

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

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From		SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.		"ROLLO" AND "GRIB" WHALING COMPANIES. Request for report on
No.	Date.	
53	19th May, 1916.	

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

696/16.

MINUTES.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Can you, from the records in your office, report on this?

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H. S. / The C.S.O. records do not give much information.

(1) The Rollo Company.

There is occasional mention of the Rollo Company's steamer (the "Emu"), a meat boiling factory, working in conjunction with the Cia. Argentina de Pesca to utilize flensed carcasses. The usual declaration of carcasses utilized is given each season in respect of the Rollo Co. but the company's name appears on neither lease nor licence.

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The Cia. Argentina de Pesca holds two leases (Gytriken Harbour & Jason Harbour, both in Cumberland Bay) in S<sup>th</sup> Georgia; there is no restriction as to the number of whaling steamers that may be used by them, and the "Emu", I take it, although nominally belonging to a subsidiary company, the "Rollo", may be, to all intents and purposes, considered as part of the outfit of the Cia. Argentina de Pesca, and consequently operating legally.

(11) The Grib Company.

As far as I can learn there is not, and nor has there ever been any such company. There is no record or mention of it whatsoever in the C.S.G. papers nor has the Treasurer ever heard of it. The SS. "Grib II" is one of the whale catchers of the Owen Co. operating, under due licence, in the S<sup>th</sup> Shetlands.

C.S. Condell

Dep. to Sec of State No 143.  
of 15 Aug 1916.

15.8.16

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10.8.16.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO: 53.



DOWNING STREET,

19<sup>th</sup> May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will furnish me with a report upon the position of the "Rollo" whaling company, which is understood to operate the floating factory "Ems" at South Georgia, and the "Grib" company, which is understood to operate a floating factory at the South Shetlands.

2. It appears that these companies do not take whales, but manufacture carcasses obtained from other companies. I am however, unable to trace any record of the grant of a licence to either company; and to operate a floating factory without a licence is contrary to section 6 (b) of the Whale Fishery Ordinance 1908, as amended in 1912.

3. In view of the importance of maintaining the supply of whale oil, I request that the operations of these companies may not be interfered with pending the consideration of your report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

*A. Bonar Law*

GOVERNOR

W.D. YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 143.

Government House, Stanley.

15th August, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 53 of the 19th May calling for a report on the position of the "Rollo" Whaling Company, operating the floating factory "Euz" at South Georgia, and on the alleged "Grib" Company operating a floating factory at the South Shetlands.

2. In reply I beg to report that the "Euz", apparently belonging to the "Rollo" Company, is a whale meat boiling factory, employed by the Sociedad Anonima Compania Argentina de Pesca to utilize flensed whale carcasses. The usual declaration of carcasses utilized is given each season in respect of this vessel, as may be seen on reference to the reports of the Magistrate of South Georgia forwarded under cover of my despatches No. 130 of the 12th October, 1915, and No. 22 of the 4th February last.

3. The Argentine de Pesca Company hold two leases for whaling Stations at South Georgia; one at Grytviken Harbour the other at Jason Harbour, both Harbours in Cumberland Bay. Under the leases, copies of which I forwarded to you under cover of my despatch No. 122 of the 12th July last, the Company is limited in the number of whale catchers, but there would appear to be no restriction as to the number of steamers or floating factories they may employ. The "Euz",

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although nominally belonging to the "Bollo" Company, may I think be considered as a subsidiary forming part of the outfit of the Argentina de Pesca Company, and consequently operating within the terms of the leases to the Company.

4. With regard to the alleged "Grib" Company. As far as can be ascertained locally there is not, nor has there ever been any such Company. A small steamer called "grib"II" is one of the three whale catchers of the Green Company operating under licence in the South Shetlands during the season 1915-16. The licence has been renewed for the season 1916-17. This possibly may account for the representation made with respect to the "Grib".

5. As you are aware, on account of the heavy ice conditions in the Southern Seas no whaling operations are carried on in the South Shetlands during the winter months, March to November each year.

6. Any further information on the subject of your inquiry that can be obtained from the Magistrates of South Georgia and South Shetlands, I will submit to you at a later date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.