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S. of S. Telegram

SUBJECT.

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Previous Paper.

REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING TOTAL GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED IN 1913 FROM WHALING INDUSTRY BASED ON SOUTH ORKNEYS, AND IN RESPECT OF MOST RECENT COMPLETE FINANCIAL YEAR.

(V. 6 P.P. C/12/28(3))  
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MINUTES.

Telegram from Secretary of State, 28th February, 1928.

Hon Treasurer,

Can you conveniently furnish information asked for in Red s. *GR. 1/28*  
28.2.28 for V.S.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The gross revenue received on Whaling Industry based on S. Orkneys was as follows: -

(a)	<u>Year 1913</u>	Export duty	£ 342 - 16 - 9
		License	100 - 0 - 0
			<u>£ 442 - 16 - 9</u>
(b)	<u>Season 1926-27</u>	Export duty	£ 10,850 - 5 - 4
		Licenses	350 - 0 - 0
		Remittance charges	108 - 10 - 1
			<u>£ 11,308 - 15 - 5</u>

Subsequent Paper.

2. With regard to (a) I am not able to trace what fee was paid for license in 1913, but I believe the fee was £100. Perhaps papers in your office will show.

Fee paid  
£ 100.  
M.P.  
4/24/28

3. With regard to (b) the duty shown is that actually collected on landing certificate. The Company operating was the Tonsburg Coy.

M. Braque Harthorn

Treasurer

29. 2. 28



Telegram to S.O.S. of 29. 2. 28

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S. H. M. for information.

J. M.

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16m C. S.

Thank you.

2/3 28.

A. M.

Copy of S.O.S. Conf. despatch of 17/10/28 3-6.

Hon Treasurer.  
Collector of Customs.

Referred to you

With regard to Repts. 3-b. will you please be good enough to furnish at your early convenience the figures required, as also any comments in the matter which you may have to offer.

A. J. M.  
13/12/28

Hon Secy

I put up herewith a statement which I trust will give the required information.

2. I have not inserted any figures in respect of license fees as there is no reliable record of these in this office. I presume you will be able to get these figures without difficulty from Records in your office.

3. The export duty for the seasons 1912-13, 13-14, 15-16 & 20-21 has been assessed at by a calculation based on the production of whale oil reported by the Govt Naturalist in C.S. 844/21. The export duty for the season 1921-22 is based on the quantity declared at shipment - I have been unable to trace a landing certificate in respect of this shipment. For the seasons 1922-23 to 1926-27 the figures have been taken from landing certificates in respect of shipments made by S.S. "Orwell". For the season 1927-28 the figures are based on the quantity declared at shipment as no landing certificate has yet been received in respect of this shipment.

4. I have calculated the remittance charge at 1%, but I am not sure that the charge has always been at this rate. I think in the earlier years the rate was 3%, but perhaps this is a detail of relative unimportance.

H. Chery  
W. Mees  
1911/28



Y/E.

Submitted.

A. J. P.  
for  
K. L. R. 1/6  
19/1/2/14

Early

Off 1/2 date.

I assume that no ~~rent~~ <sup>rent</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> charged at that no ~~ref~~ <sup>ref</sup> of duty was allowed during the ~~three~~ <sup>earliest</sup> ~~years~~ <sup>years</sup> 1912-13, 1913-14, at 1914-1915 - columns 1 at 4 ; please verify in consultation with Mr.

Treasurer.

2. I undertook in conversation with Mr. Treasurer that the figures for the volume 6 "Penitence Charges" are ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> figures ; please ask

9/4/28

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is for the reason that I have

verbally explained to visit the pros

figures.

3. Will you be good enough  
to fill in the figures required under  
column 2, Income, if such are available  
in CRD, or the Treasurer books?

The Treasurer might then kindly total the  
pros income year by year as calculated

per or the above basis, this being

the information for Part I of 2, has

attached at "A" or set 6.

4. I should be glad if

pros  
early attention may be given by

all concerned to this matter as  
an attempt to furnish the information  
to the I. F. I. by the last mail  
has not been a few days' time.

2-1-29.

J.M.

Hon. Treasurer

Referred to you for necessary action  
please. I have inserted Licence fees  
in column 3 of Red 7.

