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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Stanley

Dear Sir,

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Two " Falkland Islands Company
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Port Stanley
April 3rd 1913.

Dear Mr. Townson,

In reply to your letter of yesterday the Rams were sold as follows:

2 to	Mr. H. Waldron.	£60
2 "	" R. S. Felton	" 60.
2 "	" J. J. Felton	60
2 "	" K. L. Allan	60
4 "	" Evans	120.

As you ask me for an account of the expenses on them after the auction I enclose the same. These may seem heavy, but you know that I took a pretty big risk over some of them, especially the 8 which were shipped on board the 'Columbus'. I wanted to insure them against all risks, but the Manager of the F. I. Co told me that he could not do this, & that all I could insure was against total loss if the vessel were lost. This would have cost £8. - namely £240 @ 25% & I decided that as I had to go out on the ship myself with the

Rams, I might as well take the risk myself, for if they went to the bottom I should have gone with them.

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and I consider that if I refund what I was in pocket over the affair, I am entitled to be paid for this time which ought to be at the rate of at least \$7 a day.

At any rate when you receive the Cheques from the Stations for the Bonus you can deduct the difference & leave the question of my time to be decided later.

Yours Sincerely,

Stanley W. Johnston.

Account of Expenses on Ramus from
 January 3rd date of Auction, shipped
 on Columbus 5 p.m. January 10th

Labourer 8 days @ 7/	£ 2.	16	-
Rent 12 Sheep & " @ 7/ each	10 2	16	-
Shipping Expenses 8 @ 7/ "	3	-	-
Freight for Columbus 10	4	-	-
Gratuity to Sailors	-	10	-
Insurance Lists	2	8	-
Passage of S. W. Johnston to Port Howard & back	3	10	6
Fodder enough for 14 days.			
7 Bags Corn @ 17/	6	13	-
2 B Hay @ 17/	1.	14	-
2 Bgs Pollard @ 14/	1	16	-
	£ 29	3	6

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W. A. Harding.

MANAGER OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CO. LD.
AGENT FOR LLOYD'S.

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

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Sir,

I have been instructed to acquaint you that the owners of the 12 rams salvaged ex "Oravia" which were destined for Condor have been advised that the sale was illegal, or at any rate irregular.

In view of this the underwriters of the animals have demanded that the full values realised by the subsequent re-sales should be brought into account.

I shall therefore be glad if you will furnish me with an account of the disposal of the rams.

Yours faithfully,



H. W. Townson, Esq.

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Lloyd's Agent.

H.W. TOWNSON, ESQ.

STANLEY.

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Yours sincerely,

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES ON RAMS FROM JANUARY 3rd DATE OF AUCTION
SHIPPED ON "COLUMBUS" S.P.M. JANUARY 10th.

Labourer - 3 days @ 7/-per day	£2.16. 0.
Rent, 12 sheep 3 days @ 7d each	2.16. 0.
Shipping Expenses - 3 @ 7/6	3. 0. 0.
Freight per Columbus	4. 0. 0.
Gratuity to Sailors.	10. 0. 0.
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Passage of S.W. Johnstone-P. Howard & back.	3.10. 6.
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Expenses in connection with the Rams of Grey's

Wages of Man. 5th November to 17th Dec.	£. 15. 3.
Fodder consumed	£. 14. 0.
Carting above	10. 0.
Dipping Rams.	1. 10. 0.
Further Daily Expenses. 19 days @ 17/9	16. 25. 3.
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	34. 18. 3.
Less † on J.L. Waldron's Rams.	£. 14. 0.
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Veterinary Medicine, attendance and supervision.	£. 14. 0.
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ACCOUNT OF SALE AND EXPENSES ON 16 RAMS SALVED EX "ORAVIA".

