

C.S.

SECRET

19 39.

No.

S/43A/39

23

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

PART III.

29th September.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Previous Paper.

Control of during War.

(S/22/39).

Prohibition of Export of certain articles in time of War

MINUTES.

1. Control of Export list of Goods, Addendum No. 2 of 15.7.42.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-6. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

C.A. 4  
For usual action, pl.H. B. S.  
21/10/42

H. B. S.

(8)

All amendments to red 6 inserted.

H. B. S.

7-11-42.

H. B. S.

(9).

Proclamation no. 6. of 1942 (Red 271 of attached file) prohibits the exportation of foodstuffs and clothing, except under licence from the Competent Authority. I understand that, since the imposition of these prohibitions, a considerable quantity of soap, (which, at present, is all obtained from South America by the expenditure of foreign exchange) and of toilet preparations (which are getting ever scarcer) is being exported through the parcel post

Subsequent Paper.

As these articles are imported for the use of the civilian population only, I respectfully suggest that exportation of them be prohibited in the same manner as that provided by proclamation no. 6. of 1942.

Wb. Genth.

12-11-42.

(10).

G.K.

I agree & submit for G.K.'s approval.

KB  
12/11

(11)

Yes -

Why not a general prohibition of ~~all~~ articles imported into this country or articles made from imports - all re-exporting is fed.

KB  
12/11/42

(12).

Comp. Genth.

What are your views on para 2. of (11)?

KB  
13/11

H. b. f.

(13)

I respectfully submit that a general prohibition on the lines suggested would raise several rather awkward difficulties - i.e. baling hoops and bagging used in exporting wool: wine and casks used in exporting hides and tallow respectively: sacks used for guano: cinema films returned after showing: the very newspaper, envelopes and ink used in ~~our~~ our correspondence. Difficulty would also be occasioned in the exportation of machinery parts etc. for repair. Unless, therefore, a comprehensive list of exceptions be drawn up, I think that it would be better to prohibit the exportation of specified articles. The following amplified list is suggested:-

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Soap and Soap Powders. | Chemicals and chemical preparations. ✓ |
| Toilet Preparations.   | Seeds.                                 |
| Oils, Polishes etc. ✓  | Glass and earthenware. ✓               |
| Toys.                  | Paint. ✓                               |

This list covers practically all exportations. likely to be of disadvantage to

the colony.

I would also suggest an addition to the wording of Proclamation no. 6 of 1942. (Ref 271). It would, I think, considerably clarify the position if the first paragraph were to be made to read, "Under the power and authority etc. etc. .... I do hereby prohibit the exportation or shipment as ships' stores of all foodstuffs ..... etc. etc."

In English customs law shipment as ships' stores is considered, for drawback purposes, to be an exportation, but local legislation makes no such provision.

W.B. Smith.

13-11-42.

(14)

L.A.  
G.E.

As in (13)? It looks as though a new Comprehensive Proclamation repealing 6/42 is indicated, but the L.A. will know how best to draft.

K.B.

13/11. (15)

Please consult Legal Advisor.

W.B. Smith 16/11/42

# (16).

L.A.

Could you kindly draft whatever is necessary please?

K.B.  
18/11

Comp. Procl.

(17) (18)

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If the draft Proclamation herewith meets with your requirements will you kindly forward it to the R.P.S. P.B.

20/11/42.

L.A.

H.L.S.

(18)

Passed on as requested. The words "or shipment as ships' stores" have been inserted in para. 2. after discussion with the L.A.

W.B. Smith

21. 11. 42.

(19)

Proclamation

(20)

Y.K.

Proclamation submitted for signature as directed.

I am afraid not much room has been left for the signature.

W.B.

21/11

(21)

? "textile materials" -  
? "oils" - tallow surely is  
an oil fat.

is not just packing a worn article?

*[Signature]* 23/11/42

Minute to Registrar-General of 27. 11. 42.

22-23.

Despatch, No. 94 to S of S. of 29. 12. 42.

24.

Control of Export list of Goods, 12 & 13.

25-27.

S. of S. Circular Note of 30. 10. 42.

28-30.

Control of Export list of goods, Nos. 6, 7, 8 & 9.

31-38

(39)

CA. For usual action, pl.

*[Signature]* 5/1/42.

H. B. I.

(40)  
Amendments withdrawn & inserted in Control of Export list (Reg 292 & part II of this file.

*[Signature]*

8. 1. 43.

Control of Export list of stores No. 10 & 11.

41-44.

CA. For usual action, pl.

*[Signature]* 22/1/43.

H. B. I.

(46)  
Amendments duly inserted.

*[Signature]*

8. 2. 43.

47. Circular Telegram No. 214 from Secretary of State 28/2/43.

(48)

CA. To see red 44, pl.  
*W. G. S.*  
 2/3/43.

H. B. I.

(49)

Dear, thank you. All export licences for U.K. products are obtained by local importers' agents in England, and this attention does not, therefore, affect us.

*W. G. S.*

2-7-43.

50. Control of Export list of Goods - Addendum, No. 15.  
 51. \_\_\_\_\_ 16.

(52)

CA. For usual action on reds (50) & (51) pl.  
*W. G. S.*  
 16/4/43.

H. B. I.

(53)

These amendments are now obsolete, a new list, dated 15.1.43. having been received.

*W. G. S.*

54. Control of Export list of Goods - Addendum No. 6.  
 Comp. Auth. \_\_\_\_\_

10 note, pl.

E.C.

for C.S.

23/10/43.

H. B. I.

(56)

Amendment slips abstracted.

*W. G. S.*

23. 10. 43.

57. Control of Export list of Goods - Addendum, No. 7.  
 (58)

CA. Red (57) for usual action, pl.  
*W. G. S.*  
 4/12/43.

H. L. I.

(59)  
Red 57 withdrawn & list duly amended.

