

S E C R E T A R I A T

0497/III

SUBJECT:

SEALING

Concession to Mr. Tilbury (C.D.C.)

Commencing with No. 202.

CONNECTED FILES:-

.FIS/17/1 PORT. ALB. MARLE.

.0497/F.....0497/B.....

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.0497/U.....

Connected files -

Lease at 186a in 0497/II (but see 286 and 288 herein)

(Intld.) LG

112 APR 1950

208

CS.

I saw Mr. Gilbey last evening who appears to be reasonably satisfied with progress (despite the frustrations with which we ourselves are only too familiar) and he hopes to commence killing in 6-8 weeks time. It speaks much for his energy and ability.

He hopes, ^{also,} I gather, to take his permitted quota of Sealions and 1400 Elephants. ^{the possibilities of} He has been experimenting with Kelp and Talled ^{mass} of fish meal; ^{How does this} latter clash with "Djun"?
X

X I told him that Signy Island was 'out' for sealing, having figures showing conclusively that not more than 200 could be killed without detriment to the stock.
X This he agreed.

He proposes, initially, to produce oil and meal; he will send a parcel of 50 Elephant Hides to the Board of Trade - who have been enquiring - but says that the cost of salt, landed here, is likely to kill any developments in that direction. It is possible that he may be able to get it cheaper from the Cooks and Coros Islands where the Corporation was a salt-producing scheme and in that event there might be something in the hide trade. This faring, he will try to produce gelatine from it and from the connective tissue in the blubber; gelatine flakes having a high commercial value - something in the neighbourhood of £300 per ton!
X

He enquired about Fur Seals (on which subject I had previously written to CDC mentioning them as a possibility) and I said that I was sympathetic in principle but felt that the first requirement was an investigation into the available stock; if he could get us facts and figures such as would justify a resumption of killing, his application would be favourably considered.

Extracted to 0795

Sealions & Sea Elephant
experimentation

I think that we might let him take, say 50, and ^(uncured) send the pells home for curing and evaluation. "Graw/stain" fetch, he believes, from £2-£3; cured and dried pells about £25.

He might (in fact would) be interested in acquiring one of our R/I sets if we have any surplus and there is something to be said for standardisation within the Colony.

In conclusion I warned him off trying to seduce Jennings away from the John Biscoe; this shocked him a bit, but he has promised to 'lay off.'

He impresses me favourably, on the whole. We should, however, keep an eye on all these activities from the Revenue point of view. He must be careful not to dissipate his energies too much.

M.O. 12/IV

Offic. I am expecting 2 letters from R. Tilbury. Pl enclose

Offic. U attach pps re X on 208.

17/4/70

ACS pl see 48 in 0839/10 attached

ffm.

Y.E.

No. Reference X of your minute at 208. The licence granted to Christies Fisheries is at p.55 of 0839/A attached. Para 2 of the licence refers to "foodstuffs, guano and other products of fish". The licence is to explore the inshore fishing in the Colony. If "inshore" means within the three mile limit, it would not necessarily compete legally with Tilbury, but in practice it pretty certainly would, and I do not suppose that there is enough business in that line for two concerns here.

2. The exploratory licence expires in September next, unless renewed for a further year. The latest we have heard is at p.74, which does not sound very encouraging to me.

Yes. 3. In short, I would advise that the existing licence to Christies Fisheries does tie us with respect to fish-meal, but that we should enquire further of them in order to see whether they are doing anything about it. If we are satisfied that they are not, the licence can be determined under para 4 and Tilbury can be given a chance instead.



18.4.50.

Accy. Tue. 19/iv

(In my opinion, the only sensible place to establish a fish-meal industry is S. Georgia!)

Accy. Action as in para 3 above by telegram from

for 0835/A



21/4/50.

BH with 0839/A
7/5/50

No. 0497/11

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

MEMORANDUM.

214

1st May,

1950.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From
Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- I have the honour to ask whether Government has any information as to when Mr. Tilbury is expected to commence Sealing operations at Albermarle. This information is requested so that the Sealing Officer Mr. Browning, will have a reasonable period of notice before he proceeds to Albermarle.

Mr. Browning would also like to know whether the term 170/0497/11 "fully maintained" includes bedding. He does not wish to take a mattress and bedding of his own because due to the dirty nature of the work, there is a risk of it's becoming spoiled.

On Bagg
Collector of Customs.

2 MAY 1950
H

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 13.

From Wood Velop Piccy.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : May 2nd 19 50 *Time :* 12.46.

Received : May 3rd 19 50 *Time :* 09.30.

No. 1202. Grateful for reply my telegram No. 780 of 27th January
requesting consideration longer lease than 15 years. So far our
Crown land leases have varied from 99 years to 33 years with option
second period.

P/L.
LJH

WOOD VELOP PICCY.

KIV BU
210

212

I regret that 1962 affairs have been overlooked.

Y.E.

I thought this matter had been disposed of by the correspondence at 194-195. The main point is that according to the provisions of the Land Ordinance the maximum period for a lease of country land is 21 years. We plumped for 15 in this case as coinciding with the period of the sealing licence granted to the S.A.S. Coy.

2. Reply may be as in draft at cover ?

[Handwritten signature]

Issue. MC 5v

[Handwritten signature]

5.5.50.

DECODE.

213

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Wood, Velop, Piccy.

Despatched : May 6th 19 50 *Time :* 10.40.

Received : 19 .. *Time :*

217
Your No. 1202 of 2nd May. Lease for Sealing Company at Albermarle.
21 years is maximum period allowed for lease of country land by Colony's
Land Ordinance. 15 years chosen as coinciding with period of sealing
licence granted. Have no objection to increasing period to 21 years, but
cannot as law stands exceed that,

GOVERNOR

G. T. C.
LJH.

Reply on

15th May, 50

Sir,

See 169 m
Vol. II.

With reference to paragraph 11 of the Sealing Licence granted to the South Atlantic Sealing Company permitting them to take seals in the waters of the Colony, I shall be grateful if you could advise me of the approximate date on which the Company expects to start operations, in order that the Sealing Officer may be advised.

2. Also with reference to paragraph 11 of the Licence, I should be glad if you could confirm that Mr. Tilbury understands the term "fully maintained" to include the provision of bedding, for the Sealing Officer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

Reply at 217

BN 20/1/50

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED).

33 DOVER STREET

LONDON, W.1

Albemarle,
3/5/50.

Sir G. Miles Clifford, C.M.G., O.B.E.
Government House,
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit this my application for permission to take Fur Seal in the Falkland Islands.

In making this application it is borne in mind that it will be necessary to investigate to some extent the size and condition of the herd before an estimate can be made as to the extent to which fishing could be supported. In this respect the possibility of arranging a joint investigation by the Government and the Sealing Company, at the same time carrying out trial operations, may be worthy of consideration. For this purpose either of our vessels could be made available, as the most satisfactory time of year for such an investigation would be between February and April, and at this time of year they would not be engaged in fishing other seals.

From time to time over the last two years enquiries have come to hand from both the Board of Trade and independent Tanners, as to the possibility of obtaining Fur skins from this Sterling Area. There thus appears to be a ready U.K. market for this type of skin, and if this demand can be met, it may add tangibly to the revenue of the Colony and prove an important factor in assuring the success of the Sealing Company.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's faithful Servant,



F.R.H. Tilbury.

Managing Director,

South Atlantic Sealing Company Limited.

F+BU

me

Reply at 228

CONFIDENTIAL SECRET
119 MAY 1950
AND 1950

Hon. Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Sir,

The following COPY of letter will provide
a reply to your favours 0361 and 0497/111 of
15th May.

Ref/550/631

Yours faithfully,

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 18th May, 1950.

Dear Mr. Tilbury,

I received a letter from Mr. Baymer
(Colonial Secretary) enquiring regarding the charge made
for taking that medical case from Fox Bay to Speedwell Is.
I conversed with Mr. Baymer on the telephone on the
subject and it was agreed that a rebate of £6.17.-- would
meet the case.

When we collect the cash from Gov. the
nett amount will be placed to the credit of the S.A.S.Co.Ltd.
current a/c on our books.

Date of your starting operations.

I also received another letter dated 15th May from
Mr. Baymer wishing to learn when you expected to commence
sealing - in order that the Sealing Officer might be
advised. I also informed Mr. Baymer over the telephone
that from your letters to Headquarters I understood you
did not expect to be able to commence sealing until
well into July.

The same letter wished it to be understood
that, in the terms of your licence, the Sealing Officer
must be 'fully maintained' by you and this included suitable
"bedding".

I assured Mr. Baymer that you would certainly
do this.

I shall now much appreciate a reply from you,
(I think a radio telephone message will meet the case)
giving definite information:-

- A) As to when the Sealing Officer should be in attendance
at Albemarle - i.e. when you will commence killing.
- B) That you have suitable 'bedding' for the Sealing Officer.

Yours sincerely,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

Agent.

Extracted to 0361
(Amount of head
cases from Camp)

215

Hs.
23 MAY 1950

2 letters 215

DECODE.

0497.
0588/HH

TELEGRAM.

From WOOD, VELOP.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched :	25.5.50	19	Time :	1558
Received :	26.5.50	19	Time :	1000

213

No. 1345. Your cable 6th May. Accept lease 21 years.

WOOD, VELOP.

P/L. WH.

Office.

RIV. 216-218 pl.

Ref 216 We have other papers on fire seals. Pl. attach 0154/A.
24/5

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* Tilbury, Albermarle.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 30th May, 1950. 19 50. *Time :**Received :* 30th May, 19 50.. *Time*

Expect ready operate beginning July so sealing officer should join by this date. Oil side of process press complete end this week and now request permission put through trial run up to twenty seal as soon as this is ready. Subsequently plant will close down until whole unit complete.

TILBURY.

C. of C. to see

P/L.

(Intld) M.R.R. 30/5/50.

1-22

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number.	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30.3.50.
To	TILBURY, ALBERMARLE.			HON/C.

Date for commencing operations noted, thankyou stop Trial run
up to twenty seals approved.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

35

A.C.S.

218 8th K.I.V. CAC to see last two papers.

R

31 MAY 1950

b. of b.

to see 219-220 pe

W. Jones
31/5/50

4CS.

Seen th. fm. J

End
31/5/50

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From TLIBURY, ALBERMARLE.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 31st May.

19 50. Time :

Received : 31st May.

19 50. Time : 1200.

220
Your 31/5 acknowledge with thanks.

Tilbury.

P/L.

File.

(Intld) M.R.R

31/5/50.

S. S.

R.I.V. 216

223
CAC.

p. 216. I should be grateful for the views of the Sealing
Officer.

M
2 JUN 1950

H.C.S.

216
I suggest that nothing be done about granting a licence to take fur seals, until an opportunity occurs to inspect the rookeries. As far as is known, rookeries are at Elephant Jason, Bird Island, Beauchine Islands and Volunteer Rocks; the latter sight has already been reported in 0958/A (6).

2. It is agreed that a visit to the rookeries with Mr. Tilbury would be very helpful, but as sealing operations are commencing in July, perhaps an earlier visit could be made in a Government vessel?

J. B. Browning
Sealing Officer,
2.6.50.

440
- Comments from S.O. submitted acc. pl.

2nd. b.c. 2/6/50

● The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley

5th. June, 1950.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Our Head Office enquires whether we have received any official advice from you regarding the land leased to the Sealing Company out of the Albemarle Reserve. We understand Mr. Young agreed to this verbally, but we should like your confirmation now in order to regularise the position.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. C. Barton

Manager.

6 JUN 1950

B

A.C.S. p. 225. para 2. Pl. reply to 216 accordingly ✓
2) p. 227 Please make any references.

13 JUN 1950

see p. 230

0497/III.

No. ~~0504/IV~~

It is requested
that, in any refer-
ence to this memo-
randum the above
number and the
date may be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

6th June, 1950.

From The Collector of Customs,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Commencement of Sealing Operations.

In view of the fact that Mr. Tilbury is commencing sealing operations on or about July 1st, I have the honour to ask whether Mr. Browning, the Sealing Officer, should be sent to the West Falkland by "Fitzroy" leaving Stanley about the 17th inst. The vessel is not calling at Albemarle, but perhaps Mr. Tilbury could pick up the Sealing Officer from Fox Bay?

B. B. J.
Collector of Customs.

6 JUN 1950

*Will this be
CFC informed that will they arrange to fly Browning at*

225

Y.E.

Page 216. There are papers on this subject in file 0958/A attached, particularly at pages 8 and 11-13. It does not appear that the prices are very high yet. I suppose they vary with ladies fashions.

2. The Sealing Officer has minuted at p. 223. I am afraid that the chances of Mr. Browning visiting the seal rookeries by Government vessel are poor. Our first job is to get the remaining R/T sets round. I think the best thing would be to reply to Tilbury that permission cannot be granted until the Sealing Officer has had an opportunity to inspect the rookeries.

3. Page 218. The C.D.C. wish the lease for Albemarle to be for 21 years. We agreed to this at 213.

4. You will observe from 217 that Tilbury hopes to start operations next month.



10.6.50.

me.

11/11

0497/11

TELEPHONE: MAYFAIR 7494

TELEGRAMS: VELOP. PICCY. LONDON

CODE: BENTLEY'S SECOND



COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED)

33, DOVER STREET

LONDON, W.1

Albemarle,

3/6/50.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.
Stanley.

Sir,

215

I have to acknowledge your recent letter to Mr. Rowe enquiring whether bedding is available for the Sealing Officer, when he should be in attendance at the sealing site, and asking me to confirm that he would be fully maintained by us.

I now confirm my cable to the effect that we have bedding available on the site, and that we expect to commence operations early in July.

The maintenance of the Sealing Officer formed the subject of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and Colonial Development Corporation, of which I regret that I have not copies on the site. I am therefore forwarding your letter to Colonial Development Corporation in London, and they will doubtless reply direct.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten initials]
[12 JUN 1950]

[Handwritten signature: P.R.H. Tilbury]

P.R.H. Tilbury,
Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.

0497/III.

228

12th June, 50.

Sir,

216 With reference to your letter of the 3rd of May, 1950, applying for permission to take fur seal in the Falkland Islands, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that this matter cannot be considered until the Sealing Officer has had an opportunity to inspect all the rookeries.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) MICHAEL R. RAMMER,

Colonial Secretary.

The Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

WH.

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A

MCS
Your 227^b para 2. Please see 179^A - 187-m
0497/II.

MCS
16/6/50

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
1	Albemarle	29	R/T	17.6.50
To	Colonial Secretary	Repeated Rowe	Stanley	

Advise you not commencing operations until after Fitzroys call here in Jul;
stop Sealing officer could therefore travel here direct on Fitzroy July

Tilbury

Sealing Officer to be so advised.

19 JUN 1950

C of C. informed 22/6/50
Re int 22/6/50

Time

SHH

20th June,

50.

Sir,

227

179 A in

0497/II

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 5th of June, 1950, and to say that, as you were advised in my letter 525/24 of the 31st of January, 1948, a part of the land at Albemarle is required for the Sealing Company. This was discussed with Mr. Young and his verbal agreement was obtained. A written communication was not sent because the ~~items~~ terms of the lease have not yet been finalised. The area of the lease under contemplation is approximately 100 acres, surrounding the creek known as West Arm, inside Port Albemarle. As soon as final agreement has been reached with the Colonial Development Corporation, I will advise you further.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager.
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

0958

30th June,

50.

Sir,

167
m 0497/II

I am directed to refer to my letter No. 0497/II of the 12th of August, 1949, under cover of which the licences for the South Atlantic Sealing Company were forwarded, and to say that it is desired to effect certain minor amendments to the licence for the Colony. These amendments are:-

- (1) Clause 3. For "Seal" read "Sea" in the second line. This is clearly a typing error in the original.
- (2) Section 6. Add at end the words "and no sea elephant less than 108" in length. A minimum size for sea lions was laid down but a similar minimum for sea elephants was omitted in error.
- (3) Section 3. For the first word "Seals" should be substituted the words "Sea lions and Sea elephants as mentioned in the preceding sections". The licence is only valid for these two types of animal, as laid down in section 3 of the licence, and it is considered that the exact wording should be repeated to avoid ambiguity.

2. The following areas were declared seal reserves under the provisions of Section 7 of the Seal Fishery Ordinance, 1921, by Order dated the 22nd of February, 1922:-

The territorial waters of the Colony.
Elephant Jason Island.
Bird Island.
Volunteer Rocks.
Beauchene Island.

and still remain so; the first for reasons of humanity since a seal can only be killed with certainty if it is hauled up on a beach or rocks, the other four because they are known Fur Seal sanctuaries. It is further considered the Company in its own best interests should undertake always to leave at least 10% of the males of the species alive unmolested on each beach.

Sir E. Wood,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Dover Street,
LONDON, W.1.

See 235

3. It is understood that the Company will not in fact be in a position to operate in the Dependencies, and I am therefore to suggest that the licence issued to the Company in respect of that area should be cancelled.

4. In accordance with Section 10 of the lease certain returns are required to be rendered, and I am directed to forward herewith specimens of the two forms which will be required. The returns, in this form, should be submitted monthly, with an annual or seasonal summary.

5. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Manager, South Atlantic Sealing Company, Controller of Operations, Colonial Development Corporation.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner,
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

b. of b.
G. y. r. pl.
L. Jones.
4/7/50.

u.c.s.
Noted th. y. am.
D. J. D.
5/7/50

PA. H. Y.
6/7/50.

*Included in
Manager S.A.S.C.'s
letter only.*



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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

33. DOVER STREET,
LONDON. W.1.

382/FSH/2.

12th July, 1950.

His Excellency Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., C.M.G.,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir Miles,

We understand from Tilbury, the Managing Director of the South Atlantic Sealing Company, that you would be prepared to support an application to catch fur seal within your territory. I should like to follow this up by asking you if you would be good enough to have a draft licence drawn up for the consideration of Tilbury and his Board. If you agree, the draft will presumably indicate the lines of co-operation between the Company (as licencees) and your Government. The first consideration would be the protection and control of the herds, with careful assessment of the number of surplus "bachelors" that can be taken each year while leaving a margin for expansion. A similar rationalised exploitation produced spectacular results when undertaken in the Pribiloff Islands (off Alaska) by the U.S. Department of the Interior, and Tilbury's concern would have the advantage of the advice of Dr. Bertram of Cambridge, who recently visited those islands.

While writing, I should like to thank you for your prompt and helpful response to my cable concerning the whaling project. At the moment I am despondent about the prospect of this coming off, since it seems impossible to reach agreement with our prospective partners. But I will write separately about this as soon as the upshot is known.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Brook

R. E. Brook.
Deputy Chairman.

See 216.228

Action.

*Extracted to
D/30/47/II. United
Whalers' Ltd.*

Sad.

mc.

*Extract β to
appropriate file
- p.v. both.*

18 AUG 1950

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33, DOVER STREET
LONDON, W. 1

382/FSH

2nd August 1950.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

South Atlantic Sealing Company -
Licences.


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I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of 30th June setting forth certain minor amendments to the licence for the Colony. Your letter will be considered upon the return from tour of the Executive Head of the Corporation's Legal Department when we shall write to you further.

Your letter under reply was addressed to Sir Ernest Wood but I should explain that there has been some reorganisation at Headquarters and three Joint Controllers are now functioning. Sir Ernest Wood has divested himself of certain territories and the Falkland Islands are now the responsibility of Mr. R.V. Cable, as Controller, both in the planning and operational stages.

Yours faithfully,

17 AUG 1950


A.W. HALL
Executive Assistant to
Mr. R.V. Cable.

Y.E.

Page 234. See also pages 216, 225 and 228. The A.O.'s extracted report at p.18 in 0958/A attached is also relevant. As Mr. Brook says, the first consideration must be the protection of the herds, and we lack sufficient data to estimate the number which it would be safe to allow to be taken in a year. A.O. gives an estimate of 5,000 - 6,000. With due respect to him, I feel that this is a bit high. I do not know what would be the minimum which would make it worth Tilbury's while to go in for it, but I should imagine that 2,000 a year would be allright to start with.

28.8.50.

→ Probably as many as he could cope with.

A licence may be drafted — 2000 with
 revision from time to time; requiring ^{quarterly} censuses to be
 undertaken by SASC; usual inspection: safety clause
 i.e. no females to be taken, (time in which killing to be allowed ^{not more than 1 day} at any one place ^{X No to be taken}).
 (how does an disannulate.)

See 0958/A/12

Y.E. Si.

We should make independent enquiries as to market
value of skins and will of course impose an
export duty per capita?

I propose to send Mr. Laws out to have
 a talk with Tilbury and report upon his methods
 and he can also consider this question and advise
 us. It would be no bad thing for Brown of
 this Fisheries Section to contact Laws before he leaves.

W.C. 29/VIII

ACS

Reverse. Pl. Draw of Draft license. The existing one for Tilbury will do as a guide, with the conditions specified by H.E. included.



We have a note somewhere of market value?

129 AUG 1950

ESTABLISHED 1863 WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS
ESTD 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

Ref/850/1111PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. 5TH ED.
A.I.Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 29th August, 1950.

Sir,

re Fuel Oil for Sealing Station - Albemarle

Consequent upon consultations held by R/T with our Managing Director, Mr. Tilbury, at Albemarle, I write to you on the subject of Fuel Oil which failed to be delivered by R/F/A "Gold Ranger". In the first place it would appear that the Master of the tanker never received prior intimation of the arrangement arrived at between Messrs Colonial Development Corporation, London and the Admiralty. It came as a complete surprise to Cpt. Edwards that he was expected to deliver 200 tons of fuel oil direct to the Sealing Station at Albemarle.

However, he decided that he was unable to make direct delivery. What his full report to the Admiralty on this subject may say is unknown to me. But I do know that one of his objections (and probably the main deciding factor) was the matter of the Chart for Albemarle.

The existing chart (it seems to be Number 1874) is based on a survey originally carried out by Com. W. Robinson in 1842. corrected to Dec. 1888 and "small corrections" in 1923 - 1934 and 1936.

In all 4 West Falkland harbours are charted on the same sheet, and I am almost certain that "small corrections" do not refer to Port Albemarle, so that 1888 would seem to be the last date to which corrections were made as corresponding to Albemarle.

The chart is therefore decidedly stale, and unlikely to inspire confidence in the Master of a vessel the size of the "Gold Ranger".

As there is now a relatively large sum of money invested in the Sealing Company's works at Port Albemarle, and it may be necessary for other ships to make calls there in the future, Mr. Tilbury and I think that it would be good policy to endeavour to get the chart corrected to date, so that the chart may inspire confidence and not raise doubts in the mind of the Master of any ship that may be required in the future to call at Port Albemarle.

I therefore beg to enquire whether the Colonial Government can or will take any steps that may be pertinent so that the Chart of Port Albemarle may be officially corrected to date.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

Agent.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands.

Reply at 242.

We have already
so provided - Biscoe
will do it next
summer.

130 AUG 1950

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239.

J.E.'s

minute at p. 236. Draft license at cover, which J.E. has already seen. Would Y.E. wish to send it off by this mail to Mr. Brooke in order to let him see the lines along which we are thinking (draft at cover submitted).

To Cable,

App^d. as amended.

2) For market value of skins please see letter at p. 12 of 0958/A attached.

3) An export duty for capite would be justifiable and proper, I think.

Must.

1

4 SEP 1950

4) p. 238. Might it be possible for the prison, with her ranch surveying party on board, to deal with this next year?

2

4 SEP 1950

I had already commented her to do this; it would have been done ~~on~~ then year but the lights and Ajax had to come first.

MC

4/ix

(BO again amend of J.B.)

Offici.

For Draft at cover.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

5th September, 1950.

Dear Cable,

X
Please refer to Brook's letter 382/ESH/2 of the 12th July, 1950, regarding an application on the part of the South Atlantic Sealing Company to take fur seal in this territory. It is correct that the Governor would be disposed to regard such an application favourably, though to date he has only caused Mr. Tilbury to be informed that the first essential is for the Government's Sealing Officer and Tilbury himself to have an opportunity to inspect all the known rookeries. This is clearly necessary to ensure the protection and control of the herds, on which Mr. Brooke so properly laid emphasis in his letter. But while this is being done the Governor thinks it might be advantageous and a saving in time if I informed you of the sort of terms in which any licence would be drawn, and I therefore enclose for your consideration a first draft on which we should welcome your comments.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL RAYMER.

R. V. Cable, Esq.,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Dover Street,
LONDON, W. 1.

Reply at 254

COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.SEALING LICENCE.

A Licence under Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, is hereby granted to:

The South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited, Falkland Islands,
to take fur-seals subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. The Licence shall be in force for years from the 1st of November, 1950, and is subject to revision from time to time.
2. An annual licence of £100 shall be paid on the 1st of November in each year.
3. The Licence shall be valid for fur-seals at Elephant Jason Island, Bird Island, Volunteer Rocks, and Banouchene Island.
4. A census shall first be taken by the Licensee and Sealing Officer at all Rookeries and only 10 per centum of the total male seals should be killed at any one Rookery.
5. The total number of seals taken in any one year shall not exceed 2,000 (two thousand), except the Governor so direct under the terms of paragraph 1 hereof.
6. Fur-seals shall be killed only between the 1st November and the following 1st March, i.e. 4 months.
7. Only full-grown male fur-seals shall be killed.
8. No female fur-seals shall be killed.
9. Fur-seals shall not be driven long distances overland and shall be killed in a humane manner, i.e. by shooting in the head.
10. Full returns shall be made monthly, annually or as required, shewing the number of seals killed; the localities from whence taken, and the number of of skins obtained.
11. All operations shall be subject to the supervision of a Sealing Officer, appointed by the Governor, who shall be fully maintained at the cost of the Licensee on board any vessel or vessels employed by the Licensee.
12. The Licensee shall not enter on any private land other than for the purpose of killing fur-seals.
13. The Licensee shall (as far as possible) employ local labour.
14. This Licence is not transferable and is subject to cancellation upon breach of any one of the conditions thereof.

7th September 50.

Sir,

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I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th of August, regarding the revision of the existing chart of Port Albemarle and to inform you that it is proposed that this work should be carried out next year by the "John Biscoe", which will have a naval hydrographer party on board, after she has completed her season's voyages to the Dependencies.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

See 243

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

Recd. 9/9/50

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

Estb'd 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

Ref/950/1163

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:

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ABC 5TH ED

A.I.

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 8th September, 1950.

Sir,

re Chart of Albemarle

242

I thank you for your letter No. 0497/III of yesterday's date, reading as follows:-

" I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th of August, regarding the revision of the existing chart of Port Albemarle and to inform you that it is proposed that this work should be carried out next year by the 'John Biscoe', which will have a naval hydrographic party on board, after she has completed her season's voyages to the Dependencies. "

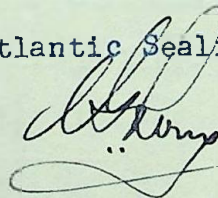
This seems to be very satisfactory indeed.

I am sending copies of this letter both to Mr. Tilbury, at Albemarle, and ~~our~~ to our Headquarters in London, for their information and guidance.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.



Agent.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands.

9 SEP 1950

JE Above fi. w.b. / 242.

Noted - I trust that the Agent will not take
over at his own hand. Mc. 12/ix

11 SEP 1950

244

b of b
y y z

2 Page 240. Tell you please
instruct Sealing Officer accordingly

12/9/55

H.C.S.

It has been agreed between Mr. Tilbury and this Department, that a tour of the known fur-seal rookeries will be made in one of the Sealing Co's boats (taking the Sealing Officer and Mr. T.) as soon as a suitable slack period presents. I have written the S.O. asking for the latest information about this tour.

2. 236 (X). I note that His Excellency mentions that a tax may be levied per capita on fur seal. Unless the existing law, (please see July 1st Gazettes of 1948), were amended, it would appear that export duty would be at "six-pence per one hundred lb. or part thereof". Could this be clarified please?

14.9.50.

J.E.

Above. C & C is quite right. See 1948 Gazette p. 94
As the law stands the export duty is: "On all whale and
seal products other than oil, sixpence per 100 lb weight
or part thereof." We should need to amend this.

That was because the skins were not
then being utilised. They are now and we
should make special provision early.

MC. 19/IX

(How do we charge on e.g. sheepskins?)

[18 SEP 1950]

A.

C of C.

