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LEGAL (Miscellaneous)
No. 88/38.

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S. of S Despatch No. 27.

SUBJECT.

1938.

23rd March,

Previous Paper.

MESSRS. C. W. KELLOCK & COMPANY, LIMITED

Enquiry concerning certain German vessels captured during the War stated to ^{be} still at Port Stanley.

MINUTES.

1-6. S. of S. Despatch No. 27 of the 23rd of March, 1938.

Y. Submitted. It seems strange such an enquiry should have been sent here since both the Admiralty and the Colonial Office have the records of prizes and their disposal brought here during the war.

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7. Despatch No. 74 to S. of S. of 2nd May, 1938.

Y. Despatch Submitted.

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G.W. KELLOCK & CO. LTD.
27-28, ST. MARK ST.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 27.



Downing Street,

23 March, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration the accompanying copies of correspondence relating to an enquiry by Messrs. C.W. Kellock and Company, Limited, concerning certain German vessels captured during the War and stated by a correspondent of the Company to be at present at or near Port Stanley.

2. I should be obliged if you would supply me with any information you have on the subject, and with your observations as to the nature of the reply which should be sent to the Company. You will observe that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have no information on the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies
GOVERNOR,

SIR HENRIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Fr. C.W. Kellock
11.1.38.
To C.W. Kellock
26.1.38.
To Admiralty
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Fr. C.W. Kellock
27.1.38.
Fr. Admiralty
25.2.38.

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WH/HB/16.

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C.W.KELLOCK & CO.,LTD.,
27-31, ST.MARY AXE,
LONDON, E.C.

January 11th, 1938.

Dear Sir,

A correspondent of ours in Canada writes that he understands there exists three German men-of-war, one large cargo and passenger vessel of about 15/20,000 tons, also one German freighter of about 9500 tons d.w. all of which were captured during the war in or around 1916/1917 and are still tied up in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, or near thereto.

We shall be glad to learn whether this is correct and if there is any possibility of such vessels being sold in the near future.

If so, we shall esteem your advice with details of the craft in question.

Thanking you in anticipation.

We remain, etc.,

(sd) C.W.KELLOCK & CO.LTD.

Director.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial House,
Downing Street, W.1.

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88023/18/38.

Downing Street,

26th January, 1938.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter No.WH/HB/16 of the 11th January relating to certain German vessels captured during the war which are stated to be at or near Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, I am directed by Mr.Secretary Ormsby Gore to inform you that inquiries are being made in the matter.

2. A further letter on the subject will be sent to you in due course.

I am, etc.,

(sd) A.B.ACHESON.

MESSRS. C.W.KELLOCK AND COMPANY LIMITED.

COPY

88023/18/38.

Downing Street,

26th January, 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter from Messrs. C.W. Kellock and Company Limited, seeking information relating to certain German vessels captured during the war which are stated to be at or near Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

11.1.38.

2. I am to inquire whether the Lords Commissioners can supply the information required.

I am, etc.,

(sd) A.B. ACHESON.

THE SECRETARY,

ADMIRALTY.

COPY

WHH/GD/19.

REF. 88023/18/38.

C.W.KELLOCK & CO., LTD.,

27-31, ST. MARY AXE,

LONDON, E.C.3.

27th January, 1938.

Dear Sir,

We are obliged for your favour of yesterday's date relative to certain German vessels ^{lying} near Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, and we thank you for your promise to communicate with us further after the necessary enquiries have been made.

Yours, etc.,

(sd) C.W.KELLOCK & CO., LTD.,

Director

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.1

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COPY
M. 491/38.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

25th February, 1938.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that there is no information in the Admiralty concerning the German ships referred to by Messrs. C.W.Kellock and Co.Ltd. and I am to suggest that they should be informed that their enquiry should be addressed to the Governor of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies.

I am, etc.,

(sd) J.LAWSON.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

2nd May, 1938.

SALISLAND ISLANDS.

No. 70.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 27 of the 23rd of March, 1938, and to inform you that there is no foundation whatever for the report which reached Messrs Kellock and Company that German vessels of any description captured during the war were left at this port, nor are there any now lying in these Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sd) H. HENNING HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. G. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

88023/11/38

(8)
24 June, 1938.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter WHH/01/19 of the 27th January, I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to inform you that it has been ascertained from the Governor of the Falkland Islands that there is no foundation for the report which reached your Company that certain German vessels captured during the war were left at or near Port Stanley, or that there are any such vessels now lying in the Falkland Islands.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. B. ACHESON.

MESSRS. C. W. KELLOCK AND COMPANY.

Reference to previous correspondence :
Governor's Despatch No. 74 of the 2nd May, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 60.

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Downing Street,
27 June, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, copies of the paper noted below.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

The Officer Administering
the Government.

Name and Date.

Subject.

To Messrs C. W. Kellock & Co.
24th June, 1938.

German vessels captured during the War
alleged to be lying in the Falkland
Islands.