Alb. Lenth.  
7.12.43.

Control of Export List of Goods - Addendum, No. 9.

60.

(61)

c/a. For usual action, pl.

Alb. Lenth.  
4/2/44.

H. L. I.

(62)

Red 60 withdrawn & list duly amended.

Alb. Lenth.  
4.2.44

Letter from the Secretary, Victoria League, of 12/4/44.

63.

" " Mrs. H. Jones of 25/5/44.

64.

" to " " " 3.6.44.

65.

(66)

c/a. Rids (63)-(64) for your observations, pl.

Alb. Lenth.  
3/6/44.

(67)

H. C. S.

Proclamation no. 7 of 1942 prohibits the exportation of nearly all imported articles but contains the following proviso:- "Provided always that this shall not apply to.... any exportation.....which shall be expressly permitted by a licence given by the Competent Authority and in accordance with the conditions (if any) of such licence". It is thus possible for a concession to be made without contravening the regulations.

I am of the opinion that this is a case that calls for sympathetic treatment. The quantities of goods involved would, subject to the control suggested below, be unimportant, and the good effect politically would far outweigh any evil occasioned by so small a drain on our stocks. The restrictions inevitable in a time like this are naturally very irksome to the unthinking man in the street, and any small alleviation usually has an effect for good greatly disproportionate to its actual importance.

I suggest that the question be dealt with as follows:-

1. The receipt of parcels to be restricted to members of the forces who are either normally domiciled in the Falkland Islands or whose parents live in the Falkland Islands.
2. The maximum permitted number of parcels to be four per annum to each recipient.
3. Parcels not to exceed 5-lbs. gross in weight, and not to contain more than one pound of any one ~~restricted~~ foodstuff.

4. The names and ranks of all persons to whom it is proposed to send parcels to be registered with the Competent Authority, who will keep a record of parcels sent.
5. No parcels to be accepted by the post office unless accompanied by an export permit issued by the Competent Authority.

I attach a draft notice for publication and broadcast should His Excellency approve the scheme.

Competent Authority.  
6th. June, 1944.

(68)

G.E.  
— from (63)

2. Since you telephoned me on this subject I have thought it over carefully & venture to suggest <sup>that</sup> the political effect of granting the concession would be particularly valuable at the present time & would ~~be~~ outweigh any drawbacks either as to the re-export of U.K. goods, the expenditure of foreign exchange or possible administrative difficulties - none of which will amount to very much.

3. The C.A. has power under the Proclamation to grant such concessions & there is no question of not following the law.

4. There are virtually no local products or manufactures which are of any interest to serving men & women, to whom this scheme is to be strictly confined.

5. In all the circumstances I hope G.E. will allow the C.A. to proceed.

KB  
6/6/44

(69)

App'd: 6/11/44

C.A.  
KB  
7/6/44

(74)

H.I.I.

The scheme as finally agreed has now been put into action. The Camp was advised by means of the weekly broadcast, Stanley was advised by an announcement on the local relay system.



and copies of the relevant notice have been passed to the News Weekly (via C.S.O.) and the Gazette.

I have also advised the Colonial Postmaster as at ref 73.

W.H. Genth.  
12.6.44.

P.

H.B.I.

(75)

I attach an application for an import licence for beds, and also a covering note from the manager, Etale Louis Williams which is self-explanatory.

Proclamation no 6 of 1941. Schedule 2, Class E 1, prohibits the importation of wooden furniture.

May instructions be given, please?

W.H. Genth.  
12.7.44.

C.A.

(76)

Beds are not actually made of wood. You can use your discretion. KB

15.7.44

H.B.I.

(77)

Thank you. Licence granted.

W.H. Genth.  
14.7.44

Letter from Mrs. J. S. Petterssen of 30.9.44. 78.

(79)

C.A.

As discussed (78), the test of residence must be whether or not the men have married & set up homes anywhere else.

KB  
5/11/44

H.B.I.

(80)

I have seen Mrs. Petterssen and have agreed to issue permits for parcels to be sent to those of her brothers who, although married, have not set up homes in the U.K., and can therefore be treated as F.I. residents.

W.H. Genth.

25.10.44.

P.A.

Circular Telegram Unn(2) from S. of S. of 30.1.40.

81



(82)

C/A Go note (81) pl.

St Giles.  
31/1/45.

(83)

W.B.L. Noted, thank you. This doesn't affect us.

W.B. Gauth.

16.2.45.

84 Circular Mem. from S. of S. of 17.3.45

C/A, 10 note, pl.  
St Giles.  
for L.S.  
21/3/45.

W.B.L. Noted, thank you.

W.B. Gauth.

21.3.45.

P.H.

(85)

W.B.L.

I attach a note received from Mrs A.M. Williams of Estate Louis Williams requesting permission to send a parcel of dripping to the U.K. as a gift.

The exportation of foodstuffs is prohibited (see vol 22), but the Gauth. has power to grant licences in an and when necessary. As nearly all households in the colony have surplus dripping, and as such exportations would have no effect on the colony's food position &amp; surplus, subject to your approval, to issue licences for gift parcels to be sent to the U.K. by anyone who cares to apply.

W.B. Gauth.

27.3.45.

(87)

C/A Go note approval.

St Giles.  
28/3/45

W.B.L.

(81)

Noted, thank you. Postmaster notified.

W.B. Gauth.

3.4.45.

Circular No. 46 from S. of S. of 21. 4. 45.

(90).

89  
na

4.F.

I submit an announcement regarding economic controls. It is intended to be a draft.

91.

2. There is one small restriction, the easing of which would be particularly welcomed & which I think could be done without any harm & that is the prohibition on sending parcels to the U.K. (except almost non-existent local produce). The present scheme for gift parcels is set out at (71).

