

C. S. O.

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(Formerly)

Aug 1948

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SUBJECT :

FALKLAND ISLAND FISHERIES
CHRISTIES FISHERIES, CAPETOWN,

Apply for Fishing concession.

135/43

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
29	Capetown	24	2200	24.8.48.
To Lc R.P. 10/- Government Secretary Stanley				

Can you advise if Crawfish lobster Sharks are caught in your waters ~~xxxxxx~~
 matter urgent

Christies Fisheries Box 2365 Capetown

Reply — Reply at 24
 your — no fish
 is no fishing
 here

GT
 257P

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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To

REPLY PREPAID 10/- . CHRISTIES FISHERIES BOX 2365 CAPETOWN.

Your telegram 24th August no there is no fishery here.

No. a v. helpful reply.

me COLONIAL SECRETARY.

FA [Signature]
25/8/48

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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43	Capetown	25	11.01	26.8.48
To				
NLT Colonial Secretary		Port Stanley		

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Your reply not clear we would appreciate advise if crawfish lobster sharks could be caught understand no local fisheries.

Christeco Fisheries.

Reply at 43

Concludes G.N.
[Signature]

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To

CHRISTMAS FISHERIES CAPETOWN

Your ³ ~~6~~ telegram 26th August No crawfish lobster sharks known stop
 crab allied Lithodes canned Magellan area occurs here also quantities
 unknown.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

LJH

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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62	Capetown	26	12.08	4.9.48
To NLT COLONIAL SECRETARY				
STANLEY				

WOULD YOU CONSIDER GRANTING FISHING CONCESSION IF WE ARRANGE FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO MAKE SURVEY WITH OBJECT ESTABLISHING FACTORY CABLE.

CHRISTIE'S FISHERIES

Reply at 8

See 14

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Date: _____ Words: _____ Office of Origin: _____ Station: _____

Y.E.
1-5

The reply is "Yes" & ask for their
proposals?

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b.g
and

Reply " ~~Certainly~~ Would welcome such a proposal.
Grateful ~~please~~ ^{outline} early information of intentions. Some
investigation possibilities off-shore fishing undertaken
by Discovery Committee in — and I suggest you
consult their Report — published —.

GN to
supply
details

Continued.

G.N.

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R. expand deep bed. at 6.

by
7.9

H.C.S.

" ^{P.} ~~see~~ Discovery Reports Vol XXIII ~~1946~~ 1946, 223; Report on Trawling surveys Patagonia Shelf also Vol XVI 1937 Pt Coast Fishes ~~II~~ Patagonia Region (systematic), ~~Tr~~ Capetown University.

" No survey of in-shore fishing or local pilchard has been made, They appear to present possibilities. "

May I add, this proposal is very interesting, I should greatly like to see it realised and I think I may properly say that I am most willing to give any help I can, which might be to their advantage, since I have been here quite a time.

J.H.D.
G.N.

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To

CHRISTIES FISHERIES CAPETOWN

Your telegram 4th September certainly and would welcome such a proposal stop ~~erated~~ early outline of intentions stop some investigations possibilities off-shore fishing undertaken by Discovery Committee see Discovery Reports Volume XIII 1946 page 223 semicolon report on Trawling surveys Patagonia Shelf also Volume XVI 1937 page 1 Coast Fishes II Patagonia Region bracket systematic unbracket stop Try Capetown University stop paragraph 2 No survey of in shore fishing or local pilchard has been made they appear to present possibilities. paragraph 3 Government

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Naturalist experienced ~~hans~~ ~~biologist~~ ~~available~~ ~~maximum~~ ~~cooperation~~ ~~early~~ ~~outline~~ ~~of~~ ~~intentions~~ ~~for~~ ~~his~~ ~~preliminary~~ ~~observations~~ ~~which~~ ~~would~~ ~~be~~ ~~transmitted~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~

Time

L.H.

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than 1/2 PA.
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40	DCA118 Capetown	26	0954	9.9.48.

To LC Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Before arranging survey expedition must have concession suggest
two years with further period to be arranged cable urgent concession
rights

Christies fisheries

Reply at 11
[Signature]
1948

Time

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Y.E.

9 reply 'lice front co.
cessin 2 year first instance re.
reasonable further ~~provisional~~ period
by mutual agreement'?

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number

Office of Origin

Words

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Date

10. 9. 48.

To

CHARISTLES FISHERIES CAPETOWN

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Your telegram 9th September Will grant concession two years first instance renewable further period by mutual agreement.

Reply at 12

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See 14, 20

Time

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65	Capetown	16	10.16	11.9.48
To				
LC COLONIAL SECRETARY				
STANLEY				

HAVE PLEASURE CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE CONCESSION WILL ADVISE SOON OUR
MOVEMENTS

CHRISTIES
FISHERIES

See 11

pp 6
10/9

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner, Capetown.

Despatched: September 15th 19 48 Time: 12.30.

Received: 19 .. Time:

- Confidential. Christies Fisheries Capetown have sought and
 11 been granted 2 year concession renewable by mutual agreement.
 2. Grateful confidential report on their standing and resources.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.

Reply at 15

PAL
15/9

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TELEGRAM.

No. 31.

From H.M. Trade Commissioner, Capetown.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : September 22nd 19 48 Time : 16.00.

Received : September 23rd 19 48 Time : 09.30.

