

CONFIDENTIAL.

C.S.

1925
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No. C. 14/1925

SUBJECT.

1925
5th October

WHALING - Recent developments in method of.

Previous Paper.
Original on
G.O. C/22/25

- Correspondence with Andvig + Co. on subject
- Refusal of additional licence to Andvig & Co.

D/102/25

MINUTES.

2 P.
2/17/26

1-5 Confidential Dispatch from Secy. of State
5th October, 1925.

~~4 P.~~ Extracts from G.O. C/22/25.

H.C. For information. (Info) J.M.
11 Dec. 1925

4 P. noted, thank you.
Copy retained in this Office as C/14/1925
(Info) B. C.
14 Dec. 1925

H.C. Tell you please telegraph to S. of S. as in att. draft after it has been checked.
2. Information is taken from D/110/25 and D/102/25. (Info) J.M. 21. 2. 26

6 Copy of telegram to S. of S. 21st Jan. 1926

Subsequent Paper.

4 P. Telegram checked and dispatched.
Copy annexed. Info B.

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Confidential Memo. from Magistrate, South Georgia 17.3.26 9-16

Submitted. 20.4.26

H.C.S.

a copy of enclosure (b) is being forwarded to S of S
in a confidential despatch see G.O. C.22/1926:

M.
2 May 1926.

Confidential despatch to S of S. 3rd May 1926 17-24

Confidential despatch fr. S of S. 9th July 1926 25.

Copy of minute from Acting Governor, 30th September, 1926 in G. O. C/22/25.

H. C. S.

Please withdraw duplicate copy of S. of S.
Circ despatch of 9th July, 1926 for C.S.O.M.P. on
which please propose action.

(intd) A.E.B.
30th Sept. 1926.

1. Submitted with a draft telegram to the Magistrate, South Georgia, marked Confidential.

2. I will also send W. Bennett as Liaison Officer to South Melburn for the season 1926-1927 under confidential instructions.

Just

19.10.26

H.C. I have amplified draft telegram by reference to telegram of 7th Nov. (on 10/2/25.)

2. Copy of despatch should go to Magistrate "for information & guidance" by "Fleuss" on her next trip.

3. Mr. Bennett should be notified as proposed. The information should be regarded as Strictly Confidential.

20 Oct. 1926

- 26. Telegram to Magistrate, South Georgia dated 21.10.26.
- 27. Minute to Mr. A.G. Bennett dated 22.10.26.
- 28. Minute to Magistrate, So. Georgia dated 22.10.26.

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Letter from Capt. Alb. Anderson
Operating Manager of Laney
23rd Sept 1927. 29.

Minute from H. E. du Governor.
30 Sept 1927. 30.

Y.S.

Your Excellency instructed me to send
up these papers in the first place.

The matter of the facilities to
be granted to the Laney is laid
down in S of S Camp despatch of 9th
July 1926. (Red 25 of this paper.)

G.W. L. H.
for C.S.

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Hen C.S.

See remarks on cables 30.

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A.H.

Telegram to S. of S. of 1st Oct. 1927. 31.

Telegram from S of S. 6th Oct 1927. 32.

Y.S.

Submitted

G.W. L. H.

7. 10. 27 for C.S.

Hon C.S.
 For telegram to "Lancing" accordingly. Despatch to
 S of S Forwarding copy of "Lancing's" letter for
 his information. (MR Ellis to see papers on return)
 A.H.
 $\frac{7}{10}$ 27.

P.S.
 "Lancing" is now in touch with our wireless. They find
 out where she is exactly.

Send particulars of permission given (by wireless)
 to Magistrate, S. Georgia, for information of MR Barros
 A.H.
 $\frac{7}{10}$ 27.

On 7. 10. 27. "Lancing" was reported
 to be 550 miles South of Italy.

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- 33. Telegram to manager, Lancing. 7/10/27.
- 34. " " Mag. So. Geo. 7/10/27.
- 35. " from manager, Lancing. 12/10/27
- 36. memo. from Supt. of T. & T.S 14/10/27.
- 37-40. Despatch to S. of S. Conf. of. 17/10/27

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41. Telegram from Magistrate, So. Geo. 31/12/27

42. Telegram to Magistrate, So. Geo. 2/1/28

Telegram to S. of S. of 6th January, 1928.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL.

5 October, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of correspondence with Andvig and Company relative to recent developments in methods of whaling.