3. I have discussed with the C.A. & we think that perhaps Proclamation 7/1942. (Tagged in attached R.P.) might be repeated & as a C.A. order made restricting parcels to 5 lbs weight. There might be a wish to start with but it would soon subside. Essential goods & clothing supplies would not be affected as there are rationed & people would have to give up coupons. The only point is foreign exchange & the amount would be negligible. I believe that the political effect would be good.

KB.

12.5.45.

If the above is approved the announcement will require a little alteration.

discussed with H.F. & C.A.

KB.  
15/5.

B.U.

11/6/45.

Circular Telegram Saving from S. of S. of 23/3/45. 92.

(2)

93.

CA

KB.  
29/5.

(94)

H.L.S.

Noted, thank you. No action necessary.

M.H. Lamb.

29.5.45.

Telegram circular No. 83 from S. of S. of 8.6.45.

Jan. 1/6/45.

95.

20/6/45

~~P.A.~~

(96)

In your own place.

LB

15/6/45

(97.)

~~H. L. L.~~

No extra licenses for goods subject to special controls have been granted, nor will they be until further instructions are received.

M. L. Gauth.

16. 6. 45.

P.A.

No. 116

98 Circ Telegram from S. of S of Aug. 21.15.45

99 " " No. 119 " " " " of 30. 8. 45.

(100)

~~G. E.~~

I see no need here to raise a further statement. (97) was my record & I think anyone realises the need for continuing controls. I am on the rest of the program at present.

LB  
5/9/45

P.A.

101. Circ Telegram No. 122 from S. of S of 6-9-45.

102 S. of S. Secret Circ. Tel. Saving of 16/7/45.

103 " " " " " (2) " "

104 " " " " " (3) " "

105 " " " " " " 20/7/45.

B.H.  
30/9/45.

C.A.

(106)

To see from (102). (102)-(104) are the  
Diagrams referred to in (101). I should  
be glad of your comments.

2. You may withdraw Supplements 1 & 2.

KB  
20/9/45

Letter from Mrs. M. Bruce of 22.9.45.

107.

H.B.I.

(108).

Reds 102-105. I am postponing comment on these papers as I wish  
to deal with them at length, and red 107 calls for early action.

Red 107. This case merits sympathetic treatment. If, however,  
permission is granted in this instance some general concession will  
have to be made as so many people locally have relatives in  
England whose needs for clothing are probably almost, if not quite, as  
great as those of Mrs. Bruce's cousin. I have heard unofficially  
that a petition requesting gift parcel concessions is being circulated locally,  
and if this is the case I think that the whole question of re-exportation  
should be gone into fully. In the meantime I think that an export licence  
for a single parcel might be granted to Mrs. Bruce provided that it is made  
clear to her that such a licence is not to constitute a precedent, and that  
no guarantee of further relaxations can be given.

Attd. Genth.  
24.9.45.

May this paper be returned to me, please, after action?

(109)

G.E.

I support (108) - as a special case.

KB  
24.9.45

(110).

Please lift all restrictions on parcels  
as from to-day.

KB  
24.9.45

(110).

C.A.

Pl. put on here a copy of the notice you issued, after discussion, as a result of (110)

a. Can I have your comments on (102.)-104). (See (106).

MB  
2/10/45

(112).

H.C.S.

1. Copy of Notice covering relaxation of export restrictions attached as requested.
2. Red 105. Lists withdrawn and transferred to my files.
3. Red 101. Para. 2, which deals with the question of imports from various countries including Argentina and Uruguay is rather alarming. It seems probable that the S. of S., in composing this circular, has forgotten the extent of this colony's dependence on S. America for certain goods. Our annual expenditure is very small considered in relation to world-wide exchange problems and our imports cannot affect the general exchange position, but it might be as well to advise the S. of S. of our approximate total annual expenditure in S. America and to ask if there is any objection to our continuing on our present course.
4. The contents of reds 102 to 104 which concern the question of dollar exchange may be summarised as follows:-
  - (i) Trade with Canada and Newfoundland. The existing rigid control which prohibits all imports unless they are (a) essential and (b) unobtainable from sterling sources is to be relaxed to permit the importation of essential goods for which Canada or Newfoundland are the normal sources of supply. Instructions to Colonial Governments to adopt this procedure are contained in para. 5. of red 103.
  - (ii) Trade with the United States. As a general rule imports from the United States are only to be permitted when the required goods are (a) essential and (b) unobtainable from sterling or Canadian sources. Where, however, there are established pre-war trade connections with the United States for essential goods, a strictly limited quantity of such goods may be imported through normal U.S. trade channels - even if similar goods are obtainable from sterling sources. The quantity of American goods for which import licences will normally be issued in the U.K. will be in the region of 10% of normal pre-war trade. It is acknowledged, however, that individual cases will have to be decided on their merits, and discretionary powers are given to Colonial Governments in para 5 of red 104.
5. The above relaxations will not affect us very much. Essential imports from Canada are limited to certain classes of agricultural machinery, and from the United States to radio valves, tractors and spares, motor vehicle spares, milk and winchargers and spares. Quantities of all of these will be small.

MB

Competent authority (Supplies).  
3.10.45.

C.A.

(113)

Y.F.

We are really only concerned with the Argentine & Uruguay to any appreciable extent. I personally would prefer not to worry the S.F.S. at present about this, but rather to tighten up the issue of import licences for S. America in all cases where similar goods can be obtained from the sterling area.

We discussed this & you offered that we have a draft circular to importers.

Y.F.

4.10.45.

H.L.S.

(114)

I attach a draft circular covering the points raised and I suggest that, if it is approved, a hundred copies be printed for circulation with any import licences that may be granted during the next few months.

W.H. Gault.

6.10.45.

(115)

Y.F.

Ref. (101) & (102) to (104). Please see from (112).

I would not make para 2. of the draft notice any stronger because I think a good deal of elasticity is desirable & the C.A. should be left to handle cases on their merits.