Minutes p.244. We shall have to amend the law.
What would you recommend as a fair per capita tax ?
How do we charge for sheepskins at present ?

[Handwritten signature]

19.9.50.

B.

H.C.S.

p.179 of Nov. --
1st 1948
Gazettes or
A.P.0465.

Sheepskins are taxed at 2½% of the selling price.

10 & 11 in ---
958/A attchd.

2. I learn that extremely good prices were obtained for sheepskins this year, prices varying from 24d to as much as 60d per lb. If the average were 30d and the average weight of a skin 10 lbs, the price might be 25/- per skin. (But you probably have more accurate information than is available in this office; I understand that the F.I.C. broadcast a detailed statement to Farm Managers about skins recently).
x If the prices of furseal skins are an adequate indication of the price Mr. Tilbury might receive for his products, then it would seem unfair to discriminate by taxing him higher than the 2½% for hides skins & tallow.

p.94 Jul.1st ---
948 Gazettes.

*Extracted to
0466- Importation
Exports legislation.*

3. It is suggested then, that the tariff be suitably amended to except seal skins from the Whale Products tax of 6d per 100 lbs. Seal skins would then be automatically liable to the "tallow, hides & skins" tax?.

[Handwritten signature]
C.O.C.
21.9.50.

C.

ACS
X above. Can we claim?

[Handwritten signature]
28/9.

[Handwritten mark]

ACS A.C.S.

EXTRACTED FROM 57 in 0542 (F.I. Wool Clips).

Sale price of sheep skins broadcast by F.I.C. recently:-

119 bales sold at an average price of 51½d per lb. (highest Roy Cove with 82d per lb.)

No definite information could be obtained as to whether these skins were

- (a) short woolled;
- (b) half " or
- (c) full "

~~the~~ presumably the latter.

[Handwritten signature]
29.9.50 29/9/50

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 241a

(SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED).

33. DOVER STREET

LONDON, W. 1

Albemarle,
14/9/50.Sir G. Miles Clifford, C.M.G., O.B.E..
Government House,
Stanley.

Your Excellency,

For the past month we have been operating here on a very restricted scale, and the sealion season is now drawing to a close.

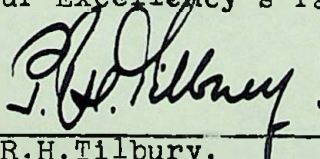
We have had an unprecedented number of mechanical failures, rather difficult ones, which have occasioned much extra work at a time when we should be operating. But we are gradually overcoming most of these difficulties and will most certainly be in a better position to seal next year.

An encouraging feature is that there seems to be plenty of seal around, and in relatively good condition.

Various problems have arisen during this short season, particularly in connection with alterations in the method of drying meal, which I should be glad to be able to discuss with Your Excellency.

This letter accordingly serves to request the honour of an interview on my impending visit to Stanley towards the end of the month.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's faithful servant,



P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director,
S.A.S. Co. Ltd.

CS. f.i. !

mc 20/1X

file

120 SEP 1950



P.S. to arrange -
96. Noted p.s.

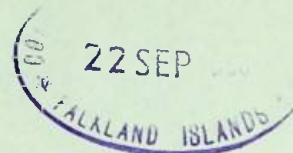
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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33, DOVER STREET
LONDON, W. 1

18th August, 1950.

The Colonial Secretary;
The Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Dear Sir,

South Atlantic Sealing Company
Licences.

232.

With further reference to your letter dated the 30th June 1950, I would state that we have now considered the minor amendments which you have suggested should be made to the Licences originally issued by your Office on the 12th August, 1949. We are in agreement with the amendments you have suggested.

We have further noted your remarks concerning the areas which have been declared Seal Reserves, though I understand that since the date of issue of your letter, our Manager, Captain Tilbury, has obtained permission to take Sea Leopards and has also received a verbal promise of a Fur Seal Licence.

With reference to your suggestion that the Licence issued to the South Atlantic Sealing Company to operate in the Dependencies should be cancelled, I am given to understand that Captain Tilbury has himself suggested that this Licence should be surrendered. Accordingly it will be in order for you to cancel that Licence.

Yours faithfully,

A.C. Shepherd
A.C. SHEPHERD,
Assistant Secretary.

23/9/50

Reply at 256.

"
No objection in
principle subject
to prior consultation"

247

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33, DOVER STREET
LONDON, W. 1

382/FSH

24th August, 1950.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Dear Sir,

In discussions on the terms of the sealing licences last year between H.E. the Governor and Sir Ernest Wood, the question of the Government sealing inspector was raised, and it was left that this man's remuneration and victualling arrangements would be left to be determined in accordance with precedent in the whaling and sealing industry.

248 We have taken advice on this point and the attached letter from the Ministry of Agriculture shows that it is customary in the whaling industry for the Government in question to pay the salary and subsistence of the inspector and for the undertaking to house him. We therefore suggest this course, unless there are other local precedents of which we are unaware.

This, no doubt, is in pursuance of paragraph 1(b) of the Schedule to the International Whaling Convention of December, 1946, which reads as follows:-

"Adequate inspection shall be maintained at each land station. The inspectors serving at each land station shall be appointed and paid by the Government having jurisdiction over the land station".

The company would agree, therefore, to house the inspector when necessary and to provide accommodation either ashore or afloat in conditions comparable with those offered to the employees on the undertaking.

Yours faithfully,

H. H. Brown

H. H. BROWN.
Manager, Fisheries Division.

Reply at 255

248

027 1-21-71 x 8

1949.

Thank you for your letter of the 5th September. I am glad to know that the "Protector" has turned out to be satisfactory, but I am sorry to hear about the trouble that you had with dry rot. This is rather surprising considering the age of the ship.

el.

249

Excluded to 80%
0466 - Imports & Exports
Legislation

Y.E.

Minutes p/ 244-45. The sliding scale duty is clearly the fairest, and I agree with C & C that the same duty as for sheepskins (2 1/2%) would be reasonable. Draft O-i-C accordingly?

2) p/246 w.o.l. p/167. All in order except that Tibbings has not received a verbal promise of a Free Seal Licence. He applied at p/216 & the reply is at 228.

3) p/247. J.E. will doubtless recollect the discussion, but I believe the first para of p/247 to be misleading. Pl see p/164 (c) and p/165 in Vol II attached. My understanding was that S.A.S.C. would "find" the Sealing Officer while he was on duty with them and would pay Govt £250 a year towards his salary etc. We so provided in the current estimates & have included again in the 1951/52 estimates.

See marginal comment - they were too quickly. We have sent him a draft licence.

18/10/50.

In accordance with "local practice" - here this has implied that the Sealy Co. should maintain the Suspect. I am not prepared to move from this.

Mc 18/X

Copy 251

Ref/S9/A.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

14th October, 1950.

From The Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

To The Registrar,
The Legal Department,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Taking of Seal on private lands.

I have the honour to inform you that during an interview with His Excellency the Governor yesterday, the Sealing Officer requested information as to the Sealing Company's right to enter upon private lands for the purpose of taking seal. The Governor directed that the matter should be referred to the Legal Department. Could you assist please?

(Sgd.) B. N. BIGGS.

Collector of Customs.

Reply at 252.



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No. 0497/II.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

Confidential

19th October, 1950.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: The Collector of Customs,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- The South Atlantic Sealing Co's Sealing Licence.

251- 252

0497/II
168.

I have the honour to forward for your information, copies of correspondence which arose as a result of a query made by the Sealing Officer, as to the Sealing Company's right to enter upon private lands for the purpose of taking seal in accord with Section 12 of the Sealing Licence. He (the Sealing Officer), had heard rumours to the effect that certain landowners (possibly the F.I.Co.Ltd.), might resist efforts by the Sealing Company to seal on their lands.

252.

2. Para 2 of the Registrar's Minute attached, clearly allows sealing to be carried on, on the beaches, but the trouble is that seal are often above the beach - that is, on the land. Having regard to this and to para 1 of the attached minute, could the matter be clarified by informing Mr. Tilbury of the lands he may not enter upon, thus avoiding unnecessary friction between the parties concerned.

3. The Sealing Officer states that this question of right of entry has not been raised by Mr. Tilbury, who intends going ahead in accordance with section 12 of his licence. It has been thought advisable to record the matter, however, in view of the very difficult position the Sealing Officer would be in, if a dispute arose during sealing. I am unable to understand why section 12 was made to include 'private lands' because surely this would be wrong in principle, unless a clause to the effect was included in the Crown Grant?

H.

20 OCT 1950

B. J. J.

Collector of Customs.

C. of C.

251.

Reference your Minute of 14th Oct. 1950.

1. The Sealing Co. has no right to enter upon private lands in order to kill and take seal.
2. Unless a Crown Grant reads to the contrary, the Crown is by prerogative right the prima facie owner of the foreshore, or land between high and low water mark, the right being limited landwards to the medium line of high tide between spring and neap tides.
3. A clause was entered in Crown Grants during 1910, which reads as follows:

"reserve to ourselves our heirs and successors and to such other persons as are duly licensed by us the right to enter upon the lands above mentioned excluding the land already alienated by.....to kill and take seals."
4. The above does not apply to Packe's Port Howard, Horseshoe Bay, Teal Inlet, F. I. Co. land North of Choisuel Sound, Roy Cove, Pebble Island more than half, F.I.Co, Lafonia including Sea Lion Islands and all other islands adjacent to Lafonia.
5. There are numerous small areas granted under "compulsory purchase Crown Grants" scattered over the islands which do not contain a clause reserving the right to kill and take seal.
6. I believe the sealing rights of Lafonia, were many years ago the subject of an appeal to the Privy Council. ~~in 1910~~ Most probably this appeal was the cause of the inclusion of the clause reserving the right to kill and take seal.

H. Bennett
Registrar.
16.x.50.



Y.E.

Minutes at p. 249. Draft replies to pp. 246 & 247 submitted at cover.

2. Pp. 250 - 252. I am not quite sure how the Law stands in this matter. Section 12 of the licence (see p. 169) states that the licensee shall not enter on any private land other than for the purpose of killing or trying-out seals. The Registrar in his minute shows that as far as certain lands are concerned, the right to enter on land granted by the Crown to kill and take seals was from 1910 onwards reserved. Thus we appear to be in the awkward position that in parts of the Colony Mr. Tilbury can enter private land for this purpose, and in other parts he cannot without the leave of the present owners. Possibly Y.E. may wish to seek the views of the Secretary of State on this, in which case it would perhaps be preferable to wait until Mr. Tilbury is next in Stanley when I can enquire of him on which lands he expects to require to enter for the purpose of his sealing.



3.11.50.

Acq. Some amicable solution of this problem should be possible; Mr T. shd have explored this aspect of the matter before he started in - G.N., who advised him, ought to have been aware of the possible difficulty.

MC. 4/xi

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33. DOVER STREET
LONDON, W. 1

382/FSH

28th September 1950

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Dear Mr. Rayner,

240 I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5th September enclosing a draft of the sort of terms in which a licence would be drawn up for the taking of fur seals. We are referring this to Mr. Tilbury with our comments.

In the meantime he will get in touch with the Sealing Officer direct to arrange for the necessary visit to the fur seal rookeries.

Yours sincerely,

R.V. Cable
Joint Controller.

0494/III

255

4th November, 50.

Sir,

247

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 24th of August, 1950, on the subject of the expenses of the Sealing Officer whose employment by Government has been rendered necessary by the establishment of the South Atlantic Sealing Company, and to say that, as was explained to Sir Ernest Wood by His Excellency the Governor in July of last year, Government expects to be reimbursed by the Company for the major part of the salary of the Sealing Officer at the rate of £250 per annum. This is in addition to the undertaking required by Section 11 of the Sealing Licence that the officer shall be fully maintained at the cost of the licensee on board any vessel or vessels employed by him, and is in accordance with local practice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Manager,
Fisheries Division,
C.D.C.

(Sgd) MICHAEL R. RAYMER,

Colonial Secretary.

0497/III

4th November, 50.

Sir,

246.

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 18th of August, 1950, regarding the licences of the South Atlantic Sealing Company, and to make it clear that in connection with paragraph 2 of your letter no promise, whether written or verbal, was given to Mr. Tilbury that he would be granted a fur seal licence. He did make enquiries on this subject and he was informed that there was no objection in principle, but that first the Government Sealing Officer would need to inspect and report on the fur seal rookeries. The position in this matter is set out in my letter to Mr. Cable, dated the 5th of September, 1950, which had, of course, not been received when your letter under reference was written.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer


COLONIAL SECRETARY.

A.G. Sheppard, Esq.,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Dover Street,
LONDON, W.1.

257
Y.E.

With reference to minutes p.253. As I mentioned to Y.E., Mr. Tilbury came to see me this morning and told me that the F.I.C. have written to him saying that they do not consider he has the right to enter on their land and that they will expect royalties. I pointed out the papers at p.115 and 117 (para 3) of Vol II of this file to Y.E., and spoke of the apparent omission of a proviso in the 1949 Land Ordinance comparable to Section 21 (h) of the old Land Ordinance, 1903.

2. Draft telegram to S/S, on the lines directed by Y.E., submitted at cover.


6.11.50.

P.S. Papers on the 1949 Land Ordinance are in 0720
attached. It was referred to the S/S in Draft.
Neither he, nor we, spotted the omission.


6/11/50.

*Mea culpa... but as L.S. had advised up a
this very point I cannot think why he discarded
it; he may have thought it was covered by Sub 2 (f)
but I don't think that could possibly hold water. I prefer
the wording of the old 21*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 6. 11. 50 Time: 17.00 Received: Time:

PRIORITY.

No. 245. CONFIDENTIAL. Sealing. Section 12 of licence granted to South Atlantic Sealing Company reads "the licensee shall not enter on any private land other than for the purpose of killing or trying out seals". Tilbury, Manager of Sealing Company has at this late stage been advised by Falkland Islands Company that they do not recognise his right to enter on their land for this purpose and that they will claim royalties. Velop enquired in December 1948 regarding the right of free entry on land for killing when I was advised that Section 21 (h) of Land Ordinance 1903 specifically provided for this. That Ordinance has since been superseded by Land Ordinance 1949 (No. 28 of 1949) in the comparable Section of which 28 the old sub-section (h) has for some reason unknown to me been omitted unless Legal Secretary thought sub-section (f) would serve.

