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# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 145/16

## Governor's Office.

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From

SUBJECT.

~~Secretary of State for the Colonies.~~  
GOVERNOR.

WHALING LICENCES, 1916-17.  
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Despatch to S/S No. 59 of the 10th April, 1916.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 59 .

Government House, Stanley.

10th April, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 18th March, instructing me that no whaling licences other than ordinary renewals should be granted without reference to you: I have the honour to report for your information that I have renewed the Whaling Licences of the following Companies for the season 1916-17:-

SOUTH SHETLANDS & GRAHAM SLAND.

Ornen Company, Sandefjord.

Nor Company, Sandefjord.

Lahoreus Company, Sandefjord.

Southern Company, Sandefjord.

Norge Company, Larvik.

Odd Company, Sandefjord.

Hektor Company, Tonsberg.

Hvalen Company, Tonsberg.

In each case the renewal of the licences is for one floating factory and two whale catchers, with an additional licence for a third catcher.

Messrs

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Messrs Chas. Salvesen & Company.

For two floating factories and two whale catchers with a licence for an additional catcher.

SOUTH ORKNEYS.

Normanna Company, Sandefjord.

For one floating factory and two whale catchers.

Hektor Company, Tonsberg.

For one floating factory and two whale catchers.

2. Messrs Salvesen and Company have also applied for an additional licence rendered vacant by the retirement of the Sociedad Ballanera de Magallanes. I have already, by my despatch No. 46 of the 20th March, submitted for your consideration the application of Mr. P. Hogen of the Sandefjord Whaling Company for the approval of the transfer to himself and his partners of the Whaling Licence granted to the Magallanes Company.

3. Messrs Salvesen and Company already hold two leases in South Georgia, one lease at New Island, and one licence for South Shetlands, while under cover of my despatch No. 46 of the 20th March, I have submitted for approval an application from Messrs Salvesen for another licence for a whaler and two catchers to operate, in preference, in the waters of

South

South Orkneys.

4. The firm of Salvessen would appear to be only nominally British. Most if not all their employes are Norwegians. Norwegian Managers, Norwegian Captains and crews etc., and I do not consider that a growing monopoly by them of the whaling industry in this Colony should be encouraged.

5. I have also received an application, a copy of which I enclose, from M. Berg Dannevig for the lapsing licence of the Sociedad Ballanera de Bogallanes, but it does not appear to me that it can be entertained.

6. An application, a copy of which I enclose, has been received from Mr. Thomas Sinclair, at present employed as Captain of one of Messrs Salvessen's vessels, for a licence to catch whales in South Georgia. I submit however no further licences should be granted for this Dependency.

7. No application for renewal of licences has been received from the Bethval and Thule Company, operating in the waters of South Orkneys. Should the Company apply there is no objection to the renewal of their licence for 1916-17 for one floating factory and two catches, with an additional catcher.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas James*  
Governor.

Enclosure I

Enclosure II



Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

April 3rd, 1916.

Sir,

In the event of there being any whaling licence available for the season 1916/1917 for the South Shetlands I beg respectfully to make application for the same.

I have been engaged in whaling as Master of the S.S. "Roual Amundsen" at the South Shetlands for the past five years, and have a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the British Government and also the regulations which have to be observed.

Should there be any licence vacant therefore, I trust that my application may be favourably considered. I would at once advise the Colonial Government of the names of the vessels to be employed if my application is successful.

Would you kindly send answer to me personally in care of the Dannevig Company, Sandefjord.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGT) M. Berg Dannevig.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

S.S. Coronda,

New Island 22nd March, 1916.

Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I have the honour to apply for a licence, to take whales with three whale boats at South Georgia.

In the event of my application being granted I guarantee to build a land station or fit out a floating factory, in accordance with the regulations present in force.

The place of the Island I anticipate working at is the west end, as you are aware there is no floating factories or land stations there at present, therefore in the granting of a licence would not in any way interfere with the catching of the Companies already employed.

