sent: see 44.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 28.8.62 Time: 1200 Received: Time:

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SG No. 17. My telegram SG No. 15. Presume that even if we provide Doctor Albion Star will continue to allow us use of Whaling Station Hospital. Manager Grytviken sees no objection but recommends that matter be taken up direct with Albion Star Southampton. Grateful if you could do this.

Officer Administering the Government

P/L : RHDM/LH

Original in D/5/62
Copy in D/3/58/II

See J.E. return (20)

18.10.62

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Reply at 45.

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No. 23/531.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 30.8.62 Time: Received: 30.8.62 Time:

34
SG. 11. Your SG. 17. South Georgia Doctor. Clark is informing Manager that he is prepared allow use of whaling station hospital but on condition that drugs supplied by Government and medical services free to Albion Star staff.

Secretary of State

P/L : LH

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			7.9.62
To	etat CROWN LONDON			SGA/C

28 38 No. 310. Mytel 263 stores for South Georgia stop Now advised Kista
Dan unable accommodate stop Most grateful you arrange shipment by
Shackleton sailing about 9th October stop Please advise progress

Secretary

Time HLB/LH

Ben 22. 9. 62 (reply).

KIV - Ben in 44.

DECODE.

No. 30.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 19.9.62

Time : 1156

Received : 19.9.62 Time : 1500

156 No. 15. Your telegram S.G. 6. Doctor for South Georgia.

Dentists wife will not now come out as expecting baby and I am trying to recruit male Doctor to sail in the Southern Harvester. Governor informed of position.

Secretary of State

P/L : LH

Copy in P/957
Copy to Sec. BAS.

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seen -
of course we have as all such
information to AD
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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			22.9.62
To	etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SGA/c

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No. 199. Following from Secretary of State repeated for information
quote Doctor for South Georgia stop Dentists wife will not now come out
as expecting baby and I am trying to recruit male Doctor to sail in the
Southern Harvester stop Governor informed of position

Secretary

Time LH

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on.

BU 18.10.62 In Hq Sec (42)

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No. 34.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th September, 19 62. Time : 1433

Received : 27th September, 19 62. Time :

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Your telegrams 263 310 11th August 8th September regarding cabled Indent 249/62 foodstuffs shipping all items except following for reasons stated on Shackleton. Turnips cabbage cauliflower parsnips leeks prawns cranberries out of season Danish cheddar edam cheese eggs bacon gammon chickens sprouts plaice no suitable stowage space available. Total FOB cost £2,560 cable return whether we explore possibility shipping above on Kista Dan detailed letter follows.

Crown

P/L : LH

Original in D/5/62

Copy in I/249/62

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3/c R. copy to AO
asking him to advise
earliest on last Sunday

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Psy

27.9.62

To

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

SGA/c

No. 207. Following from Crown repeated for information quote cabled Indent 249/62 foodstuffs shipping all items except following for reasons stated on Shackleton stop Turnips cabbage cauliflower parsnips leeks prawns cranberries out of season Danish Cheddar edam cheese eggs bacon gammon chickens sprouts plaice no suitable stowage space available stop Total FOB cost £2,560 cable return whether we explore possibility shipping above on Kista Dan detailed letter follows unquote grateful your early advice on last sentence

Secretary

RB/TB

Time

KIV-42.

BH 2.10.62.

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No. 127.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 29th September, 19 62. *Time* : 1250

Received : 19 *Time* :

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No. 250. Your telegram No. 207 Indent 249/62.
Foodstuffs. Unable to understand Crown's statement
"out of season" in reference to turnips cabbage
cauliflower parsnips leeks prawns cranberries all
these were ordered as tinned goods and not repeat
not as fresh goods. Grateful you make this clear
to Crown.