2. Grateful you confirm that old section 21 (h) did in fact cover this point and if so ask Sir Henry Webb to include the necessary amendment to the 1949 Ordinance. It would seem best to revert to the original wording of the former Section 21.

G.T.C.

Reply at 259

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

No. 50.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 9. 11. 50 Time: 15.20 Received: 10. 11. 50 Time: 09.00.

258

~~258~~ No. 182. Confidential. Your telegram No. 245. Legislation affecting sealing.

I am advised that Section 21 (h) of Land Ordinance 1903 would have been sufficient to confer on licensee right to enter for purpose of taking and killing seal on Crown Land leased to Falkland Islands Company. It is doubtful however if it would confer right to "try-out" seal on this land but I am not altogether clear what this term means.

2. Webb is being asked to draft amendment to Section 28 of Land Ordinance 1949 so as to include provision similar to Section 21 (h) of 1903 Ordinance. If you think "trying-out" also needs to be covered please amplify.

See 262

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

260

1/6

259 submitted, pl

1/11/55

00.

I can find no reference to "bringing out" —
in any case this is unnecessary and is not a thing that
I would support.


It is not only necessary that Sub. section (h) should
be reinserted but, Section 28^(new) should be replaced by
Section 21 (old) which confers retrospective rights.


MC 107
Ki

Y.E.

259-260. I dont quite like the way para 1 of 259 is worded. The S/S speaks of "Crown Land leased to the F.I.C." We must be covered also in respect of Crown Land granted to the Company. I think the 1903 Ordinance covers this all right (see bound edition of the Laws, page 354, line 7, "in any Crown grant or lease of Crown lands"), but I would rather the S/S confirmed this. We cannot afford to let there be any doubt whatever in the matter.

2. Draft reply to 259 at cover s.f.c.


13.11.50.

Issue. *mc* 13/Xi 

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 13. 11. 50 Time: 15.40 Received:..... Time: -----

259 No. 256. Your telegram No. 182. Confidential. Legislation affecting Sealing.

Inclusion of provision for "trying out" is not necessary.

2. Grateful you confirm that Section 21 (h) of Land Ordinance 1903 confers right to enter on land granted by Crown to Falkland Islands Company or any other as well as on land leased by Crown to them.

3. Consider it important to preserve wording of Section 21 of old Ordinance, not merely to include in 1949 Ordinance an amendment similar to Section 21, subsection (h) of 1903 Ordinance, because first part of old Section 21 confers the right retrospectively.

G.T.C.

Reply at 263

GOVERNOR.

B.M.
263

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DECODE.

No. 75.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 25. 11.50 Time: 12.15 Received: 26.11.50 Time: 09.00.

262

No. 196. Your telegram No. 256. Legislation affecting Sealing.

Your paragraph 1 noted.

2. Your paragraph 2 confirmed.

3. Your paragraph 3: I also confirm that Section 28 (2) of present Land Ordinance has the effect of the ~~importing~~ reservation restrictions on and conditions set out therein not only into the lease and grants made after date on which Ordinance came into force but also into lease and grants already in existence at that date.

4. Assume therefore that no further amendment needed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

See 265

G. T. C.
I.JH

264

Y.E.

P.263. This is satisfactory. Reply thanking S/S for the information and confirming assumption in para 4.?

11

27.11.50.

ACS

- 1) Spoke H.E. w.f.u. re writing Winter in news & advice contained in 263.
- 2) Reply as indicated above.

11 28/11/50.

Okay. me.

Have we asked Mr. Winter to shed light on the omission?

27/XI (It doesn't read that way to me. I wd. like have preferred wording as in old Order. However since the S.O.S's Admin agrees as it is alright we cannot argue. Before replying pl. reconsider bel.

265

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 30. 11. 50 Time: 11.20 Received: Time:

No. 275. Your telegram No. 196. Thank you for information.
Assumption in paragraph 4 confirmed.

GOVERNOR.

P/L.
LJH.

049.15

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

30 NOV 19
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley.

29th November

1950.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

We have to inform you that during his recent visit to Stanley, Mr. Tilbury Managing Director of the South Atlantic Sealing Company advised us of his intention to take sea-elephants from Barren Island.

The Company contends that even if the exclusive right to take seal on Lafonia and islands adjacent to it, implied in the Crown Grant, is not regarded by the Secretary of State as valid, then the right is possessed by virtue of the common-law right incidental to the Owners of the land.

Assuming that our contention is correct, we consider that Mr. Tilbury should have applied for permission in the proper manner.

He has not done so, therefore we lodge this official protest. We shall expect to be notified through the medium of the Sealing Officer how many seal have been taken, and on the arrival of our Managing Director in Stanley we shall take the matter further.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A.G. Barton

MANAGER.

30/11/50. Hs.

267.

JK.

/266. I do not see that Bowen Island is in a different category from any of the Lefonia land. We should tell F.I.C. that, the Sealing Officer having reported to Govt on this question in general terms, we have been in communication with the SPS, who has advised us that Telbury's position as the licensee of Govt is in order?

4/12/50.

Acay.

me 4/XII

(Incidentally Telbury shd. have had the comm. coming to advise them and should be advised to do so in all cases).

5th December,

50.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th of November, 1950, regarding the taking by the South Atlantic Sealing Company of sea-elephants from Barron Island. A report had been received from the Sealing Officer indicating that your Company entertained doubts as to the right of the South Atlantic Sealing Company to take seals off land owned by your Company, and the advice of the Secretary of State on the question was therefore sought. In his reply, recently received, he states that, in his opinion, the South Atlantic Sealing Company as licencees of the Government have the right to enter on Crown lands granted or leased to your Company for the purpose of taking and killing seals. In the light of this advice the Government must assume that the actions of the South Atlantic Sealing Company are in order.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

11th December, 50.

Sir,

With reference to section 12 of the sealing licence which has been granted to you, I am to suggest that as an act of common courtesy you should in future advise the owners or occupiers whenever you have occasion to enter on private land for the purpose of taking seal.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
C/o Agent, South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

270

J.E.

268-69 ft. w.o.t. minutes at 267.

I saw Mr. Tilbury this morning & expanded 269 to him verbally. I arranged for him to call - J.E. at 4.0 p.m. this afternoon, a J.E. may wish to have the file handy.

[12 DEC 1950]

announced.

2000

Elephants

I am

He used to be

I have seen him. He is going to ask for an extension of the Elephant season; he has taken about 480 to date 1 E = 1.2 barrels of oil which is the 12/xii not too bad. He hopes to get £120 per ton for best grade oil. His ground seasons run

Sea Lion

April - Sept.

Elephant

October - December

which, according to his observation should be June/Sept. and Nov/Janey.

I assume we acted on the advice of the Government Naturalist and that this was based upon observed data. We had better look into it.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.)

33, DOVER STREET

LONDON, W. 1

271

Albemarle,
27th. November 1950.

Sir G. Miles Clifford, C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to recall our recent meeting at which we discussed, amongst other matters, the possibility of extending the period during which this company is permitted to take sea-elephants, to enable us to fish until the end of January. Your view was that the matter should rest until the end of the season drew near.

It would appear, from observations during the year now nearly past, that the period during which we are permitted to take seal begins and ends too early, and I hope I may be able to discuss this at the end of the present season, when the Report of the Government Sealing Officer will have been prepared.

For the present, however, I should be most grateful if Your Excellency would give consideration to the possibility of extending this season to enable us to seal until the end of January 1951, with in our quota of 2000 sea-elephants.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's faithful servant,

P.R.H. Tilbury

P.R.H. Tilbury,
Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.

Reply at 275

*A.C.S. file - for & officer
notes below f.o.*

12/12

CO

For early observations of

*{ AO
Sealing Officer
COTC*

M. H.C. 12/XII

*We must surely have been guided
by precedent or advice in fixing the
season?*

24/20

Hon. A.O.
Sealing Officer
C. F. C.

24/1 for your early observations, pl.

AKS
14/12/50.

H.C.S.

From observation I am led to think there are plenty of Sea Lions & I would like to meet what the S.A.S. Company is or is proposed to be licensed to take.

But not enough Sea Elephants.

That there is no point in lengthening the season for Sea Lions as they leave the shores & when returned at or after Christmas have little fat oil in their blubber. Which state continues up to & after April they improve there after till say June.

I would suggest an extension this year of 1 month in the Elephant Season. with revision of Nov to Jan inclusive next year & a downward revision in numbers if/so in keeping with the Sealing Officers Reports on this years season.

And suggest that the F.I.C.O. expected notification rec'd 266 should not be direct from Sealing Officer but through you & that Sealing Officer be notified accordingly.

John P. C. Smith 15/11/50
S.O.

H.C.S.

A.

273

I regret that the Sealing Officer is still at Albemarle where the "Golden Chance" is still operating.

2. In view of the small number of Elephants taken thus far (480), out of the permitted 2,000, the granting of one months extension will make little or no difference to the herds and will assist in deciding whether the hunting season might safely be advanced as suggested in p. 3 of 271.

[Signature]
C. of C.
15.12.50.

B.

A.C.S.

The Sealing Officer will be coming in for Xmas.
Pl ensure that his veins are obtained as soon as he comes in.

116 DEC 1950

C.

B.F.B.

Babare Will you so arrange, pl.

[Signature]
10/12/50

D.
Sealing Officer,
As above pl.

[Signature]
C. of C. 23.12.50.

C. of C.

As the Elephants are only just this last 3 weeks or so 'hauling up' in large numbers, I would suggest that the licence be extended for one month i.e. to the end of January 1951 within the approved quota of 2,000.

App?

2. Regarding the revision of seasons; I suggest that these be revised as follows:-

The Lion season from 1st ~~November~~ ^{January} to end June.

Elephant season from 1st November to end January.

In support of the above, the following comments are offered:

Lions - do not start 'hauling up' in any quantity before June and by the middle or end of September they draw off to their breeding grounds.

Elephants - start 'hauling up' in November, but not in very large quantities as can be seen by the returns, (filed in 0497/C). In November 288 elephants were caught and in the first 17 days in December 432 elephants were taken. From what I have seen of the numbers on the beaches, now would be a safe time to take the remainder of the quota.

H.C.S. Report submitted please.


J.B. Browning
Sealing Officer. 23/12/50

Y.E.

Letter at p. 271. Please see succeeding minutes from A.O., C of C and Sealing Officer. Looking back in these papers I have been unable to trace any scientific advice on which the dates in the licence are based. They appear to be first mentioned at p. 115 in Vol II attached, and not to have been disputed. Dr. Hamilton is out of Stanley for the summer and I cannot consult him (except by telegraph).

2. The immediate point is whether Mr. Tilbury can have a month's extension for elephants this season, and the officers who have minuted agree that this would be reasonable. It seems so to me too. Within the 2,000 limit, of course.

3. The more general question of a permanent revision of the dates given in the licence (p. 168 in Vol II) may be left over until after the end of the season when we shall have a full report from the Sealing Officer and may hope to be able to get Dr. Hamilton's advice. ?


23.12.50.

→ And, particularly, Mr. Lewis?

huc = 23/xii

ACS
...

Action on para 2 first, please. Early.



28/12/50.

28th December,

50.

Sir,

271

With reference to your letter of the 27th of November, 1950, in which you apply for an extension of the current sealing season I am directed by the Governor to inform you that as a special concession His Excellency has been pleased to approve such an extension up to the 31st of January, 1951, on the understanding that the number of elephant seal taken is within your quota of 2,000 for the season.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
C/o. Agent, South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

Reply at 280

276

b. of b.
Gy. pl. You will advise S/O of 275?
H.C.S.
2/1/51.

H.C.S.

S.O. informed acc. pl.

End. bofl. 3/1/51



277
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

ESTABLISHED 1863

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

Established 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS Ref /1250/1612-

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. 5TH ED.
A.I.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 29th December, 1950

275
Sir,

I wish to refer to your 0497/III of yesterday addressed to the Managing Director of the S.A. Sealing Co.

As Mr. Tilbury was very busy preparing to return with his ship to Albemarle, I doubt whether he was able to send you his acknowledgment and thanks.

However, I have now the honour to do so on his behalf and on behalf of the company's other Directors in the U.K.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

Agent.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley

Falkland Islands.

Seen.

8/1/51.

See

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

278

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

1.1.51

To

TILBURY ALBEMARLE.

HOA/O

279

Your telegram 1st January stop No objection but as Golden Chance sailed from Stanley early Monday presume Tealing Officer now with you.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

279

From TILBURY ALBEMARLE.

To The COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 1st January.

19 51

Time : 0915

Received : 2nd January.

19 51

Time : 0900

Golden Chance delayed in Stanley. Request permission to take approximately fifty elephants with Protector prior arrival Sealing Officer with Golden Chance. Request earliest reply.

TILBURY.

See / 278

P/L.
SS

89/17
87/15

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.)

33, DOVER STREET

LONDON, W. 1

280

The Hon.the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Albemarle,
3/1/51.

Sir,

275

I wish to refer to your letter dated 28th. December 1950 in which you advise me that His Excellency the Governor has granted my application for an extension of the sealing season to enable us to fish until the end of January 1951, and to ask that you send my thanks to His excellency on behalf of this company.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,



P.R.H. Tibury.
Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.

J.E.
Above fi. 

129 JAN 1951

(PA) MC

P.O.

C.A.

Has Mr. Lewis gone out yet? If we don't get him out soon it will be too late: Mr. Fitzmy called at Abbeville I gather although it would be his duty.

We should notify C^{ia} Argentina de Porca that Mr. Lewis is being posted to Grytviken to continue his investigations into the Elephant Seal and ask for co-operation.

MC 29/

See 282

0497/III ✓

283

To. The Hon. Col. Sec.
From. The Agricultural Officer.
Date. 29th January, 1951.

Re. The South Atlantic Sealing Company's Lease.

I understand this is on a year to year basis and commenced on the 1st December, 1949.

As I have no advice regarding payments I would be grateful for your instructions as to whether or not this Department is responsible for collecting the rent.

R.O.

Yes. Agric Dept.
collects land rents.

!!!

John P. Oliver.
Agricultural Officer.

H. C.S.

Thank you. will apply to them
for same.

John P. Oliver, 12/11/51
R.O.