C. D. J.  
3/1/29.

Hon. Col. Secretary

his rent was paid in the earlier  
years as the lease was not granted until  
1920. his refunds of duties were made during  
the seasons 1912-13 to 1914-15.

I now submit an amended  
statement in accordance with H.C.'s  
minute & the telephone conversation  
referred to therein.

H. Cher  
Treasurer

5/1/29.

Y/E.

Submitted

A.D.P.  
for MS  
5/1/29

Off. Sec

Part 8 is exactly

Part 9 required.

2. Please Part the Trees.

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has been in this connection.

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7. 1. 29.

Hon Treasurer,

to see.

A.D.P.  
for MS  
7/1/29

Hon. Col. Secretary

Seen thanking you

Y/E.

Walter A. Spear

**TELEGRAM.**

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

*To* His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched*: 28th February, 1928. *Time*: 1035.

*Received*: 28th February, 1928. *Time*: 1135.

GOVERNOR,  
PORTSTANLEY.

Confidential. Should be glad to receive by telegraph following information if readily available. Total gross revenue received in 1913 from Whaling industry based South Orkneys. Ditto in respect of most recent complete financial year. In each case figure should include export duty on oil and fee for licences etc.

SECRETARY of STATE.



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TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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*Despatched:* 29th February, 1928. *Time:* 18.30.

*Received:* ..... 192.... *Time:* .....

CHAPELRIES,  
LONDON.

*Rev 1.* Confidential with reference to your confidential telegram of 28th February gross revenue from South Orkneys whaling industry season 1912/13 £442 16s 9d. season 1926/27 £11308 15s 5d. Latter figure is inclusive of sum refunded in respect of export duty on oil amounting to £5125 12s 3d.

GOVERNOR.

COPY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
CONFIDENTIAL.

Downing Street,

17 October, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential (2) despatch of the 11th June, I have the honour to transmit to you for your information copies of a despatch to His Majesty's Representative at Buenos Aires and of the note which he has been instructed to address to the Argentine Government with regard to their claim to sovereignty over the South Orkney Islands.

2. For the purpose of a fuller answer to the Argentine Government, in case this controversy should develop further, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has asked for a statement setting forth in convenient form and chronological order any facts relating to the grant of permits covering the use of the South Orkney Islands for whaling purposes or otherwise, the issue of which would indicate the exercise by His Majesty's Government of sovereign rights in the South Orkneys. I shall be glad if you will furnish me, for incorporation in the enclosed draft of such a statement, with figures showing the total revenue derived in each season from the whaling industry since 1912/13, which I assume is the earliest season in respect of which separate figures are available, down to the present date. I shall also be glad to know whether you have any other additions or any alterations to suggest in connection with the draft statement.

I have, etc.

(SIGNED) L. S. AMERY.

Fr. F.O. 2nd Oct.

Draft Memorandum.

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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WHALING PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE  
SOUTH ORKNEYS.

Until 1912 it was the practice to issue whaling licences covering all the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands except South Georgia. In 1912 it was decided to issue separate licences for each Dependency. Between 1912-13 and 1914-15 annual licences usually authorising the employment of a floating factory and two steam whalers were issued to the following Companies for the South Orkneys :

1912-13 Season.

Rethval Whaling Company,  
Christiania.

Haugesund Whaling Company,  
Haugesund.

Thule Whaling Company,  
Christiania.

Hektor Whaling Company,  
Tonsberg.

J. Bryde, Sandefjord.

1913-14 Season.

Pacific Whaling Company,  
Sandefjord.

Hekta Whaling Company,  
Tonsberg.

Haugesund Whaling Company,  
Haugesund.

Rethval Whaling Company,  
Christiania.

Thule Whaling Company,  
Christiania.

Coronation Whaling Company,  
Sandefjord.

1914-15 Season.

Rethval and Thule Whaling Company,  
Christiania.

Hektor/

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Hektor Whaling Company, Tonsberg.

Normanna Whaling Company, Sandefjord.

Haugesund Whaling Company, Haugesund.

