

1921

C.S.

Nominal.

J M Bagshawe

No. 545/21

Mr. a Bagshawe

SUBJECT.

1921

13th June

Previous Paper.

Mr. J. M. Bagshawe Member of Br. Imperial
Antarctic Expedition.

Enquiry regarding:

1093/21

MINUTES.

Letter from Mr. a Bagshawe dated 13th June 1921
Enclos

Mr. Hamilton,

For the favour of your report please.

W. Thompson

A. C. S. 15/7/21.

Hon. Col. Sec.

It is the case that these two men, T. W. Bagshawe and Mr. Lister have been left alone at Water Boat Point, Andvord Bay, Belgica Strait until relieved next year. When last visited by the expedition in March of this year they were both alive and well and definitely required to leave the place in question.

So far as I was able to ascertain from the members of the expedition the two left at Andvord Bay are adequately, and in some respects abundantly supplied with food and have also a supply of fuel (5 tons of coal were landed).

Mr. B. J. Wilkins, at one time a member of the B. I. A. E., informed me that he said the strictest injunctions on Messrs. Lister and Bagshawe not to go on the ice when the bay might be filled with it.

I consider that there is no danger from sea ice piling on the beach or from land ice falling

Subsequent Paper.

from above.

It may be regarded as a certainty that Andvord Bay is inaccessible until after the break up of the ice next summer, but at what exact time of the year this will take place and Belgica Straits become open I cannot say, since the time varies from year to year. It might however be before February.

The whalers might be asked to visit Water Boat Point and relieve the party at the first opportunity next season, if the two men will leave before the completion of their 12 months stay at Andvord Bay.

Relief was guaranteed by the whalers for February of 1922.

J. Hamilton
Spendiary Magistrate
South Shetland
16/7/21.

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted.

A. C. S. 18/7/21.

H.E.S.

Will you please have attached letter typed
for signature.

M.
8 August 1921

Letter to Mr. A. Bagshaw dated 8th Aug 1921
Encl (2)

I have sent to Mr. Bagshaw today a few
photographs of Andvord Bay + South Shetland
which Mr. Hamilton will kindly pass on for the purpose.

2. Mr. Hamilton should see this paper.

M.
12 Sept 1921

Letter from Mr. A Bagshawe 6th Aug 1921
Magistrate, South Shetland.

To see attached correspondence
(H.C.'s minute of 12th Sept - Para 2)

Colonial Secretary
13th Sept 1921

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen, and returned please.

J.H. Hamilton
Spendiary Magistrate
South Shetland.
14th Sept. 1921.

P.S. I have no definite information as to what factories may come down this year, I understand that there is an increase in the value of Antarctic whaling shares, according to the latest reports, as compared with their values in the early part of winter.

J.H. Hamilton.

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H.C.S

It seems unnecessary to make any reply to (3) in view of the information which is contained in a letter which Captain Wilkins wrote to Mr. Bagshawe on 20th August & of which a copy is attached. This copy was given to me by Mr. Hamilton & he writes it to returned him: would you please have a copy

of the letter from Capt Withers and Encl (4)
for record in the paper.

AM

30 Oct 1921.

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Minute from Governor. 1st Dec Encl (5)

Letter to Mr Bagshawe 1st Dec Encl (6)

continued

Letter from Mr Bagshawe 7th Oct 1920 } (7)
" " " " 15th Dec 1920 }

These letters will found by me today in
a "Miscellaneous" jacket in the office.

AM

12 January 1922.

~~Telegram to T. M. Bagshawe, Esq., 12th Jan. 1922 Encl (8)~~

~~Telegram from Governor to S. of S. 12th Jan. 1922 Encl (9)~~

Minute from Governor 12th Jan. 1922. Encl. (8)

Telegram to T. M. Bagshawe, Esq., 12th Jan. 1922. Encl (9)

Minute from Governor 12th Jan. 1922. Encl. (10)

Telegram to S. of S. 12th Jan. 1922. Encl. (11)

Letter from Mr A Bagshawe d/16/12/21 Encl (12)

Copy of letter from Ed Cooper & Sons,

Monte Video d 14/11/21 ————— Encl (12a)

Letter from Mr A Bagshawe d 19th Jan 1922 — Encl (13)



*Replied Mr 13 July 1921
- Mr Bagshaw's father.*

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*End
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**THE GROVE HOUSE,
DUNSTABLE.**

13 June, 1921.

His Excellency The Governor
of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
(South Atlantic).