130 JAN 1951

pps re lease
if sealing site
12/12/51

Copy of lease at 186a vol II

3 February,

51

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to advise you that Mr. Laws of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey is being posted to the Survey's base at Grytviken for the coming year, in order that he may continue his studies concerning Elephant Seal. Any assistance which you can give him in the furtherance of his investigations would be very much appreciated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Manager,
Compania Argentina de Pesca,
Grytviken,
S. GEORGIA.

A.

H.C.S.,

So far as I can see the actual lease of the sealing site at Albemarle has not yet been signed.

A copy of the proposed lease was forwarded to Mr. Tilbury on the 13th December, 1949 (page 186 in 0497/II) and the C.D.C. at page 218 agreed to accept a lease for 21 years. There the matter remains.

The Registrar should now prepare a lease for signature with retrospective effect from the 1st December, 1949, pl ?.

A.C.S.

19/2/51.

ACS

B.

Yes, please.

21/2/51

Registrar

C.

In a pl.

21/2/51

Hon. Col. Sec.,

D.

The lease was prepared and submitted for signature on 12.xii.49 (pl. see 0497/II Red 184).

I have some recollection that His Excellency forwarded the lease to S. of S for consideration before signature.

If Mr. Tilbury has the original lease, could he not be asked to return it for signature?

H.B.

Registrar

21.ii.51.

ACS

Have you any recollection of D above, pl ?

22/2/51

ACS

We said at 186 that the original was not forwarded at that stage & I do not remember that we ever forwarded it later. We should have done. I think we should forward it now. Note that at 213 & 218 it was agreed to extend the period of the lease to 21 years.

23/2/51.

285

A

Registrar

The whereabouts of the original copy of the lease cannot be traced. Will you please prepare another for signing, amending the period to 21 years.

L.A.C.S.
23/2/51

b.

H. C. S.

Lease submitted for H. E.'s signature. p.c.,

A. R.
for P. G.
27-ii-51

c.

Y.E.

The lease for Albemarle has never actually been signed as far as I can discover. We sent a copy at p.186 in Vol:II, and thereafter correspondence ensued as to the term of the lease. In the end we agreed to make it 21 years instead of 15. Lease now submitted for signature.

all

Sgd. *inc. 28/ii*

all

28.2.51.

28 FEB 1951

d

Registrar
a.o.

to note signing of lease. p.c.

L.A.C.S.
1/2/51

e

Noted, thank you.

A. R.
for P. G.
1/3/51

H.C.S.

Noted Thank you

John P. Blair

D.O. 2/III/51

ACS

Don't let Mr. Laws get away + S.G. without advising

as at 1274

Mr. Laws will prepare report

12th

March,

51.

Sir,

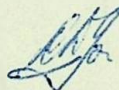
With reference to my letter of the 13th of December, 1949, I am directed to forward herewith the document in respect of the lease of your Company of 100 acres of land at West Arm, Port Albemarle.

2. I am to request that you will acknowledge receipt of the document of lease in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 288.

Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
C/o Agent, South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

BUN 22/3/51



0497/11

No.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

12th March, 1951.

From:

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,

The Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Payment by South Atlantic Sealing Company, for services of Sealing Officer.

See 255 | I have the honour to request a ruling as to how much the South Atlantic Sealing Company should be charged for the services of Mr. J. B. Browning, Sealing Officer, now that the sealing season has reached its conclusion.

2. Mr. Browning has been absent from Stanley for the following periods and at the undermentioned rates of salary :-

	<u>Departure to Albemarle.</u>	<u>Returned to Stanley.</u>	<u>Days absent from H.Q.</u>	<u>Rate of Salary.</u>
(a)	21/7/50	8/10/50	80)	
(b)	8/11/50	22/12/50	45)	£270 + £30 C.L.B.
(c)	1/1/51	11/2/51	42)	
(d)	17/2/51	18/3/51	30)	£270 + £39 "
(a) & (b) @ £300 p.a. = <u>£102-12-1d.</u>				
(c) " £309 " " <u>£ 35-11-Od.</u>				
(d) " " " " <u>£25 - 8-Od.</u>				

Qm. 3. I should be glad to be informed as to whether Cost of Living Bonus should be included in the charge for services. Also, do you think the Company should be charged for (d) of para 2 which is the time taken on the voyage to the fur-seal rookeries?

70 11 4. Payment for the services of the Sealing Officer would be paid to III.Fees, Fines, etc., Subhead 12.

B. Sugg
Collector of Customs.

PPS

See

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

Estab'd 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS Ref/351/309

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RADIO ADDRESS
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BENTLEYS
A.B.C. SYSTEM
A.I.



Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co. Ltd.

Stanley, 16th March, 1951.

Sir,

Document of Lease 100 acres Port Albemarle.

286

Your letter No.0497/III dated 12th inst. addressed to our Managing Director was received on 13th inst. together with document of Lease for the period of 21 years, ending 30th November 1970.

In accordance with your wishes this is the formal acknowledgment.

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. G. King", written over a horizontal line.

Agent.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands.

See

Atty

At 287 b. if b. receives a ruling as to
the portion of the salary of the Acting Officer
to be removed from the S.A.S.C. in accordance
with page 253-254.

Atty
2/2/51

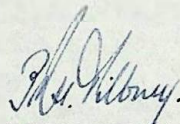
Albemarle,
16.3.51.

H.E. Sir G. Miles Clifford, K.C.B., C.M.G.
Government House,
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to attach a few notes covering the factors which may affect our production in 1951, and to ask for your consideration of the proposals contained therein regarding the use of seal carcasses.

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your Excellency's faithful Servant,



P.R.H. Tilbury
Managing Director.

See annex and within.

h.c. 27/11

Albemarle,

16.3.51.

H.E. Sir G. Miles Clifford, K.C.B., C.M.G.
Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to append the address of the makers of the
mechanical Flaying tool which we expect to use this season.

Description.	The "Kingley Flaymaster" pneumatic flaying tool.
Makers.	Kingley Equipment Ltd.
Reg. Offices.	Kings Langley, Herts. Tel. Kings Langley 7215-6 Telegr. Champion, Kings Langley.
Sales.	245 Oxford St., London, W.1. Telegrams. "Flaymaster" London.

The above particulars are taken from the Makers' descriptive
leaflet.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's faithful Servant,

P. R. H. Tilbury.

P. R. H. Tilbury,
Managing Director.

NK. *[initials]*
20/3.

CS.

Please note in my dossier — I promised
I would contact.

he. 27/III

Albemarle,

16.3.51.

CONSIDERATIONS affecting the capacity of Plant at Albemarle,
and proposals for Sealing Season 1951.

1. Sealions.

I cannot think why they did not use the type of plant in use at S. Georgia.

Blubber. The plant has a capacity of about 1140 lbs./hour when cooking blubber in steam autoclaves, and it is hoped by say, the beginning of June, a capacity of 2240 lbs./hour will be available for processing blubber by means of the KEK Mill (i.e. cold extracted oil). This latter is, however, entirely dependant on deliveries of materials ex U.K.

This capacity is quite adequate to deal with whatever demands may be made on the plant.

It should however be limited - see 22

It is most necessary to establish a high standard of playing from the beginning.

Hides. In view of the interest shown by U.K. markets in the hides of sealions, and the possible interest that may be shown in sea-elephant hides, an additional storage shed will be erected to house these hides and the salt required for curing.

Tanners have expressed themselves satisfied with the hides and the method of cure, whilst commenting on the flaying as "reasonable".

The only factor governing the capacity of the plant in the production of greensalted hides in 1951 season will therefore be the amount of labour available and the delivery of materials to the site. *And this is going to be one of his chief troubles: he will have to import.*

No good equipment unless they are first class quality.

The quality of the flayed hides will depend partially on the success or otherwise of the mechanical flaying tool which it is hoped will be available for operations in the 1951 season.

Carcasses. The main factor governing the capacity of the plant is the ability to deal satisfactorily with carcasses, either as dry-rendered fertiliser, or a dried autoclave residue.

The plant can be adapted to deal with carcasses in two ways

1. By putting the carcasses, stripped of hide and blubber, and excluding the head and flippers, through the autoclaves, floating off the oil, and then drying the residue in the concentrator, subsequently removing the residual oil in a steam centrifugal fat-extractor and disintegrating the cake into a meal.

This process would yield a fertiliser meal of low value, suited possibly to local demands, but unprofitable to ship to U.K.

The heads and flippers would have to be processed separately in autoclaves, if capacity permitted, and the residue disposed.

On this basis the capacity of the plant would be about 60 seal per day.

This seems preferable.

2. By cooking and drying the carcasses, excluding flippers and head, in a dry-rendering concentrator, and subsequently removing the residual oil in a steam centrifugal fat-extractor and disintegrating the ~~mezzimexx cake~~ cake into a meal.

This process would yield a high-protein meal, well suited as an edible animal feed, or fertiliser for local or U.K. sale.

The heads and flippers, as before, would have to be processed separately in autoclaves, and the residue disposed.

ON THIS BASIS THE CAPACITY OF THE PLANT WOULD BE ABOUT 35/40 SEAL PER 24 HRS.

Although there is no difficulty in taking a sufficient quantity of seal daily to keep the plant operating at capacity, in either case a certain amount of constructional work is required before the plant can produce a meal of any type.

2. Sea-elephants.

Blubber and hides. The same remarks are applicable to sea-elephants as to sealions.

A sample parcel of 37 hides will shortly go to U.K. in order to test market reactions. *See p. 22 hereaus.*

Carcasses. In the case of sea-elephants there is a difficulty to consider in addition to plant limitations.

It is now apparent that the sea-elephant hauls out on some of the least accessible beaches in these Islands, and in many cases it is not possible to haul off blubber and carcasses from the beach due to this fact, in which case both blubber and carcasses have to be boated off to the sealing vessel, often for a long distance. It may so happen that after elephants have been taken and prepared for boating off the weather deteriorates and does not afford the opportunity for boating off both blubber and carcasses, and in this case it is inevitable that one or the other should be lost, and the preference is clearly to leave the carcass.

It may be said that no more seal should be taken than can be boated off in their entirety before the onset of bad weather, but around these coasts the weather is normally unsettled and long forecasting is seldom possible.

It is in fact estimated that not more than 20% of the carcasses could be taken off the beaches without adversely affecting the intake of blubber and hides.

Apart from the foregoing, the same remarks apply to the sea-elephant carcasses as to those of the sealions.

Packaging and shipment of hides.

Sealion. No particular difficulty exists in preparing the cured hide for shipment, as they can be "booked up" in the same manner as cattle hides and are easily handled in this way. Stevedores, nevertheless require additional "danger money" when handling greensalted hides, due to alleged risk of anthrax.

Sea-elephant. Owing to the extreme weight, often 2 cwt., of these hides they cannot be "booked up" as can the sealion hides, but have to be rolled, in order to obtain a tight and manageable package. In this way however, they are exposed to the danger of hooks, and if for no other reason, shipment via Montevideo is out of the question, and some direct shipment will have to be sought.

Hides are an unattractive cargo, and considerable difficulty is anticipated in finding shipment for them.

Proposals for 1951 Sealing Season.

Sealions and sea-elephants.

Blubber. No difficulty exists in processing as much as the sealing vessels can deliver, provided the necessary labour can be found for flaying the hides.

Hides. Provided materials arrive on site in sufficient time to construct a suitable shed for housing the hides, and labour can be obtained, no difficulty exists in supplying as many hides as are taken from the carcasses. The difficulty of shipment, however, remains.

Carcasses. In view of the manifold difficulties created by late delivery of material, some defects in processing equipment and, in the case of sea-elephants, the natural difficulties of boating off carcasses from the more inaccessible beaches, permission is now sought to deal only with such number of carcasses as may be agreed between the Sealing Officer and the Manager or his representative from day to day.

It is felt that only thus can we supply an adequate quantity of oil and hides, and keep the three sections of the plant operating at capacity.

In conclusion, we hope to be able to supply all local demands this year, and once a satisfactory meal is produced, consideration will be given to enlarging the meal side of the plant

OS

I have seen Mr. Ebeling and informed him

that his license will be converted possibly him to take up to 1500^(a) Sea lions (conditions as previously) but only 1000^(b) Sea Elephants, bulls ~~only~~ of 4 years and up to a maximum size of 120 inches. He is grateful for (a) and agreeable as to (b). It is most satisfactory that the plead and labor solution at Albatross will permit him to reach either hotel. (This solution may be useful to several of our existing leopard seals.)

2. I have told him also that I agree with the request at X on license but will expect him to obtain the whole carcass whenever possible.

3. As to Fur Seals, I said we would give him a license to take 1500 annually (S.S.S's approve request of course) but we may modify in 0958/A before all final.

4. License. We agreed

Sea lions 1st May - 30th September
Elephants 1st October - 15th January; we must however explain him with laws also recommends a closed season for the whole of October/November which is the period allotted for the whale for hunting. You might consult O'Malley as a convenient opportunity; also Sealing Officer.

Fur seal (previously) 1st February - 30th April

5. I am glad to note that Mr. Ebeling appears to be able to meet all local demands for game and seals.

A.

(which should be a substantial help to the Fauna) at a price of £15 per ton.

6. I shall be interested to hear the results of the sample ^{shipment} ~~dispatch~~ of elephant hides; when replying to 290 he should be advised as in last para. of Mr Lewis' minute at 22 in 8958/A.

7. I suspect that he is going to find himself in difficulties over meat supply for his workers (an estimated requirement of 500 sheep carcasses p.a.); Pat Howard has put the price up to 28/- which is a bit steep. We may have to let him have enough land to keep some of his own? Pat Stephens will squeal but we cannot help that.

MC 3/IV

B.

J.E.

One small point before I attend to J.E.'s minute above. Page 287. I don't see that this arises. The S.A.S.C. are due to pay us a fixed sum for the Sealing Officer - £250 p.a. (see page 255). It is immaterial how many days he is absent from Stanley. Because of the S.A.S.C. Govt has to maintain a sealing officer. If the S.A.S.C. did not exist we wouldn't have one.

2) I should be grateful if J.E. could confirm that this view is correct.

Confirmed — I had overlooked 255.

MC 6/IV

ACS

P. 287 & above. Pl. advise CTC accordingly and then return file to me.

6/4/51.

6/4/51.

E

To note accordingly pl r.e. 287

W.A.C.S.
4.4.51.

