

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No.

Date of Receipt.

Governor's Office.

Gov^t House
19 May, 1915
Falklands

From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Papers re shipment of wool from Colony by S. S. "Crown of Arragon".

No.

Date

27

9th March, 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

326/15.

Registered Number of last Despatch.

MINUTES.

Seen

Hon Col Sec.

It'd. D.Y.

For your information

10.6.15

(It'd) D. Y.

H. E.

Noted

(sd.) C. F. Condell
C.S.

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Seen

(It'd) D.Y.

15.6.15.

No. next Despatch.

Reference to previous correspondence:--

~~Secretary of State's~~
Governor's } Despatch No. telegram of the
29th of February 1915.

Faekland Islands

No 27.

Downing Street,

9th March 1915.

Sir,



I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the shipment of wool from
the Colony by the S/S. "Crown of Aragon."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Faekland Islands

Date.	Description.
1915	
22 Feb.	Copy of letter to Admiralty
" "	" " " " Crown Agents
- Feb	" " " " from Admiralty.
3 March	" " " " Crown Agents (with inclosures)
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c. h.
8181/1915.

Downing Street.

PRESSING.

22nd February 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the accompanying copy of a telegram from the Governor of the Falkland Islands regarding the shipment of wool.

~~Gov. Tel.
9th February~~ 2. It is presumed that the steamship "Crown of Arragon" has been requisitioned for Admiralty service, and I am to enquire whether, if this is the case, the wool could be shipped by that vessel as suggested by the Governor.

3. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are being asked to ascertain from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company whether in the circumstances they have any observations to offer.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) H.J. READ,

for the Under Secretary of State.

THE SECRETARY
ADMIRALTY.

COPY.

Downing Street.

PRESSING.

22nd February 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, for your information, the accompanying copy of a telegram from the Governor of the Falkland Islands respecting the shipment of wool.

Cov. Tel.
9th February.

2. Since it is understood that the steamship "Crown of Arragon" has been requisitioned for Admiralty service, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are being asked whether effect could be given to the Governor's suggestion.

3. In the meantime I am to request you to ascertain from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company whether in the circumstances they have any observations to offer.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) H.J. READ,

for the Under Secretary of State.

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

COPY.

T.4793/1915.

Admiralty.

February, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant (No. 8181/15) relative to the shipment of Wool from the Falkland Islands by the Steam Ship "Crown of Arragon", I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that My Lords are agreeable to the 1,000 bales of Wool being shipped to England in this vessel.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) W. GRAHAM GREENE.

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

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the shipment of Wool from the Falkland Islands by the Steam Ship "Crown of Arragon" and the enclosed copy of correspondence received from the Falkland Islands Company, I am commanded to acquaint you that the Admiralty are agreeable to the 1,000 bales of Wool being shipped to England in this vessel. It is proposed to pay the Admiralty £5 per ton, and the difference, 12/6 per ton, to be paid to the Falkland Islands Company.

Copy.

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WHITEHALL GARDENS,

LONDON, S.W.

3rd March, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd February, No. 8181/15, respecting the shipment of wool from the Falkland Islands.

2. We wrote to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company asking if they had any objection to the shipment of 1,000 bales by the s.s. "Crown of Arragon", provided the Admiralty agreed, and if they had any observations to offer, and have received the following telegram from them:-

"Referring yours 24th quite agreeable ship thousand bales Crown Arragon have instructed Falkland Islands Company accordingly."

3. We understand that the 1,000 bales in question belong to the Falkland Islands Company, and we enclose copies of correspondence received from them on the subject.

4. You will notice that the freight usually paid to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company is 60/- per ton for wool; but if any is shipped by the "Crown of Arragon" it is proposed to pay the Admiralty 46/8 per ton, and the difference, 13/4 per ton, to be paid to

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to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

I have, etc.,

(SD) R.L. ANTROBUS.

for Crown Agents.

Gentlemen,

Referring to our Chairman's interview with you this morning, I beg to enclose extract of letter of 26th February to our Agents, Messrs. W. Lender and Company, Liverpool, asking them to endeavour to obtain from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company their consent to the shipment of coal at Port Stanley, on the terms suggested, in the "Form of Arrangements".

I also enclose, in original form from Messrs. W. Lender and Company and letter from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company both of the 26th February. Kindly return these after you have finished with them.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

&c., &c., &c.

COLONIAL OFFICE.

Yours etc.,

(SD) THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY LIMITED.

The Falkland Islands Company Limited to Crown Agents

61 Gracechurch Street

London, E.C.

1st March, 1915.

Gentlemen,

Referring to our Chairman's interview with you this morning, I beg to enclose extract of letter of 24th February to our Agents, Messrs. W. Lowden and Company, Liverpool, asking them to endeavour to obtain from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company their consent to the shipment of wool at Port Stanley, on the terms suggested, in the "Crown of Arragon."

I also enclose, in original wire from Messrs W. Lowder and Company and letter from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company both of the 26th February. Kindly return these after you have finished with them.

As it is very important to us that some decision should be come to in this matter as soon as possible, we shall be greatly obliged if you will advise us immediately anything is settled.

Yours etc.,

(SD) THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
COMPANY LIMITED.

Extract from letter to Messrs. W.Lowden and Company
dated 24th February.

Liverpool.

"Fortunately I was able to discuss the matter with Mr. Cobb this morning, and we agreed that in view of our contract with the P.S.N. we can do nothing without their consent. But it seems possible that it might suit them, if they really are short of tonnage, if an arrangement could be made to pay the "Crown of Arragon" say a freight of $\frac{1}{4}$ per lb = 46/8 per ton, and for us to pay to the P.S.N.Co., the difference between that and the 60/- our contract with them. The effect would be to give them a premium of $1\frac{3}{4}$ a ton for the wool by the outside steamer.

Yours etc.,

For The Falkland Islands Co.Ltd.

(SD) E.B.Goddard

Secretary.

Downing Street.

22nd February 1915.

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Downing Street,

4 March, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter T.4793/1915 of the 25th February I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Crown Agents for the Colonies regarding the shipment from the Falkland Islands of 1000 bales of wool by the Steamship "Crown of Arragon."

C.A. to C.O. 3rd Mch.
1915.

2. It is understood from semi-official communication with the Admiralty that telegraphic instructions were sent at 8.55 p.m. on the 25th February to the Senior Naval Officer at Monte Video to inform the Governor of the Falkland Islands that the wool might be shipped as desired, but that on the same date the "Crown of Arragon" left the Falkland Islands for England and that consequently, unless the wool was put on board in anticipation of permission being granted, instructions would probably not have reached the Colony in time to enable shipment to be made.

3. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have already been informed semi-officially of what is understood to be the position and they will doubtless inform the Falkland Islands Company to whom the wool belongs.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THE SECRETARY

TO THE ADMIRALTY.

(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State.