

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

## Governor's Office.

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No.

32/15

Date of Receipt.



From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

HEKTOR WHALING COMPANY.

Application for leave to use 3rd whaler.  
at Deception Island, South Shetland.

No.

Date

88

13th August, 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

C.S. 1106/15

Registered Number of last Despatch.

MINUTES.

Hon. Col Secy.  
This application was considered at  
Meeting of Ex Co on 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. Please ask  
Clerk of Co to let me have extract from  
draft minutes.

5.11.15

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H. E. / Herewith

*[Signature]*  
C. A. Condell

5.11.15

Dep. to S/S No 146 of 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1915.

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No. next Despatch.

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*[Signature]*  
8.11.15

Reference to previous correspondence:—

Falkland Islands

No 88.

Secretary of State's

Despatch No. 118: 11th November 1914 and the connected correspondence.



Downing Street,  
13<sup>th</sup> August 1915

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your information,

the papers noted below on the subject of an application for permission for the Stektor Whaling Company to use a third whaler at Reception Island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the Falkland Islands.

L. HARCOURT.  
A. BONAR LAW.

Date.	Description.
9.15.	
14 July	From Herr N. Bugge:
13 August	To — do — :

(CW)

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ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No. 88 OF 13/8/15

N. BUGGE

TONSBERG.



14th July, 1915.

Sir,

On the fourth July 1911 The Crown Agents for the Colonies sent out an invitation for tenders for the lease of a parcel of land at Deception Island South Shetland for the erection thereon of a whaling factory intended to utilize the great number of whale carcasses which at that time could not be utilized by the floating factories and which were wasted. The conditions for obtaining the lease were, that a large factory had to be built, at Deception, capable of dealing with the carcasses of 6 bluewhales or 20 humpbacks per day.

I tendered and obtained this lease for my Hektor Whaling Company.

The factory has for some time been built at Deception and it is one of the largest plants of its kind. It has been a risky, difficult and costly undertaking on account of the remoteness of the Island.

The lease provides for permission to use two whale catchers at Deception, but the factory should mainly rely upon a supply of discarded carcasses from the floating factories which mostly at that time used to do their whaling at Deception nearly the whole season.

Things have changed since I have got the factory ready. The floating factories have shifted to other whaling grounds such as Admiralty Bay, Belgica Straits and other places, and besides this  
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they have <sup>been</sup> greatly improved as regards dealing with carcasses, the consequence is that my large factory at Deception has been deprived of the raw material (carcasses) on which it mainly was intended to rely. The two whale catchers which work in conjunction with the factory are quite <sup>in</sup>adequate for this factory as they cannot by far bring in sufficient whales to keep the factory going.

Under these circumstances I beg to apply for permission to employ a third whale catcher in conjunction with the lease at Deception.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd.) N. BUGGE.

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office

Whitehall Gardens, London S.W.

33259/15.

Downing Street.

13<sup>th</sup> August, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Honor Law to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th July in which you apply for permission for the Hektor Whaling Company to use a third whaler in connection with the lease at Deception Island.

2. Mr. Honor Law will consult the Governor of the Falkland Islands but can hold out no hope that it will be found possible to permit your Company to use an additional whaler; and I am to enquire whether, in these circumstances, you desire to apply for any relaxation of the conditions of the lease, which might enable you, for example, to remove any part of the plant which may have become superfluous.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

For the Under Secretary of State.

HERR N. BUGGE.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council  
held on the 1st November, 1915.

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The Governor requested the Council to consider the question of Mr Bugge's application to employ a third whale catcher in connection with his lease of Deception Island on behalf of the Hektor Whaling Company.

In view of the opinion of the Secretary of State, expressed in the Under-Secretary's letter to Mr Bugge, dated the 13th August, 1915, the Council were unable to recommend the granting of the right to use a third catcher. The Council however expressed the hope that on the termination of the war the matter might be further considered, possibly for next year's season. The Governor concurred.

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