HCS

Noted thank you. An account for
£250 will be sent to the local office
of C.D.C. (Alhemarle).

End

6 of C. 9/4/51

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4E

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H.C.S.,

With reference to H.E's. minute below, both Mr. Bound and I have searched through the Tilbury files but have been unable to trace such a reservation.

I observe, however, that when Messrs Salvesens were contemplating sealing in the Colony in 1947 (see pages 4-5 in O101 attached) H. E. minuted at para. 2 of page 8 in the same file that the operations of local sealers (at that time Messrs. Hutchinson at Sea Lions and Bertrand at Arch Is) would not be affected.

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A.C.S.
20/3/51.

Handwritten initials

ACS

It has not however been made exclusive.

Mc. *Handwritten initials* 28/3.

7E.

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No. Sir

Handwritten signature
28/3/51. *Handwritten initials* 3/4

Thayer P.A. Mc.

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A.C.S.

Somewhere in this
correspondence there was
a reservation made that
the licence was not
exclusive i.e. that it
must not act to the
prejudice of local
operators. I recall it well
but cannot find it.
MC 14/iii

Original in 0958/A. Copy in 0.97/III.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 7.4.51. Time: 1030. Received: Time:

No 81. Fur Seal.

Am considering allowing South Atlantic Sealing Company to take up to 1500 Fur Seal annually in addition to their quota of Sea Lions and Elephant Seal. LAYS, biologist serving with FIDS supports proposal but recommends that only males over three years old and over 48 inches in length should be taken. Southern Fur Seal found here is understood to be same size as the Northern Fur Seal (Pribilhof Islands) and TILBURNY states that lower limit for these latter is two years old and that size most popular with furriers is 38 inches.

2. Grateful your approval to include Fur Seal in his licence and for your advice as to age and size limits.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

300

NCS

All returned i a. N. 295th pr.

NCS
114. ST.

No. 0497/III.

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

1st May, 1951.

From

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Payment for services of Sealing Officer.

302

I have the honour to submit a letter from the local agent for the South Atlantic Sealing Company, requesting to be supplied with a document making the payment of the sum of £250 for services of Sealing Officer an obligation of the Company. In this connection, may I have your authority to furnish the Company with a copy of 247, 248 and 255 herein please? The two first numbers quoted are connected, but not particularly helpful, however.

Part III....

C of C.

Let him have a copy of 255 only, I think.

2/5/51.

B. Begg.

Collector of Customs.

YCS! Copy of 255 sent accordingly. Thank you.

B. B. 2/5/51

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

ESTABLISHED 1863 WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS
ESTD 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

Ref/451/554.

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. SYSTEM
A.I.

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 30th April, 1951.

The Hon. The Collector of Customs
Customs Department
Stanley
Falkland Islands,

Sir,
re Sealing Officer on duty at Albemarle.

I have been unable to reply earlier to your letter of 10th inst. as I had to consult with our Managing Director, Mr. P.R.H. Tilbury.

Your letter reads as follows:-

" I am directed to refer to the agreement made between the Government and the South Atlantic Sealing Company, where it was agreed that the Salary of the Sealing Officer would be a charge upon the Company. In this connection therefore, I am to request that you will be good enough to forward the annual remittance for the sum of £250, in respect of the past season.

I am, Sir &c. &c.
(signed) B.N. Biggs
Collector of Customs. "

Unfortunately, at this Agency I have been unable to trace any copy of the Licence under which the Sealing Co. operates, but I have two letters from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary:-

No. 0958 of 30th June 1950 concerning amendments to the licence.

No. 0497/III of 15th May 1950 in which reference is made to the Sealing Officer having to be "fully maintained, including bedding. "

The 'fully maintained' matter has been agreed to, and I understand it to include, housing, victualling and bedding. But not 'salary'.

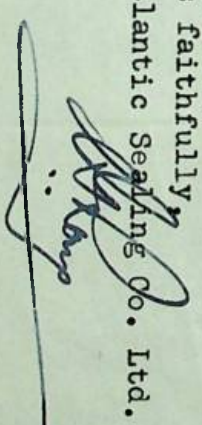
Our accounts for 1950 have already been closed both here and in London, and as far as I know no provision has been made for this 'Salary' claim of £250- for 1950. Had I known of this earlier I would have made provision and got the matter defined with the Board of Directors in London.

Mr. Tilbury tells me that as far as he can recollect, the original agreement reached in London was that the Saling Officer would be dealt with in the same manner as a "Whaling Officer" at whaling factories, and the 'Salary' of these is not paid by the factories.

If there is any document that definitely saddles the Sealing Co. with the payment of the Sealing Officer's salary, I shall much appreciate it if a certified copy could be furnished me.

Yours faithfully

for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.



Agent.

Stanley,

30.4.51.

His Excellency Sir G.Miles Clifford, C.M.G., O.B.E.
Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to recall our recent discussion on the question of extending our lease of Government Reserve land at Albemarle to embrace a sufficient area to enable us to rear our own mutton sheep.

On our arrival in the Falkland Islands at the end of 1949 we were able, by the courtesy of Mr. C. Bertrand, to place some 300 sheep on Jack's Island - a small tussock island forming part of the Arch Island group, and distant only some five minutes steaming from our site. This arrangement has proved satisfactory so far, but it is at best a short term solution to our problem of supplying mutton sheep to station, for this small island will be unable to supply the necessary grazing for very much longer, being already almost eaten out.

To the best of my knowledge this small island is the only part of the Arch Islands suited for holding sheep, the other islands being inaccessible, covered with very thick tussock, and strewn with mud-holes into which sheep are prone to disappear.

I accordingly now beg to enquire whether Your Excellency would give favourable consideration to an extension of our present lease of 706 acres of Government Reserve land at Albemarle to enable us to rear our own mutton sheep in sufficient quantity to keep the station supplied.

Our present consumption of mutton is at the rate of approximately 350 sheep per annum, but it is estimated that an extension of the present plant might increase the consumption to some 600 per annum. At a lambing average of 85%, we should require sufficient land to support 706 sheep. It is furthermore understood that an average of 10 acres is required to support a sheep, and on this basis we should need, say, 3000 acres as an extension to our present lease.

Colonial Development Corporation have been advised of our request for this extension and it appears from their reply that they are prepared to support this request.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant

P.R.H. Tilbury

P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director.

CS

In principle the request appears reasonable
will not enthrone, I imagine, but their holding is
tenancy and I do not think we can do
the utmost this very promising secondary income
impose certain obligations, farming etc. to a
maintenance of the land

yes

What is their
present holding
and what rent
do we charge
them?

? 1000 is
10 years, I think.

21 years - see C
on 285

100 acres - see
286

Y.E.

Page 304. The request appears to be reasonable. The total area of the Albemarle reserve is 21,760 acres and Registrar confirms that it is held on a year to year basis.

2. I do not know the land in the area of Tilbury's station, though I am sure the F.I.C. will maintain that the best part of the reserve is that nearest to him. I rather wish A.O. were here to advise on this; but he is'nt. My impression was that it was three acres to a sheep, not four.

3-5.

3. On the face of it it is ridiculous that Tilbury, living next to a large sheep farm, can't get the mutton he requires. If he can guarantee a steady market for 600 sheep a year, the farm on his boundary should be only too glad to supply him. We could bring pressure on them to do so by threatening to take 3,000 acres of the Albemarle reserve away from them and giving them to Tilbury. What I fear is that Tilbury, whose business is sealing, would only be doing the sheep as a side line and therefore might not do it very well, i.e. he might not take care of the land. Admittedly I doubt whether the present tenants do much for the land, and we should be able to safeguard ourselves in so far as Tilbury is concerned by drawing the terms of his lease strictly.

But they are all pulling their pieces up.

They are doing nothing at all so far as I am aware.

W

4.5.51.

You might put this on my dossier for discussion with CAC. I fully appreciate

Mr. Tilbury's apprehension since, with most of its present price, the farmer can hold him up to ransom. If we let him have this extension, I should insist upon it being fenced and subdivided and fettered with his quans from his factory; it might serve as a very useful object lesson and there will be time enough to draw the lease when A.O. returns and can advise us as to its terms.

2. What I had in mind myself (para 1 of Mr. Tilbury's letter) is that he might be able to get out suitable men and settle them on the land with their families; if his project expands and adds whatling to its original

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he may need to do this.

3. I think the answer, then, is that we are prepared to give sympathetic consideration to his request but that we would require certain undertakings on the part of his Company and will not be in a position to advise him in detail until he returns from leave of our Agricultural Officer?

MC 5/
V

Y.E.

Mr. Sir. Laper. I have notes for Y.E.'s

Dossier.

Draft of cover s.f.c.

W 7/5/51.

Issue pt.

MC 7/
V

W

Ref/6/9.A.

Stanley
3rd May, 1951.

303

Sir,

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255
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April, 1951, regarding the Salary of the Sealing Officer, and enclose as requested a certified true copy of a letter to The Manager, Fisheries Division, C.D.C., dealing with the point raised.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

B. R. J.
Collector of Customs.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,
agent for
The South Atlantic Sealing Company, Ltd.,
Stanley.

No. 0497/III.

MEMORANDUM.

308

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.



5th May, 19 51.

From:

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Payment for services of Sealing Officer.

301
309 I have the honour to refer to my memorandum of the 1st May, 1951, on this subject and now attach a letter in reply from the local agent for the South Atlantic Sealing Company, stating that he will approach his Directors in the United Kingdom. Unless you direct to the contrary, I propose to send a formal acknowledgment and leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.

B. Begg.
Collector of Customs.

CAC.

Agree, with time limit of 3 months.

U.S.
8/5/51.

310

U.S.
agent for S.A.S.Co notified accordingly. bcopy attached for file pl.
Sub. bcopy 9/5/51

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PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co. Ltd.

Stanley, 4th May, 1951.

The Hon.
The Collector of Customs
Stanley - Falkland Islands.

Sir,
I thank you for your letter Ref/S/9.A of 3rd inst. with
which I have received a copy of the following:-

"0497/III Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley, 4th November, 1950.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter of the 24th August,
1950, on the subject of the expenses of the Sealing Officer
whose employment by Government has been rendered necessary by
the establishment of the South Atlantic Sealing Company, and to
say that, as was explained to Sir Ernest Wood by His Excellency
the Governor in July of last year, Government expects to be
reimbursed by the Company for the major part of the salary of
the Sealing Officer at the rate of £250 per annum. This is
in addition to the undertaking required by Section 11 of the
Sealing Licence that the officer shall be fully maintained
at the cost of the licensee on board any vessel or vessels
employed by him, and is in accordance with local practice.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(signed) Michael R. Rayment
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager
Fisheries Division
Colonial Development Corporation. "

I have further discussed this matter with Mr. P.R.H.
Tilbury, Managing Director of S.A.S.Co.Ld., who informs me that
it was never agreed to in London, that the Sealing Co. should pay
any salary to the Sealing Officer, but it has been agreed to
provide that officer with victualling, bedding etc.

Under these circumstances I regret being unable to meet
your claim for £250- payment. I must refer it to the Board of
Directors in London, and particularly to Sir Ernest Wood, for
their decision. I shall write by air-mail (via Punta Arenas)
and trust that you will have the courtesy to leave this matter
in abeyance until such time as I can get instructions from C.D.C
London.

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.
Agent.

Accd at 310.

0497/III

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9th May,

51.

Sir,

304

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 30th April addressed to His Excellency the Governor regarding the extension of the area of Crown land leased to you from the Albemarle Reserve, and to inform you that Government is prepared to give sympathetic consideration to your request. Any such extension would have to be conditional on certain undertakings on the part of your Company with regard to the treatment of the land etc., as to the details of which Government is not in a position to advise you until the return from leave of its Agricultural Officer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) MICHAEL R. RAYMER

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Coy.,
c/o S.A.S. Coy. Agent,
STANLEY.

DRM.

DN 30/9/51

Ref. 0497/II.



Customs Department,
Stanley,
8th May, 1951.

310

Sir,

309 I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th May, 1951, concerning payment for services of Sealing Officer, and to inform you that Government is prepared to hold this matter in abeyance for a maximum period of three months only.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

B.G. Rowe, Esq.,
Agent for
The South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.,
Stanley.

(Sgd.) B. N. BIGGS.

Collector of Customs.

*See
BN
15/8/51*

0497/III
Albemarle,

313

16th. May, 1951.

His Excellency Sir G. Miles Clifford, C.M.G., O.B.E.
Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to our recent conversation relating to the extension of our lease of Government Reserve Land at Albemarle, and to Your Excellency's request for a detailed plan of the proposed extension.

Upon close perusal of the relative Admiralty Chart it is apparent that, in order to fence off the area originally proposed, namely 3000 acres, an undue amount of fencing would have to be carried out, whereas by running a fence along the line A-A indicated on the attached plan, an area of some 6750 acres could be enclosed by a fence approximately 2 miles long. In addition to the advantage of a very much shorter fence, it is felt that the larger area would give a greater measure of security of mutton supplies in the event of expansion of our plant and increase of personnel.

It accordingly appears desirable that we be granted a lease of this area (indicated in yellow on the attached plan), and I now have the honour to request Your Excellency's favourable consideration of this proposal.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's Obedient Servant,

P.R.H. Tilbury

P.R.H. Tilbury,
Managing Director.

Q. He is asking for more than double what I had contemplated as a maximum. I doubt if we can or should proceed further with this matter till the return of A.O. from leave. I believe I am right in saying that this is all good case ground, the loss of which would pain the F.I.C. more than somewhat?

