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Governor's Office.

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Secretary of State for the Colonies.		"ROLLO" and "GRIB" WHALING COMPANIES.
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Despatch to Sec of State no. 6 of 27 Jan 1917.

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~~Secretary of State's~~  
Governor's

} Despatch No. 143 of 15 August

Falkland Islands

No. 112.

Downing Street,  
13<sup>th</sup> October, 1916

Sir,



I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the "Rollo" and "Grib"  
Whaling Companies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

A. BONAR LAW.

The Government of  
the Falkland Islands

Date.	Description.
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ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH  
No. 112. OF 13/10/16

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Downing Street.

// October 1916.



Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 18th May, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to transmit to you a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands giving information relative to the "Rollo" and "Grib" whaling companies.

2. The Governor has since reported that the "Rollo" Company has sold the floating factory "Ems" to the Cia Argentina de Pesca.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

~~Gov. No. 143.~~  
15th Aug.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOREIGN OFFICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 6.

Government House, Stanley.

2nd January, 1917.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 143 of the 15th August, and with reference to Mr. Secretary Bonar Law's despatch No. 112 of the 13th October, 1916, I have the honour to submit herewith for your information copies of reports I have received from the Magistrates of South Georgia, and South Shetlands, on the subject of the "Rollo" and "Grib" Whaling Companies.

2. No record can be found in the Colonial Secretary's Office of the issue to the "Grib" Company of "Additional Floating Factory Licence" for the South Shetland Whaling Season 1913-14, as the Magistrate of South Shetland has been given to understand. In the circumstances I am inclined to think that the licence referred to is the one that was issued for the season 1913-14 to the "Grib," a whale catcher. For the season 1914-15 a licence was issued to the "Grib II" a whale catcher employed by the Ornen Company, as reported by my despatch of August last.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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S.G. No 176/16.

The Magistrate's Office.

South Georgia.

3rd November, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 696/16, and in reply beg to inform you that, regarding the Rollo Whaling Company, this Company was formed in Sandefjord, Norway in 1907 with the initial capital of 200000 Kroners, the Director being Lars Klaveness, Bank Manager, the original Coy. appears to have been the Condor Whaling Co. which either amalgamated or sold to the Rollo, as the first vessel operating in conjunction with the Compania Argentina de Pesca was the "Nor" of the Condor Coy. and later the "Ems", which arrived in South Georgia on 5th January, 1913 and then commenced operations. This Company has paid to shareholders 30% in four years.

An agreement existing between the Comp. Argentina de Pesca and the Rollo Company, that the latter Coy. should use the carcasses of whales from the land Station paying a sum for each carcass, this agreement is now dissolved, as the Rollo Coy. have sold their vessel to the Comp. Arg de Pesca with all equipment.

The C.S.M.P. dealing with the operating of this Company in the Dependency is No. 246/13.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) Edw. B. Binnie. S.M.

Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

M.P. 696/16.

The Office of the Magistrate,  
Fox Bay, West Falkland.  
22th September, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 696/16 of the 16th August last received here on the 21st September, requesting information with regard to the "Grib" Whaling Company alleged to be operating in the waters of the South Shetlands.

2. From a small Norwegian handbook "Whale and Whale catching" (Om Hval og Hvalfangst) I find that the "Grib" Co. originated in Sandefjord, Norway in 1913, commencing with a capital of 150,000 Kr. or about £8,270, under the directorship of a Mr Hinar Noer, who was attached to or in some way connected with the firm of Lars Christensen & Sons, Sandefjord, the originators and at present I think the principal shareholders is not directors of both the "Ornen" and "Nor" Whaling Companies. I understand the Grib Whaling Company received an "additional floating licence" for the South Shetlands Whaling Season 1913-14, for the purpose of utilizing the waste whale matter from the other companies there. On that occasion the "Grib" Co. operated with the floating factory (sailing vessel) "Nor", which produced something like 4,200 barrels of oil. I have no further information concerning the "Grib" Whaling Co. from that date.

I have etc.

(SD) J. Innes Wilson,

Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Hon.,

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.