2. I have been unable to obtain confirmation from any other source of the Company's statements in regard to the successful results obtained by the Globus Company. I shall be glad to receive any information which may come into your possession regarding the activities of the Globus or other firms in prosecuting whaling operations without licence on the high seas near the Colony or its Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY.

GOVERNOR

SIR J. MIDDLETON, K.B.E., C.M.G.,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

ANDVIG AND COMPANY.

Oslo

Kirkegt 34.

September 26th, 1925.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

H.B.M. Colonial Office.
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Sir,

Regarding Whaling Licences.

Since we saw Mr. Darnley on the 18th May last, a most important change in the whole aspect of whaling has taken place.

The operations of the first Norwegian company (The Globus) whaling outside territorial limits without any licence, have completely confirmed to satisfaction that licences for whaling (and shore bases) are no longer necessary in order to carry out successfully the whaling business. The Globus is the first company that catches whales outside the territorial limits without licence.

Its operations have not only met with success but the success has been so great that a company No. 2 the A/S Polaris, is now being formed for whaling purposes without whaling licences and for operations outside the territorial limits in Australian waters and also in the Ross Sea region.

These are the first consequences of the British whaling restrictions.

It seems to us that it should be borne in mind (1) that the principal number of whales is caught outside the territorial limit, which limit is of no consequence to the catch itself; (2) that restrictions, immaterial of which kind, nearly always lead to new means being found by which
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the original intention is generally obtained; (3) when licences are given the number of whale-catching boats is limited, but when no licence is given and companies therefore are obliged to whale outside the territorial limits, they are at liberty to use as many whale catching boats as they like.

The consequence is that the British Government lose the considerable fees which they always get on the products and oil from the licences.

Further, the restrictions have lead to quite the contrary of what was intended. Instead of restricting the whaling operations, they have created such a position that fishing without whaling licence actually extend whaling operations which can be carried out by any company of any nationality, using any number of catchers and catching any number of whales.

These are facts which nobody can deny.

As stated above, it has been absolutely confirmed that a land station is no longer necessary. The foundation of the said two important Norwegian companies fully proves that the restriction policy does not answer to its task and that it has reached quite the contrary of its intention. It now is a real drawback instead of being an advantage. The only thing that is certain is, that the British Government lose the fees.

Further, the British standpoint, namely, that the whales will be exterminated cannot possibly be maintained because after whaling operations having been carried on at South Georgia during the last fifteen years, the last season, 1924/25, has been a real record.

We

We desire to form a new company for operations in South Georgia and South Orkneys and trust you will be able to revise your opinion and grant us a whaling licence for up to five whaling catchers. Otherwise, we intend to follow the example of the two-named Norwegian companies. We understand from recent discussions between Norwegian and English experts that His Britannic Majesty's Government consider three nautical miles as the territorial limit.

In this connection we beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Norwegian Company whaling with licence at South Orkneys have to a large extent carried on their operations without making use of the harbour, and that the A/S Rosshavet, whaling under licence in the Ross Sea have simply been obliged to operate in the open sea as it proved impossible to make use of land facilities owing to the shore being blocked by ice.

We should be grateful to receive before November 1st, 1925, a reply whether a licence would be given us or not.

We beg to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ANDVIG AND COMPANY

(Sd.) H. ANDVIG.

Confidential.

43747/1925.

Downing Street,

5 October, 1925.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to acknowledge the receipt of your Private and Confidential letter of the 26th September, and to thank you for the information contained therein on the subject of pelagic whaling in Antarctic waters.

2. Mr. Amery regrets, however, that he does not see his way to authorize any departure from the present policy of restricting the issue of licences to operate in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands; and your request for a further whaling licence is one that he is unable to entertain.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE.

MESSRS. ANDVIG AND COMPANY.

TELEGRAM.

From The Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 21st January..... 192 6 Time. 3.45 p.m.

Received : 192 ... Time.

CHAPELRIES.

LONDON

Your Confidential despatch of 5th October Lancing has been operating north of South Orkneys since early in December and has captured 150 whales up to 13th of January no information as to species of whales or oil production blue whales reported to be numerous in the locality in December. Following information relates to South Shetlands up to same date average catch 3 factories 200 whales average 7 others 130 whales. One factory with 5 whalers has captured 266 whales.

GOVERNOR.

TELEGRAM.