14 Your telegram September 16th 1948. Christies Fish Supply Proprietary Limited. Advise caution in dealing with this firm. They have no fishing vessel and my information is that finance limited. Cannot discover any backing for project by big fishing interests here though one Company considering. Advise you consult Colonial Office London.

TRADE COMMISSIONER.

G. T. C.

G.T.C.

15 with 14

He may await something further

LJH

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Yes.

to 12 before asking the SFS? but
an somewhat in the case of the water-
flow also depend to many things — for
consideration, not necessarily acceptance —
we have lost nothing by " "

by
23/4

no. 23
IX

G.N.

by
24.5

Als.

NOTE. I have inserted (17) my
comments at (15) pl. p. 20.8.

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49.	TGA 743. Capetown.	41.	10.05.	24.9.48.

To

MLT Colonial Secretary. Stanley.

Intend sending two experts preliminary survey when would be best time also how do
 get there have you hotel any fishing boats available could you enquire if lobster
 crawfish ever been caught important cable,

Christies Fisheries.

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 H. 2

Reply at 19

Time

18

A.

H.C.S.

Following is material for suggested reply.
Best time: as soon as possible.

"get there": via Montevideo thence steamer every month (E & O)
Accommodation: could be found (I think)

Boats: M.V. at £15 per diem.
Porvenir ~~15~~ - 18 p. diem

Dawn (harbour work) She is being re-engined.

Crab : William Scoresby secured 400 of varying sizes seven miles off this port. Other reports indicate presence much closer in. Have beach specimens in hand.

J.W.A. (Sign. of J. Williams
at Buenos Aires
27/5)

B

Y.E.

17-18 with diff. temp. for com. etc

Issue. Inc 27
7x

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To
 CHRISTIES FISHERIES CAPTOWN.

17

Your telegram 24th September best time now stop best route via Montevideo thence
 monthly sailing direct Port Stanley stop accommodation could be arranged stop
 fishing boat could be arranged at about fifteen pounds per diem stop No lobster
 no crawfish *caught* but crabs available stop See my telegram 27th August.

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PAW

COLONIAL SECRETARY. *fx*

Time *GIN* *H* *6* *2.00* *ix-48*

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To
CHRISTINE FISHERIES CAPETOWN

My telegram ¹⁹ 28th September In view my telegram ¹¹ 10th September glad learn when scientific expedition may be expected stop Steamer leaves Montevideo 6th November and 21st December.

Reply at 21

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

B.V.

23/11/48

Time
1.5H

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
49.	TCA 597. Capetown.	34.	10.55.	28.10.48.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY. STANLEY.

OWING FEW SAILINGS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE SECURE PASSAGE FROM CAPE TOWN FOR OUR BIOLOGISTS TO MAKE PRELIMINARY START WE HOPE HOWEVER TO TRY AND GET THE DECEMBER CONNECTIONS,

See 20

CHRISTIES FISHERIES.

MP
29.7

YE

fi. 30.20

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Mc. 1/2 xi PAL

Time D.E.

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No. 19.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 23. 11. 48 Time: 11.50 Received: 24.11.48 Time: 09.30.

56 in 0068/II
No. 333. Confidential. Your Despatch No. 77. Fisheries concession.

I am disturbed to see that you have granted a licence to a South African firm to explore local fisheries without consulting me. I gather from a report in Fishing News November 13th from their South African correspondent that firm in question is Christies (PTY) Limited whose Managing Director is David Gin.

2. Person named obtained similar licence from Governor of St. Helena to explore local fisheries and it was afterwards found from enquiries in South Africa that his character was not entirely satisfactory. Moreover his Company do not appear to have necessary resources and have had to enlist help of others to undertake work in St. Helena Ascension.

3. His licence to latter was originally limited to 1 year but on his representation that this period was inadequate in view of difficulty in getting equipment it was extended to 2 years. They are now engaged in work in St. Helena Ascension and unless their circumstances have greatly changed I am very doubtful whether they have resources for work in Falkland Islands as well. You may have however some information

0068/II Proposed constitutional change -
administration - 3 October 1948

Reply at 24 Sec 36, 57 which/

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which gives lie to these forebodings.

4. I understand you have asked Crown Agents to contact Christies with a view to securing their interest in purchase of your Fisheries vessel.

5. Grateful for particulars by telegram and for copy of licence by air mail.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.
LJH

B

YK

22-23 with draft term. The position is as at 16: but Mr. Hickling probably is quite as with the strongest virtue of an honest woman whose client has let his eyes stray.

L.S. G.N. agree with
draft.

26.11
As amplified? me 26/11

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 26. 11. 48 Time: 12.30 Received:Time:

22 No. 486. Your telegram No. 333. Fisheries Concession.

11 No repeat no licence has been granted. In response to Christies enquiry I agreed by telegram to grant concession two years first instance renewable further period by mutual agreement subject at their suggestion to despatch of scientific expedition. No other firm has ever shown any interest in local fisheries and though H.M. Trade Commissioner Capetown to whom I addressed enquiry reported on persons named in equivocal terms I considered it justifiable to secure visit from their investigator by agreement indicated above.

2. I had of course no intention of granting formal concession or licence until preliminary negotiations had taken place here; upon conclusion of which I would naturally consult you before any agreement was drawn up. Licence would of course include penalty clause.

3. Am grateful for information contained in your telegram under reference.

G. T. C.

GOVERNOR.

LJH

B.V. 28/12
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TELEGRAM.