Confirm Crown should explore possibility shipping
all goods mentioned in your telegram on Kista Dan or
any other vessel as it is essential we have these
supplies.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld .) HLB

Original in D/5/62
Copy in I/249/62

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	Psy			2.10.62
To	etat CROWN LONDON			SGA/c

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No. 349. Yourtel 26th September Unable understand statement out of
season reference vegetables etc as all required tinned stop Confirm
you explore possibility shipment Kista Dan or other vessel stop Essential
South Georgia has these supplies

Secretary

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I/249/62

ime RB/LH

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No. 17.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 22nd October, 19 62. *Time :* 1731

Received : 23rd October, 19 62. *Time :* 1015

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44
Your telegram 2nd October. Regarding foodstuffs
Indent 249/62 endeavouring ship all outstanding items
on Kista Dan will keep advised.

Crown

P/L : LH

Original in D/5/62
Copy in I/249/62

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No. 144.

TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 22nd October, 19 62. Time : 1336

Received : 23rd October, 19 62. Time : 1015

No. 270. As Southern Harvester has now sailed grateful any further information re Doctor.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

Reply at 5764

57 47
Sfe H. copy ss to A/O + submit
latest inf. on Doctor.

James tel to AO then
attach file about Doctor

25.10.62

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	Psy			25.10.62
To	etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SGA/c

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No. 226. Following from Crown quote regarding foodstuffs Indent 249/62
endeavouring ship all outstanding items on Kista Dan will keep advised
unquote

Secretary

*am Sq S re doctor**gr 30/10/62*

Time LH

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 31.10.62 Time: 1115 Received: Time:

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S.G. No. 22. My telegram S.G. No. 15.

Grateful learn position recruitment Doctor.

Governor

6050

am A.C. of 19 will hold good
in view of uncertainty as to when
writing will be resumed.

P/L : DRM/LH

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TELEGRAM SENT.

No. 45.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8. 11. 62. Time: 1130 Received: 8.11.62. Time:

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No. 90. Your telegram S.G. No. 22.

Dr. David Orr appointed. Will arrive John Biscoe.
My Savingram SA/P3475 of 29th October refers.

Secretary of State.

P/L:LH

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	Psy			9.11.62
To	etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SGA/c

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46 No. 243. Yourtel 270 Dr. David Orr appointed will arrive John Biscoe

Secretary

Time RHDM/LH

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No. 103.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 13th November, 19 62. Time : 1400

Received : 14th November, 19 62. Time : 1030

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attached.

No. 289. Your telegram No. 243. Dr. Orr Medical officer. Assume Dr. Orr single in which case accommodation Grytviken would appear desirable. Unable to ascertain locally whether or not we will be charged for his accommodation. Grateful if you would contact Albion Star Southampton on this matter.

See 61

Administrative Officer

Reply at 70

P/L : LH

ask. 20.54
Albion Star.
if he can be accommodated here
it means any thing will be
made
6/16/62.

DECODE.

No. 120.

TELEGRAM.*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*Despatched* : 16th November, 19 62. *Time* : 1730*Received* : 19 *Time* :

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No. 292. Your telegram No. 243. Government Doctor. For your information Doctor Nurse expects to leave the Island on Southern Harvester about 27th November. Assuming Biscoe due in Stanley about end of November and allowing the usual time in Stanley and passage to South Georgia it would appear that Biscoe will not reach here until about the 12th December. The Island will therefore be without Doctor from about 27th November until about 12th December. Would it be possible for Shackleton to await Biscoe's arrival and bring Doctor thereby reducing time without Doctor and allow Biscoe to proceed direct South.

Reply at 54.

Administrative Officer

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J.E. Submitted. See also 29 x 30

P/L : LH

of P957. They will have this
 Cummins' handwriting - (could send a reply to this)

56.

Explaining that in view of that no
alteration was made necessary -

We should tell him when Dr Orr will arrive

J
20/4/62.

57
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 21st November, 19 62. *Time* : 1125

Received : 19 *Time* :

55
No. 252. Your telegram No. 292.

Regret Shackleton commitments do not allow her await Biscoe. Earliest opportunity Orr likely to be Protector early January. In meantime presume Mrs. Cumming would help in event emergency.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C.
EPA/TB.

414 53 02

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 155.