To Expenses of maintenance prior to sale		By Sales: J.L. Waldron	£130. 0. 0.
as per Account	32. 3. 2.	H. Waldron	60. 0. 0.
" Expenses of maintenance after sale as		A.L. Allan	60. 0. 0.
per Mr Johnson's letter	29. 3. 6.	J.J. Felton's Estate	60. 0. 0.
" Commission charged by Receiver of		Vere Paekel	60. 0. 0.
Wrecka, 5% on £282.	14. 2. 0.		
" Lloyds Agency Fee	5. 5. 0.		
" Veterinery attendance after sale	4. 0. 0.		
" Balance	275. 1. 4.		
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	360. 0. 0.		360. 0. 0.
		BY Balance	£275. 1. 4.

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10th March, 18.

Messrs. Spearing & Waldron,

101, Leadenhall St., E.C.

Dear Sirs,

Salvage of Rams on "Oravia".

With a view to arranging, if possible, the amount to be paid for this service, we beg to lay before you, for your consideration, a statement of the facts of the case.

The steamer was wrecked on the night of the 12th of November last, on the Billy Rock outside Port William in the Falkland Islands. Our tug "Samson", together with other vessels, went to the scene of the wreck, and succeeded in saving the lives of the passengers, and, on the 13th, of the crew also, in performing which service the "Samson" struck the Billy, holed one of her plates, and became leaky.

On the 14th she was beached for the purpose of securing a temporary patch over the leak, and on the 15th went out to the wreck again with a lighter and a small launch. The sea was high, and it was found impossible to put the lighter alongside; but the tug's hands got on board from a boat, and succeeded in saving 16 rams out of the 23, some of which had to be thrown overboard and

were picked up by the launch. Later in the day, the crew of the Norwegian s.s. "Walkland" attempted to get on board the wreck, but returned empty handed.

We think ourselves entitled to say that, in the service performed by her tug and her crew, most of the conditions entitling them to a large and liberal reward concur; the property was in actual peril, (seven had been already drowned) there was no possibility of assistance from elsewhere, the weather was stormy, and, soon after the service had been performed, got so much worse that no boat could go alongside, the risk of sending the vessel out with only a temporary patch was considerable, a certain amount of skill in saving the rams must be admitted, and the value of the tug to us, seeing that she is our only one, and that her loss would paralyse our work afloat, cannot be put into figures.

In such a case we believe that many salvors would put in a claim for 50% or more of the value recovered; but we think that this would be resisted, and lead to an action or arbitration, both of which we should like to avoid; we suggest therefore 40%, as an eminently reasonable proposition.

As regards the values, in ordinary circumstances these would be represented by cost, freight, insurance, rodder, &c. to be declared by you; but, since a sale of 12 of the rams by the receiver of wrecks at Stanley has taken place, - a proceeding we did our best to avoid, and disagree with altogether, - we recognize that the sale value must be adopted, plus any amount that may be recovered eventually from the buyer or buyers by way of

restitution on the ground of the illegality of the sale, and in response to correspondence that has gone out on the subject. On the four Port Howard rams the calculation would be made on the actual value, which we shall be glad to know.

We should like to hear from you when you have conferred with your Underwriters, and trust to find that our proposals are satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

The National Life Assurance Co., Ltd.,
25, Abchurch Lane,
E.C. 4.

Dear Sir,

Managing Director.

RE-STATEMENT OF 10 YEAR PAY "CONTRACT" A.

It is agreed that the payment to you in settlement of the amount insured is being done in the form of 1/3 (one third) of the value to be ascertained as follows:

On 1st June 1924 at Port Howard, when value including 10% commission, 10% at Port Howard subject to our approval. The amount of the insurance is ascertained as follows:—

On the 10th June 1924 the value is ascertained as follows:—
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Should let us have your prompt attention of the above.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Shearman & Sterling,

101, Leadenhall St.,

18th March,

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The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,
61, Gracechurch Street,
E.C.

Dear Sirs,

re Salvage of 18 Bams per "Gravia" S.

It is agreed that the payment to you in settlement of the services rendered in salvaging above is to be $\frac{1}{3}$ (one third) of the value to be ascertained as follows:-

On 4 Bams delivered to Port Howard, actual value including freight, insurance, fodder, &c. at Port Stanley subject to any special charges over and above the normal expenses of quarantine and re-forwarding.

On the 18 Bams sold in Falkland Islands (none of the proceeds of which are yet to hand) the value to be the net amount received by us.