Dear Sir,

BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

On 7 October last I took the liberty to write to you concerning my Son T.W.Bagshawe, and you very kindly wrote to me in reply on 15 December.

My Son - a boy only just 20 years of age - has been abandoned, with another young man Lester, by the leader of the Expedition - Cope.

The two boys are now supposed to be at Water Boat Point, Andvord Bay.

From what we can gather they have been left alone until whalers can get into communication with them about February of next year.

The place where they have been left is, fortunately, not out of reach.

I understand the two young men have sufficient stores - that is to say food provisions and fuel to last them out.

They have also a few dogs, which I understand were bought in the Falkland Islands.

Can you keep any oversight on them?

I and my Family will very much appreciate anything you can do.

I am sure you will recognise the fact that I do not want to bother you unnecessarily, but I am writing to you because you are nearer in touch with the Antarctic Regions than anybody with whom I can communicate.

Yours faithfully,

A. Bayshawd.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

8th August, 1921.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of June, and to inform you that in March last a report was received that one of the whaling vessels operating in the South Shetlands made a special journey to Andvord Bay, at considerable expense and some inconvenience, for the express purpose of affording Mr. T. W. Bagshawe and Mr. Lester an opportunity of returning, but they declined to come away.

2. I understand that there is an adequate supply of food and fuel at Water Boat Point.

3. Andvord Bay will remain inaccessible until after the ice breaks up and the month this takes place varies from year to year. Endeavour will be made to keep in touch by wireless telegraph with the whaling vessels, which visit the South Shetlands next summer, and the earliest report which is received will be communicated to you by telegram without delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Middleton.

A. Bagshawe, Esq.,

The Grove House,
Dunstable.

C.S. 5745/21

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BAGSHAWE & CO., LTD.

Dunstable. Beds.
England.

6 August 1921.



Dear Sir,

Last year I wrote to you in reference to my Son - T.W.Bagshawe - who went to the Antarctic with the Cope Expedition.

At the present time my Son, and another young man - Lester - are isolated, and really abandoned at a base Andvord Bay, Water Boat Point in the Antarctic.

Mr. Cope is, I understand, now in Montevideo.

Captain Wilkins is in London, and is to be a member of the Shackleton Expedition which is to leave England this month.

The Royal Geographical Society does not recognise or give any help to the Cope Expedition.

The Norwegian Whaling Industry seems to be in a somewhat difficult position at the present time, on account of general unsettled conditions in Europe.

I have seen lately Mr. Lars Christensen and also Mr. Johan Rasmussen, both of Sandefjord, Norway.

They cannot state definitely at present the prospects for this year, but I believe that in any case only a very restricted fleet will go to the Whaling Regions.

It will be a month before I can know anything definite.

I have also seen Sir Ernest Shackleton who expects to leave England before the end of August. He will sail for the South from the Cape (South Africa) and he was not expecting to touch at Andvord Bay.

I am to see him again, and think, if other means fail, that he may go out of his way to rescue the two young men.

6 August 1921.

Are you sending any expedition to the South from the Falkland Islands? I believe that Mr. Hamilton is well acquainted with all that has passed in regard to the Cope Expedition.

I understand that my Son and Lester refused to come back on a Whaler in the early part of this year because they wanted to do useful work, and to bring good results back to England. They would otherwise have returned more or less in disgrace having failed in the work for which they went out.

I believe they have provisions enough to keep them in health.

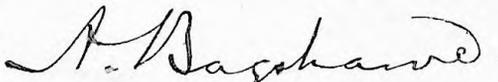
I think Lester particularly wants to come back in the early part of next year (1922).

