

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

No.

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Date of Receipt.



From

SUBJECT.

WAR/WW1/1#20

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ENEMY PROPERTY IN UNITED KINGDOM.

Specimens of forms used for collecting information respecting

No.

Date

Circular. 1. 2. 16.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

447/16

MINUTES.

Hon Colonial Secretary

I do not think we have any return to make in this respect, but I shall be glad if Mr. Craig Hallock, the Registrar, will kindly report if he can find his records from personal knowledge.

[Signature]
Gov

13. 4. 16

Registrar (Mr. Craig Hallock)

Referred to you accordingly for report.

[Signature]

14th April 1916.

No. next Despatch.

361/16

Hon. Col. Sec.

Enemy subjects holding property or carrying on business in colony are as follows —

1. J. Buse. House and Land in Stanley, originally purchased for £109 —
2. J. Lutchenborg. Leases Seal Lion Island. Produce is reported to have been taken to Darwin
3. A. Wesell. Leases Passage and other Islands from Col. Govt. cannot say what becomes of produce. —

M. Bruije Falkland
Registrar General
15. 4. 16.

H.S. / Submitted

C. Bondell

C.S.

15-4-16

Hon Col Sec.

With regard to 2, and 3 above —

please ask the Falkland Islands Coy if they have since 4th August 1914 to date purchased, bought, or shipped any produce from either and if so to state quantity and value, and what has become of it.

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J.M.

GN. 132/16

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H.S. / Herewith in CS. 447/16 letter to the manager
of the Falkland Islands Co. here and his reply.

C. J. Cordell

CS.

19.4.16.

CIRCULAR.



Downing Street,

1st February, 1916.

Sir,

In my Circular despatch of the 6th December I forwarded to you specimens of forms used in this country for collecting information as to enemy property situated here, and as to claims by British subjects against persons in enemy territory, and vice versa.

2. *I also enclosed copies of a sheet which is used for analysing the various returns sent in to the Public Trustee on the Registration Orders A. to H.*

3. *The various classes of information which it is desired to secure and register can be summarised as follows :—*

Information with regard to

(a) Property situate in British territory belonging to enemy subjects.

(b) Debts due from British subjects to persons in enemy territory.

(c) Property in enemy territory belonging to British subjects.

(d) Debts due to British subjects from persons in enemy territory.

In this country the giving of information as to classes (c) and (d) is voluntary, but as to (a) and (b) compulsory.

4. *I consider that it would be of great advantage if the collection of this information could be carried out, so far as possible, on similar lines in His Majesty's oversea dominions, with a view to obtaining complete statistical*

The Officer Administering

*the Government of the
Falkland Islands.*

information which could be recorded by the Public Trustee here as a central authority. The information desired from each Colony or Protectorate is, accordingly, with regard to

- (a) Property situate in the Colony or Protectorate belonging to enemy subjects.
- (b) Debts due from British subjects in the Colony or Protectorate to persons in enemy territory.
- (c) Property in enemy territory belonging to British subjects in the Colony or Protectorate.
- (d) Debts due to British subjects in the Colony or Protectorate from persons in enemy territory.

In the case of Protectorates claims by or against residents who are British protected persons are to be considered as assimilated to claims by or against British subjects.

5. In order to carry out this scheme it will be necessary to appoint in each Colony and Protectorate a Public Custodian of Enemy Property, with power to receive or register enemy property under legislative authority, analogous to the Public Trustee acting in the United Kingdom under the Trading with the Enemy Acts. Where such an officer has already been appointed, but has not been invested with statutory powers to collect information under the above-mentioned headings (a) and (b), legislation should be enacted to enable him to do so.

In Colonies or Protectorates in which no Public Custodian of Enemy Property has hitherto been appointed, legislation should be enacted authorising the appointment of such an officer and investing him with the necessary statutory power; but in the case of any Colony or Protectorate in which there is no enemy property locally situate, and no enemy claims are known to have been

made against British subjects, it will be sufficient that an officer should be appointed by the Governor to collect and register any information which may voluntarily be given to him under the above mentioned headings (c) and (d).

6. I request that you will be so good as to take the necessary steps to enable the Colony under your government to co-operate in this arrangement.

7. I would suggest that the information, when collected, should be classified under the heads shown in the accompanying list of headings, and the totals under each head forwarded at quarterly intervals to the Public Trustee, who will thus ultimately be in a position to compile figures covering the whole Empire. The returns to be so forwarded need not contain information as to each particular enemy person, but merely the total returns summarised and analysed as suggested. Each quarterly return after the first might show (1) the total of the returns previously recorded; (2) the additions to the returns under each head made during the quarter; (3) the total up to date.

I am addressing a similar despatch to the self-governing Dominions, to the various Colonies not possessing Responsible Government, and to the Protectorates.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

A. BONAR LAW.

[Enclosure in Circular despatch dated 1st February, 1916.]

LIST OF HEADINGS.

A.—COMPULSORY.

1. Dividends, interest, or share of profits due from any person, firm or company in the Dominion or Colony to any person or body of persons resident or carrying on business in enemy countries (hereinafter called "enemies").

[To be paid to the Public Custodian.]

2. Sums which but for the war would have been payable and paid in the Dominion or Colony in respect of Government securities and the other securities mentioned in section I of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1915, to enemies.

[To be paid to the Public Custodian.]

3. Particulars as to shares, stock, debentures, debenture stock or other obligations of companies incorporated in the Dominion or Colony held for or by enemies, and as to interests of enemies in partnerships in the Dominion or Colony, showing each enemy partner's capital and interest or share of profits.

[Return to be made by the Companies and Firms concerned.]

4. Particulars as to Real and Personal property (other than shares, etc., in companies and partnership interests under 3) held in the Dominion or Colony by or on behalf of enemies.

[Return to be made by person holding and showing the capacity in which he holds, e.g., as Banker, Stockbroker, Agent, etc.]

5. Particulars of property held in the Dominion or Colony for safe custody on behalf of enemies, such as securities, deeds, personal belongings, jewellery, or cash.

[Return to be made as in case of 4.]

6. Quarterly return of income received from property already recorded under 4 or 5 *supra* (companies and firms do not have to record income under 3, as they have to pay it to the Public Custodian under 1).

[Return to be made as in the case of 4.]

7. Particulars of debts, bank deposits and bank balances in the Dominion or Colony due to or held on behalf of enemies.

[Return to be made by the debtor or, as the case may be, the person or bank holding the deposit or balance, but not by companies or firms whose return under 3 should include these particulars.]

B.—VOLUNTARY.

1. Particulars of debts (including bank balances) due from enemies (including persons in territory occupied by the enemy) to British persons or firms resident or carrying on business in the Dominion or Colony.

[Return to be made by the creditor.]

2. Particulars of property other than debts and bank balances held by enemies (including persons in territory occupied by the enemy) for British persons or firms resident or carrying on business in the Dominion or Colony.

[Return to be made by the persons for whom the property is held.]

3. Particulars of luggage detained in enemy countries (including territory occupied by the enemy) and belonging to British persons or persons resident or carrying on business in the Dominion or Colony.

[Return to be made by the owner of the luggage.]