

LEASES.

1920.

(Whaling)

C.S.

No.

769/20

S. of S. 92

SUBJECT.

1920

13th August.

Grant of Lease of land at South Orkneys (which includes whaling licence) to Tonsberg Whaling Company.

Previous Paper.

668/20

G.O. 311/20

MINUTES.

(1)

Hon: Treasurer,

To note.

for C. S.
14/10/20.

Hon. Col. Sec. (2)
Noted

mch
15. 10. 20

(3)
Letter from Crown Agents of the 18 Oct 1920
advising payment of rent of £ 250

Hon Treasurer.

For your information

Hon. Col. Sec (4)

Noted.

mch
17. 12. 20

(5)
Letter from the S/M St. George's 14 Oct 1920

Subsequent Paper.

L/40/25

(6)

Y.E.

Please see C.S. file 668/1920 in connection with this subject.

A copy of the proposed lease is in one of the G.H. files.

2. When I was at South Georgia, the Jonsberg Co. at Inuvik Harbour had all materials for a shore station, including pressure-borders, ready for shipment, and were waiting for a ship to come in in order to take it to South Orkneys. This ship was expected daily.

3. I am afraid there will not be much work done at the Shore station in S.O. this season, but the Jonsberg Co. may, I think, be permitted to take the blubber of any whales they may catch to Inuvik harbour for bringing down, & do what they can later on with the meat & bones.

4. The lease cannot be executed till the Magistrate of S. G. goes down with the transport ship. He intends to go & provide the material necessary for the completion of the lease.

Done
27. 1. 21

Done
28 January 1921

~~Letter from Magistrate Sth Georgia 9th March 1921 Encl (4)~~

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted.

2. The Magistrate, Sth: Georgia, (Mr. Binnie) is at present in Stanley, and Your Excellency may wish to speak to him with

*Y.E. see para 3
28 Jan 1921*

regard to this matter. (668/20).

3. No reply would appear to have been sent to the Crown Agents' Lr: of 18/10/20 Encl:(1). Neither does this paper show whether the Tonsberg Whaling Co, have operated at the South Orkneys during the 1920-21 Whaling Season, in respect of the payment by them of the sum of £250 to the Crown Agents (12/7/20).

K. Thompson
A. C. S. 13/7/21.

H.C.S.

*Will you please advise as to reply to
Mr. Binnie
15 July 1921*

Mr. Binnie,

With reference to your letter of 9/3/21 Encl:(4) in C.S.668/20, can you conveniently let me know whether any operations were undertaken with regard to Whaling by the Tonsberg Whaling Company at the South Orkneys during the 1920-21 Season, for which a sum of £250 was paid to the Crown Agents on the 12/7/20, as rent ?

K. Thompson
A. C. S. 18/7/21.

Hon. Col. Secy

Yes, the Tonsberg Whaling Co. did operate in 1920-21 season, for a short time during the months of July & March.

They employed 2 whale catchers in conjunction with the pressure boilers erected on land near the tankia motor vessel "Jee".

The catch was 61 whales, from which they extracted 409 barrels of oil and 450 tons, (more or less) of Blubber.

Full particulars will be given in Magistrate's whaling report from St. George.

Ernest B. Binnie

19.7.21

Ag. Postmaster

H.E. the Governor

Draft reply to C. A. L. of 18/10/21

Submitted

H. W. Thompson

A.C.S. 31/8/21

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31 August 1921

Letter to Crown Agents. 1st Sept 1920
Encl (2)

Hon. Treasurer

TO NOTE AND

H. W. Thompson

Hon. Col. Sec. A.C.S. 1/9/21

Noted accordingly.

M. Craigie H. W. Thompson
Ag. Treas.
2. 9. 21.

Letter from Crown Agents d. 4/11/21 — Encl (3)

Letter from Crown Agents d. 24/11/21 Encl (4)

Copy of letter from Tonsberg Whaling Co d. 11/11/21 — Encl (4a)

Copy of letter to Tonsberg Whaling Co d. 21st/11/21 — Encl (4b)

Hon. Treasurer

Please note

H. W. Thompson 20/1/22

Hon: Col: Sec;

Noted. Will you kindly inform me as to the period covered by this payment of £250., as Rental in respect of a proposed lease of land at the South Orkneys ?

2. This Company also hold a lease of land at South Georgia, (Husvik Harbour) at an annual rental of £250., as from the 1st January in each year. (C.S. 761/21).

H. W. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.
23rd January 1922.

Her Treasurer,

Please see enclosure ① in vol
668 and also the terms of the
lease. The rent is for one year
from the 1st Oct. 1920 - 30th September
1921

CS 772/22

1/10/1921
to 30/9/1922

[Signature] 3/2/22

Hon:Col:Sec;

Thanks. Noted.

[Signature]
Col:Treasurer.

4th February 1922.

Minute from Col. Treasurer of 5th July 1922

Encl ⑤

C O P Y.