From The Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 11th February. 1926. *Time.* 16.00

Received : 192 *Time.*

CHAPELRIE

LONDON

Your Confidential despatch of 5th October my telegram of 21st January (spell word of 7 letters) Lancing later report from whaling officer South Shetlands gives catch up to 21st January 234 whales producing 8200 barrels of oil. So far as can be ascertained vessel is proceeding eastwards and is about 280 miles south of South Georgia.

GOVERNOR.

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Telephoned to W/T.

● Station, 4.30 p.m.

TELEGRAM.

12th April, 1926.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 12th April, 1926. *Time.* 4.30 p.m.

Received : 192 *Time.*

CHAPELRINS

LONDON

Confidential With reference to my telegram of 11th February (spell word of 7 letters) Lancing is reported to be operating off east coast of South America proceeding northwards.

GOVERNOR.

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Clerk to Magistrate

4th March, 1926.

Magistrate.

REPORT ON S/S "LANCING"

In compliance with your instructions I proceeded at midnight of the 3/4th inst., on the Whalcoatcher "Albatross" to Jason Harbour for the purpose of investigating the extent of the damage sustained by the S/S "Lancing".

In company with Mr. Carlsen, the Engineer of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, I boarded the vessel at 2 a.m. of even date.

Hereunder I beg to append details of the material information elicited from the Master, H.G. Melsom:-

- (a) The vessel dropped anchor at 8 a.m. of the 3rd inst.
- (b) The Whalecatchers "Globe 1", "Globe 11" "Globe, 111" and "Norrna.1." towed the vessel into Harbour.
- (c) The damage sustained was the entanglement of a chain and wire around the propeller shaft.
- (d) The period required to effect repairs could not be ascertained on account of the too heavy swell retarding the Diver making a minute inspection.
- (e) The accident occurred 20 miles North of Cape Saunders.
- (f) The towing of the vessel extended over a period of 10 hours, two whalecatchers (Globe 1 & 11") towing ahead and two ("Globe.111" & Norrona.1.") astern, to facilitate the steering of the vessel.

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(g) 268 Whales of various species had been taken in the vicinity of the South Orkneys and 108 in the vicinity of South Georgia, and the appx amount of oil on board amounted to 13,000 Barrels, Grades 1 & 2.

(h) His last port of clearance was Cape Town.

(i) There was 1,200 tons of coal on board.

On being questioned why he had not proceeded to a Port of Entry he (The Master) stated that it was due to his lack of knowledge of the South Georgia/^{Coast} and was dependent upon the information of the Master of the "Globe.11", Sorlle, by name, as to the safest harbour in which he could anchor his vessel, however, he concurred on his present knowledge, that no difficulty would have been experienced in towing into Grytviken Harbour.

The 4 Whalecatchers were secured alongside, and, in the opinion of the Master, it was necessary for them to stand by in consequence of the vessel's disablement and the possibility of unsettled weather.

One blue whale was on the Flensing Platform of the Factory and 2 whales each alongside the "Globe.111" and "Morrna.1."

I inspected the 5 vessels and found that all whaling gear was stowed below deck, guns covered, and all engines under steam.

Mr Carlsen was of opinion that the S/S "Lancing" was genuinely in distress.

(Sgd) A.G. NELSON-JONES.
Clerk to Magistrate.

SERVICE FORM.

(1915).

THE

WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
LIMITED.

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Station, _____ 19

From Rancing

To Magistrate

W 31 10 am 5th.

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I beg to advise you that our repairs were finished this morning at 10 and that we immediately proceeded to sea I am sir yours respectfully =

Captain
Rancing

SERVICE FORM.

(1915).

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WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
LIMITED.

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 From *Racing* To *Magistrate*
 257. 7am 3/3 | 40X =

I wish to report to you that after propeller having been disabled yesterday so that could not use engine this steamer was towed by the whalers into the Jason harbour where anchored this morning at 8 am as soon as we have effected repairs we will proceed to

SERVICE FORM.

(1915).

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Nelson Captain Ransing
Norwegian Steamer

Received
20.4.26

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MINUTE PAPER.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Departmental Number.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

S.G.No.107/26

Date...17th March, 1926....

To Honourable Colonial Secretary Stanley.

S/S "LANCING"
ENGAGED IN PELAGIC WHALING.

Reference
Numbers.

The "Lancing" was catching whales in the vicinity of South Georgia from about the 10th of February to the 8th inst.

In the first place the vessel anchored 7 miles off Cape Buller, on what is known as "Buller Bank"; on the 16th February a storm from South West made it impossible for her to lie at anchor, and the wind and sea was so severe that they could not get steering way on the vessel, with the result that the ship drifted within a short distance of Vakop Rocks, near Cape George.