Y.F.  
6/10/45

Y.F.  
8/10/45

(116)

C.A.

F.H.A.

Y.F.

9.10/45

Circ. Telegram No. 148 from S of S of 10. 10.45 117.

H.L.S.

(118)

Your (115) action taken as arranged. copy of notice attached.

W.H. Gault.

24. 10. 45.

Minutes to Col. P/Master of 25-10-45

119.

Inside Minute Paper.

A.B.I.

(120)

For record only. I have granted an import licence covering 15 wireless sets in USA to Estate Louis Williams. This licence was granted in accordance with general instructions contained in ref 104 and summarised in my minute (112) para. 4 (ii) of this file. Messrs. Williams are the established agents of the American firm concerned.

M.B. Gauth.

12. 11. 45.

121. Circ. Telegram No. 172 from S. of S. of 30. 11. 45  
(122)

c/a. To see (121) pl. You will no doubt wish  
to amend (112<sup>a</sup>) ?  
D.H.G. es.  
3/12/45.

A.B.I.

(123)

The export control was instituted primarily to conserve local stocks and to save foreign exchange, and not to conform to U.K. import procedure. To extend the existing concession would involve the doubling of our parcels post exportations and I should not care to take such action without H.B.'s approval.

M.B. Gauth.

5. 12. 45.

(124)

y/b. In view of c/a's (123) I think it would be  
better not to extend the existing concession.  
D.H.G. es. p.a.  
6/12/45.

125 Secret Circular Tel. No. 174 from S. of S. of 7-12-45  
(125)

c/a To note (125) pl.  
D.H.G. es.  
11/12/45

A.B.I. noted, thank you.  
M.B. Gauth.  
12. 11. 45.



S. of S. Conf. Circ. Telegram of 7/9/45. 125<sup>a</sup>.  
 Conf. Circ. Note from S. of S. of 12.10.45 126  
 Circ. Savingsgram " " " 12.10.45 127  
 Circular Note " " " 28.10.45 128  
 " Savingsgram (3) " " " 12.11.45 129.  
 (130)

c/a  
 to see from (125<sup>a</sup>) pl.  
 M. G. S.  
 30/1/46

(131)

H. b. f.

Red 125<sup>a</sup> This colony is not affected. No action necessary.

Red 126 Noted, thank you.

Red 127 " " "

Red 128 I presume that no local action is called for here. The relevant Defence Regulations are still in force here (Part VI section 41 (1)(a-c)) and may be invoked until the expiration of the present emergency makes them redundant.

Red 129 It is too late for us to take parallel action now, and in any case our existing scheme covers the point satisfactorily.

M. G. S.  
 6.2.46.

Circ. Telegram, No. 14, from S of S of 7. 2. 46 132.  
 (133)

c/a  
 to see red (132) pl.  
 M. G. S.  
 12/2/46

(134)

H. b. f.

See, thank you.

M. G. S.  
 13. 2. 46.

S. of S. Conf. Circ. Telegram Savings of 30/1/45. 135.  
 " Secret Circ. Note of 27/1/45. 136.

(137)

(138)

c/a  
 to see (135)-(136) pl.  
 M. G. S. 13. 2. 46

H. b. f.  
 See, thank you. M. G. S.  
 7. 3. 46.

139 Circ telegram No 26 from S. of S. of 2. 3. 46

140 Ann. " from S. of S. of 3. 3. 46

141 " " " " " " 4. 3. 46

142 Circ. Savingsgram from S. of S. of 27. 1. 46

143 " " " " " " 2. 2. 46.

(144)

C/a To see (142) & (143) pl.

*W. G. S.*  
10/3/46

(145)

W. G. S.

(145c)

sun. thank you. We are not affected.

*W. G. S.*

22. 3. 46.

146 Circ telegram No 43 from S. of S. 13. 4. 46

(147)

C/a To see (146) pl.

*W. G. S.*  
10/4/46

148 Conf. circ. note from S. of S. of 1. 2. 46.

W. G. S.

(149)

Re: 146 & 148 sun. thank you.

*W. G. S.*

18. 4. 46.

150 Ann. telegram from S. of S. of 10. 4. 46

150a S. of S. Conf. Circ. Note of 26/2/46.

151 Circ. telegram No. 50 from S. of S. of 8. 5. 46.

(152)

C/a To note pl.

*W. G. S.*  
10/5/46.

(153)

W. G. S.

Noted, thank you.

*W. G. S.*

11. 5. 46.

Telegram No 65 Circ from S of S of 21. 5. 46 154

c/a. M.B. Lenth. (155)  
23.5.46  
Circ Treasury  
to note (154) pl.

M.B. Lenth.  
23.5.46

1A  
154

Circ. Agram. from S. of S. of 4. 6. 46 156.  
(157)

c/a  
to see (156) pl.  
M.B. Lenth.  
29/46

(158)

A.L.I.  
—  
See, thank you.

M.B. Lenth.  
5. 9. 46.

Circ. Agram. from S. of S. of 2 7. 46. 159.  
" " (2) " " 7. 7. 46 160.  
(161)

c/a  
to see (159) & (160) pl.  
M.B. Lenth.  
27. 9. 46

(162)

A.L.I.  
—  
See, thank you.

M.B. Lenth.  
27. 9. 46.

S. of S. Conf. Circ. Note of 16/7/46 163.  
(164)

c/a  
to see (163) pl.  
M.B. Lenth.  
2/10/46  
(165)

A.C.S.  
—  
Seen, thank you B.M.B.  
For Camp. Auth.  
3/10/46.

W/aron 166  
 free in 224/46  
 "Gift parcels"

Letter from Manager, Est. L. Williams of 15.10.46

167  
 Pl. send always an "i.a." to outside  
 letters. Then to C.A. for his view on  
 (166). He shd. have a copy of the new  
 Gift parcels scheme sh. is issued the  
 same day. I think it is better done  
 with in another file.