Reference to previous correspondence:-

Secretary of State's despatch No. 81 of 12th July 1920.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 92.

Downing Street,

13th August, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the paper noted below on the subject of the grant of a whaling licence at the South Orkney's to the Tonsberg Whaling Company.

I have etc.,

(Sgd). Milner.

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

Date,

Description.

1920.

27th July

From the Tonsberg Whaling Company.

COPY.

Enclosure to Despatch No. 92 of 13th August, 1920.



Aktieselskabet,
TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI

Tonsberg den

Norway.

27th July, 1920.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.1.

We hereby have the honour to thank you very much for your favour dated 12th instant in which you grant this Company a Whaling Licence on South Orkneys.

Begging you to be assured that we will comply with the rules and regulations stated in draft enclosed in letter.

We have etc.,

(Sgd). Tonsbergs.

769/20



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Sec. Falks. 21

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

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

TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON
TELEPHONE, 7730 VICTORIA.

18th October, 1920

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Tonsberg Whaling Company have tendered payment of the sum of £250 in respect of rent for a lease of land at the South Orkneys with the use of two whalers. We have received no instructions from the Colonial Government with regard to this matter, but in view of a letter addressed to the Company by the Colonial Office, a copy of which is attached, we have accepted the payment and the amount will be found credited in our account with the Colonial Government for October.

12.7.20.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Honble,
The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

Colonial Office to Herr H. Borge (Tonsberg Whaling Co)

Downing Street,

30912/20

12th July, 1920

Sir,

With reference to your call at the Colonial Office in March last and to your letters of the 10th March and 25th June to Mr. E. R. Darnley of this Department, I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that he is prepared to grant to the Tonsberg Whaling Company for a period of five years from the 1st of October 1920, a lease of a site for a land station for whaling operations at the South Orkneys with the use of two whale catchers.

Draft Lease A

2. The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands is being authorised to execute a lease on the terms of the enclosed draft for which it will be seen that a yearly rent of £250 will be payable and that the actual site to be leased is left to be determined between yourselves and the Government.

3. The Magistrate at South Georgia is also being informed direct of the proposed grant of a lease.

I am etc.

(Sgd) G. Grindle

(2)

769/20

769/20.

1st September, 21.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter No. 93K/21 of the 18th of October, 1920, I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you that the sum of £250 is payable by the Tonsberg Whaling Company, in respect of rent for a site for a land station for whaling operations at South Orkneys with the use of two whale catchers, the Company having carried on operations there in February and March, 1921.

2. It is not possible to proceed with the preparation of the lease of the site pending the receipt of information from the Magistrate at South Georgia.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. THOMPSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,

4, Millbank,

Westminster,

London, S. W.

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Sec. Falks. 21



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



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

TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON"
TELEPHONE, 7790 VICTORIA.

3rd November 1921

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 769/20 of the 1st September, I have the honour to state that we communicated with the Tonsberg Whaling Co. in the sense of the second paragraph of your letter, regarding the lease of the site in question at South Orkneys. We have not, so far, received from the Company any payment in respect of rent for this site for the current year, and we presume that they have remitted the amount direct to the Colonial Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. Paton
for Crown Agents

Secretary
Falkland Islands

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

4. MILLBANK.

WESTMINSTER.

LONDON, S.W. 1.

TELEGRAMS. "CROWN. LONDON."
TELEPHONE. 7780 VICTORIA

24th November 1921

Sir,

In continuation of our letter No.119 of
the 3rd November, I have the honour to report
that the Tonsberg Whaling Co. have since paid
to us the sum of £250 in respect of rent for
the current year for the site in question at
11.11.21.
21.11.21.
South Orkneys and I enclose a copy of correspondence
with the Company on the subject.

2. The sum of £250 referred to will be found
credited in our account with the Colonial Government
for November.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

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THE TONSBERG WHALING CO. TO CROWN AGENTS

Tonsberg den 11th November 1921
Norway

Whaling Licence at South Orkney

Gentlemen,

In receipt of your favour dated October 31st we hereby have the honour to enclose cheque on Hambros Bank Ltd. London for

£250

being payment for lease for the year 1921.

We allow ourselves to communicate that on account of the very low prices for whaleoil and the very heavy expenses, we have not been able to fit out an expedition to the islands this year but hope to be able to resume work next season.

We have etc.,

TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI

(Sgd.) TONSBERGS

CROWN AGENTS TO THE TONSBERG WHALING CO.

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21st November 1921

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th November, enclosing a cheque for the sum of £250, in respect of rent for the current year for the site for a land station for whaling operations at South Orkneys. We are cashing your cheque and crediting the amount to the account of the Government of the Falkland Islands, to whom we will report accordingly.

2. I have to add that the question has arisen whether or not a remittance charge should be made on payments of this nature, and that we are in communication with the Colonial Office on the point. In the event of our having to make a claim on you for such charge we will communicate with you.

I am etc.,

(Sgd.) -

for Crown Agents