From Medical Officer, Grytviken, South Georgia.

To Senior Medical Officer, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 21st November, 19 62. *Time :* 1825

Received : 19 *Time :*

Was informed today of Government intentions concerning Medical Officer. In view facts my departure within few days and only Medical practitioner Island thereafter pending arrival Biscoe apparently not employed by anyone and one patient needing frequent attention at present in Grytviken hospital where no nursing staff should be grateful firm statement whether Government actually assuming Medical responsibility Island intervening period.

Medical Officer Grytviken

P/L : IH

Original with SMO.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 22nd November, 19 62. *Time :* 1530

Received : 19 *Time :*

58 No. 255. Following from Senior Medical Officer
to Nurse. Your telegram 21st matter being attended
to.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : RHDM/LH
Copy to: S.M.O.

DECODE.

No. 155.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 22nd November, 19 62. *Time* : 1535

Received : 19 *Time* :

58

No. 256. Following telegram received from Nurse.

"Was informed today of Government intentions concerning Medical Officer. In view facts my departure within few days and only Medical practitioner Island thereafter pending arrival Biscoe apparently not employed by anyone and one patient needing frequent attention at present in Grytviken hospital where no nursing staff should be grateful firm statement whether Government actually assuming Medical responsibility Island intervening period."

57

Presume matter satisfactorily settled see last sentence my telegram No. 252.

G.T.C. : Last sentence
RHDM/LH

Copy to: SMO.

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Wt P2809 5/61

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	Psy			22.11.62
To	etat ALBION SOUTHAMPTON			SGA/c

Government Doctor single arriving South Georgia early January can he
be accommodated Grytviken if so would charge be made

Colonial Secretary

Time

DRM/LH

Reply at 74.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 157.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	22nd November,	19 62.	<i>Time :</i>	1735
<i>Received :</i>	23rd November,	19 62.	<i>Time :</i>	0945

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No. 294. Understood from your telegram No. 243 Orr arriving South Georgia Biscoe. Unable to understand why this now cancelled as only entails $3\frac{1}{2}$ days diversion in Biscoe's 6 months programme. Cannot agree with your presumption Mrs. Cumming could act until arrival of own Doctor since she was considered unsuitable for vacancy. Last information on Mrs. Cumming was that she was expecting baby. Baby not on Southern Harvester therefore possible Mrs. Cumming pregnant and under impression Doctor already at South Georgia. After November 27th there will be 83 persons on Island including 5 women and 3 children. 19 contractor men will be engaged on accident prone roofing job on New Discovery and Simms were assured of Medical attention. There will be no service boat available here in case of emergency. Strongly request Orr be sent by Biscoe.

G.T.C. : LH

Original in P/970
Copy in D/5/62

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3.2. We said at 52 that Dr Orr was
appointed and was arriving on the Biscoe.

As regards Mrs Gummings' suitability to
act - please see 25 and 27. Certainly I
imagined that Mrs Gummings might well have
to act for some time (knowing the difficulty

we have in getting a doctor)

The Gummings baby is not due till 2/4

(11 of P 957)

Please also see 58-60

I was speaking to HSNB on the 'phone to-day & mentioned
the receipt of his telegram & he sounded unsympathetic
to Mr AO's attitude. Sooner than that I think due
on 27th & in the unlikely event of Mrs Gummings feeling
unable to cope he could telegraph to or before Biscoe

sailed but we do not want ^{64.} to encourage
this. Drop reply at H/L

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23/4/62.

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DECODE.

No. 169.

TELEGRAM.

From Medical Officer, Grytviken, South Georgia.

To Senior Medical Officer, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 23rd November, 19 62. *Time :* 2200

Received : 19 *Time :*

Following sent Salvesen Leith.

"Inquiry of S.M.O. Port Stanley whether Government assuming Medical responsibility Island w.e.f. my departure Grytviken and pending arrival Government Medical officer elicited reply "matter being attended to". Considering time elapsed already find this scarcely reassuring and should like through you invite Doctor at present Southern Harvester act as my locum tenens Island period in question. Am prepared offer her honorarium four guineas daily nurse".

