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SUBJECT:

ENQUIRIES REGARDING CHARTER OF VESSEL TO
CARRY MAILS ETC.

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CONNECTED FILES.

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3/5/57.

To MACEABLE, MONTEVIDEO. H.O.A/C.

GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ENQUIRE IMMEDIATELY INTO POSSIBILITY				
AND COST OF COLONY GETTING A SHIP LATER PART OF JUNE BY				
DIVERSION OR SMALL CHARTER VESSEL. WE REQUIRE A VESSEL TO				
CONVOY IN MONTEVIDEO WITH OUTWARD MANTARA LEAVING U.S.				
24TH MAY AND TO LEAVE MONTEVIDEO FOR STANLEY ON OR ABOUT				
BUT NOT BEFORE 13TH OR 14TH JUNE WITH MAIL SOME CARGO AND				
POSSIBLY TWO PASSENGERS. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OR NO RETURN				
CARGO. SMALL DUNDEE MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY.				

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 2

AGDY/HRG.

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TELEGRAM.

From MACSTAPLE.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 4/5/57. 19 Time : 2130
Received : 19 Time :

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YOURTEL 3RD ENQUIRING WILL REVERT. YOUR
INFORMATION SANTANDER P.S.N.C. VESSEL WILL LEAVE
PUNTA ARENAS FOR MONTEVIDEO TOWARDS END MAY HAVING
ACCOMMODATION SIX PASSENGERS.

MACSTAPLE.

FILE. J.B. 6/5.

P/L. MNG.

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Roy Cove,
Falkland Islands.

April 30th, 1957.

The Hon.,
The Colonial Secretary.
STANLEY.



Sir,

I understand that after the departure of M/V "Hanne-S" in about a week's time there will be no sea connection with South America until late in July.

We do not know as yet whether there will be a naval vessel in the Colony between early May and late July but I understand that at the moment there is no knowledge of this possibility.

It is probably difficult under the wording of their contract to put any responsibility on to The Falkland Islands Company for leaving the Colony without a mail service for 2½ months but the whole situation seems to me rather serious.

Apart from lack of mails, which though inconvenient is not fatal, there remains the worry to parents with children in the United Kingdom of possible serious illness to the children; with no visible means of communication with the mainland in the event of such misfortune, the position of any such parent in the case of serious illness of a child is hardly one to which to look forward.

Can therefore nothing be done to provide some connection with the mainland in case such misfortune arises ?

Does the insurance of the Beaver Aircraft cover a flight to Punta Arenas in an emergency ?

Can the Company who are drawing a considerable income as a result of the Mail Contract be asked to provide some alternative surface connection as their ships are withdrawn from the Colony ?

I would be grateful for His Excellency's views on this, to me, rather serious situation.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Frederick Miller

M.L.C.

Reply at 4

Ack'd.
J/S.

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BY W.T.

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To

MILLER, ROY COVE

HOA/C

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YOUR LETTER APRIL 30TH STOP YOUR POINT OF VIEW FULLY APPRECIATED
 STOP WE WERE HOPING FOR FRIGATE CONNECTION BUT NOW INFORMED THERE
 WON'T BE ONE STOP CONSEQUENTLY ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND TO
 OBTAIN CHARTER VISSLER TO FILL THE GAP STOP I HAVE ASSUMED FROM
 YOUR LETTER YOU WILL SUPPORT REASONABLE EXPENDITURE STOP BEAVER
 WHEN IN OPERATION COULD REACH PUNTA AND SPECIAL INSURANCE COVER
 COULD PROBABLY BE ARRANGED STOP THIS WOULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN IN
 GRAVEST EMERGENCY STOP WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

COLONIAL SECRETARY

AGDT/MC

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MILLER, FOX BAY.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 6/5/57. 19 Time : 0900

Received : 6/5/57. 19 Time : 1030

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YOUR TELEGRAM 4TH APPRECIATE PLANS FOR CHARTER
OF VESSEL BUT WEST FARMERS CONSIDER THAT IF ENTIRE COST
TO BE BORNE BY GOVERNMENT ANY FREIGHT OBTAINABLE FOR
CONSUMABLE STORES AND GENERAL CARGO MUST BE ALLOWED
TO OFF SET WHAT MUST AMOUNT TO A CONSIDERABLE CHARTER
FEE. PERSONALLY I FEEL THAT MAIL CONTRACTING COMPANY
HAVE LET US DOWN AT LEAST MORALLY IF NOT LEGALLY,
SHALL APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE.

MILLER.

MNG.

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To 13/5/57.

MACSTAPLE, MONTVIDEO.

H.O./O.

CHARTER VESSEL STOP GRATEFUL TO KNOW HOW YOUR SUPPLIES
ARE PROGRESSING.

SECRETARY.

Reply at 8

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To

MILLER, ROY COVE.

(BY W/T.)