My Son went out with the determination to justify his voyage, and to bring back valuable information.

There is no great urgency for my Son to return to England. I want him to do good work whilst he is away.

But, of course, he could not be left alone. My present thoughts are that it would be best for him and Lester to be picked up by the Shackleton Expedition if that can be arranged, but I have no certainty about that today.

Yours faithfully,



His Excellency The Governor
of the Falkland Islands,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

If Sir Ernest Shackleton can do nothing, would it be possible to charter a suitable boat at the Falkland Islands to go to the rescue of the young men?

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24 St James Street.

August 20th. 1921.

Mr. Bagshawe
Grove House.
Dunstable.

Dear Sir,

I hope that you will pardon the delay in writing this letter for I have been waiting for the addresses of the whaling Companies who may be sending factory ships to the South Shetlands this year.

They are as follows:-

- x Hektor Whaling Co. Tonsberg. Norway.
- x Odd Whaling Co. Sandefjord. Norway.
- Laboremus Whaling Co. Sandefjord. Norway.
- Aktieselskabet "Hvalen". Christiania. Norway.
- Southern Whaling Co. Sandefjord. Norway.
- x Norge Whaling Co. (C. Nielsen & Co.) Larvik. Norway.
- x Ornen Whaling Co. Kamfjord. Pr. Sandefjord. Norway
- Nor Whaling Co. Kamjord. Pr. Sandefjord. Norway.
- x Lars Christensen. Sandefjord. Norway.
- x A. Nilsen. Sandefjord. Norway
- Rethval and Thule Whaling Cos. Christiania. Norway.
- x Salvesen & Co Leith. England.

Those marked x are most likely to be sending ships to the immediate neighbourhood of Andvord Bay, but it may happen that any one of the companies may take out a license for that locality.

I would advise you to write to each of these companies asking them if they are sending ships to the South Shetlands this year, and if so, would they make an effort to call, (for which they would probably have to be compensated) at the South Side of the entrance of Andvord Bay. Lat 64.50.S. Long 63.30. W.

63.30 W. where two men of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition have been wintering on the mainland, at the foot of an ice slope which reaches down to the water, and at a Penguin Rookery, where a "Waterboat" had been abandoned by the Salvesen Whaling Co when Capt Skonthorp was in charge, and if necessary, bring the two men back to Monte Video at the end of the Whaling season.

If you receive a reply from every one of these companies to the effect that they will not be sending boats to that neighbourhood this year, then write them again and ask if they have any Whale Catchers in a seagoing condition at Monte Video, and if so on what terms would they hire to you one of these vessels with a Captain and crew who know the local conditions around Sven Foyen Harbour, and Port Lockroy, for a round trip from Monte Video, Andvord Bay and return. You should point out that there are supplies of coal at Sven Foyen Harbour owned by Odd Whaling Co, and Lars Christensen and also at Port Lockroy owned by Norge Whaling Co. (C.Nielsen and Co.) which might be purchased for use on the return journey.

This is absolutely the only useful thing to do, in my opinion. It is quite unnecessary to write to the Governor, Falkland Islands, or Mr Hamilton, Stipendary Magistrate, West Falklands, for practical assistance, although both these people know the circumstances of the case already and will I am sure help in any way possible without encouragement. There is not as a rule any boat at the Falkland Islands suitable for a trip to the South Shetlands and furthermore not a Captain or crew who know the conditions in that district and to send those who do not know the conditions would only lead to further trouble.

Unless

Unless the Factory Ships go to the South Shetlands this year, it is not advisable to start from Monte Video until the last week in January with the Catcher.

The total cost of the hire and insurance of a catcher and crew I would estimate at less than £2,500 but this is only a rough guess.

Mr. Cope assured me that he had already asked the majority of the companies whose addresses I have given, to send a catcher to Andvord Bay if they had no definite information that the two men had already been visited.