Chel  
 16.x.46

Record

168.

See M.P. 224/46 "Gift parcels".

DB.  
 17.x.46.

169. S. of S. Conf. ltr. Note of 23.9.46.

PA.  
 170 circ Savingsgram from S. of S. of 8.11.46

171.  
 b/a  
 To see (170), pl

DB.  
 12.12.46

172

H.C.S.

Seen thank you

DB.  
 c/c 21/3/47.

173. circ. Note from S. of S. of 28.12.46

174.  
b/a  
f. i.

JD  
for CS.  
25/3

175.

H.C.S.

Seen thank you. May (173a) be retained  
by this dept please?

Bu.B.

c/a 25/3.

176.  
b/a  
certainly

JD  
25.3.47

H.C.S.

Withdrawn accordingly

Bu.B.

c/a 25/3.

confd wire Savingsgram from D of P. of " 4. 47. 178.

CLOSED

SLK 0057.

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No. 8/431/39.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

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27th November, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Registrar-General,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of Proclamation, No. 7 of 1942, prohibiting exportation of certain articles.

*HHG-*  
for Colonial Secretary.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 94.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th December, 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith six copies of Proclamation, No. 7 of 1942, dated the 23rd of November, 1942, prohibiting the exportation of certain articles.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Sgd) A. W. CARDWELL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

O. F. G. STANLEY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



Circular Note

**FALKLAND ISLANDS**

5/434/39

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Transmitted with the compliments of  
the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for  
information and distribution.

Colonial Office,  
Downing Street.

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7010/38/42.

Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
26th October, 1942.

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The Board of Trade point out that the word "Thermos" is a registered trade mark and should not be used in place of the generic term "vacuum flask".

Another case occurred recently in another Colony in which the word "Cellophane", which is also a registered trade mark, was used to describe "transparent cellulose wrapping".

We shall be grateful if you will be good enough to call attention to the general need for care in avoiding the use of trade marks as generic terms.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J.H. EMMENS.

W.L. MURPHY, ESQ.  
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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

M. P. S/43A/39.  
Part III.

Despatched : 28th. February 19 43. Time : 16.15.

Received : 1st. March 19 43. Time : ...

Circular No. 24. repeated to British Colonies Supply Mission No. 224.

United Kingdom Export Licences.

All Licences issued as from February 22nd, 1943 will have validity of 12 months instead of as formerly of 6 months and in approved cases may be extended for a further period of 6 months.

Secretary of State.

G.T.C.

See Res 279.  
Part II.

**THE VICTORIA LEAGUE  
COLONIAL BUREAU**

60 Trafalgar Square, W.C.2

Telephone : ABBEY 4875/6

Will welcome you and all men and women from the Colonies serving in H.M. Forces and the Merchant Navy, or on other war work in Great Britain, in order to help in any of the following ways:

By keeping in touch with relatives in the Colonies and acting as liaison between them and you.

By forwarding mails, etc.

By arranging hospitality.

By providing newspapers from the Colonies, comforts, etc.

By acting where necessary as next-of-kin to Colonial prisoners of war in Europe.

By giving advice on any personal problem, however great or small.

Please come and see us. We should like to meet you.

By putting you in touch with the  
organisation which can help you. ,

Parcels can be received by men from  
the Colonies duty free if addressed  
to them with their number, rank  
and name, care of this office, and  
on condition that these parcels only  
contain articles for personal use.

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# VICTORIA LEAGUE

## COLONIAL BUREAU

Patrons :

HIS MAJESTY THE KING  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY

(in premises lent by courtesy of the Sun Insurance Office)

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SIR FREDERIC O. KENYON, G.B.E., K.C.B.

SECRETARY

MISS LEAT

Telephones : ABBEY 4875  
ABBEE 4876

12th April, 1944.

His Excellency,  
Sir Allan Wolsey Cardinall, K.C.M.G.,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir Allan,

We have recently seen all the twenty three volunteer recruits from the Falkland Islands and have been delighted to meet them. They are all registered in this office and I have met each one of them individually and hope to continue to keep in touch with them whilst they are in the services. Any mails addressed to them here will be forwarded immediately. The only other recruit from the Falkland Islands that we had already met was L.A.C.W. Phyllis Atkins. She told me that no parcels are allowed to be sent out from the Falkland Islands and she feels this very acutely because she says she feels it hard when girls from other countries receive parcels and she never has one, so I feel it as well to take this opportunity to let you know that any parcels sent to members of the Forces from the Colonies care of this office can be had duty free, as we have a special concession which enables us to receive these parcels and pass them on. I should be grateful if you could make this concession known in the Islands so that parents and relatives can send those serving little gifts from time to time.

We receive newspapers from a number of Colonies and would be very glad indeed if we could have any from the Falkland Islands. I am sure they would be greatly appreciated by those serving over here.

I am enclosing you one of our cards showing ways in which we can help and can assure you that at all times we will do everything possible for those serving over here from the Falkland Islands.

Yours sincerely,

*A. D. Kenham*

Secretary.

(Miss A. D. Kenham)



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85  
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76, Davis Street,  
Stanley.

25<sup>th</sup> May 1944.

Dear Sir,

We mothers of the F.I.D.F. lads, who are now serving overseas, beg to apply for permission to send a parcel to our sons. at least once a year. We understand that goose-wings and sheep-skins can be sent overseas. We are sure our boys neither want, nor need these things, and we would be very grateful if you would grant us permission to send them a knitted garment once in a while.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant.

M<sup>rs</sup> H. Jones.

To

The Hon. K. G. Bradley,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Stanley.

B/434/39.

3rd June,

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Madam,

Red 644  
With reference to your letter of the 25th May, I have the honour to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Competent Authority who is taking the necessary action.

I have the honour to be,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. H. Jones,  
STANLEY.