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From Christies, Cape Town.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 4th December, 1948~~03~~ Time : 1203

Received : 5th December, 1948 Time : 1000

Arranged passage Montevideo three experts aboard tanker
scheduled leave here 9th.

CHRISTIES.

GE

They will arrive by 'Lafonia' c. 3/1/49
D: Hancke will be ready for them.

mc 7/11

6.12

P/L.
WH.

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TELEGRAM.

27

From Christies, Capetown.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : December 9th 19 48 Time : 21.04.

Received : December 10th 19 48 Time : 09.30.

Regret advice Captain tanker refused passage owing nature cargo will try next ship sailing 28th when does season end and what next connection Falklands will vessel sailing Montevideo 21st leave on time otherwise will try flying pleasure advising formed powerful financial syndicate carry our project cable.

P/L.
LJH

Reply at 29

CHRISTIES.

YE
25 with 20, 29
They might cable 'Fitzroy' (F.I.C.
cannot let say for certain) if they

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transfers from C.T. on 28/12/48.

2. The best thing I can do is to
telegraph approximately revised date of
F.I.C. sailings for M.V. G.W.
say the same they come the
later. if Y.E. agrees I will tele.
graph as I can.

14.12

(I must report delay in submission
his side.)

Issue - we should now consider terms conditions of license.
the 15/11 is

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To
CHRISTIES FISHERIES CADETOWN.

27

Your telegram 9th December stop advisable visit earliest opportunity
but limit season not known stop Revised sailings from Montevideo end
December mid January mid February latter problematical.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

1.31

G. IV.

38¹ and Secd.

In your order, please.

L
16.11

H.C.S.

The survey expedition (p. 9) shall have a licence in general terms ^(a) to make such scientific and other investigations as may be necessary to their purposes and (b) to export such samples & products as may be required.

2. I submit that at this stage

the licence shall be issued free since there seems no prospect of profit from the survey expedition. J.P.B.N.

Y.E.

28 - 30

I agree with 30. What we are offering is (or to speak) as E.P.L. a attraction here. He can see what Christy's has in mind when his 'expectations' are.

L
22.11

Agree - time limit?

MC 22
22.11

Y.E.

2 years (see 11)?

L
24.12

Yes - LS to draw something up in consultation with GN; we should telegraph gist to S/S.

MC 24
24.12
Y

GN.

As above, M. at the meeting
Conveniences.

Ref. 30/11/58

Don't agree
SM returned
this without comment
3/1/59

Y.E.

This was discussed with the committee.
2. Until we know the extent of story of the film and their proposals as to research it is impossible anything concrete can be formulated.

In Fisheries
Ord.
1945 Reg.
p. 8.

3. The following tentative proposals are made.

- (a) They should be given a license for ? to export fish for scientific or experimental purposes from the territorial waters of the Colony.
- (b) The quantity be limited to (two) tons.
- (c) Explosives or poisons not to be used.

K.A.
7/1.

A.

Inform SPS re license issued on 30/12 as also re 27 and say that he will be notified as to minimum of prospecting license.

M.C. 7/1

B.

4/1.

The letter submitted 10/1 with one to Home Comm' Captains. We should ascertain the reliability of their statement in order to determine what time we shall devote to them?

Ops. M.C. 9/1

K.A.
8/1.

K.A. 10/1

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28	Capetown	27	0940	50.12.48.
To	Nlt Colonial Secretary			
	Stanley			

F.Is.

Our managing direction David Gin accompanied by Professor Day sailing today Bossievene for Montevideo to Falklands please arrange passage to Island

*Passage arranged.
Gin to pay 20/- of passage.
R/S.*

Christies

Time

2/12

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TELEGRAM.

From David Gin, Montevideo

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : January 10th 19 48 *Time* : 10.00.

Received : January 10th 19 49 *Time* : 12.30.

Have arrived with Professor Day Montevideo proceeding Falklands. Captain H.M.S. Sparrow at present here will gladly take us Friday but requests your permission appreciate your help by cabling urgent permission direct Captain of Sparrow in order to leave with him and save time.

Reply at 35

P/L.

DAVID GIN OF CHRISTIES.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To H.M. Consul Montevideo

Despatched : January 10th 19 49 *Time* : 15.35.

Received : 19 .. *Time* :

Following for Commanding Officer H.M.S. Sparrow begins:-
Permission granted to bring Mr Gin and Professor Day. Ends.

See 34

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.
LJH

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 10. 1. 49. Time: 16.30 Received: Time:.....

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No. 10. Your telegram No. 333. Fisheries Concession. David
Gin and Professor Day left Capetown December 30th. They should arrive
January 20th.

²⁷
2. Christies say they have "formed powerful financial syndicate
carry out project". Am asking Trade Commissioner Capetown for
information.

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3. I will notify you as to progress negotiations and provisions
of proposed exploratory licence.

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.
LJH.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To H.M. Trade Commissioner Capetown

Despatched : January 10th 19 49 Time : 16.50.

Received : 19 .. Time :

Confidential. Christies Fish Supply Proprietary Ltd. Christies state they have ²⁷ formed powerful financial syndicate to operate proposed fishing concession in this Colony.

2. Grateful for confidential report on this development and for note on professional standing of Professor Day who is reported as accompanying David Gin.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.
LJH.