It was reported indirectly to me that one of the "Lancing's" whalecatchers was on this night anchored in Dog Bay

On trying to obtain further information on the subject the crew of the whaler who saw the whalecatcher said they could not swear what it was, but it was a stranger.

At that time the "Lancing" was lying to the E.N.E. about 5 or 6 miles off shore, the whalers were catching together with those of the South Georgia Company, the latter complaining that the "Lancing's" boats were a nuisance, running to and fro scattering whales in all directions, and, of course, taking all species.

The vessel had approximately 12,000 to 13,000 barrels of oil, and was short of coal.

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I understand that the contract of the "Lancing's" Gunners states that if they catch within the 3 mile limit they risk instant dismissal, and forfeit their part of the catch, *this of course is possibly bluff.*

On the 24th of February one of the "Lancing's" whalecatchers, namely, "Norrona," l. anchored in Cooper Bay and lay all night with one of the whalecatchers of the Compania Argentina de Pesca., the Master of the latter vessel has now laid a deposition giving full particulars of this case, and has offered himself as a witness.

On the 3rd of March, S/S "Lancing" was towed into Jason Harbour by two of his whalecatchers, on account of having a chain and wire round the propellor shaft, the other two whalecatchers followed the ship in, towing whales.

The Master sent a telegram to me (Enc.1) stating that he had brought his vessel to anchor in Jason Harbour.,

At this time no boat was available to go around to Jason Harbour until midnight, when I sent Mr. Jones to make enquiries as to the truth of the statement of the telegram, and sent an Engineer with him to report. For this purpose I had to take one of the whalecatchers of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, which vessel proceeded to sea at 4.30 a.m. after the return of Mr. Jones.

On receiving Mr. Jones' report I considered the matter together with the Deputy Magistrate and a warrant of arrest was made out for the catchers that towed in the whales, also a summons against Capt. Melsom for a breach of Ordinance No.6 of 1903.

As it is considered that King Edward Cove, the Port of Entry was equally near and no excuse could be accepted for the vessel not coming to the latter place, the weather being fine and the vessel under command of two large whalecatchers.

In the meantime, before a boat was available to go and make the arrests, the "Lancing" and whalers had already left Jason Harbour and enclosure 2., was received the same

same/

evening.

A close watch was kept for the next few days, but the "Lancing" and Whalers remained at sea and finally sailed for Monte Video on the 8th inst.

It ^{has been} ~~is~~ very difficult for me to exercise any control over the operations of the S/S "Lancing" as there are so many interested parties in South Georgia among the whalers, on whom I am dependent for information.

It would seem to be a reasonable course to follow the practice of Norway and the United States of America and extend the territorial waters to 50 miles.

E. R. Birnie

Magistrate.

Copy ⁹¹ No. C/22/1925.

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ALKLAND ISLANDS.
CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
3rd May, 1926.

Sir,

Telegrams to
Secretary of State
21st January,
1926, 11th
February, 1926,
12th April, 1926.

In duplicate.

With reference to my Confidential telegrams as noted in the margin, and my despatch No. 11 of the 14th of January, 1925, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a Confidential report, which was received from Mr. E. B. Binnie, Magistrate, South Georgia, on the 20th of April, relative to the whaling factory "Lancing."

2. I beg to request that, on my return to England, I may be afforded an opportunity of discussing the position which has arisen owing to the activities of this vessel and the possibility of other firms prosecuting whaling operations without licence on the high seas near the Colony and its Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Original filed as Ex. 13 of C.O. Conf. M.F.
No 22/1925

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

Confidential.

9 July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram of the 4th November, 1925, in which I directed that no whaling licences or other facilities should be granted to the Globus Company, Limited, which operates the s.s. "Lancing".

3. I think it desirable to explain that the telegram was intended to relate only to the withholding of facilities by the Colonial Government, such as permission to conduct whaling operations within territorial waters. Pending further consideration of the general question, vessels engaged in pelagic whaling, which are not charged with any offence against the laws of the Colony, should not be subjected to any special restrictions in regard to obtaining repairs, coal and supplies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed, L. S. AMERY,

THE
OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNOR ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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C14/1925.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Dispatched : 21st October, 1926. *Time* : 10.50 a.m.

Received : ... 1926 *Time* : ...

