

WHALING.

Bryde and Dahl.

1920.

C.S.

No. 552.

S. of S. Despatch No: 56.

SUBJECT.

192

28th May.

Previous Paper.

121/20.

Messrs Bryde and Dahl granted permission to operate in the waters of South Shetlands with factory and three catchers. (Season 1920/21.

MINUTES.

Hon: Treasurer.

Will you kindly say what amounts have been paid by Messrs. Bryde and Dahl in respect of rent South Georgia and licences South Shetlands. It would seem that if land at South Georgia is leased the lease rent should be paid every year whether or not advantage is taken of the concession. From these papers permission seems to have been granted to Bryde and Dahl to operate in the waters of South Shetlands in consideration of their payment for the land at South Georgia, which is somewhat confusing. No additional fees seem to have been required for the employment of a factory at South Shetlands Perhaps Messrs. Bryde and Dahl have been misled by the S. of S. letter to the Crown Agents of the 3rd October, 1918 C.S. 205/19, in which the "Dependencies of the Falkland Islands" might be taken to mean either South Georgia or the South Shetlands. In any case the licence fees for One factory and three catchers is £300 and not £350.

*G. H. 17*  
for C. S.  
31/7/20.

Subsequent Paper.

*267/21*

(2)

Hon. Col. Secty.

In November 1919, Messrs Bryde & Dahl paid to the C.A.'s the sum of £350 on account of rent S. Georgia and a license for a third catcher - see my Minute (4) of 19.1/20 in C.S. No. 48/20. This would appear to be the only payment made by Messrs Bryde & Dahl in 1919.

2. I cannot find that any additional payment has been made in respect of Licenses to operate in the South Shetlands.

3. This and attached papers do not show whether Messrs Bryde & Dahl had the option of operating either at South Georgia or South Shetlands for the one payment of £350, but perhaps you will have some further records on the subject in your Office.

4. It seems clear to me that Messrs. Bryde & Dahl have been permitted to operate in the South Shetlands on the payment of £350, but as already pointed out this payment is set forth as their land rental S. Georgia and fee for third catcher.

5. If Messrs Bryde & Dahl are required to pay the requisite fees for operating in S. Shetlands then they will have to pay £300 in respect of the past season 1919-20 and a further £300 for the coming season 1920-21.

*mch*

Ag. Treas.

Augt 3rd 1920.

I am of opinion that a Register should be kept of all Whaling Co's operating at S. Georgia and S. Shetlands, S. Orkneys &c - M.P. records do not appear to me to be comprehensive enough as much time is lost in trying to link up various transactions.

*mch*  
3. 8. 20

(3)

*H.S.*  
The 3rd catcher operates on a licence and it is quite likely that such a licence might be transferred from Do Geo to Shetlands. It is unlikely however that a factory would be permitted to operate in South Shetlands by virtue of a lease at South Georgia. in which case £200

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*and 2*  
*catcher*  
*for the*  
*catcher*  
*mca*  
£200  
100  
£300

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No licences are apparently issued in respect of whaling operations at S. Georgia.  
*H.S.*



will have to be collected for 1919-20 season of £200 for 1920-21 season or £400 in all. <sup>coll. by</sup> <sub>for C.S.</sub> 3.8.20

C.S.O. (4)

We cannot call for any further payment as the fees charged represent a special agreement between the C.O. and Bryde & Dahl since the season of 1917-18.

The £350 is meant to cover the lease of land at S.G., and the licence for one floating factory & 3 catchers, from which it would appear that £300 is meant to cover whaling licences and £50 for lease of land.

The amount of £350 should be entered in Treasury books as in past years.

2 Note particularly that a fourth catcher will not be allowed in 1920-21 season.

W.D.  
14.9.20

(5)

Hon. Treasurer.

W. J. ...

for C.S.  
20/9/20

Hon. Sec.

Noted accordingly.

MCH  
20.9.20

(7)

H. E.

Licence for season 1920/21 has not been forwarded to the Crown Agents, but can be issued in the Colony on the arrival of the "Thor". In view of the telegram received from the C. A. with reference to the "Solstreif's Licence will it be necessary to so inform the C. A.

A  
B

for C. S.  
12/10/20.