Reply 40

all 10/1/49
[Signature]

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From H.M.S. "Sparrow"

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th Jan. 19 49. *Time :* 1530

Received : 13th " 19 *Time :* 1000

Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands. From a Sparrow. I would suggest that passages for Messrs. Gin and Day have been booked in advance in s.s. "Fitzroy" sailing on or about the 15th January. Request confirmation that advancement of departure for these gentlemen is of sufficient importance as to justify the cancellation of commercial passages.

2. I shall, of course, be delighted to bring them if you so desire.

Reply at 39

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To BRITAIN MONTEVIDEO.				

Following for Commander, H.M.S. "Sparrow" begins:-

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Your 1214104 Advancement not of sufficient importance

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

*There is a telegram
in reply to*

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TELEGRAM.

From Trade Commissioner, South Africa.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th Jan. 19 49 Time : 0940

Received : 13th " 19 49 Time : 1400

37 Your telegram of January 11th. Little to add to my telegram of September 22nd. Rumour that Gin has financial backing of ? Wilton who visited the Union recently. Professor Day, Professor Zoology ~~Capetown~~ Capetown University.

TRADE COMMISSIONER.

P/L.
WH.

CS

PARK
15/1
You are adding an enquiry to St. Helena? Inc. 18/1.49.

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TELEGRAM.

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From GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

To GOVERNOR, ST. HELENA.

Despatched : 18.1.49 19 Time : 1200

Received : 19 Time :

CONFIDENTIAL. David Gin of Christies Fisheries applying for fishing concession here. Would be grateful for confidential report on Gin, his capabilities and extent of concession you have granted.

G.T.C.
WH.

GOVERNOR.

Reply at 43

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2
Hardy Maltan "also has found on Board" is 27 and his only
address remaining to John Maltan is c/o his solicitors."

CS

M. Gini & Professor Day called.

2. The former ^{in fact} states that he has ample resources at his disposal and seems to be interested in almost anything that can be explored, fish, forest or good seed housing - even seaweed.

3. They are to poke around the creeks in Alad (if ~~that~~ ^{it} can arrange) and then do the round trip in the Lafania; as to this the Fitzroy home would really be better if it gets back here (which it should) in time to catch the Lafania on 6th February. Fitzroy will take them to e.g. Bay Cove & Charles on the West. Alternatively Gini might go for the Fitzroy + Day in the Lafania when they would cover the whole area between them?

4. M.G. spoke of an admission of his expatriation licence - this can be considered when we hear a bit more about him e.g. reply to review!
~~the present work is a...~~ M.G. 19

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TELEGRAM.

No. 74.

From His Excellency the Governor, St. Helena.

To His Excellency the Governor.....

Despatched : January 22nd 19 49 Time : 08.00.

Received : January 23rd 19 49 Time : 09.30.

M13. Confidential. With the approval of the Secretary of State fishing licence with sole rights has been granted to Christies Ltd South Africa for the period of 2 years ending 31st December 1949. Licence provides for installation of canning plant if survey is successful in which case it is likely that sole concession would be granted for a term of years. Survey is still proceeding. Licence covers St. Helena Ascension ? .

2. Confidential enquiries made in South Africa and London on Christies Ltd were satisfactory. Technique of Gin is to obtain preliminary licence or concession and later float new Company with assistance of other fishing concern. I advise clause providing for no

transfer/

see 41

y. transfer of any licence granted until you are satisfied of bona fides
I see no reason why you should not negotiate with Gin but I advise
caution repeat caution in dealing with him should there be competitors
for fishing concession in your territory.

GOVERNOR OF ST. HELENA.

G.T.C.
LJH.

Y.E.

X on 4th conflicts with 1st and 22nd para 2.
All advise caution but do not specify reason.
Y above - no transfer without ^{Y.E.'s} written permission
would it ~~be~~ be a condition of the licence.

K.H.

We are granting nothing more than ^{25%} what amounts to a prospecting
licence - We should keep S.O.S. informed of developments. I gather that
has asked for a line on G. think commercial value in S.S.



Ship Hotel
Port Stanley
Thursday

Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad if you can
arrange an interview for me with His Excellency
the Governor to discuss the following items
in connection with the licence for fishing
granted to my Company

- (a) Extension of Present licence
- (b) Seals
- (c) Penguin & Penguin Eggs
- (d) Sea Weeds

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Howard Jen

BAKED

1/11/48

Ship Hotel
Port Stanley

Saturday
29th Jan. 1949

Colonial Secretary
Zackland Islands.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of ⁴⁵ Thursday 27th inst.
I would like to point out the following facts
regarding my organization.

The name of my Company is:-

Christies Fish Supplies (Pty) Ltd which a paid up
Capital of £50,000. The Directors are
The Rt. Hon. Earl of Winton, D. Jen, A. Kally, M. Kally.
my company also controls the Colonial Fishing
Corporation (Pty) Ltd which has a registered and
paid up Capital of £50,000, which is formed to
develop St Helena and Ascension Island.

my company in this venture (Zackland Island)
will be associated with the Standard Canners Ltd
a company registered with a paid up Capital
of £750,000 in 5/- shares, which is being quoted
on the Exchange at present at about 18/6. and
the newly formed United Canners Association Ltd
with a capital of £1,750,000.

Professer Day and myself have come out
to have a look around and to find out what are
the prospects of establishing a market from your
fishing. Unfortunately no fishing is done here
and the few days we went out we caught the
same type of fish. There being no suitable nets

or gear so that we can do a small trawl.