No whaling was carried on in the South Orkneys from the 1914-15 Season till 1920. As from the 1st of October of that year the Tonsberg Whaling Company were granted a lease for five years at a rent of £250 p.a. of a site for a land station for whaling operations in the South Orkneys with the use of two whale catchers. A station was erected in 1921 in Bruce Harbour (named after the late Dr. Bruce, who established the present Meteorological Station in the South Orkneys) in Signy Island which lies to the South of Coronation Island. In view of the poor results obtained from the land station in 1921 the Company were authorised in 1922 to use a floating factory in conjunction with the land station. A further attempt to work the land station was made in 1923 but the physical difficulties proved insuperable and as from 1923 the Company have been authorised to employ a floating factory at the South Orkneys without using the land station, subject to the terms of the Falkland Islands Whale Fishery Ordinance and certain other conditions prescribed by the Secretary of State. They have also been authorised to employ an additional catcher subject to the usual fee of £100. On its expiry in 1925 the lease was renewed for a further term of 5 years subject to certain conditions including the renewal for 2 years and modification of an agreement between the Colonial Government and the Company providing for the maintenance by the latter of a steamship service between Port Stanley and the Dependencies.

In 1926 the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company and Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company were granted permission to employ one floating factory licensed for the South Shetlands in the waters of the South Orkneys from December 1926 to March, 1927 inclusive without additional fee. This permission

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was subsequently extended in both cases to the end of the season but it was not renewed for the 1927/8 Season.



<u>Season.</u>	<u>Rent.</u>	<u>South Orkneys.</u>		<u>Refund of Duty.</u>	<u>Net Duty.</u>	<u>Remittance Chg.</u>
		<u>Licences.</u>	<u>Gross Duty.</u>			
1912-13	-	100	£ 325. 6. 6.	-	£ 325. 6. 6.	£ 3. 5. 1.
1913-14	-	100	271.15. 3.	-	271.15. 3.	2.14. 4.
1914-15	-	100	175. 0. 0.	-	175. 0. 0.	1.15. 0.
1920-21	£250.	100	312.10. 0.	£ 156. 5. 0.	156. 5. 0.	1.11. 3.
1921-22	250.	100	6000. 0. 0.	1800. 0. 0.	4200. 0. 0.	42. 0. 0.
1922-23	250.	100	5891. 5. 9.	1767. 7. 9.	4123.18. 0.	41. 4. 9.
1923-24	250.	100	4395.13. 7.	1318.14. 1.	3076.19. 6.	30.15. 5.
1924-25.	250.	100	5977. 7. 3.	2390.18.11.	3586. 8. 4.	35.17. 3.
1925-26	250.	100	8871.15. 0.	3548.14. 0.	5323. 1. 0.	53. 4. 7.
1926-27	250.	100.	10850. 5. 4.	5425. 2. 8.	5425. 2. 8.	54. 5. 0. 108. 10. 1.
1927-28	250.	100	9800. 0. 0.	4900. 0. 0.	4900. 0. 0.	49. 0. 0.
£ 2000.		1100	52870.18. 8.	21307. 2. 5.	31563.16. 3.	315.12. 8.

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SOUTH ORKNEYS.

Gross Receipts during the Whaling Seasons 1912-13 to 1927-28.

<u>Season.</u>	<u>Rent.</u>	<u>Licences.</u>	<u>Export Duty.</u>	<u>Remittance Charge.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
1912-13	- - -	£100. 0. 0.	£ 342.16. 9.	£ 3. 8. 7.	446. 5. 4.
1913-14	- - -	100. 0. 0.	271.15. 3.	2.14. 4.	374. 9. 7.
1914-15	- - -	100. 0. 0.	175. 0. 0.	1.15. 0.	276.15. 0.
1920-21	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	312.10. 0.	3. 2. 6.	665.12. 6.
1921-22	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	6000. 0. 0.	60. 0. 0.	6410. 0. 0.
1922-23	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	5891. 5. 9.	58.18. 3.	6300. 4. 0.
1923-24	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	4395.13. 7.	43.19. 2.	4789.12. 9.
1924-25	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	5977. 7. 3.	59.15. 8.	6387. 2.11.
1925-26	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	8871.15. 0.	88.14. 4.	9310. 9. 4.
1926-27	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	10850. 5. 4.	108.10. 1.	11308.15. 5.
1927-28	250. 0. 0.	100. 0. 0.	9800. 0. 0.*	98. 0. 0.	10248. 0. 0.
Totals	£ 2000. 0. 0.	1100. 0. 0.	52888. 8.11.	528.17.11.	56517. 6.10.

\*Based on declared quantity - Landing Certificate not yet received.

H.C.L.  
5/1/29.