Government Notice.

*Competent Authority*  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
June, 1944.

Parcels for Falkland Islanders  
serving in the forces overseas.

Residents of the Falkland Islands may now send parcels of comforts etc. to their sons and daughters in the forces or to other residents of the Colony serving with the forces overseas. Persons wishing to send such parcels should make themselves acquainted with the procedure outlined below.

1. Parcels may only be sent to members of the forces who are (i) normally resident in the Colony or (ii) whose parents at present reside in the Colony.
2. The maximum number of parcels that may be sent <sup>*to any one person*</sup> in ~~any one~~ year is four.
3. Parcels must not exceed 5-lbs. gross in weight, and although there is no restriction on the type of article that may be included, not more than 1-lb. of any one foodstuff may be sent at one time.
4. The name, rank and unit of any person to whom it is desired to send a parcel must be registered with the Competent Authority.
5. An export permit must be obtained from the Competent Authority for each parcel to be sent. This must be surrendered with the parcel at the post office. <sup>*Station*</sup> The post office authorities have instructions to refuse any parcel not accompanied by the proper permit.

It is further notified that parcels marked with the name, rank and unit of the recipient and addressed "care of the Victoria League, Colonial Bureau, 60, Trafalger Square, London W.C.2." will be admitted into England duty-free.

Colonial Secretary.  
*Competent Authority*

11th June, 1944.

Good evening everybody. You are listening to a broadcast from the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station at Stanley. Mercer speaking.

In the King's Birthday Honours there are two awards which will be of interest to you. Colonel Hynes has been given the O.B.E. (Military Division) and Mr. Lowe the M.B.E. (Civil Division).

The King's Birthday celebrations in Stanley were unfortunately spoilt this year by wet weather. It was not possible to hold a full parade of the Garrison, the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and the Civil Defence Services on the Football Field as had been planned. His Excellency addressed the Garrison in the Camp and afterwards inspected a Guard of Honour from the Defence Force and representatives of the Civil Defence Services in the Drill Hall. In the course of his address to these units he stated that while he had great sympathy with the members of the Defence Force in that their monotonous duties of guarding the Colony had lasted for so long, we could not afford to relax either our vigil or our training at the present stage of the war. Germany was a mad dog at bay and we can never tell what a mad dog will do. His Excellency referred to His Majesty's Birthday Message and reminded the men that it was a call to prayer. The forces of good were engaged at this moment in a heavy gamble to overthrow the forces of evil and every man and woman and boys and girls in the Empire must continue to throw all their energies into the struggle without any thought that victory is just within our grasp. His Excellency also paid a tribute to the excellent work done by the Civil Defence Services at the time of the Town Hall fire. A full summary of His Excellency's address will be published in the Weekly News. At the conclusion of the parade His Excellency held a reception at Government House.

The appeal issued by the Public Library Committee with a generous response. We are glad to be able to make arrangements for the early re-opening of the Store building which will make quite a suitable action can be undertaken.

And now here is a message from the Comptroller of interest those of you whose sons and daughters

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England.

As you all know, this Colony relies on imports for practically the whole of its essential supplies. These imports are, in wartime, cut down to an absolute minimum firstly to conserve shipping space and to reduce the drain on England, and secondly, in the case of South American supplies, to keep the transfer of exchange at a minimum. This means that we only receive enough goods for our actual needs, and there is no margin for re-exportation.

It has not therefore been possible for us to allow the sending abroad of parcels containing food or clothing. It is felt, however, that with the number of Falkland Islanders now overseas some concession might be made.

In future, therefore, those of you who have husbands, sons or daughters, or sisters or brothers overseas will be able to send a limited number of gift parcels away from the Colony. Here are details of the scheme.

Parcels may only be sent to people who normally live in the Colony, or whose parents live in the Colony. Only one parcel a quarter may be sent to any one person no matter by whom.

There is no restriction on the type of goods that may be included in any parcel, but the gross weight of the parcel must not exceed 5-lbs., nor must more than 1-lb of any one foodstuff be included. If goods are sent which are rationed here, coupons will have to be surrendered.

The names and addresses of all persons to whom it is proposed to send these parcels must be registered with the Competent Authority who will keep a register of parcels sent to them.

A permit must be obtained from the Competent Authority for each parcel and this permit must be surrendered with the parcel at the Post Office at Stanley or Fox Bay. No parcel will be accepted for overseas by the Post Office without a permit. ~~Parcels will not be received at any other office.~~ It will be advisable to apply for your permit before you make up a parcel in case someone else may have sent a parcel to the person concerned and his allowance of one parcel per quarter have been already used up.

I am pleased to say that arrangements have been made for all such parcels addressed to members of the forces, properly marked with the recipient's name, rank, and unit to be passed on duty-free if they are sent/

sent to the following address:-

c/o Victoria League, Colonial Bureau, 60, Trafalgar Square,  
London, W.C. 2.

I will repeat this address.

(Address)

Finally the Competent Authority asks us to stress the fact that this concession is a privilege and purely experimental. If it is ~~misused~~ abused it may be withdrawn.

If you are in any doubt as to how to proceed, or want any advice about the scheme, get in touch with the Competent Authority, Mr. Carr, and he will do all he can for you. The full details will be published in the Gazette and the News Weekly.

You are listening to a broadcast from the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station at Stanley.

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Government Notice.

Office of the Competent Authority  
(Supplies),  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
10th. June, 1944.

Gift Parcels for Falkland Islanders overseas.

Residents of the Falkland Islands may now send parcels of comforts etc. to their sons and daughters overseas or to other residents of the Colony overseas. Persons wishing to send such parcels should make themselves acquainted with the procedure outlined below.