If an extension of ^{Exploratory} ~~License~~ ^{License} can be arrange, we will recommend that a boat fully equipped with a survey be sent out, this would cost roughly about £10000 and would take about four months legs around the islands, to get this survey ready would take us at least 6 or 9 months so that by the time all is ready our License would be expired, hence the request for an extension.

I do not oppose this - further 6 months? But it doesn't end up by bill 10.9.1950. How long exp?

By Sept. 1949 when will you have a year to prove possible?

We have also asked permission to take certain seals, especially fur seals, and any that come into our nets during fishing, as they can do much damage to the nets, also Penguin Eggs all this would be commercialized on a proper manner to the benefit of all.

No.

No.

Sea weed keep a cable received from my office in Capetown yesterday says:-

"Algerie London own investigations Falklands prove production costs plus freight too expensive material landed united Kingdom also project requires half million Capital. Stop. If you still interested they prepared hear proposition" we shall be glad to obtain permission for the working of the keep.

No.

Should you assist us, so that we can make a start on this islands we hope to establish a fishmeal and Oil factory, and a drying house for the kelp, our markets will mostly be in America, which is nearer than Britain and we will be in a position to earn many dollars, our associated house in New York is Atlas Foods (a branch of General Foods Inc.) and we will also investigate the prospects of using one of our small refrigerated boats around this coast.

As we will be leaving on Tuesday we would be grateful for a reply to my
 45 letter of Thursday 27th.

Yours faithfully
David Jen

YE

45/8. I do not think the name of the other partner mentioned to YB by the firm is included in the 1st Ave. The concern is obviously a family affair with [unclear] transfer in to Ave. It

Let us ask him on Monday.

Yes, the sprat [unclear] to catch the mackerel.

I am not interested in this and will not get a column of 6 inches or less [unclear] to send out [unclear] and undertake proper scientific [unclear] if necessary is really necessary for this purpose.

2. Extension is required of 5 years from the date of the Helena venture pact - that concession expires 31. Dec 1949.

As no one else is interested I cannot see that there would be any in granting a prospecting licence for 2 years from 1.1.49 - no transfer without your written permission. Some good might come from it.

3. It has been the rats and [unclear] aspect of the question.

Correct.

4. With regard to Kelp we are not legally bound to BAKC. But naturally we should inform them we are entering into negotiations with another company - if we are. (P. Dec 79-81 - 0004 RPA).

No - but I consider myself morally bound to them and wish they have advised me that they are no longer interested I do not propose to discuss Kelp exploration with them.

Kh.
29/1

I will see him at 10.30 on Monday.

INC. 29/1.49.

C

Discussed with Mr. Ginn 1030 today.

2. Told him that question of further extension of his exploratory licence would be considered when he had implemented undertaking to send out research party with boat; he said this would take the best part of a year and I replied that that would still give him about 9 months to test possibilities.

3. Re. Seaweed, I said that I still considered myself committed to BAKC until such time as they tell me they are no longer interested; he should deal with them. He said that he had already been in ~~contact~~ correspondence with ICI & Courtaulds who had referred him to Alginat Industries Ltd. I remained firm on this point.

4. I was not intended in the separation of Pomgoni or Pomgoni eggs.

5. Admin

(a) Prepare Lease.

(b) Let SJS know what we are doing.

MC. 31
7.49

4E.

All pieces submitted.

Should I have side of the St Helena piece I will
inform you and make additions - if necessary -
Kouss / believe I have covered all points
required at the moment.

R.H.

11/2.

That should med it.

para 3 I think we

might omit [] ?

mc. 12/2

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COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS Co., LTD., WEYBRIDGE DATED
----- 1st FEBRUARY, 1949. -----

Referring to your telegram of 25th ulto. Cotts Capetown advise registered 1940 capital £50,000 stated have mineral and fishing rights Falkland Islands St. Helena Ascension Island integrity considered good.

Charles Fife

Copy for
His Excellency the Governor.

*F&BU for h.m.m. /
Mc. / -*

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
4	Lafonia	12	23.00	10.2.49

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

Arriving Lafonia Saturday will call for fishing licence

Gin

Christie H.

Time

0830

HCS



54 ~~73~~

12th February, 49.

Sir,

55
I am directed to hand you, on behalf of Christies Fisheries (Pty.) Limited, exploratory licence regarding fishing in the Falkland Islands.

2. Would you kindly sign the attached duplicate of this letter as an acknowledgement of receipt.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. Hunter

Acting Colonial Secretary.

D. Gin, Esq.,
STANLEY.

Received exploratory licence.

[Signature]

[Signature]

55

To Christies Fisheries Supplies (Pty.) Limited,
CAPE TOWN.

I hereby grant you Licence to explore the inshore fishing in the Colony of the Falkland Islands subject to the following conditions:

1. The period of the licence shall be Two years from 9th September, 1948, but may be renewed by me for a period not exceeding one year on my being satisfied that you have taken such steps as I consider necessary to carry out the objects of this Licence.
2. You will during the period of the Licence take all steps as I may deem necessary to explore fish and fishing in the inland and territorial waters of the Colony for the purpose of forming a fishing industry in the Colony for the export of fish, and/or the manufacture and export of foodstuffs, guano and other products of fish.
3. This Licence shall not be transferred.
4. This Licence may be determined by me at any time after the 9th September, 1949, by six months notice in writing if I am satisfied that all necessary steps are not being taken by you to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2 hereof.

Signed this 12th day of February, 1949.

(Sgd) MILES CLIFFORD.
Governor.

