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SUBJECT.

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Whale Oil Question of rebate of Export Duty.
Investigations by Southern Whaling & Sealing
Co. with view to improving industry.

MINUTES.

22 Nov 1923

- Sops Conf Desp. 26 Oct 1923 (1)
- " " " 21 Nov 1923 (2)
- Ln to S. Whaling & Sealing 26 Oct 1923 (2a)
- Ln fr " " " 9 Nov 1923 (2b)

Y.E.
Submitted
G.K.H. 13
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19 Jan 1924

Ask Asst. Gov. Naturalist in
first place - by letter from

11/11 21 Jan 24

Subsequent Paper.

Letter to Asst. Gov. Naturalist; 25/1/24 Encl. (3)

Letter from Assistant-Lieut. Naturalist 25 February 1924

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G. J.
Submitted.

To refer to Mr. Hamilton on his return
from South Shetlands?

G.H. 13
Di/Sec
9/3/24

Mr. J. E. Hamilton.

His Excellency has instructed that
these papers should be referred to you
for consideration and report.

G.H. 13
Di/Sec
10 March 1924

Hon. Col. Sec.

With reference to the information desired I
would submit that it would be useful to know
1. Whether any chemical changes take place
in oil during its transit from the whaling grounds
to the place of discharge, what the nature of
the changes may be, if there are any, and to what
extent they depend, if at all, on the oil being in
bulk, barrels or drums.

2. The nature and degree, and if possible the
rate of change in the products of a whale which
has been kept some time when compared
with those from a perfectly fresh animal.

3. The amount and quality of fat recoverable
from open boiler residues, and a comparison
of the success of different methods - e.g. skimming,
reboiling &c.

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4/ If any commercially practicable method has been devised by which the fine from press boiler drainage may be recovered

5/ If any hitherto undetected by product of value has been isolated, and if so what its nature may be

6/ Whether the special processes used by Southern Whaling and Sealing Company are available for use by all companies and to what extent they could be used in a floating factory compared with a land station.

In general, working details of are not wanted but only information as to the objects of special methods and the degree of success which attends them, with if possible, some indication of the nature of the methods themselves.

J. E. Hamilton
Govt Naturalist
18/5/24,

Y.P. Submitted

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21 March 1924

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~~W.H.~~ 15 May 24

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL

26 October, 1923.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Middleton's confidential despatch of the 28th May with regard to the question of export duties on whale oil produced in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands and to inform you that after consulting the Governor I am of opinion that some concession may be made and that it should take the form of adding one step to the existing rebate i.e. a rebate of 2/- when the price of whale-oil is less than \$35, thus making the effective rate of duty 3/- a barrel.

2. It should be clearly understood that although the concession is made to meet the case of the lower grade oils, I consider that it should take the form proposed rather than a scale graduated according to the grade of oil.

3. I am of opinion that the proposed concession should not become effective until the season 1924-25.

4. The Southern Whaling and Sealing Company is being invited to furnish, confidentially a detailed report on the investigations which they have carried out with a view to improving the method employed in the

whaling

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

whaling industry, as suggested by Mr. Middleton.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DUPLICATE

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL.

21 November, 1923

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch of the 26th October, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited with regard to the investigations which they have carried out with a view to improving the methods employed in the whaling industry.

To S.W. & S.Co. 26 Oct.
From do. 9 Nov.

2. I should be glad to learn whether having regard to the terms of the letter from the Company, there are any specific enquiries which you consider might usefully be put to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Signed) DEVEREAUX

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COPY.

33026/1923.

Downing Street,

26th October, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to inform you that the Governor of the Falkland Islands has reported that he would be glad if you would furnish confidentially, a detailed report on the investigations which he understands you have carried out with a view to improving the methods employed in the whaling industry.

2. The Secretary of State would be glad to learn whether you are prepared to furnish the information asked for by Mr. Middleton.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

MESSRS. THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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CO.

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A 18, Exchange Buildings,

Liverpool.

Your Ref. 33026/1923.

9th November, 1923.

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

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in which you ask us to furnish the Governor of the Falkland Islands with a detailed report on the investigations which we have carried out with a view to improving the methods employed in the Whaling Industry.

We shall, of course, be glad to be of assistance to the Government in connection with the trade, but you will naturally appreciate that we could not divulge for publication, any methods or secret processes which we adopt in connection with the treatment of Whale oil.

If you will kindly state specifically the nature of the information required, we will be pleased to comply with the Governor's request

We have, &c.,

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY, LTD.

(Signed) M. CHARLES HALL.

Managing Director.

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25th January,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company have been requested to furnish confidentially a detailed report on the investigations which they have carried out with a view to improving the methods employed in the whaling industry. They have replied that they are unable to divulge for publication full information regarding the processes adopted in connection with the treatment of oil but that they would be glad to reply to any specific enquiries addressed to them on the subject. I am to request you to suggest any enquiries which might usefully be put to them.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

A. G. Bennett, Esq.,
 Assistant Government Naturalist,
 Stanley.

25 Feb ,1924

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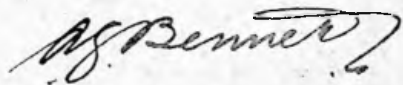
Sir.

In reply to yours of the 25 Jan 24,¹ beg to suggest that the following enquiries might ~~be~~ asked:-

1. The difference found in the % of free fatty acids of the various grades of Whale oil on delivery at the Port of discharge, as compared with that at the time of manufacture.
2. The % of Glycerin lost to the oil produced in a Digester)- Press Boiler, as compared with Open Boilers.
3. The increase in Free Fatty Acids in oils due to keeping an unutilized whale for 24 hours.
4. The % of saponifiable fats recoverable from the residues of open boilers.

I understand that the Southern Whaling & Sealing Co made efforts unsuccessfully last year to discover the working of a blubber residue plant that was working on SS Roald Amundsen.

I am,
Sir. Your obedient servant



Asst Gov Nat:

To the Hon

The Colonial Secretary.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

21st March, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Confidential despatch of the 21st of November, 1923, relating to an offer by the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company to reply to any specific enquiries made by this Government, regarding the investigations which the Company have carried out with a view to improving the methods employed in the whaling industry, I have the honour to attach a note by Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Government Naturalist, specifying the nature of the information which the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company might, with advantage be requested to supply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS CONFIDENTIAL DESPATCH OF THE
21st of March, 1924.

Note by Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Government
Naturalist.

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(sgd) J. E. Hamilton,
Government Naturalist,
18th March, 1924.