1. Parcels may only be sent to persons (i) who are normally resident in the Colony, or (ii) whose parents at present reside in the Colony.
2. One parcel only may be sent to any one person each quarter.
3. Parcels must not exceed 5-lbs. gross weight, and although there is no restriction on the type of article that may be included, not more than 1-lb. of any one foodstuff may be sent at one time.
4. The name and address of any person to whom it is desired to send a parcel must be registered with the Competent Authority, who will keep a register of all parcels despatched.
5. An export permit must be obtained from the Competent Authority for each parcel to be sent. This permit must be surrendered with the parcel at the post office at Stanley or at Fox Bay. The post office authorities have instructions to refuse any parcel not accompanied by the proper permit.

In connection with the above procedure the Public are asked particularly to note the following points:-

(a) It will be advisable for persons wishing to send gift parcels to obtain the necessary export permit before preparing the parcel, as it may happen that another person has already sent the quarterly package authorised by this scheme. In these cases permits will be refused, and application will have to be made again during the following quarter.

(b) Arrangements have been made for parcels addressed to members of the forces to be received duty-free provided that they are properly marked with the number, rank and unit of the recipient, and are addressed

"c/o the Victoria League,  
Colonial Bureau,  
60, Trafalger Square,  
London, W.C.2."

(c) It is emphasised that this concession is a privilege, and that it is purely experimental. Abuse of the scheme may result in its immediate withdrawal.

Further details may be obtained from the above office.

(sgd.) A.R. CARR.  
Competent Authority (Supplies).



Office of the Competent Authority (Supplies)  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Permission is hereby granted to  
to export one parcel not exceeding 5-lbs. in weight addressed  
as follows:-



for Competent Authority (Supplies)

The Colonial Postmaster,  
Stanley.



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10th. June,

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Colonial Postmaster,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

I attach details of a scheme approved by His Excellency covering the sending of a limited number of gift parcels to Falkland Islanders ~~serving in the forces~~ overseas. Control will be established by the issue from this department of stamped export permits, a specimen of which is attached for your information. These permits are issued under the authority of Proclamation no.7 of 1942. No parcel (unless it falls outside the scope of Proclamation no.7) should be accepted except on production of one of these permits. Permits should be collected from the senders and returned after each mail to my office.

Your co-operation in this matter will be much appreciated.

Should be grateful if you  
would notify Fox Bay  
mailing by a/c.

Competent Authority (Supplies).



Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

30th September, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I have four brothers in England. two in war works, one serving in France and one in Italy. They were all born and brought up in the Falkland Islands. Mr. Carr has refused me permission to send them comforts because my parents are not now in the Falkland Islands.

My mother was born and brought up in the Falkland Islands and my father was here for 29 years: they were married and brought up their family here: my brother in Italy has three children born here.

My family has been resident in the Falkland Islands for four generations: it is very hard if one of the oldest families in the Islands that originally came by sailing ship should be treated as if they are not genuine Falkland Islanders.

If my case is not covered by the present rules I ask you to exercise the power you have to make an exception in hard cases, and to give me permission to send comforts to my brothers.

yours faithfully,

Mrs J. S. Pettersson  
Philimond Place  
No 3.

Stanley

Acknowledged by Form  
Letter on 5/10/44.

DECODE.

Copy to Comp. Auth.,  
for information.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 30th January, 19 45. Time : 1800.

Received : 31st January, 19 45. Time : 1040.

*Red 157  
in S/43A/39  
Part I.*

Circular Unnumbered Telegram (2) of 30th January, 1945. Aluminium.

Up to now service requirements have severely curtailed amount of aluminium available for civilian use and you were therefore advised in war that it would be practically impossible to obtain supplies of aluminium from this country.

2. The supply situation has now improved and United Kingdom Supply Authorities advise aluminium in ingot or semi-manufactured form (sheet, extrusions, wire etc., but not (repeat not) aluminium foil) is now freely available from the United Kingdom.

3. Foregoing does not (repeat not) apply to aluminium hollow ware, , output of which in the United Kingdom is still very small owing to limitation of hollow ware manufacture capacity.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(84.)  
M.P. No. S/43A/39.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th March, 1945. Time : 1115.

Received : 18th March, 1945. Time : .....

Red 47.  
Circular Unnumbered. 17th March repeated to British Colonies Supply Mission 297, my Telegram 24 Circular 1943, repeated to British Colonies Supply Mission 224, United Kingdom Export Licences. As from 1st March, 1945, expired licences will be renewed in approved cases for a 12 months instead of 6 months as formerly.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

"WAVERLEY HOUSE"

Stanley,

23rd February 1945

The Competent Authority (Supplies)  
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

I hereby apply for permission to send a  
parcel to my sisters in U.K. containing about 10-lbs.  
of mutton dripping.

I need scarcely add that "mutton dripping"  
is a surplus commodity in the Falklands.

Yours faithfully,

*A. H. Williams*



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IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROL AND RATIONING.

His Excellency believes that the need for maintaining the present system of rationing and other economic controls is realised by most people in the Colony. He is anxious, however, that the reasons why these controls cannot yet be relaxed should be fully understood by everyone.

2. The most important reason is that, Germany having been defeated, all the resources of the British Empire are now being devoted to the war against Japan. This means that an enormous amount of shipping will be needed for supplying the forces in Asia and the Pacific. The shortage of shipping will be worse than before because our armies will be fighting at the other side of the world and every supply ship from the United Kingdom will take weeks to reach the war theatre instead of hours. Many more ships, therefore, will be needed than before.

3. A second reason why a return to peace-time conditions of trade in the Colonial Empire will be delayed even after the defeat of Japan is that it will take a long time for the factories to be reconverted from the production of weapons and munitions to the production of civilian goods. It took two years to make the change-over to war production in 1939. The reverse process may be little quicker.

