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Whaling
Whale Boms
No. 972.

S.O.S. No 102

SUBJECT.

1919

25<sup>th</sup> October

Previous Paper.

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Memo Andrie to to obtain concision to take whale boms from Deception Island.

MINUTES.

H.P.

Submitted.

~~THP~~

16.12.19.

The cases of South Georgia and Deception Island used to be kept in the small safe at Fort Horn. I do not know if they are still there.

THP

16.12.19.

Copy of lease forwarded to Sec. of State under cover of despatch L<sup>o</sup> 154 of 17/12/19.

Dec 17/19.

T-R-S. Johnston  
Adm.

Subsequent Paper.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 102

Downing Street,

25th October, 1919.

(1)

Sir,

With reference to Sir W. D. Young's telegram of the 10th September, I have the honour to transmit for your information copies of correspondence with regard to the application of Andvig and Company for permission to utilize or ship the whalebones lying on the beach of Deception Island, South Shetlands.

Andvig & Co. 20 Aug.  
Imp. Inst. 13th Sept.  
To Andvig & Co. 18 Oct

2. In this connection I shall be glad to be supplied with a further copy of the lease to the Hektor Whaling Company (without the schedules and the sketch map) enclosed in Sir W. L. Allardyce's despatch No. 53 of the 12th of April, 1912, no complete copy being on record in this Department.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd) Milner.

The Officer Administering

The Government of the Falkland Islands.

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ENCLOSURE TO DEPARTMENT

No. 102 25 October 1919



ANDVIG AND COMPANY. 467

Christiania.

August 20th 1919.

Re Application utilisation whalebones  
Deception Islands, South Shetland.

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Sir,

We hereby take the liberty to apply for the right to utilise or ship the whalebones (skeletons) lying on the beach of Deception Island, South Shetland.

These bones have been lying there for years, and have come from the whale carasses sent adrift by the different whale factories.

As will appear from the foregoing, these bones have not been used by anybody, and seem apparently to have not been of any value to anyone, but as we think there may be done something with them with the present scarcity of all kinds of cakemeals and manure, we should be thankful to have an early reply to our application.

Yours faithfully,

ANDVIG & CO.

(Sgd) Jens.Andvig.

The Hon.Secretary

Colonial Office,

London.

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IMPERIAL INSTITUTE

of the  
UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

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South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

13th September, 1919.

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Sir,

In reply to your letter No.49200/1919 of the 11th instant with reference to the whale bones of Deception Island, South Shetland, I enclose herewith as requested a copy of the Imperial Institute Report on Whales' Bones from the Falkland Islands of the 1st March 1916.

It still seems unlikely that the bones themselves could be exported profitably from the Falkland Islands on account of the high cost of transport. With regard to their possible utilisation for the manufacture of manure, it may be mentioned that English bone meal is now quoted at £14-£15 per ton as compared with £6.10.0 - £7.10.0 at the time of the Imperial Institute Report. In this connection, it may be pointed out that there is a good demand for bone meal in the United Kingdom at present, and that the quantity of East Indian bone meal on the market is very limited, as although there are abundant supplies in India it is not possible to find shipping space for the material.

I am, etc.

(Sgd) Ernest Goulding.

for the Director.

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office.

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Downing Street,

18 October, 1919.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 11th September I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that he is prepared to approve of the grant to you for three years of a concession to utilise or ship whale bones lying on Deception Island, subject to the payment of a royalty of two shillings per ton on the whale bones so utilized or shipped, and to the preservation of the rights enjoyed by the Nektor Whaling Company at Deception Island under their lease. No complete copy of this lease is available in the Colonial Office but copies of the schedules to it are enclosed.

2. I am to enclose for your information a copy of a report on Whales' Bones from the Falkland Islands which was prepared in the Imperial Institute in 1916. The Director of the Imperial Institute who has been recently consulted in connection with your application points out that it still seems unlikely that the bones themselves could be exported profitably from the Falkland Islands on account of the high cost of transport. With regard to their possible utilisation for the manufacture of manure, he states that English bone meal is now quoted at £14-15 per ton, as compared with £6.10.0 to £7.10.0 at the time of the Imperial Institute Report. In this connection it is pointed out that there is a good demand for bone meal in the United Kingdom at present and that the quantity of East Indian bone meal on the market is

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MESSRS ANDVIG AND COMPANY

Schedules to  
Lease

Imperial  
Institute  
Report

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I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. CRINDLE