He will also, I am sure make every endeavour, which will undoubtedly include writing again to these people, to get the two men back this year or the beginning of next, if he does not succeed in getting a boat to go there himself.

Anything further than your approaching the Whaling Companies direct for assistance, if they visit the South Shetlands in the course of their business, or failing this, the hire from them of a catcher to be sent out from Monte Video, captained by a man who knows the local conditions in the neighbourhood of Sven Foyn Harbour Andvord Bay and Port Lockroy, will I am sure only bring further trouble to you and is absolutely unnecessary.

Giving you my assurance that I firmly believe that, barring pure accident, and the normal change of sickness, there is really no need to worry about the safe return of the two men.

I am

Yours sincerely

(Sgd) G.H.Wilkins.

8 October 1921.

Confidential.

Dear Sirs,

I wrote to you on the 3rd inst and am happy now to tell you that so far as it is possible to foresee, good arrangements have now been made for the rescue of my son T.W. Bagshawe and Lester from Andvord Bay, Water Boat Point, in the South Shetlands.

Captain Andersen of the "Svend Foyn 1" whom I like very much and on whom I place very great reliance will see on his part to the rescue of the Boys.

I have just had a telegram from Mr. Lars Christensen of Sandefjord, saying that the "Thor 1" left there on the 6th inst for the South Shetlands. She is calling at Cardiff evidently for coal.

I suppose Captain Hansen is in charge of the "Thor 1" and he has instructions to pick up my son and Lester.

They have got to be brought off Andvord Bay - they cannot rescue themselves.

May I ask you if you will have the goodness to do anything that is useful on your part.

I have been in constant communication with "The Central News" in London and failing any other means of rescue we should have sent out a special boat, but that is fortunately not now necessary.

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I have sent letters and three small boxes by "Ovend Foyne" to my Son.

After calling at Cardiff she went back to Sandefjord, but I understand she is sailing from Norway immediately for the South Shetlands.

I have not seen Captain Cope and don't want to see him, or to hear any more about him. I saw Captain Wilkins, but he has gone on the Shackleton Expedition; I blame him as much as Cope for leaving the two inexperienced boys under such conditions.

I again thank you for all your kindness.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs Edward Cooper & Son,
1523 Calle Zabala
MONTEVIDEO,
Uruguay,
South America.

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THE GROVE HOUSE,
DUNSTABLE.

Private.

8 October 1921.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you again about my Son T.W. Bagshawe and the young man Lester who were left in the beginning of this year at Andvord Bay, Water Boat Point, in the South Shetlands, by Cope and Wilkins.

Cope is back in London but I have not seen him and I do not want to see him.

I do not want my Son's name to be connected any further with him.

Till my Son went on this unfortunate expedition his reputation was in every way clean and good and I do not want that to be soiled by his having been connected with the Cope expedition.

The two young men stopped at the base in question because they were ashamed to come back without having done some good to the Country, and I quite agree with them in this.

I have written today to Messrs. Edward Cooper & Son of Montevideo and I enclose copy of my letter to them which will show you the present position of affairs.

There may be letters at the Falkland Islands for my Son - I believe my Wife has sent several letters to him care of you. Will you have the kindness to let him have these letters etc or preferably send them to him by the "Svend Foyn 1" or the "Thor 1".

I beg to thank you again for your kindness in the matter.

I am, Yours faithfully,

His Excellency
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

T. W. Bagshawe



THE GROVE HOUSE,
DUNSTABLE.

20 October 1921.

I have not seen him, and I do not want to see him, or have any communication with him at all.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co. of Leith are sending their Boat s.s. "Neko" to the South Shetlands this year.

They know all about Andvord Bay, and, I believe, have a depot not far from that place so if you see the Captain of the s.s. "Neko" will you kindly inform him also?

Yours faithfully,

His Excellency
The Governor of the
Falkland Islands,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

My Son - T.W. Bagshawe -
and Lester, at Andvord
Bay, Water Boat Point,
in the South Shetlands.

So far as I can see, all necessary arrangements have now been made for their rescue.