See 74

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 16. 2. 49 Time: 11.10. Received: Time:.....

No. 58. Your telegram No. ²²333 of 1948.

Gin and Day, Professor of Zoology, Capetown University, have carried out preliminary and very superficial survey of approximately one month.

2. I have received satisfactory report from Governor St. Helena also satisfactory independent report as to financial standing of company.

3. As no apparent possibility of others being interested in development fishing industry I have granted Christies exploratory licence only. Following is summary of terms: c.

- (a) Two years from 9th of September 1948 renewable for one year on my being satisfied they have taken steps to carry out objects of licence.
- (b) They take such steps as I may deem necessary to explore fishing for purpose of forming fishing industry for export of fish and for manufacture of fish products.
- (c) Licence not transfereable.
- (d) Licence terminable by me on 6 months' notice any time after 9th September 1949 if I am not satisfied they are taking all steps to comply with (b).

You will agree it is non-committal: some good may come from it, though I am not optimistic.

4. I am forwarding copy of licence by next mail.

G. T. C.
L.P.

GOVERNOR

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Gin,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: February 16th 19 49 Time: 13.00.

Received: February 17th 19 49 Time: 09.30.

Re licence 12th would appreciate cabled interpretation sentence (as I may deem necessary) in paragraph 2 also to point out that item four is contrary to original cabled licence and our discussion January 31st my address next ten days care British Consulate Montevideo

F/L.
LJH.

Reply at 59

GIN.

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TELEGRAM.

59

From The Colonial Secretary

To H.M. Consul, Montevideo.

Despatched : February 17th 19 49 Time : 15.30.

Received : 19 .. Time :

Following for Gin begins:-

Words as I may deem necessary are to ensure that all reasonable steps shall be taken to exercise licence. Cannot agree that paragraph 4 imports fresh condition. Customary provision in event of failure to exercise licence which hope not arise. ENDS.

see 58

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.
LJH

10/21
23/10

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Saving Telegram to S. S. S.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 18th February, 1949.

No. 52. SAVERI COLONY.

My telegram No. 58. Fisheries Concession.

I now forward copy of exploratory licence given to
Christies Fisheries (Pty.) Ltd.

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See 63

GOVERNOR.

DEP.

1/11
23/2/49
H.H.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
14	Capetown	19	12.45	5.4.49
To				
Nlt Government Secretary		F	I	

Just arrived back our investigations will receive early attention convey my respects his Excellency

Gin

Me.

Time

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M.B. 61 fr. pl. something may come of it.

Kitt
9/4. I doubt it.

Mc. 11/10

Fr
9/4

63

19888/54/49

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Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of Falkland Islands
(COLONY)

Date 30 May, 1949

No. 80 Saving.



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Your telegram No. 32 saving Colony, of the 18th February.

Fisheries Concession.

Owing to his absence on tour, my Fisheries Adviser has only recently had the opportunity of commenting on the exploratory licence granted to Christies Fisheries (Pty.) Limited. As regards paragraph 2 of the licence, his suggestions are as follows:-

"Conditions of work should be made severe. He should be required to begin work during the first summer after the signing of the Agreement, and begin commercial operations within the two year period. He should make his results freely available to Government and employ where possible local men. The terms should be much the same as those granted him for his St. Helena, Ascension licence."

64-66

2. I agree generally with Dr. Hickling's remarks and I enclose, for your information, a copy of the licence granted to this Company in St. Helena.

Reply at 68.
Secer.

Dr. 27/6

CS H. H.

pk R. H. 27/6

LICENCE FOR FISHERIES.

Preamble.

Licence issued under the provisions of the Fisheries and Fish products (Export) Ordinance, No. 5 of 1928 and the Crayfish Export Ordinance, No. 7 of 1933, by the Governor of St. Helena subject to the conditions hereinafter set out to

CHRISTMAS (PTY) LTD. of CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA and hereinafter called the Licensee.

The Licensee shall have the sole right to take fish of all species including Crayfish within the territorial waters of St. Helena and Ascension for export of them and the products therefrom during the period of ONE YEAR from the FIRST day of JANUARY, 1948 in the first instance. This period may be extended for a further maximum period of FIVE YEARS subject to the approval of this Licence by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Conditions.

1. A fee of £50 per annum shall be payable on the 1st January, 1948, and on the same day each year of the period of Licence.

Payment of Royalties.

2. Royalties shall be payable to the Colonial Treasurer in respect of every crayfish (Length of 8" or Stamp) at the rate of one quarter of a penny and on every 2240 lbs liveweight of fish caught at the rate of ten shillings.

Sales in hard currency areas.

3. All proceeds of sales of export ^{to} of hard currency areas shall be remitted to the Colony. *ke*

Local prices of fish.

4. The local price for sale of fresh and processed fish shall be controlled by the Governor.

Close Season.

5. No Crayfish shall be taken during the close season. No female crayfish or crayfish under three quarters of a pound weight shall be taken at any time.

Local demand for fish.

6. No fish shall be exported or processed for export until the local daily demand for fish has been satisfied.

Local fishing rights.

7. The Licensee shall not interfere in any way with local fishing rights of the people of St. Helena and Ascension, provided that no export for fish or fish products by local fishermen shall be permitted except to passing ships for consumption on board. No ground fish shall be taken by the Licensee within 100 yards of the shore between Barn Point and South West Point.

Standards of purity and quality to be maintained.

