

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

## Governor's Office.

No.

SGD/WHA/1 # 7

Date of Receipt.

From *To*

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

EXPORTATION OF WHALE OIL TO UNITED KINGDOM.

*want of system for checking delivery of*

No.

Date

24

14th Feb., 1916

MINUTES.

Despatch to S/S No. 24 of the 14th Feb., 1916.

*Minutes to Col Sec. <sup>AD</sup> copy enclosed.*

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*Desp. 24 replied to by Sec/State n° 61.9.6.16. M.O. 294/16*

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

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Secretary of State, to, Governor.

Despatched and received 4th January 1916.

Report described all clearances of Whale Oil.

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Report by despatch all clearances of Whale Oil.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Government House, Stanley.

No. 274

14th February, 1916.

*Replied to by SP.  
No 61-9-6-16.*

Sir,

On the export of Whale Oil from this Colony a bond is required for the due delivery of the oil in the United Kingdom, or at a Port authorized by Regulation, under The Whale Oil (Export Regulation) Ordinance, 1915. Failing satisfactory evidence of due delivery the exporter is held liable to the Treasurer of this Colony for the payment of the amount stated in his bond.

2. No system however appears to be in force by which this Government is informed of the arrival of vessels in the United Kingdom with cargoes of Whale Oil from this Colony. In some instances it would appear that on arrival in England the Customs have allowed the vessel to proceed with the oil to a Foreign Port.

3. In order that the delivery of the oil may be traced, and to ascertain that the conditions of the <sup>bond</sup> have been complied with, I shall be glad if it could be arranged for the Customs in the United Kingdom to report to the Treasurer of this Colony the arrival of every ~~vessel~~ vessel with a cargo of Whale Oil from this Colony, stating the quantity of oil on arrival.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. Anticipating approval of action in this direction, and to assist the Customs in the United Kingdom in the matter, I have directed the Treasurer to report to the Customs, London, the departure of every vessel with Whale Oil from this Colony, stating the quantity of oil on board, and the Port for which cleared. I hope this will meet the convenience of the Customs at home.

5. To illustrate the necessity for some such practice, I beg to mention the following as an instance.

The S.S. "Roald Amundsen", of the Laborer's Whaling Company, Sandefjord, Norway, cleared on the 10th April, 1913, from South Shetlands for Falmouth, with 20,000 barrels of Whale Oil, valued at 250,000. The oil was estimated to weigh 3,354 tons, and a bond in the sum of 4500 was given for its due delivery in the United Kingdom within six calendar months from the date of the bond: viz. from the 10th April, 1913.

Nothing having been reported to this Government with respect to the due delivery of this shipment, I caused the Company to be written to on the 3rd November, 1913, and warned, that the terms of the bond would be enforced unless evidence of the due delivery of the oil in the United Kingdom was received within reasonable time. Later in the month the Master of the "Roald Amundsen", on his return to the Colony, called on the Colonial Secretary and informed him that the cargo of whale oil by the "Roald Amundsen" had been landed in Norway, under a clearance from the United

Kingdom

Kingdom enabling the ship to proceed to Herway with her cargo. This was the first intimation on the subject received by this Government.

After the interview with the Colonial Secretary the Master of the "Roald Amundsen" sent a telegram to his Company, who acting on same have now furnished:

(1). A certificate by the Controller of Customs at Fredriksstad, dated the 24th November, to the effect that the "Roald Amundsen" arrived there from Barry Hook on the 4th June last, and discharged her cargo of Whale Oil "which she had brought here from Barry Hook, with exception of an indeterminable quantity of refuse & bottom scrapings, which remained undischarged when leaving here".

(2). A letter from the British Legation, Christiania with respect to about 100 barrels scrape oil landed ex S. S. "Roald Amundsen".

I enclose for your information copies of both these documents.

6. It will be seen that with the exception of the 100 barrels of scrape oil no mention is made of the cargo of the "Roald Amundsen" consisting of 20,000 barrels, which has yet to be satisfactorily accounted for.

7. In view of the statement made by the Captain of the "Roald Amundsen" the Company were further written to on the 26th November, 1915, and requested to furnish

full

full particulars of the transfer of the cargo to Norway. I propose to wait a reply from the Company to the letters of the Colonial Secretary of the 5rd and 26th November, 1915, before taking further action in the matter.

8. The following are other cases on all four with that of the "Roald Amundsen" and the Companies have been addressed by the Colonial Secretary in like manner.

SHIP	Left S.I. under Bond to deliver oil, in United Kingdom etc.	C A R G O		Value	Discharged at
		ERIC.	Approx. tons		
BOMBAY	31.3.15..	15,000	2584.	245,000	Fredrikstad
SVENSOYN I	3.4.15.	32,000	3367	280,000	"

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

*Angela Young*  
Governor.

TRANSLATION.

As requested in a letter received today from Messrs  
T. Jannevig & Co., dated 23rd November, I hereby  
certify, that the S/S "Roald Amundsen" of Sandefjord,  
arrived here from Barry Dock on the 4th June last and  
discharged at this port the cargo of whaleoil, which  
she had brought herefrom Barry Dock, with exception  
of undeterminable quantity of refuse & bottom  
scrappings, which remained undischarged when leaving  
here.

Fredrikstad 24th November 1915.

(Signed) Morgenstjerne,

Controller of Customs.

British Legation,

Christiania.

30th Nov., 1915.

Messrs T. Imonevig and Co.

Sandefjord.

Gentlemen,

S/S "Roald Amundsen"

In reply to your letter of Nov. 26th I beg to inform you that I have no objection to your retaining about 100 barrels of scrape oil ex S.S. "Roald Amundsen" in your store at Sandefjord, in view of the guarantees which you have given me against its re-export to any other country than Great Britain.

I have no objection to your forwarding this letter to the proper authorities in England or at the Falkland Islands.

Yours Faithfully.

(Sd) M. Pindlay.



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Non. Col. Sec.

Vessels clear from here under a bond to deliver Whale Oil at a Port in the United Kingdom but no system is in force by which this Government is informed of the due delivery of the oil.

2. In order to trace the Oil to a Port in the United Kingdom I have asked the Secretary of State if it could be arranged for the Customs to report to the Treasurer of this Colony the arrival of every vessel with a cargo of whale oil from this Colony, stating quantity of oil on arrival.

3. To assist the Customs in the United Kingdom the Treasurer <sup>shall</sup> report direct by first opportunity to the Customs, London, the departure of every vessel from Stanley and New Island, with Whale Oil from this Colony to the United Kingdom, stating the quantity of oil on board and the Port for which cleared.

4. In the case of the Deputy Collector at South Georgia and the Deputy Collector South Shetlands they should be instructed <sup>by the Treasurer</sup> to do the same, forwarding a copy of their

report

report to the Treasurer for my information.

5. The Treasurer might draw up a form of letter to be used by himself and the Deputy Collectors, on each occasion.

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

15th February, 1916.