Medical Officer Grytviken

P/L : LH

Original with SMO

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DECODE.

No. 164.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 23rd November, 19 62. *Time :* 1230

Received : 23rd November, 19 62. *Time :* 1515

No. 295. Reference your telegram No. 256. Unaware that Nurse had sent telegram quoted in your telegram 256. Patient mentioned at present in Grytviken hospital had accident at Leith on the 4th November resulting in multiple fractures of the leg. Understand leg now in plaster. Have also heard from Manager Leith that Nurse and he were hoping to arrange with Salvesens for patient to be sent to Falklands by whale catcher but date of departure of catcher not yet known. Reference last sentence of your telegram 252 please see my telegram No. 294. Furthermore as I have not yet even met person concerned am unable to agree satisfactorily settled.

P/L : LH

'Phoned to H.E.

(Intld.) DM

67
HCS seen

63400
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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th November, 1962. *Time :* 1220

Received : 19 Time :

No. 297. Following for Governor.

Y.E. decision to divert Biscoe much appreciated.
Clears up worrying situation.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

'Phoned P/S 12.10 p.m. 24th

(Intld.) HLB

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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25.11.62

To

ADMIN. OFFICER
SOUTH GEORGIA

65
FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY SMO BEGINS FOLLOWING SENT SALVESEN LEITH
QUOTE ENQUIRY OF SMO PORTSTANLEY WHETHER GOVERNMENT ASSUMING MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITY
ISLAND WEF MY DEPARTURE GRYTVIKEN AND PENDING ARRIVAL GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER
ELICITED REPLY QUOTE MATTER BEING ATTENDED TO UNQUOTE STOP CONSIDERING TIME
ELAPSED ALREADY FIND THIS SCARCELY REASSURING AND SHOULD LIKE THROUGH YOU INVITE
DOCTOR AT PRESENT ~~ME~~ SOHARVESTER ACT AS MY LOCUM TENENS ISLAND PERIOD IN QUESTION
STOP AM PREPARED OFFER HER HONORARIUM FOUR GUINEAS DAILY NURSE UNQUOTE MO
GRYTVIKEN ENDS PARA TWO PRESUME MRS CUMMINGS WOULD HELP IN ANY EMERGENCY
ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION STOP DO NOT CONSIDER FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM TENENS
NECESSARY

GOVERNOR

Time

61/7.12.62

type copy for
Smo
copy sent to SMO

25.11.62.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.
Governor,
To ~~Colonial Secretary~~, Stanley.

Despatched : 27th November, 19 62. Time : 2136.

Received : 28th November, 19 62. Time : 1020.

Priority.

Unnumbered. Southern Harvester arrived Leith today confirm Mrs. Cumming will act until Dr. Orr's arrival. Southern Gambler sailing for Falklands 28th with man from Grytviken. Manager Leith and Captain Southern Harvester arranging with Salvesens for Gambler to return to South Georgia before joining expedition. This would provide opportunity for Dr. Orr to get here. As soon as above confirmed by Salvesens will advise. If confirmed Biscoe's diversion should be cancelled.

Adminoff.

Original in P/957
Copy in D/5/62

P/L : IM. ('Phoned)

Bu 7.12.62
(61)

DECODE.

4/27

TELEGRAM.

71

From Thorsen, Grytviken.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 1st December, 19 62. Time : 1225

Received : 2nd December, 19 62. Time :

In view of difficulties created by Dr. Nurse I would like to assure you that he acted as a private person and his views in no way represent the Albion Star Company or myself as Manager and I accept no responsibility for his action regards.

Thorsen

HC ✓
NFA?
3.12.62

P/L : TB

COPY TO SMO

KIV - Bu on TO

21/12/62
with [signature]
[signature]

DECODE.

No. 19/97.

TELEGRAM.

From Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd., Southampton.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th December, 19 62 Time : 1206

Received : 4th December, 19 62 Time : 1600

Yours 23rd November. Will accommodate doctor suggest
one pound day cable approval. Please reply ours 15th October
regarding transformer.

Albion

P/L:TB

Copy on 1905/II

(Intld) DM

61
167 in 1905.
first part.

75
Ash AO
JL

recommends
acceptance
R 6/17/62

74
in 1905/II
where action will
be taken

~~85~~
756

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM ALBION STAR (SOUTHAMPTON) LTD.

DATED 6th DECEMBER, 1962. ORIGINAL FILED IN 1905/C.

Doctor

We cabled you saying that we would accommodate your doctor at a suggested cost to you of one pound per day. This of course is a special rate and in no way represents our policy to other boarders.

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	Psy			7.12.62
To				
etat	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SGA/c

53 No. 272 Yourtel 289 stop Albion state will accommodate Doctor
suggesting one pound day stop Do you recommend acceptance

Secretary

Time DEM/TB

Bu 11/12.62 (reply)

Bu 14.12.62

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 95.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 10th December, 19 62. *Time :* 1255

Received : 10th December, 19 62. *Time :* 1530

76

No. 310. Your telegram No. 272. Doctors accommodation Albion Star recommend acceptance at one pound (£1) per day as no suitable accommodation available at Point.

Administrative Officer

HCT 76
Do you agree?

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

52/12/62

H. C. S.,

79

Yes, provided funds are available.

L.C.

13.12.62

S/C

Are they?

13.12.62

81.

A. C. S.,

It appears that there is no provision for such payments, pl.

13.12.62

13.12.62.

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Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			17.12.62
To				
etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA				SGA/c

77 No. 237. Yourtel 310 please apply for coverage by special warrant
quoting equivalent savings

Secretary

Time HLB/LH

Reply at 83

BU. 21.12.62

DECODE.

No. 235.

TELEGRAM.*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*Despatched :* 18th December, 19 62. *Time :* 1730*Received :* 19th December, 19 62. *Time :* 1030

82

No. 323. Your telegram No. 287. Require coverage by Special Warrant for Doctor accommodation Grytviken. Doctor took up residence Grytviken 8th December and allowing that the June 1963 account will not be presented until July 1963 then total days 8th December to 30th May 174 days. Quote savings from head 1B subhead 29 accommodation whaling inspector £174.

Administrative Officer

84

HCT

82.

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

H.C.S.,

I suggest that H.E. be asked
to amend item 29 "Accommodation
Whaling Inspector" to "Accommodation
Doctor and Whaling Inspector".

No other action would be necessary.

L.G.

21.12.62

86.

G.E. ? approve

24/12/62

✓

RA

24.12.62

87

Hunt

to note

H.C.S.,

75A

I discussed the attached minute with Mr. Green before he left. He did not have time to sign it. The position is that South Georgia can rely on two calls from R.R.S. "Shackleton" during the season, as set out in para.6 of Green's minute. There may be other calls but these cannot be relied upon and will have to be treated as a bonus.

2. In planning for officers to go to South Georgia next season, passages will have to be arranged for them to arrive in Stanley in the "Darwin" on November 5, to connect with the mid-November sailing of "Shackleton".

December, 31 1962.

(Intld.) EPA

(Intld.) DM

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 32.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th January, 19 63. Time : 1830

Received : 19 Time :

No. 2. Point food stores. Intend selling tinned provisions to married families commencing 1st February as by then Grytviiken will no longer be able to supply. Grateful confirmation it will be in order to sell at purchase price but excluding trade discount.

Administrative Officer

89A

Reply at 98.

H.C.

ans comments to fria 2

P/L : IM
(Intld.) DM

5210/1/63.

90

Hon C.T.

Please see 87.

L.H. Jones.

8/1/63.

91

Hon L.S.,

87 seen that you, and attention to
subject till noted.

A.T. & C.T.

8.1.63

Kiv 89

92

Hon C.T.

As at 89A & C.

J. J. 10.1.63

93

H.C.S.,

Unless specific authority is obtained not
to do so the stores should be sold at landed
cost plus 20%.