4. We must also not forget that bomb damage alone in the United Kingdom is estimated at £1,000, 000, 000. Not only have hundreds of thousands of homes got to be rebuilt, but the British people, who have been living for years on the bare necessities of life, have the first call on supplies of all kinds. Most of Europe is devastated and millions of starving victims of German oppression must be fed. Relief will also be required on a vast scale for the people of the British Colonies in the Far East as they are liberated. By maintaining the rationing of certain essential foods and clothing in this Colony we can help in a small way to release more food and more clothing for those who are really suffering. There is no one who will grudge this little sacrifice.

5. As regards the supply of clothing, cotton textiles, iron and steel, building materials and other goods of all kinds from the United Kingdom, His Excellency is advised that, for the reasons given above, allocations for the Colonies in 1946 will generally be no greater than in 1945 and in some cases even smaller.

6. The general picture, therefore, is not encouraging. The Government can be relied upon to relax economic controls and rationing as quickly as possible, but it must be clearly understood that this relaxation cannot be begun for a considerable time and that a long period must elapse before we can hope to be able to obtain anything like a normal supply of goods from the United Kingdom.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

RECEIVED  
STANDARD



Stanley,

22nd September, 1945.

Sir,

By this mail I have been informed that a young girl cousin of mine is a displaced person in a Camp in Czecho Slovakia. She had apparently been taken there as a slave labourer from her home in Tallinn, Esthonia. Her mother (my mother's sister) is dead. My mother is endeavouring through the Home Office, Aliens Dept. and the help of the British Red Cross, to have her brought to England and make her home with her.

My mother has been told that she will have to be responsible for everything, including clothing. I beg that I may be permitted to send a parcel of used clothes to help in these special circumstances and that permission be granted for me to do so by this mail. It is intended that the parcel shall be sent to England, not to Czecho Slovakia.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*Frances Greco.*

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



Kindly add also reply  
to Dr. Beebe. (John St. not  
office).

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
24 SEP 1945  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

We beg to request that His Excellency be asked that some concession be made to the General Public in the matter of despatching personal gifts from the Colony by parcels post to the United Kingdom. It is suggested that a maximum of four parcels be permitted per year as are allowed to service<sup>3</sup> personnel stationed in the Colony.

We are,

your obedient servants,

H. H. Clement.  
 J. Carr.  
 W. Baker  
 F. Shackle  
 H. J. Leise.  
 G. J. Arthur.  
 A. M. Mace.  
 A. Sheppard.  
 C. Sheppard.  
 D. M. Mace.  
 U. M. Clement  
 E. J. Macasney  
 H. J. Hill  
 R. J. Mace  
 W. Williams  
 W. Lewis  
 Irene M. Biggs.

servants,  
H. L. Baker.  
B. Mercer.  
M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Alasneff  
Madge Biggs.  
E. J. Berntsen.  
H. E. B. B. B.  
J. R. B. B. B.  
H. F. B. B. B.  
L. H. B. B. B.  
A. B. B. B. B.  
Olive B. B. B.  
C. B. B. B. B.  
L. H. B. B. B.  
J. B. B. B. B.  
H. B. B. B. B.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority. (Supplies)  
Stanley,

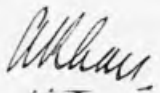
24th September, 1945.

Gift Parcels.

The Public are asked to note that the existing scheme, whereby certain persons normally resident in the Colony are permitted to receive gift parcels, has been extended. In future, any person over the age of 18 may send one bona fide gift parcel per quarter to anyone in the United Kingdom.

2. A parcel may not exceed 5 lbs gross in weight, and may not contain more than 2 lbs of any one foodstuff.

3. Parcels will be accepted at the Post Office on production of a permit issued by the Competent Authority. (Supplies). Permits will be available at the above office on Tuesdays between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. It is regretted that pressure of work makes it impossible for permits to be issued on other days or at other times.

  
Competent Authority. (Supplies).

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS.

The need for conserving South American exchange has been in no way reduced with the ending of hostilities, and importers are asked to note that <sup>fresh</sup> instructions urging the maximum economy in the use of such currencies have been received.

2. An increasing range of commodities is being made available for export from the United Kingdom, and importers should not apply for licences covering the importation from South America of any goods that are normally obtained from the United Kingdom without first obtaining assurances from their United Kingdom suppliers or agents that such goods are not yet available for export. Quantities of any goods that it may be necessary still to obtain from South America should be kept as small as possible.

3. Certain surplus foodstuffs left by the garrison are available in Stanley and these will be disposed of at figures that will permit their being retailed at prices not exceeding those approved for the most recent importations. A list of these goods is being prepared for circulation, and importers are asked particularly to note that no licences covering the importation of similar goods from South America will be granted until the stocks still held in the Colony are exhausted.

A. R. CARR

Competent Authority (Supplies, &c.)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : April 13th 19 46 Time : 23.00.

Received : April 14th 19 46 Time : 09.30.

Recd. 03.

Circular No. 43. SECRET. My telegram 16th July Priority Secret Saving (2). Imports from Canada.

2. As from date of receipt of this telegram following revised procedure should be adopted in matter of granting licences to import from Canada.

3. Where Canada has been the normal supplier before the war, and where like imports from any source other than Canada sterling or otherwise are being admitted on application licences to import from Canada in respect of articles in question should be granted. In such cases the general rule should be to give Canada her fair share of imports into territory in question from all sources (sterling or otherwise) based on pre-war trade. This should not of course preclude greater imports from Canada than her pre-war share where this is necessary on supply grounds.

4. Please refer to me for advice if any applications for licences are received in respect of Canada whether or not Canada was a normal source of supply before the war but where no imports of any source are at present being admitted.

5. Although these revised directions are to be regarded as secret His Majesty's Government in Canada have been informed of exact wording, and if a Canadian Trade Commissioner is operating in territory under your administration I should be glad if he could be informed of substance of telegram.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Code: Col. Office 03989.

See 4 in 0036 "Mr. W. J. Hutchinson  
Applies for permission to purchase a  
schooner from Canada