Of course no payment can be made under this agreement until net proceeds have been received.

Please let us have your final statements of the above.

Yours faithfully,

14th March,

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Messrs. Spearing & Waldron,
101, Leadenhall St., E.C.

Dear Sirs,

Salvage of 16 Rams ex "Oravia".

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of yesterday's date, in which you agree that the payment to us in settlement of services rendered by our tug "Sanson" and her crew is to be 1/3rd (one third) of the value to be ascertained in the manner and on the terms you state, all of which we have the pleasure to accept and confirm.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director.

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RAMS salvaged ex "ORAVIA".

1. 12 shipped for Condor Station, Punta Arenas, 11 for Port Howard; 7 of the latter drowned.

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2. Cable from Stanley, 2nd December:- "Samson salvaged Waldrons sixteen rams Oravia shall I release".

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3. Cable out, 20th December:- "You may release".

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4. Harding to Spearing & Waldron, 19th December:- "We hope to hear by this mail that security for salvage has been given; if so, we will send out to Port Howard those which we think are intended for that station, as they have now been released from quarantine. The Receiver of Wrecks at our request has postponed any steps as regards salvage claims, but unless something definite is received by this mail as to security, he will have no option but to sell them by public auction in order to satisfy the claims of the salvors". (N.B. We are the salvors.)

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5. Harding to Head Office, after arrival of mail, 25th Dec:- "I have received your telegram... I understand your message to refer to the Port Howard rams only, and as I have learned that the Condor people wish us to bid up to £25 each for the remainder, these will be put up to auction".

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6. Official despatch of 20th January reports all sold at £25.10/- each, 2 each to Allan, Packe, H. Waldron, and Felton, and 4 to J. L. Waldron, Ltd.

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7. Mathews to Spearing & Waldron, 22nd Jan:- "The Condor rams were put up by auction and £26 was offered per head for 10 or £25.10/- if the other two, which were sickly, were ⁴trown in, at which price they were sold to the Stock Inspector, who took them round in the "Columbus", and sold them up to £25. I hear F.I.Co. bought two at that price, and Mr. Henry Waldron 2 at £30".

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Expenses on Rams.

	£	s	d
Wages for man from Nov. 15th to Dec. 17th @ £5 per month	5	-13	- 2½
Fodder consumed	6	-14	- 0
Carting		10	- 0
Rent of quarantine paddock (7d. per head per day)	3	-13	- 4
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Should Messrs J.L. Waldron be allowed their sheep 18/s. of this amount to be refunded to them.	£16	-10	- 6½
Should the rams be sold and remain in the Colony they must be dipped before being released.	1	-10	- 0
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	£18	- 0	- 6½
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Daily Expense (approximate).

Wages	3	- 3½
Fodder	5	- 0
Rent	9	- 4
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	17	- 7½
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Fodder enough for about 14 days.

Three quarters of the rams belong to Farmers outside the Colony. Several were in a very low state of health for some days after being landed and were treated medically by me. In addition I have been responsible for their welfare in every way since their arrival. In consequence of this, I should esteem it a favour if the Government would allow me a claim.

(Signed) H.W. Townson,

Chief Inspector of Stock.

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SPEARING & WALDRON.

London, June 18th 1913.

F.E.Cobb, Esq.,

Falkland Islands Co.

Dear Sir,

"Oravia" Rams.

We beg to say that on behalf of the Underwriters, we agree the final figures as follows:-

Net proceeds 12 Rams £275. 1. 4

value of 4 rams J.L.W. 140. 5. 0 £415. 6. 4.

1/3rd Salavge ^{2/1} £138. 8. 9 which deducted from net proceeds received by you £275.1.4 leaves balance due £136.12.7. If convenient to let us have a cheque for this tomorrow we shall be obliged.

As regards the £5 as to which there is some doubt whether one of the rams bought by your Company was at £30 or £35 we note you will make enquiries, and should the amount be recovered from those responsible, it is understood the £5 will belong to Underwriters, less 1/3rd due to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd)

per pro SPEARING & WALDRON,

W.Miles.