There are certain special conditions at
Pank Georgia that suggest consideration of A.O's
proposal as more realistic. Much to the
islands are few and far between. Details of
stores received (price) might arrive with the stores
but freight and the most items might not turn
up for three or more months. Goods carried

by the charter Darwin would not be specifically charged for as the charter fee would cover freight. Freight will be charged by AES from London/Stanley and also by BAA ships for the same journey. If A.O. has to assist details of these charges he might be without selling prices for quite some time.

I recommend acceptance of what A.O. has proposed, i.e. that invoice price, excluding trade discounts, replace the sale condition set out in Stone Regulation 17-1(i).

95

h.c.

16.1.63

y.s.

- ✓ 1. Authorize now as matter is urgent
2. Explain to S & S and ask authority.
3. Working list.

8 17/1/63

96

HCS

Have we got to ask S & S?

17.1.63

97.

now bar AO.
in to HCT.

would be an appearance based of State Bank.

17 (page 5) I am not sure whether these
were added by S & S.

8-17/1/63

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SENT

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18.1.63

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

89 No. 15. Yourtel 2 food stores agree sell at invoice price excluding
trade discount

Secretary

Time DRM/LH

99.

H.C.T.,

to you as at 97-pl.

\$

for C.S.

18.1.63.

100

H.C.S.,

The sale price will probably be less than that worked out in accordance with P.R. Consequently H.M.G.'s great will be greater and for this reason, if none other, I think S/S approval should be obtained.

L.G. 19.1.63

101.

G.E. 96 & 100 submitted

R 21/1/63

102

HCS

Do S.Rs apply to S.G. & did
they require Sqs approval? It seems
to be a minor matter to refer to
London, & I doubt if anything was
worked out on the cost + 20% basis.

103

22.1.63

H.C.T. says stores rules framed in 1939.

any papers about companies then in. Can we find out

- (a) whether they were submitted to Sqs for approval
- & (b) whether there is anything to indicate whether
- they were intended to apply to S.G.

104

R 20/1/63

G.E. This matter of the stores should really have
been extracted from his file which started as a
general file. G.E. will perhaps wish to speak
to A.O. about the workings of the scheme of selling
timber provisions etc.

1 of the file also deals with various problems
though more have now been put in separate files

The question of whether the ~~stores~~ matter is to go
to Sqs could await G.E.'s return

(Stores rules were approved by D.C.A., there is nothing to
say they applied to S.G. But H.C.T. really suggests asking etc)

105

because he has to provide for money)

8-8/2/63

106

note at South Georgia 14.2.63.

married allow = £132 p.a.

Calculated cost of man per week at

Shooting House = £3 = £156 p.a.

If we were to charge married people landed
cost + 20% there would be a case for
increasing married allow.

107

H.C.S.

Please see my note, made at South Georgia, at
106. In these circumstances, I think we are well
justified in selling stores to married families at
invoice price excluding trade discount, and that
S. of S. authority is not necessary.

March 1, 1963.

108

HCT

8.

H.C.S.

109

Noted, thank you.

H.S.

2.3.63.

8.

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DECODE.

No. 37.

TELEGRAM.From Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.To Colonial Treasurer, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 6th June, 19 63. Time : 1401

Received : 7th June, 19 63. Time :

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Treasurer's
telegrams

Your telegram 5th. £127 in settlement of account with Albion Star for accommodation and victualling Doctor Orr from 8.12.62 to 13.4.63 at £1 per diem see Colonial Secretary's telegram 272 of 7.12.62. Administrative Officers telegram 323 to Colonial Secretary on 18.12.62 applied for special warrant to cover Doctors accommodation and you replied on 8.1.63. It is observed from printed estimates for 1962/63 that no provision was made under subhead 29 but this was not apparent from your telegram dated 1.8.62 on which the Administrative Officer had obviously based his request in telegram No. 323.

Officer-in-Charge

P/L : LH

HCT spoken
JH
10.6.63