8. The Licensee shall conform to the Laws in force in the United Kingdom regarding the standards of purity and quality of the Licensee's products for export.

Precautions against nuisance.

9. The Licensee shall at all times take every precaution to avoid creating a nuisance and take immediate steps to abate any nuisance caused.

Purchase of boats.

10. The Licensee shall not, without the approval of the Governor, acquire or purchase any boat locally for taking fish.

Employment of local labour.

11. The Licensee shall employ not less than 75 per cent locally-born labour in taking and processing fish taken under this Licence.

Employment of
Local Fishermen.

12. Any fisherman or boatman of St. Helena birth who applies to the Licensee for employment shall be employed unless good reason can be shown to the satisfaction of the Governor.

Repatriation
deposits.

13. The Licensee shall deposit the sum of 250 or enter into a bond to pay such sum for the repatriation of any person born on St. Helena or Ascension who may be taken elsewhere from these places. The deposit shall be refunded on the return home of such person.

Dismissal of
Local employees.

14. In the event of the dismissal of a St. Helenian worker being necessary a report shall be submitted to the Government Secretary for the information of the Governor. If, in the opinion of the Governor, the discharge of the employee was unwarranted he shall be reinstated and the decision of the Governor shall be final.

Wages.

15. The wages paid to employees of St. Helena birth shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and shall not in any case be less than the wages paid by commercial and industrial concerns in St. Helena.

Holidays.

16. The Licensee shall grant annual holidays to all employees on a scale to be approved by the Governor.

Erection of
Factories.

17. Within eighteen months of the issue of this licence the Licensee shall erect a factory for the processing of a minimum of 350 long tons of fish per annum.

Plans of
Buildings and
Factories.

18. Buildings and factory plans shall be submitted to Government for prior approval.

Medical
Treatment.

19. The Licensee shall maintain at every factory or plant a First Aid Post and shall provide free medical treatment for all employees.

Hours of
work.

20. The hours of work in a factory shall not exceed forty-eight hours in each week.

Sunday
Observance.

21. No work shall be carried out on Sundays save essential work for the care and maintenance of plant and machinery.

Minimum age
of employees
in factories.

22. No male or female shall be employed under the age of fifteen years.

Inspections.

23. All properties of the Licensee in the colony shall be subject to inspection by the Health authorities, the Inspector of Factories or any Officer of the Government specially authorized by the Governor.

Inspection fees.

24. Fees for inspection of edible products of the Licensee shall be payable at such rate as may be determined by the Governor.

Supply of
Samples and
Information.

25. The Licensee shall supply to the Government such samples of products as may be required from time to time and shall supply statistics regarding the findings under this Licence and of manufactured products therefrom.

Temporary
release of
Boatmen and boats.

26. The Licensee shall release from his service temporarily local boatmen and boats when vessels are in Port if so required by the Governor.

Protection of
Island Indust-
ries.

27. If direct import of goods from America or the Union of South Africa not for use in connection with this Licence at any time adversely affects any Island Industry the Governor may take such steps as he may consider fit to protect such industry.

Suspension or
amendment of
Licence.

28. The Governor may suspend or amend this Licence on grounds of public emergency without compensation.

Licence not
transferable.

29. This Licence is not transferable without the consent of the Governor.

Government opt-
ion on plant
etc.

30. In the event of the Licensee ceasing to operate in the Colony the Government shall have first option on the plant, buildings and properties of the Licensee at a valuation to be agreed between the Licensee and the Government. In the case of agreement not being reached the matter will be referred to arbitration in accordance with Law in force in Great Britain.

Operation of
Licence.

31. This Licence shall lapse if the Licensee fails to make proper use of it for any period of six consecutive months without good reasons to satisfy the Governor.

Breach of
conditions.

32. In the event of any breach of or failure to comply with any of the requirements of this Licence the Licence may be terminated by the Governor.

Interpretation.

33. In the event of any doubt or ambiguity in the interpretation of this Licence the decision of the Governor shall be final.

K.H. Clarke

Government Secretary.
11 August, 1947.

The Castle,
Jamestown,
St. Helena.

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Y.H.

It was not anticipated that the licence (55) would find favour in the eyes of the Fisheries Division as (1) his own fishing scheme was turned down by the Economy Committee and (2) consideration of Christie's application was without reference to him (cf see 22).

Yes.

2. He has however jumped too soon. The present licence is exploratory only: the suggested conditions do not apply. They would do so when a working licence - as at St Helena - is granted.

3. Christie's will not of course commence work until they have found out whether it will be worth while. This considered they are certainly tied down by the present licence.

4. St 8/7 submitted.

R.H.

6/7.

C.S. T.G. Pl. issue.

7/7/45.

0839/A

F. I. ref: 19388/54/49.

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.
8th July, 1949.

Date:

No. 104.

COLONY.

SAVING.

63. Your Saving Telegram No. 80 of 30th May, 1949. Fisheries
Concession.

I am grateful for the comments of your Fisheries Adviser and for the copy of the St. Helena licence, both of which I should follow closely as far as local circumstances permit in the event of a working licence being granted to Christies.

2. But present licence granted is exploratory only: Christies propose to bring their own vessel to make investigations. Until this has been done it is considered the conditions recommended do not arise.

22 B A - 3. So far Christies have taken no steps under the licence. Under Clause 4 of the licence I can give 6 months notice of termination on 9th September 1949.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

DRM.

12/25 See 91.

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J.E.

may wish to see from p. 63 for information.