A - Yes.  
B - No.  
Wm.  
12.10.20

Reference to previous correspondence:-

Secretary of State's despatch No. 127 of 8th December 1919.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 56.

Downing Street,

25th May, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of the whaling operations of Messrs Bryde & Dahl's Hvalfangerselskab in the South Shetlands during the season 1920-21.

I have etc.,

(Sgd.) Milner.

The Officer Administering

The Government of the Falkland Islands.

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Date.

Description.

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1920.

12th April

From Messrs Bryde & Dahl's Hvalfangerselskab.

21st May

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Enclosure to despatch No. 56 of 25th May, 1920.

COPY.

THOR DAHL

Sandefjord den 12th April, 1920

Telegrafadr: Dahl

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

Gentlemen,

Nr. 64849/1919 - WHALING LICENCE SOUTH SHETLANDS.

I duly received your favour of 6th December 1919, contents of which I have carefully noted.

By the present I respectfully for Licence to operate in the waters of South Shetlands during the coming season 1920/21 with my whaling factory s/s "THOR 1" and 3 whalers, s/s "Ingeberg 1" "Odd 11" and "Edda" or substitute, against payment of the usual rent of 350 pounds.

Hoping you kindly will grant this licence to me, I await your favourable news.

and remain,

Yours very truly,

BRYDE DAHL'S

HVALFANGERSSELSKAB

for THOR DAHL

(Signed ) C. A. SOZN.

19737/20

Downing Street,  
21st May, 1920.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 24th April, I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that he is willing to agree to the "Ther 1" operating in the waters of the South Shetlands during the season 1920/21 with three whalers. The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands is being informed accordingly.

2. It must be clearly understood that this concession is strictly limited to the season 1920/21 and gives the firm no claim to operate in the waters of the South Shetlands during subsequent seasons in the absence of express permission to do so.

I am etc.,

(Sgd.) G. Grindle.

MESSRS. BRYDE & DAHL'S  
HVALFANGERSKAB.

620K.



Sec. Falks. 20.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED

TELEGRAMS. "CROWN. LONDON."  
TELEPHONE 7780 VICTORIA

4. MILLBANK.  
WESTMINSTER.  
LONDON. S.W. 1.

16th June, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to our letter No.76 of the  
7th November last, I have the honour to transmit the  
accompanying copy of correspondence which we have  
recently had with Messrs Bryde & Dahl relative to  
their whaling operations in the Falkland Islands for  
the season 1920-21.

2. The sum of £350 in question will be found  
credited in our account with the Colonial Government  
for June.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Hon:  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.



COPY.

BRYDE & DAHLS HVALFANGERSSELSKAP A/S.

RHOR DAHL

Sandefjord den 2nd June, 1920

Telegrafadr: DAHL

R e. c.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank.  
L o n d o n - S.W.1.  
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Gentlemen,

We herewith have the pleasure of enclosing cheque £350.-.- 1/The British Bank of Northern Commerce, Ltd, London, in payment of the rent for Whaling Factory S/S "THOR I" with 3 whalers (S/S "Ingeborg I", "Odd II" and "Edda" or substitute) at South Shetland during the Season 1920/21, and beg you please kindly to send receipt in duplicate.

For your information we respectfully beg to refer you to the letter of 21st May (number 19737/20) from the Under Secretary of State Colonial Office, London, in which they have granted us permission to operate in the waters of the South Shetlands during the season 1920/21 with S/S "THOR I" and 3 whalers.

Yours very truly,

BRYDE & DAHLS HVALFANGERSSELSKAP A/S.

(Sgd) R.U. Sozn, ?

K.

Sec. Falks. 20.

16th June, 1920.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd June and of the cheque for £350 enclosed therewith (a formal receipt for which has already been sent to you). We assume that the payment is made in respect of your lease at Godthul Harbour, South Georgia for the year ending 31st December 1921 (£250) and of the fee for a third whaler (£100), but that your factory and the three whalers will operate at the South Shetlands during the season 1920-21, for which permission during the coming season has been granted you by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. We are notifying the Government of the Falkland Islands accordingly.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Messrs Bryde & Dahls,  
Hvalfangerselskap a/s  
Sandefjord,  
NORWAY.

(Sg.) W. L. Paton  
for Crown Agents.