The Captains of the Norwegian Whalers have shown every possible kindness and I should be glad if you would kindly let the enclosed letter go forward to my Son by one of the Whaling Boats going to Andvord Bay.

I want to disassociate my Son in every way in future from Mr. Cope, who is now back in London.

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DATE... 1st December 1921...

From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

Will you please acknowledge the receipt of the attached letters & say that the envelope to letter of 20th October has been handed to Captain JOHANNESSEN of the S.S. ORNIE & that all other letters which have been received here for Mr. T. W. Bagshaw have already been forwarded to Mr. South Skellons.

2. Mr. Thompson has taken the first letter & will hand it to Captain Thompson today before Mr. G. News for South Skellons.

[Signature]
1st December 1921

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1st December,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 8th and 20th of October and to inform you that the enclosure to the letter of the 20th of October has been handed to Captain Johannessen of the s.s. "Arna 11" for delivery to Mr. T. W. Bagshawe. All other letters which have been received here for Mr. Bagshawe have already been forwarded to the South Shetlands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) H Kennith-Heaton

Colonial Secretary.

A. Bagshawe, Esq.,
The Grove House,
Dunstable,
England.

BAGSHAWE & CO., LTD.

7th Oct. 1920.

The Captain,
S.S. Svend Foyn. 1,
Sailing to the Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

British Antarctic Expedition.

I confirm my conversation with you with reference to the arrangements made in connection with the above Expedition.

As far as I can see at present no satisfactory arrangements have been made for the supply of food in particular and other stores.

My son T. W. Bagshawe who is going with the Expedition is under age, and has not in my opinion sufficient experience to realise the risk which he and other members of the Expedition would incur if they started without adequate supplies of food and other things necessary to keep them for possibly one or two years in the Antarctic regions.

I am informed that the members of the Party consisting of - Mr. J. T. Gope, Captain G.A. Wilkins, Mr. C.E. Lester, my son and probably another man are resting in the Falkland Islands. If, when they reach the Falkland Islands, either Captain Wilkins is not there, or if the supplies of food and other stores are not in your opinion sufficient, I want you to do all you can to restrain my son from proceeding with the Expedition, and to persuade him if you can do so to return to England with you. I quite understand that you can only use your influence with him, and that you would have no means of pressing him to do as you consider best.

At the same time I feel that I can rely on you to make the best arrangements should it be necessary.

If on the other hand the arrangements are not in your opinion satisfactory, and my son is not willing to accept your advice to return to England, I wish you to place the whole matter in the hands of the Governor of the Falkland Islands, and in that case I wish the Governor of the Falkland Islands to do all in his power to stop my son from proceeding with the Expedition any further, and if necessary to detain him in any manner he may think fit so that he cannot proceed whether he wishes to or not.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the help you have already given me, and I feel certain that I can leave my son in your hands, and that you will do your best for him.

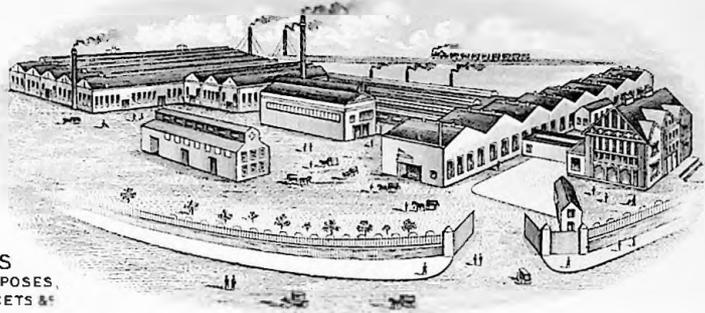
Yours faithfully,

BAGSHAW & CO., LIMITED.

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DUNSTABLE, 7th Oct. 1920.

ENGLAND

His Excellency The Governor
of the Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

British Antarctic Expedition.

My son T. W. Bagshawe who is under age is
leaving England with the above Expedition.

