

Whaling

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Nektor Co

No.

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SUBJECT.

1919

2nd April

Nektor Co. place contract for building floating factory to replace "Nektoria" and "Benquela".

Previous Paper.

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MINUTES.

Hon Treasurer

For your information.

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Hon. Sec.

Noted accordingly.

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Subsequent Paper.

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Reference to previous correspondence.

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Secretary of State's despatch No. 11 of 18th
January, 1919.

Falkland Islands.

No. 52.

For C.S.O.
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Downing Street,
2nd April, 1919.



19.8.19

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of a contract placed by the Hektor Whaling Company with the Clyde shipbuilders for the building of a new floating factory to replace the Hektorica and the Benguela.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) MILNER.

The Officer Administering
The Government of the Falkland Islands.

Date

Description.

1919.

15th March

From the Hektor Whaling Co.

31st March

To -do-

Yours obediently
(Sgd) A. Lodge.

P.T. Savoy Hotel,
London, W.C.2.
15th March, 1919.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Office,
London.

Sir,
Hektor Whaling Company, South Shetlands.

I beg to inform you that we have placed contract with Clyde Ship Builders for the Building of a Steamer of about 10,000 (Ten thousand) tons deadweight, to be ready April 1920. This vessel will be arranged as a floating Whaling Factory and is meant to replace out two lost vessels "Hektor" and "Benguela".

It is our intention to place this vessel at Deception, where she will be worked in conjunction with our shore factory.

In order to fulfil the requirements of the Regulations, this Vessel should be fitted with twelve Meat Digestors of a certain size.

We hereby take the liberty of asking for your consent to our placing these twelve Meat Digestors on shore at Deception, where they would be operated in conjunction with our Meat boiler and Guano manufacturing Plant. It will be more advantageous for the utilisation of the carcasses to have these Boilers on shore, where we have better facilities for handling, and where the boiled meat and bones can be made into Guano.

It is, of course, understood that the vessel will be used at Deception only as long as she is not fitted with the required minimum Meat Digestors on board.

We would be very thankful for a reply, at your earliest convenience, to our Office at Tonsberg.

Hvalen Company

We have not yet been able to replace this Vessel, and we are afraid there is but little chance of our getting a suitable vessel for the coming whaling season. We are doing our best to get one, and shall inform you if we succeed.

Yours obediently
(Sgd) N. Bugge.

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Downing Street,
31st March, 1919.

Sir,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th March reporting that you have placed a contract for the building of a new floating factory to replace the "Hektoria" and the "Tenguela".

2. Lord Milner will raise no objection to the pressure boilers, with which the vessel is required to be fitted, being operated at your shore station at Deception Islands, provided that, so long as the boilers are on shore, the floating factory will not be employed elsewhere than at Deception Island.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) G. Grindle.

N. Bugge, Esq.,
Hektor Whaling Company.