MAGISTRATE

SOUTHGEORGIA

Confidential With reference to my telegram of 24th November 1925 pending further instructions Lancing should not be subjected to any special restrictions in regard to facilities granted to ordinary shipping such as obtaining repairs coal and supplies letter follows.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

No. C14/1925.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

22nd October, 19 26.

From

To Mr. A. G. Bennett,
Whaling Officer,
South Shetlands.
(Season 1926/1927).

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*had 10
A.P. 2/10/25*

With reference to the instructions which were issued to you by telegram of the 10th December last, while you were at the South Shetlands, concerning the whaling factory "Lancing", I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that, for the present, such instructions should be regarded as relating only to the withholding of facilities by the Colonial Government, such as permission to conduct whaling operations within territorial waters, and that pending further consideration of the general question, vessels engaged in pelagic whaling, which are not charged with any offence against the laws of the Colony, should not be subjected to any special restrictions in regard to obtaining repairs, coal and supplies.

James

Ag. Colonial Secretary.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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No. C/14/1925.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

..... 22nd October, 1926.

From

To The Magistrate,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

South Georgia.

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

With reference to my Confidential telegram of the 21st October, I am directed by the Acting Governor to attach, for your information and guidance, a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of the extent to which facilities should be granted to the pelagic whaling factory "Lancing".

From S. of S.
Confidential of
9th July, 1926.

J. M. S.

Ag. Colonial Secretary.

Floating Factory s/s "Lancing"
of Larvik - Norway.

Manager Alb. Andersen

p/t. Montevideo, September 23rd 1927,

To the Hon. Governor of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley.

Sir,

As the hon. Governor perhaps will know, the whaling expeditions under my command are operating in international waters, this being the third year we are catching in southern waters.

During the catching season we generally get a transport steamer down with coals and the transshipment is arranged where convenient.

The object of the present is to take the liberty to place before the hon. Governor's favourable consideration the permission to take entrance at Almirante Bay, South Shetland, to arrange the transshipment of a cargo of coals which will come down during the present season, and the conditions for this permission.

I beg to state that such transshipment can be arranged elsewhere, but if the hon. Governor could find it suitable to grant the permission for same at Almirante Bay, South Shetland, it would mean some advantage for my expedition.

I would like to mention that all along the Norwegian coast British trawlers very frequently enter our ports on various purposes without any hindrances or inconveniences and without any extra expenses.

As we are now leaving Montevideo for the open sea I should esteem it a special favour if the hon. Governor, for account of my company would send me a telegram in reply to this letter whereupon I will reply as soon as I know time and position for the arrival of the transport-steamers.

An eventual stay at Almirante Bay, South Shetland, will last from 6 to 10 days.

Awaiting the hon. Governor's favourable consideration of my application I beg to remain, dear Sir,

Yours obedient servant

Alb. Andersen

Operating Manager.

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Cable S.O.F.S

Lancing has asked for permission to enter
ALMITANTE Bay South Shetland later in year
for ten days to coal from her transport stop
IF we do not grant permission she will coal
on high seas stop. Submit the ^{best} ~~broader~~ policy would
be to give them permission ^{in accordance with your confidential despatch 7th July 26.} required stop Please
cable your instructions.

A.H.

Hon C.S

Send above cable to C.O. unless we have papers in
~~File despatch~~ the office which might modify the above
cable.

A.H.

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Note. when answer comes send
Despatch to C.O. Forwarding copies of enclos
27 + my telegram.
M.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 1st October, 1927. Time : 12.15.

Received : 192 Time :

CHATELAINS

LONDON

Lancing has asked for permission to enter Almirante Bay South Shetlands later in year for 10 days to coal from her transport. If we do not grant permission she will coal on high seas. Submit the best policy would be to give them permission required in accordance with your Confidential despatch of 9th July 1926. Please cable your instructions.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 6th October ... 192 7 *Time:* 15.34

Received: 7th October ... 192 7 *Time:* 10.30.

Your telegram of 2nd October Lancing I concur

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Governor.

To The Manager, s.s. "Lancing"

Telephoned.

Despatched: 7th October ... 1927 Time: 5 p.m.

Received: 192 . Time: ...

ANDERSEN

LANCING

Your letter 23rd September. Pleased to grant you permission coal from transport Almirante Bay. Shall be glad to have early information regarding probable date of arrival there and to be kept informed of your movements.

Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Telephoned.

Despatched: 7th October ... 1927 *Time:* 5 p.m.