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~~YOUR TELEGRAM 6TH MAY STOP NATURALLY IF GOVERNMENT MEET~~
CHARTER COSTS ALL REVENUE WOULD ACCRUE TO GOVERNMENT STOP I
SUGGEST LAST SENTENCE MIGHT BE DISCUSSED WHEN YOU ARE IN AS
THERE ARE SEVERAL ASPECTS INCLUDING SUCH FACTORS AS DELAY
CAUSED BY STRIKE IN U.K. WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED STOP
WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED BUT I HAVE WIRED MACSTAPLE AGAIN TO
SEE HOW THINGS ARE PROGRESSING.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

AGDT/MNG.

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TELEGRAM.

From Messrs: MacLean & Stapledon, Montevideo

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 14th May, 19 57. Time: 10.50.

Received: 14th May, 19 57 Time: 12.00.

No vessels available here Rotterdam South America line
Coasters not interested. Have consulted other Dutch owner
will inform.

MACSTAPLE.

P/E

LJH. I have informed H.E. Mr. Greece and Mr. Les Hardy
On file please

(Intld) A.G.D.T.

14. 5. 57.

1817

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

Stanley,

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

16th May, 1957.

Dear Mr. Denton Thompson,

We have received a telegram from our Head Office regarding the following -

s.s. "DARWIN". Trials will probably be on 14th June.
Sails from U.K. 26th June.
E.T.A. Stanley 31st July.

They require to know space to be reserved for River Plate cargo. I presume Government are not interested in this, other than for mails, advice of which has been sent to them by airmail (1000 bags).

NEW ZEALAND STEAMER. They advise that there is a possibility of a direct shipment New Zealand/Montevideo in June and require to know Farms' orders for sheep. Are Government interested? I feel sure that 'June' refers to departure from New Zealand, but if it is early June, then the ship might call in here if required then.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. C.

Reply at 10.

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17th May, 1957.

Dear Mr. Creece,

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Thank you for your letter of the 16th May, in connexion with the s.s. Darwin and the New Zealand steamer.

So far as the River Plate cargo and the Darwin is concerned, Governments requirements will be:-

- (1) Approximately 1,000 bags
- (2) One beaver engine
- (3) One set of beaver floats.

Measurements in the case of (2) are 4' 8" by 4' 8" by 4' 8" 1,500 lbs. and in the case of (3) are approximately 22' 6" by 7' 2" by 4' 2" (3,500 lbs. gross weight. 667 cubic feet.)

All these items are vital but will of course only be shipped on Darwin, if we are not successful in getting a charter or diversion in the latter part of June.

With regard to the New Zealand steamer she might come in on a diversion and take away a mail (and the odd passenger if there is one) provided we don't get a charter. But the point occurs to me that if farm orders are substantial (which they probably won't be) and we want an away mail it might be worth while the Company arranging a diversion? Government has nothing from New Zealand.

The Honourable,
Mr. M.G. Creece, J.P.,
STANLEY.

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AGDT/MF

But it seems important to get more information
i.e. E.T.D. New Zealand and E.T.A. Montevideo.

I have had no luck from MacStaples yet and am
awaiting a reply from Salvesen with regard to the
possibility of either arranging a diversion or
chartering a catcher.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) A.C. Denton-Thompson.

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				16 5.57.
To	SALVESEN	LEITH.	SCOTLAND.	HOA/C

FINAL DEPARTURE OF FITZROY AND DELAYED ARRIVAL OF S.S.
DARWIN HAS LEFT THE COLONY WITHOUT A SHIP FOR THREE MONTHS
PERIOD. STOP WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ARRANGE FOR VESSEL TO BRING
DOWN MAILS COMMA SOME FREIGHT AND POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE
PASSENGERS LEAVING MONTEVIDEO FOR COLONY ON OR ABOUT 15TH
JUNE STOP IS THERE ANY PROSPECT OF A DIVERSION OF ONE OF
YOUR SHIPS OR ALTERNATIVELY CHARTER OF A CATCHER STOP IF SO
GRATEFUL TO KNOW APPROXIMATE DATES AND COST STOP GRATEFUL VERY
EARLY REPLY
COLONIAL SECRETARY.
CONFIRMATORY COPY PHONED TO W/T STATION.
AGDT/MC
Reply at 13

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TELEGRAM.

From SALVESEN.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 17/5/57. 19 Time : 1310.

Received : 19 Time :

12
YOURTEL 16TH REGRET COMMISSION OF CATCHER AND
WITHDRAWAL OF CREW FROM REPAIR WORKS WOULD SERIOUSLY
PREJUDICE WINTER PROGRAMME. ONLY POSSIBLE DIVERSION
SOUTHERNGARDEN AT PRESENT AT SOUTHGEORGIA BUT BASIC
COSTS FOR ROUND TRIP WOULD TOTAL MORE THAN EIGHT
THOUSAND POUNDS. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT PESCA RE POSSIBLE
DIVERSION OF CONQUISTADOR LEAVING MERSEY TODAY FOR SOUTH
GEORGIA VIA CURACAO WHERE DUE BEGINNING OF JUNE AND FOR
WHICH COSTS OF DIVERSING WOULD PRESUMABLY BE LESS.