I am not altogether satisfied with the
arrangements which have been made, and I consider
that it would not be advisable for him to proceed
further than the Falkland Islands unless proper
arrangements are made before finally leaving for
the Antarctic Continent.

Under present arrangements the five members of
the Expedition will probably be left alone for a period
of one or even two years, and I do not consider that
they should be allowed to go forward unless they have
sufficient supplies of food and other stores. In my
opinion my son is not capable of forming a reliable
decision on these matters.

I enclose copy of a letter which I have
today handed to the Captain of the S.S. Svend Foyn. 1,
on which he is sailing. If the arrangements are not in
your opinion satisfactory, I ask you to use what influence
or power you have to restrain him from proceeding beyond
the Falkland Islands, and if necessary to detain him
by force.

I feel sure that I can rely on you to do what
is necessary should the occasion arise.

Your_ faithfully,

R. Bagshawe

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TELEGRAMS : "IMANTRECCI, SOWER, LONDON"

Mr. T. W. Bagshawe,

GEOLOGIST,

BRITISH IMPERIAL ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION,

66, Victoria Street,

London, S. W. 1.

15.11.20
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A. Bagshawe, Esq.,
c/o Messrs Bagshawe & Co., Ltd.,
Dunstable,
England.

Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
15th Dec., 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th of October relating to your son, Mr. T. W. Bagshawe.

2. I asked your son to call on me on the 15th ultimo which he did. He informed me that before he left Liverpool there had been some trouble in procuring certain necessary stores, but that the matter had eventually been settled satisfactory, and that now the expedition is well provided with all necessary stores - provisions, clothing &c.

3. The leader of the expedition has not yet arrived and I cannot verify the statement, but judging from the ships' manifests, it would appear that ample stocks have gone forward.

4. Your son seemed very keen on his venture and ambitious to make a name for himself, which I hope he will do. He promised me to take good care of himself, and, in the event of his being dissatisfied with the conditions of life in the South Shetlands, to return by the "Svendfoyn".

5. He appears to me to be a very competent young man - manly, frank, and outspoken. Captain Andersen has formed a very high opinion of him, and I do not think you have any cause to worry about him while he is on the Antarctic Expedition.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. Martin
Ag. Governor.

Recd. }
from }

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(Established—March, 1890.)
(Revised—April, 1912.)

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TELEGRAM.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

12 th Jan

London Radio

Handed }
in at } 6.16

Received }
here at } 10.25 m.

FROM {

TO

Governor

Falkland Islands

Please communicate following by wireless or most urgent means
to my son on board whaler Svendfoyn glad receive cable
communicate nothing of your experiences to anyone till I
advise you further secrecy vital love

Bagshaw

From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

Since message from Mr Bennett at Salt Sticks
was received reporting that Mr Bagshaw & Mr Lester
were safe the attached telegram has been
received from Mr Bagshaw London.

2. C. J. C. W/T ^{now} informs me that a number of private
messages from Whales at Salt Sticks were
received on night of 2nd January & that a
message from Mr Bagshaw (S. Sticks) reporting
that he was safe was forwarded.

12 January 1922

A message in accordance with attached can be sent
to W/T station for news message to Mr Bagshaw
on Home Service from

12 January 1922

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TELEGRAM.

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From : A. Bagshawe, Esq.,

To : T.M. Bagshawe, Esq.,

Dispatched : 12th January.....19 22. Time. 12.45pm.

Received :19 ... Time. ...

Bagshawe

"Svend Foyn" South Shetlands

Glad receive cable communicate nothing of your
experience to anyone till I advise you further
secrecy vital love

Bagshawe

DATE. 12th January 1922

From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

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The attached map was done 24th Decemr from
Mr. Bennett who is at South Shetlands, was
received by H.M. V.P. Station late last night.

2. Will you please telegraph to S of S in following
sense.

12th January with reference to your despatch of 4th January

1920 to the Whalers visited Andvaa Bay

Report Bagshaw and Lister safe well

No detail yet received please inform

BAGSHAW GROVE HOUSE DUNSTABLE.