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

Magistrate

South Georgia

Lancing granted permission to coal from her transport at Admiralty Bay South Shetlands approximate length of stay there six to 10 days. Please inform Barlas who will be advised in due course as to probable date of arrival of vessel.

Secretary.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. L. Andersen. s/s Lancing.

To H. E. the Governor.

Despatched: 12th October, 1927 Time: 22.00
Received: 14th October, 1927 Time: 14.20.

GOVERNOR
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

I beg to confirm the receipt of your kindly and
obliging answer coal boat will probably arrive
ultimo January primo February stop shall be pleased
to keep you informed of our movements kindest regards

ANDERSEN.

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MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted).

14/10/27.

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From Supt. Tels.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Whaler "Lancing" is reported as operating 750 miles South East of Port Stanley and 250 "East of the "Falk" at midday today, please.

J.M.V.
14/10/27.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

17th October, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

With reference to the previous correspondence terminating with your telegram of the 6th of October, 1927, on the subject of the grant of permission to the pelagic whaling factory s.s. "Lancing" to enter Admiralty Bay in the South Shetlands for the purpose of coaling, I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of the written application received in this connection from the Manager of the s.s. "Lancing" under date the 23rd of September, 1927.

Enclosure I.

2. In accordance with the instructions given by you I have granted the permission desired and I enclose also for your information a copy of a telegram to this effect sent by me to the Manager of the s.s. "Lancing" on the 7th of October, 1927.

Enclosure II.

3. I would add that on the date in question the s.s. "Lancing" was distant from Stanley some 550 miles to the southward and is at present understood to be operating off the edge of the pack ice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. MERRY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 31st December, 192 7 Time: 21.50.

Received: 2nd January, 192 8 Time: 10.30.

SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY.

Whaling Managers and Mr. Watt much perturbed at over
authoritative rumour that Lancing has been granted licence
whale from Wilson Harbour Request I may be informed if
this is correct.

MAGISTRATE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 2nd January, 1928. Time: 15.50.

Received: 192 ... Time:

MAGISTRATE,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 6th January, 192 8. Time: 17.00.

Received: 192 .. Time:

CHAPELRIES,
LONDON.

I have been informed to-day by Andersen Manager of the Ornen Whaling Company that Lancing already has full ship of 47000 barrels of oil and is leaving presently for Europe. He further stated that three more floating factories are under construction in Norway with the object of conducting pelagic whaling operations in the waters of the Dependencies and in the Ross Sea.

GOVERNOR.

Extract from letter from the Magistrate,
South Georgia to Hon. J. M. Ellis, Colonial
Secretary, dated 11th January, 1928.

The 'Lancing' appears to have been whaling very near here this season and also to have done remarkably well. She is reported to have already left for Europe with a full cargo of about 45,000 barrels. The rumour I wired to you concerning her having been licensed was so definite that both Mr. Watt and Mr. Hansen, of Salvesen's, approached me on the matter and I felt that the only way to allay their apprehension was to obtain a definite denial from you. Watt, himself, wired his own firm to approach the Colonial Office direct on the matter. In further conversation with Mr. Hansen I was given to understand that the Foreign Office definitely approached the Norwegian Government, through the League of Nations, on the subject of licensing the 'Lancing' and in return for this concession on the part of His Majesty's Government it was suggested that the Norwegian Government on their part should prohibit, as far as was in their power, pelagic whaling.

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS CONFIDENTIAL DESPATCH
OF THE 18TH JANUARY, 1928.

Extract from letter from the Magistrate, South
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd January, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit a copy of an extract from a letter addressed by the Magistrate, South Georgia, to the Colonial Secretary on the subject of the alleged licensing of the pelagic whaling factory s.s. "Lancing" in consequence of negotiations which have taken place through the Foreign Office and the League of Nations with the Norwegian Government.

2. I would say at once that I do not give any credit to this report as I cannot think that I should not have been informed and consulted if any such negotiations had been contemplated or undertaken.

3. I consider, however, that the matter is of sufficient importance to bring to your notice and I should be grateful for your assurance that it is in fact without foundation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL.

14 May, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 23rd of January regarding the alleged licensing of the pelagic whaling factory S.S. "Lancing", and to inform you that there have been some informal negotiations with the Norwegian Minister with a view to the regulation of unlicensed whaling. In connection with these negotiations, the Minister requested that the Company owning the "Lancing" should be given a licence, but His Majesty's Government never agreed to this request and it now appears unlikely that the negotiations will have any result.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

GOVERNOR

ARNOLD HODSON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.