I intend to employ as many Britishers as possible to begin with, and after two years I think that I should be able to employ Britishers only.

I may mention that I am Master of the Steamer Coronda, and have been employed in connection with the Whaling for the last eight years.

Trusting my application will receive favourable consideration.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) Thos. Sinclair.  
28 Craighall Road  
Leith,  
Scotland.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 149

Government House, Stanley.

22nd August, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 7 of my despatch No. 59, of the 10th April, 1916, I have the honour to report for your information that the Bethval and Thule Companies subsequently applied for and were granted the renewal of their licences to take whales in the waters of the South Orkneys during the whaling season 1916-17.

2. As the Companies did not however operate in these waters under the licences granted to them for the season 1916-18, I caused them to be warned that in the event of their not operating during the season 1916-17, any future application for the renewal of whaling licences in their favour may be refused. Mr. H. Fredrichsen on behalf of the Companies has replied asking for special consideration.

I submit copy of the correspondence for your information.

3. I am afraid the waters of the South Orkney Islands do not form a coveted hunting sphere. The season is a very short one, the ice conditions are bad, and there is no suitable harbour.

4. For the last three years only three Companies have applied for and been granted licences  
to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

&c., &c., &c.

to catch whales in the South Orkneys:

The Bethval and Thule (Combined),

The Normanna,

The Hektor.

The two first named Companies have not operated in the South Orkneys for the past two seasons, and the Hektor Company for last season.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

The Colonial Secretary,  
New Zealand,  
Wellington.



Christiania. Feb. 5th, 1916.

Sir,

I hereby take the liberty to apply for renewal of the licenses for the Bethval and Thule Companies on same conditions as for the present season, authorizing the use of the Floating Factory S.S. "Falkland" and three whale catchers, the "Powell", "Palmer" and "Dove" to catch whales in the territorial waters of South Orkney Islands in the season 1916-17.

In the hope that this application may be granted by His Excellency the Governor, I beg to enclose herewith cheque on London value £300 to cover the fees for the two licenses.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. Fredriksen.

To  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

28th April, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th February and to inform you that the licences asked for have been issued and will be forwarded by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, for transmission to you.

2. The licences issued are as follows:- No. 23 licensing the vessels "Falkland" (factory) "Powell" and "Palmer", and No. 29 licensing the S.S. "Iove", to take whales in the waters of the South Orkneys during the 1916-17 whaling season.

3. I enclose herewith Treasury Receipt No. 25 in respect of the fees amounting to Three hundred pounds (£300) paid by your cheque on the British Bank of Northern Commerce (No. A 1252) enclosed in your letter under acknowledgment.

4. His Excellency desires me to point out to you that no whaling operations were undertaken by the Bethval and Thule Companies under the licences issued to them in respect of the 1915-16 season, and to say that in the event of these Companies not operating during the 1916-17 season any future application for the renewal of whaling licences in their favour may be refused.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) C. F. Condell.  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. H. Fredriksen,

Christiania,

Norway.

Christiania July 1st, 1916.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April re licence for the Rethval and Thule Whaling Co. for the season 1916-17 on the South Or ney Islands, also Treasury receipt for the £300 - which I remitted to you.

Regrading the 4th paragraph in your letter, I am sorry to say that the Companies are not going to operate during the 1916-17 season as the Factory S.S. "Falkland" has been chartered for 12 months from the 29th April last to carry oil from United States to U.K. I understand that nearly all the whaling companies have now chartered their floating factories for the same trade, and that will probably be more to the advantage of the British Government than the whaling operations. Also taking into consideration that the S.S. "Falkland" has for 14 months being in the same trade and running the risk of being torpedoed.

I do really think that this will be taken into the credit for the Rethval & Thule Companies, so that the licences not only be renewed for next season but that the Companies also will be granted a licence for operating on the South Shetland during the months November and December as already applied for.

The licence for 1916-17 has been received from London.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. Ezedricksen.

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Falkland Islands.

Port Stanley.