MC. 22/v

29 MAY 1951

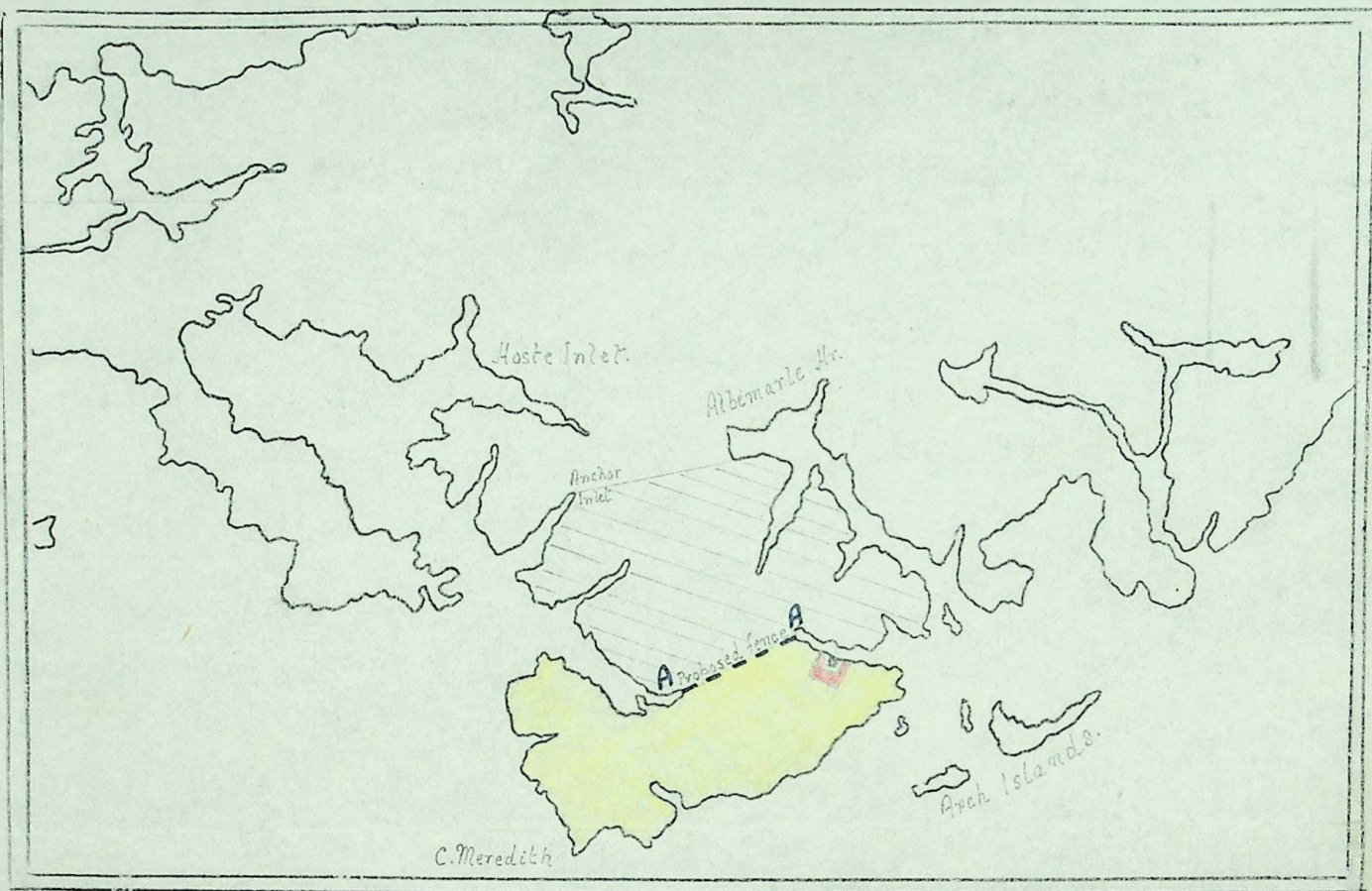
SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.


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16th. May 1951.


Extract from Admiralty Chart of West Falkland Islands,
depicting Government Reserve Land in vicinity of
Albemarle.

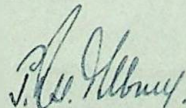
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 Sealing Site and Area of existing lease. App. 100 Acres.

 Area of proposed lease. App. 6750 Acres. Govt. RESERVE.

 GOVT. RESERVE LAND.



P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director.

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

16th. May 1951.

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Scale of nautical miles.
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LEGEND



Sealing Site and Area of existing lease. Approx. 100 Acres.



Area of proposed lease. Approx. 6750 Acres. GOVT. RESERVE.

GOVT. RESERVE LAND.

P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director.

0497/III.

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MEMORANDUM.

22nd May, 19 51.

From

Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Sealing Licence - 1951.

I have the honour to report that Mr. Tilbury expects to commence sealing operations in June, and has asked whether the Sealing Officer could proceed to Albemarle by the next voyage of s.s. "Fitzroy"?

2. In order that the Sealing Officer may be fully acquainted of all alterations in the conditions of the sealing licence, would you kindly confirm that the conditions outlined in His Excellency's memo of 3/4/51 (M.P.0497/III) can now be regarded as law?

294-295
H. P. U

22 MAY 1951

B. Begg
Collector of Customs.

812
ACS

L.311. H.E.'s minute at 294 refers.
Para 4, Seasons, is the item which remains to
be cleared up. Where is Laws' report?

U. 28/5/51

ACS

Mr Laws' report is filed at page 21 in
0958/A. attached, pl.

OK
30/5/51

ACS

Fair Napt at cover. Copy to C.D.C. f.i. and to
C & C (for Sealing Officer) ref: his 311.

2) from tel: at cover to Mr. Lane, S.G.



31 MAY 1951

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

317

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				1.6.61.
To				
LAWS, FIDS, SOUTH GEORGIA.				DEPA/C.

REFERENCE YOUR REPORT ON SEALING IN FALKLANDS STOP REDUCTION IN
NUMBERS AND AS TO AGE AND SIZE RECOMMENDED BY YOU HAS BEEN ADOPTED
STOP WOULD WISH KILLING SEASON TO EXTEND FROM 1ST OCTOBER TO 15TH
JANUARY STOP YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSE SEASON IN OCTOBER AND
NOVEMBER IS ON RECORD BUT COULD YOU AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATION OF
THIS STOP REGARDS.

Time

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

No 29.

TELEGRAM.

From Laws, Base M, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 4th June, 1951 Time : 1200.

Received : 4th June, 19 51 Time : 1400.

XI Have reason to believe elephant population Falklands result of persecution here. Unwise to disturb them in Falklands during breeding season. Until reliable figures obtained for numbers in Falklands best pursue conservative policy. These my reasons for close season but possibly if killing controlled so that disturbance minimal could be modified. In view lack of data unwilling commit myself further but suggest reduction close season to October (subject revision later) may repeat may be satisfactory. Regards.

LAWS
040950.

P/L.
S. S.

319

J.E.

I have issued 316 which covers most of the points in J.E.'s minute at 254. There remains the question of fur seal, on which we have asked the S/S. advice, and the season for Sea Elephants. Lami's further opinion on this is at 318 (His original report is at p 21 in 0958/A attached). We have reduced the quota & placed additional limits on the size, which may assist in securing the "minimum disturbance" which Lami recommends. On the other hand if S.A.S.C. has got to have a month's break after the Sea Lion season, it might as well be a six weeks or two months break.

2) p. 313. I agree with J.E. It is too much hard to ask for.

In that
case we
must
make
allowance
close season.
Before we can
take that into
account, we must
know what we are
advised, quoting X as reverse.

6/6/51.

J.E. Draft at cover s.f.c. 6/6/51.

Chambers. Hi

0497/III

316
44 June, 51.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your conversation with His Excellency the Governor at the beginning of April, regarding certain modifications in the sealing licence granted to your Company, and to confirm the following points:-

1. Sea Lions. The maximum number which may be killed in any one season is increased to 15,000.
2. Sea Elephants. Not more than 1,000 shall be killed in any one season.
3. The season for Sea Lions shall be from the 1st May to the 30th September.
4. Sea Elephants. Only males of 4 years and over, corresponding to a minimum size of 120 inches, may be taken.
5. The approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies is being sought for you to take also Fur Seal, up to a suggested maximum of 1,500 in any one year. I will advise you as soon as confirmation has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
6. With reference to your notes dated the 16th of March, 1951, it is confirmed that permission is granted for you to deal with only such number of carcasses as may be agreed between the Sealing Officer and yourself (or your representative) from day to day.
7. Enquiries are being made/to the advisability of revising the season during which Sea Elephants should be taken, and I will advise you further on this point as soon as possible.
8. Your attention is drawn to the fact that Sea Leopards are no longer protected by law, and that therefore no licence is required to take them.

/as

2. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Colonial Development Corporation and to the Sealing Officer for information.

See 321.
The Manager,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
Thro' Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Co.,
STANLEY.

Reply at 320

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY



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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

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SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS
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PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 5th June, 1951.

316
Sir,

Your letter No.0497/III dated 4th June, addressed to The Manager of the South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd. was received at this agency this morning.

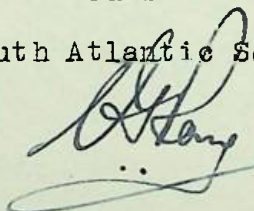
The modifications to the terms of the Sealing Licence has been noted - a copy of your letter being kept on file here.

And the original letter will be sent to our Managing Director, Mr. Tilbury, at Albemarle, by first available opportunity.

On behalf of Mr. Tilbury I beg of you to convey to H.E. the Governor, the thanks of this company for the consideration shown in the modifications to be introduced in the licence.

I beg to remain,
Yours faithfully,

for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.


Agent.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands.


5 JUN 1951

11th June, 51.

Sir,

316

I am directed to refer to my letter dated the 4th of June, 1951, regarding modifications to your Sealing Licence and to say that Government is advised that the sea elephant population in the waters of the Colony may well be the result of persecution of these seals in South Georgia and that, for the present at least, they should not be molested during the month of October which is their breeding season. I am therefore to say that elephant seal may not be taken during the month of October. It will naturally be necessary to keep in review the estimated elephant seal population from year to year, and should this show signs of decreasing it might be necessary to extend the close season.

2. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Colonial Development Corporation and to the Sealing Officer for their information.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

Manager,

S.A. Sealing Company,

C/o. Agent,

S.A. Sealing Co. STANT RV

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Pl see form 320

322

~~02/15/51~~
~~12/6/51~~

Nde.

Question of extending leave entered on H.E.'s

down.

~~11/21/51~~

HCS

You may wish to discuss with Mr. S.

L. P. P.

~~5-16/51~~
~~10/8/51~~

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

382/AGR

33. DOVER STREET
LONDON, W. 1

August 3rd, 1951.

H.E. Sir Godfrey Miles Clifford, KBE, CMG.,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Dear Sir Miles Clifford,

South Atlantic Sealing Co.
Payment of Government Sealing Officer.

Following my discussion with you on July 25th I have now notified Rowe by cable your agreement that payment of the Government Sealing Officer shall be wholly a Government responsibility.

2. Presumably you will be advising your Collector of Customs also to this effect.

Yours sincerely,

P. Lamartine Yates

P. Lamartine Yates.
Controller of Operations.

See 331

*I said I would look into it !!
Should pay him but they must subsidise him?
Mc.*

114 SEP 1951
Gr.

0497/III

322

Copy filed in 0958/A - Fur Seal

10K August,

51.

Sir,

314

With reference to my letter No. 0497/III of the 4th of June, 1951, and in particular to the paragraph regarding fur seal, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acting on the advice of his Fisheries Advisers, has directed that complete protection should continue to be given fur seal within the Colony, and it is therefore regretted that a licence to take them cannot be granted at present.

Reply at 328

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
S.A. Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

Thro' Agent, S.A. Sealing Co.,
STANLEY.

99/11/51
25/8/51

VP

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33, DOVER STREET

LONDON, W. 1

382/SEC

15th August, 1951.

H.E. Sir Godfrey Miles Clifford, KBE, CMG,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.
Port Albemarle Lease

I have been looking further into the point I raised at our recent meeting concerning the above lease.

1. It seems that since the original draft was prepared in December, 1949, there have been certain material changes in the existing law as it applies to leasehold properties. In fact it was only recently that we found that your latest Land Ordinance - which only reached the Colonial Office Legal Library during the last few months - laid considerable limitations on the powers of Crown Lessees to purchase the freehold of their properties.

2. We have examined the draft Lease which your Law Officers have prepared, and find that in any event, it would be desirable to amend the special conditions stated in the second Schedule, which refers to Section 21 of the old 1903 Land Ordinance. If any reference is still thought necessary, it would seem better to refer specifically to the 1949 Ordinance.

3. We are anxious to finalize this Lease as soon as possible but we feel that certain material changes are necessary, because these alterations in the law since the date when the draft was first agreed now deprive us of the right to purchase the freehold. This could be adjusted in either of two ways:

- (a) The Corporation could be allowed to retain the right to purchase the freehold, on the same terms as were applicable under the 1903 Land Ordinance.

Or:

- (b) The rental could be adjusted so as to be comparable to that pertaining to similar lands in 1949.

Reply at 3.30 We are

H.E. Sir Godfrey Miles Clifford,
KBE, CMG,

15th August, 1951.

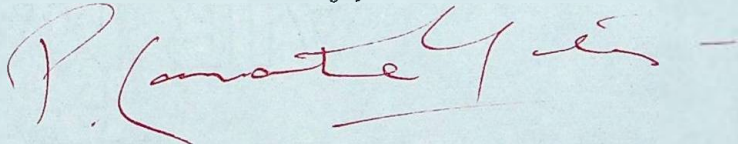
Included.
We are content to leave it to your Law Officers to say which of these alternatives should be adopted under the circumstances.

4. There is a further point I should like to raise. We are naturally anxious to secure the maximum period of tenure on any leasehold site on which permanent buildings are erected by the Corporation. The term of 21 years which has previously been considered is obviously too short to allow for an economic rate of amortisation on fixed assets.

It is now impossible under your existing law to bring the Port Albemarle land within the definition of town land and thus make it eligible for a sixty-year lease; nevertheless, we feel that the rental should be brought into line with that normally demanded for country land, which I suggest is considerably less than the £1 per acre per annum that Government are asking the Corporation to pay.

5. I am returning the draft lease for your further consideration.

Yours sincerely,



P. LAMARTINE YATES
Controller of Operations

Your ref:0497/111

Albemarle
12.8.51.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Sir,

32.2 I have to acknowledge yours dated 10th. August 1951 in which you inform me that the Governor, acting on the advice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has directed that complete protection should continue to be given fur seal within the Colony.

It is assumed that my application for a licence to take fur seal will accordingly be rejected, and it is hoped that some form of protection will, in future, be afforded these fur seal, in order that the herd may increase unmolested by unlawful killing, and your advice on the proposed measure of protection implied in your letter now under reply would be appreciated.