SALVESEN.

Reply 14

On file to me
(Intld) A.G.D.T.
17. 5. 57

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To

SALVESEN, LEITH, SCOTLAND.

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THANK YOU YOUR TELEGRAM 17TH MAY STOP I AM AFRAID EIGHT
THOUSAND POUNDS IS MORE THAN WE CAN AFFORD.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

AGDT.
MNC.

Rec. (8) 22/5
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To

MACSTAPLE, MONTEVIDEO.

H.O.A/C.

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YRTEL 14TH GRATEFUL LEARN RESULT CONSULTATION OTHER DUTCH

OWNER

SECRETARY.

PHONED TO W/T STATION. 27/5/57.

MING.

(INTLD) JB.
27/5

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If reply comes in while Ex. Co. is in session on 29/30th - it shd. be phoned to L.A. with request to deliver to me.

Reply Ho.

J
27/5

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TELEGRAM.

From MACSTAPLE.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 30/5/57. 19 Time : 1127.

Received : 31/5/57. 19 Time : 1030.

15. YOURTEL 27TH REGRET HAVE BEEN UNABLE INTEREST OTHER OWNERS AS YET WILL ADVISE ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

MACSTAPLE.

P/L
MNG.

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Stanley,

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

7th June, 1957.

Dear Mr. Denton Thompson,

We received a telegram this morning from HVALFANGEREIT, TONSBERG, enquiring the next sailing date of "Fitzroy" from Montevideo as they require some boiler tubes to be sent to South Georgia. I have replied advising that the next probable sailing is "Darwin" late July, and that they should contact our Head Office re cargo space, if any.

I should imagine that if end July is too late for them, they will endeavour to ship by other means or send a catcher to Montevideo for the tubes.

I do not know how you could follow up the possibility of a ship South Georgia/Montevideo and return but the Admin. Officer, South Georgia may be able to help. We had a telegram from him a day or so ago asking "Darwin's" sailing date from U.K., sailing from Montevideo and arrival Stanley.

HVALFANGEREIT is the telegraphic address of Akties. Tonsberg Hvalfangeri (? The Tonsberg Whaling Co.)

Yours sincerely,

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				8.6.57.
To				
	HVALFANGERIET,	TONSBERG NORWAY.		HOA/C

18 I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE BEEN MAKING ENQUIRIES ABOUT SHIPPING FACILITIES FOR BOILER TUBES STOP GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE CONTEMPLATING SENDING CATCHER EITHER HERE OR TO MONTEVIDEO STOP COLONY HAS NO MAIL CONNECTION UNTIL LATE JULY AND WE ARE EXPLORING ALL POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING SHIP TO BRING DOWN MAILS FROM MONTEVIDEO PREFERABLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE STOP WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY REASONABLE CHARTER FEE STOP GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPLY STOP

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

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8th June, 1957.

Dear Mr. Creece, ~~thank you~~ for your letter of the 7th June.

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I am naturally following up the possibility but my latest information is that Tonsberg have reduced their winter maintenance crew to under thirty men and have no catcher crews in South Georgia. But something may transpire and I will let you know the outcome.

Many thanks for the information.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable, (Sgd) A.G.Denton-Thompson.
Mr. E.G. Creece, J.P.,
STANLEY.

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TELEGRAM.

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From HVALFANGERIET, TONSBERG.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 11/6/57. 19 Time : 1150.
Received : 11/6/57. 19 Time : 1430.

YOURTEL WE HAVE BORROWED TUBES OTHER STATIONS
SHIPMENT THEREFORE NOT NECESSARY UNTIL PER FACTORIES
OCTOBER NOVEMBER. REGRET WE NOT CONTEMPLATING SENDING
CATCHER OR OTHER VESSEL HOWEVER IF ANYTHING CROPS UP
SHALL LET YOU KNOW.

HVALFANGERIET.

Reply at 22

P/L.
MNG.

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				12/6/57.
To HVALFANGERLET, TONSBERG, NORWAY.				

21. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM STOP WOULD YOU CONSIDER CHARTERING
A CATCHER AND IF SO AT WHAT COST.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 13

Time
JH/MNG.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HVALFANGERIET. TONS BEB NORWAY.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched :	13/6/57.	19	Time :	1535.
Received :	14/6/57.	19	Time :	1030.

REGRET WE HAVE NO CATCHER AVAILABLE RECOMMEND
YOU APPROACH SALVESEN PESCA.

HVALFANGERIET.

P/L
MNG.

Yes
Yes
 You
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 here seen?
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Yes
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