AM

12 January 1922



TELEGRAM.

From : The Governor.

To : The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 12th January..... 19 22. Time. 3.p.m.

Received : 19 ... Time.

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LONDON

JACKBIRD ULNOCARPAL WEDGESNOB 1920 WHALERS VISITED
ANDVORD BAY REPORT BAGSHAWE AND LESTER SAFE WELL
DIATRIBE INDUPERAUS BAGSHAWE IS CLOTTY HIS FATHER
SUBTEND DECUTIAMUL REPECTUNT

GOVERNOR

12th January. With reference to your despatch of 4th
February 14 1920 whalers visited Andvord Bay report
Bagshawe and Lester safe well no details given I am
informed that Bagshawe is in communication with his
father there has been some delay in official report.

The Governor.

BAGSHAWE & CO., LTD.

C O P Y.
of letter from :-

Edward Cooper & Son,
1523, Calle Zabala,
Montevideo.

17 November 1921

A. Bagshase Esq.,
The Grove House,
Dunstable.

Dear Sir,

Since writing you on the 29th.ultimo we have received your letters of the 15th and 20th. idem and take due note of all you write.

The letter you have received from Cope denotes clearly the type of individual he is, and does not surprise us in the least.

We understand that before leaving here he left at the British Legation a list of his local liabilities (debts and monies borrowed) the total amount he stated he would remit from England not later than the 31st.ultimo. We believe that all parties interested in that list would have been very much surprised had the remittance arrived.

The first whaling ship to go South this season was the "Solstreif" the boat which took Cope down last year and brought him back here in April last.

We looked up the Captain and he promised to send us a wireless through the Falklands as soon as he had any news to communicate, atmospheric permitting, about your Son and Lester.

He pointed out that the date of his reaching Andvord Bay all depends on ice conditions, but it was possible that he might be able to communicate as early as Christmas.

The Whalers all call here on their return from the South as the "Catchers" (small steamers with harpoon guns in the bows) all winter here, and these are convoyed down South and back by the Mother Ships, such as the "Solstreif", "Ronald", "Svend Foyn 1", etc. which bring out the Catcher crews and stores



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and take the crews back to Norway at the end of the Season.

We shall not fail to cable you any news so soon as we get same.

Meant ime we enclose correspondence exchanged with Mr. Storm, and remain, dear Sir,

Yoursfaithfully,

(Signed) Edward Cooper & Son.

P.S. The writer's brother, George H. Cooper, who returned a fortnight ago from a six months' holiday in the Old Country, curiously enough motored through Dunstable three of four times in his car, the last occasion being on the 10th. August whilst on his way to Scotland. On running into Dunstable he was hailed by Mr. Anstruther (of Kents' Ltd. Luton) who was crossing from Dagnal on his way to the Works. G.H.C. tells me his favourite stance was the old Sugar Loaf Hotel redolent of many a "night" in the Old Coaching Days.

came to London, and do not want to see him or have any further communication with him at all.

My Best Wishes to you for the New Year.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. Bayhawe

His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Falkland Islands.

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THE GROVE HOUSE,

DUNSTABLE.

(Beds).

16 December 1921.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you very sincerely for your kindness in sending to me the interesting photographs of Andvord Bay and that part of the World.

I very much appreciate this kind attention from you and hope some day when you are in England to be able to thank you personally for the kindnesses you have shown to me and to my Son.

The last news I have received is included in a letter from Edward Cooper & Son, Montevideo, of which I enclose a copy.

They have been very kind in the matter.

As to Cope I have had no communication with him since he



The Grove House,
DUNSTABLE. (Dunstable)

19 January 1922

Ref.545/21

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of your letter of 1st. December in reference to letters etc. for my Son, T.W.Bagshawe.

I have already written to say that we hear he has been rescued by the s.s. "Svend Foyn 1" with Captain Andersen, and I hope he will cable to us here when he gets to the Falkland Islands.

With many thanks for all your kindnesses.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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