It is apparent from H 1:2 of 0839 attached that there
may be interest, but there is not yet any occasion

X) to give notice of termination of license to Christie?

24/11/49.

Seen. I discussed with my brother of St. Helena
when on leave and gather his opinion of Gini has undergone
considerable modification!

As to X above we should not overlook para 4 of 55.
it is high time we heard something from this
We should prod him a little?

Mc. 28/xi

See also file below.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30.11.49.

To
CHRISTIES FISHERIES CAPETOWN.

55
REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER YOU PROPOSE TO TAKE ANY ACTION
UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF EXPLORATORY FISHERY LICENCE GRANTED TO YOU STOP
IN DEFAULT OF REPLY GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO DETERMINE LICENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH
4.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

WH.
Time

BUC 10/12/49

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From CHRISTIES FISHERIES, CAPE TOWN.

To: COLONIAL SECRETARY.

<i>Despatched:</i> 5th December.	19 49.	<i>Time:</i> 1249
<i>Received:</i> 6th December.	19 49	<i>Time:</i> 0900.

Have written. All necessary steps to proceed have been taken. Boat purchased. Owing to local financial regulations have had to delay matters. Would appreciate licence renewed.

CHRISTIES FISHERIES.

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Y.E.

W.r.t. your minute at p.69, Y.E. will be interested to see pages 70 and 71. There need be no hurry about renewing the licence, which was granted for two years in the first instance as from 9/9/48 and may be renewed for a further year. I gather the gentleman is what they call in S. Africa "slim".

fl

V. unimpressive

10/12/49.

mc 10/xii

Bu. 15.2.50

fl

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From CHRISTIES FISHERIES. CAPE TOWN,

To THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 24th January. 1950. Time : 1215

Received : 25th January. 1950. Time : 0900

Just been advised letter written to you enclosed in letter to another island. Accept apologies. Writing today.

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Ingenuous.

CHRISTIES FISHERIES.

Hm.

B.V. 27/3/50.

f.

p76.

(Intld) M.R.R.

S.S.

25/1/50.

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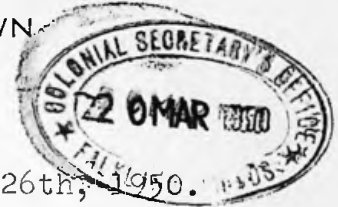
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January 26th,

The Government Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

0839

Dear Sir,

55

With reference to the fishing licence granted to us on the 12th day of February 1949, we would like to advise you that we are now taking steps with a view to carrying out the recommendation of Prof. Day and Mr D. Ginn.

The M.V. "LY" has just been bought and is to be re-engined and made suitable for a proper survey, but owing to local import restrictions we will have to await the arrival of the new engine and gear from overseas. This should be completed by April or May, 1950. We will however communicate with you again before that date and advise you what progress has been made.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTIE'S FISH SUPPLIES (PTY) LTD.,

D. Ginn

DIRECTOR

21 MAR 1950

See 75

J.E. Above fr. w.c. 71. & 73.

23 MAR 1950

It had better be. M.C. 22/11

Bo. 20/5/50

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				24. 5. 50.

To
CHRISTIES FISHERIES P. O. BOX 2365 CAPE TOWN.

⁷⁴
Your letter 26th January request advise what further progress has been made stop If no further progress Government proposes to determine licence.

Reply at 76

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Bill
7/5/50

Time

LJH

0839

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 5.

From Christies Fisheries, Cape Town.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched :	May	^F 1st	19 50	Time : 10.13.
Received :	May	2nd	19 50	Time : 09.30.

75

Re your cable our survey vessel near completion writing fully explaining progress todate.

X

YE. Above fr. The ~~license~~ license (f.55) is for 2 years from 9.9.48,
 * if they don't hurry up they will be too late.

CHRISTIES FISHERIES.

P/L.
LJH

R

3 MAY 1950

..... ne sont pas sérieux

MC 3/V

Ru. 1/7/50

0239.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Christies Fisheries, Capetown.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : June 30th 19 50 *Time* : 15.30.

Received : July 1st 19 50 *Time* : 09.30.

Have today written fully regarding concession.

CHRISTIES.

P/L.
LJH.

77

Rec'd BU 20/7/55.

Rec'd BU 15/8/55.

78

JK

p. 77. We still haven't had this letter. The license is due to expire on the 9th of next month.

11

23 AUG 1950

Because it hasn't been written (possibly).
Give him till the Fitzroy comes down and then inform him (by letter) that the license expired on due date.

me 23/VIII

By accident.

23 AUG 1950

mail 7

Have rec'd 27/10/50.

BU
15/9/50
23/9/50

30th September, 50.

Sir,

55.

With reference to the Licence granted to you on the 12th of February, 1949, to explore the inshore fishing in this Colony, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Licence duly expired on the 8th of September, 1950.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY

D. Gin, Esq.,
Christie's Fish Supplies (Pty.) Ltd.,
17, Long Street,
CAPE TOWN.

21/10/50

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 26th October, 1950.

No. 295. COLONY.

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Reference C.A.G.'s. Savingram No. 104 Colony of 6th July, 1949.
Fisheries Concession.

2. As Christmas Fisheries made no attempt to carry out objects of exploratory licence, I have caused them to be informed that it expired on 6th September, 1950.

GOVERNOR.



A handwritten signature, possibly 'G. G. G.', is written over the date '11/11/50'.