Yes. | His Excellency the Governor is, I believe, aware that at least two shipments of fur seal skins, thought by tanners to be of Falkland Island origin, have reached the London market within the last three years.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.R.H. Tilbury".

P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director.

W. H.
30 AUG 1951

31/8/51
Reply at 329C.

Y.E.

At page 322 we informed Mr. Tilbury that he could not be allowed to take Fur Seal, the S/S having advised us to that effect (Bertram-Macintosh report). At p. 328 Mr. Tilbury acknowledges our letter, but enquires how we propose to effect protection of these animals. He is, of course, aware that a little poaching is done round the West, probably by boats from the mainland of S. America, and I suppose he feels that if he can't take these seal (because he sticks to the terms of his lease, and has a Sealing Officer attached to him to see that he does) others should be equally effectively prevented in order that their numbers may as the sooner reach the stage when it will be possible to licence the killing of some of them. The answer, of course, is that we cannot secure effective protection, but can only do all that does lie in our power to promote it. Draft reply at cover s.f.c.

1.9.51.

0497/III

5th September, 51.

Sir,

328

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 12th August, 1951, on the subject of the protection of Fur Seal and to say that it is not within the power of this Government to secure 100% protection of these animals since poachers from the mainland of South America cannot always be detected, though it seems most probable that they do visit these waters from time to time. All that can be done is for persons going about their lawful business in these waters - including the aircraft, the "Philomel" and yourself - to keep a weather eye open and to report the presence of any suspicious craft to the authorities.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Managing Director,
S.A. Sealing Company,
STANLEY,
Thro' Agent,
S.A. S. Co.

Albemarle,

26th. September 1951.

His Excellency Sir G. Miles Clifford, C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to recent conversations and also to the letter ref: 0497/111, dated 4th. June and signed by the Colonial Secretary.

Paragraph 7 of the above letter refers to the season during which sea-elephants may be taken, and to the possibility of a revision of the season. It will be recalled that in 1950 the sea-elephant season commenced on 1st. October and terminated on the 31st. December, but that an extension was granted to enable sea-elephants to be taken up to the end of January 1951.

X | It would be appreciated if the Sealing Officer could be consulted with a view to fixing the dates of commencement and termination of the 1951 sea-elephant season as 1st. October 1951 and 15th. January 1952, respectively.

The "Flaymaster" mechanical flaying equipment is reputed to be on this "Fitzroy", and will be tested immediately on arrival. Should tests indicate the practicability of using this instrument off seal hides, a welcome will be extended to Your Excellency to visit the station to see the equipment in operation during the sea-elephant season.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

P.R.H. Tilbury

P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director.

CS

I fear me the Sealing season has been
a disappointment: is the Sealing Officer in?

I think we can approve X above.

ACS

2/10/51.

MC. 2/X

Registrar

A

328

For your views on 326-327 pl

W. J. C.
25/9/51

B

Hon. Col. Sec.,

The lease should have been amended to read Land Ord. 1949 in place of Land Ord. 1903. The lease was drafted before the enactment of the Land Ord. 1949.

2. The C.D.C. appear to rely upon section 14 of the Land Ord. 1903, as a right to purchase the land. The large areas of farm land were originally leased and the lessee had the option of purchasing the land which he occupied at the expiration of the lease.
3. Purchase under section 14 of the Land Ord 1903 has not been the practice for many years and the purpose for which it was enacted has expired.
4. The land could eventually be sold to the C.D.C. with the approval of the S. of S. under section 18 of the Land Ord 1949.
5. The rental of Abemarle does not bear comparison with the rental of other country lands, are used for pastoral purposes only.

H. B.

Registrar.
1.x.51.

W. J. C.
25/9/51

C

Y. E.

As to page 325, please see minutes at 249 and the letter at 255. I don't know whether they adduced any fresh arguments in discussion with Y. E., but in default of them I am unable to recommend any alteration in the present arrangement.

2. Page 236. I think this is a lot of fuss about nothing. If their landlord was a private person I could understand their anxiety to get a greater measure of security of tenure. But surely with Government for a landlord they need not worry. As long as the thing is a going concern they need not fear that Govt: will do anything to embarrass them. And if it ceased to function Govt: would get the land back, which is important to Govt:.. Once we sold the land to them they could do what they liked with it, including selling it to another person or using it themselves for some other purpose of which Govt: might not approve. A possible way out of part of the difficulty might be to let them buy it, but on the condition that if ever they wanted to dispose of it they could only do so to Govt:.. This would at least ensure our getting the land back. But I do not really think it is necessary for them to buy the land, and I would prefer Govt: not to sell.

3. I do not favour any reduction in the rent. The point made by the Registrar at para 5 of his minute above is correct. I submit that the present rent is not unreasonable. The best comparison is not what other country land is rented for but what Estate G. Bonner is charging for the Ajax land.

5.10.51.

As to 325 the analogy cited is apt in my opinion; what it amounts to is that we prescribe certain regulations and are asking the operator to pay the wages of the inspection appointed by the Govt. to see that they are observed. Nevertheless, Mr. Yates should have awaited confirmation and not given

Ups - W. J. C. Impugnans on Whaling Ships etc. appears to me to be a proper analogy.

I have no intention of selling an land piece of Freehold as you well know.

Presumably.

329.

instructions to Mr. Ruse on the strength of a casual
conversation at my Club.

2 As to 236 see marginally; no action
proposed.

MC 6/x

Y.E.

Draft letter to Mr. Yates in reply to p.326 submitted
at cover:

III

Example.

That shd. dispose of Mr. Yates. We shd. reply also

8.10.51. (a. all. coll.) to 325.

MC 8/x

Office.

For the drafts at cover - re-submit, please.

III

9/10/51.

No. 0497/III.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.



1st October, 19 51.

From: The Collector of Customs,
Stanley.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

321

I have the honour to report that with the termination of the sea-lion season, Mr. Browning the Sealing Officer has returned to Stanley. He has raised the point about definition of the sea-elephant season: should this be (a) November 1st to 15th January, 1952, or (b) remain as heretofore, from April 1st to December, leaving out October as recommended in your letter of 11th June, 1950 (0497/II), to the Manager, South Atlantic Sealing Company. (Sealing Licence filed at 168 0497/II). I believe the matter of the Sea-elephant season was to be the subject of further consideration. At least Mr. Tilbury asked the Sealing Officer if he would make enquiries. It appears that (b) above is the law prevailing.

W. Hs.

3/10/51.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Tilbury".

Collector of Customs.

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3240
Pl attach 0958A & mark the info ~ 324

U
27/10/51

Elephant season is 1st Nov - 15th January.
(see 294 para 4, 318, 319, 321).

Pl reply accordingly, regretting delay.

U
27/10/51

0497/II

11th October, 51.

Sir,

326

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to refer to your letter dated the 15th of August, reference number 382/SEC, on the subject of the South Atlantic Sealing Company's lease at Port Albemarle and to advise you that the opportunity for a lessee to purchase land under Section 14 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, had not been exercised for a number of years prior to the replacement of the 1903 Ordinance by the 1949 Ordinance, nor was it at any time the intention of this Government that the Sealing Company should be permitted to purchase the land. If the Company's landlord were a private person the anxiety to obtain greater security of tenure would be understandable but you may rest assured that Government, as a landlord, would not lightly and without good reason fail to renew the lease; for its own part it must retain control over the land against the contingency of the Company ceasing to operate.

2. His Excellency does not consider the rent charged for the land at Port Albemarle to be excessive. Other country lands, to which you invite comparison, are used purely for pastoral purposes, and it is suggested that a better comparison would be the rent charged to the Whaling Companies at South Georgia or perhaps by Estate G. Bonner for the site at Ajax Bay leased to the Freezer.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd) Michael R. Rayner

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

P. Lamartine Yates, Esq.,
Controller of Operations,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Dover Street,
LONDON, W.1.

0497/II

To: Collector of Customs,

October,

331
51.


From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Sealing Officer.

As a result of discussions in London with the headquarters of the Colonial Development Corporation, it has been agreed that Government shall assume full responsibility for paying the Sealing Officer. This means that the payment of \$250 per annum formerly made by the Sealing Company is cancelled. The arrangement whereby he is subsisted by the Sealing Company while on duty with them continues.

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See 325 

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

333

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
16	Albemarle	20/19	0945	25.10.51.
To	Colonial Secretary Stanley			

Attached Please refer my letter dated 23/9/51 and advise if date of
at cover? commencement Elephant season fixed

Tilbury

Reply at 336.

Time VJSS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
21	Albemarle	34	1130	27.10.51.
To	Colonial Secretary Stanley			

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Please ~~expedite~~ reply regarding elephant season stop If season commences 1st November as last year we must sail vessel from Albemarle on 30th October to be ready to seal 1st November

Tilbury

Time VJSS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

27.10.51.

To

TILBURY ALBEMARLE.

HMA/C

32 YOUR LETTER 26TH SEPTEMBER STOP ELEPHANT SEASON 1ST NOVEMBER TO
15TH JANUARY STOP DELAY IN REPLYING REGRETTED. STOP SEALING OFFICER
COMING FIRST FLIGHT WEATHER PERMITTING.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

6/7/6
y. 2 pl
Hes
30/10/51

Hes noted thank you

Boyl 30/11/51
Boyl.

HCS

Should clause 5 of the Licence (page 168 in 0497/II) be amended to set a definite season for taking sea lions and sea elephants, pl?

W. J. Ford
2/11/51

HCS

I think we might draw up a new licence embodying this and the other amendments notified at 316.

W. J. Ford
2/11/51

Office
Y. E. in
draft pl
23/11/51
at back cover

Registrar

Would you please 'ret' the draft of an amended licence, and what is fixed at cover

W. J. Ford
23/11/51

Hon. Col. Sec.,

I would suggest the following clause to replace clause 15:

"15. The licensee may enter on private lands (except Lafonia and adjacent islands and) for the purpose of killing and taking seals."

R.B.
Registrar
27. XI. 51.

HCS

Registrar's proposed amendment submitted for your consideration, pl.

W. J. Ford
29/11/51

Y. E.

We have from time to time made certain amendments to the original licence granted to the S.A.S.C. (which is at p.168 in volume II below). I thought it might be an idea to send them a revised copy of the licence, embodying these amendments, and have had one prepared accordingly, which is at back cover. I begin to doubt whether clause 16 is worth inserting. Pending the outcome of the negotiations which I assume to be taking place between the C.D.C. and the F.I.C. on the subject of sealing in Lafonia, I do not think it is worth including the addition to clause 15 suggested by Registrar above.

So do I

No.

W. J. Ford

W. J. Ford

A.

ACS

covering

Fair draft at cover pt. - by letter to S.A.S.C.
referring to the correspondence in which the
attentions were advised to them.

U

30/11/51.

B.

ACS

Draft at cover, pt

Att. ACS

6/12/51 C

Attach file on Sealing in Leforia about which
there has been recent telegraphic exchange
with S/S, pt.

U

6/12/51.

D.

ACS

On second thoughts I think it might be better
to defer this until the air is cleared over
the Leforia aspect.

U

11/12/51.

BW
15/1/52

340.
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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33 HILL STREET
LONDON · W. 1382/SEC

22nd November, 1951.

H.E. Sir Godfrey Miles Clissold,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,

Dear Sir Miles,

South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.
Port Albemarle Lease

3226?

Your Agricultural Department are pressing our people locally for settlement of outstanding rent claimed under the terms of the above lease. Settlement of this lease has been a matter outstanding between us for some time; our views were last stated in my letter to you dated 14th August, 1951.

I feel sure you share our desire to get this matter settled finally. Accordingly perhaps you would be good enough to hasten consideration by your people of our proposals.

Yours sincerely,

P. LAMARTINE YARES
Controller of Operations

RDJW/MJR

Reply at 342.

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NCS
Your reply to C.D.C on this question
is at page 330 pl.

4/1/52

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



345 p. 340.

We have already replied at 330. Draft
at cover s.f.c.

8/1/52.

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340?

Report at 340

There reply at 340 on the question
in the paper 340
11/11/52

January, 52.

Sir,

336

I am directed to refer to my telegram of the 27th of October, 1951, and previous correspondence regarding alterations to the original sealing licence issued to you, and to enclose herewith an amended licence.

341 - 342.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
ALBEMARLE.

0497/III

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(It is requested
that, in any refer-
ence to this letter,
the above Number
and the date may be
quoted.)

January, 19 52.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to my telegram of the 27th
of October, 1951, and previous correspondence regard-
ing alterations to the original sealing licence
issued to you, and to enclose herewith an amended
licence.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
ALBEMARLE.

12 January,

52.

Sir,

340.

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 22nd of November, 1951, reference number 382/SEC, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the South Atlantic Sealing Company's lease at Albemarle and to refer you to my letter of the 11th of October, 1951, in which the views of this Government on the matter were expressed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. P.L. Yates,
Controller of Operations,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Hill Street,
LONDON, W.1.

VP

B.W. 29/1/52
31/1/52

049/111
D.S. Free Int. Rec.
12/1/1952

SEAL OIL WORK IN FALKLANDS SUSPENDED

LABOUR SHORT

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
The Colonial Development Corporation has suspended its £161,500 seal oil venture in the Falkland Islands, the South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd., because of the shortage of labour. Unless reinforcements are obtained by the beginning of this summer's hunting season, the scheme may have to be abandoned.

At present the labour force operating the processing factory there numbers seven instead of 24, and, although the sealing ships are fully manned, the hunting season, which is normally concluded about Jan. 15, was discontinued in November.

In 1950, the first year of operation, the company showed a trading loss of £599 on the 158 tons of oil it harvested. Last year the yield was only about 70 tons instead of the estimated 300 tons. The trading deficit, which will be disclosed in the annual report to be published about April, will be considerably increased.

Prices have dropped. Instead of the £165 a ton for oil in 1950 the present price is £110-£120. Last year's oil stocks have yet to be disposed of, and less satisfactory prices are expected.

ISLANDERS' "WANDER BUG"

Mr. Peter Tilbury, manager of the company, who is in this country to recruit labour, said to me yesterday: "The Islanders have the wander bug. They leave us in twos and threes when the supply steamer calls or fly off when the transport plane comes in.

"I am here to try to get about 20 young men who would be willing to spend three years in the Islands. They would be paid between £25 and £30 a month all found and would save a lot of money as there is little to spend it on. I am leaving for the Shetland Isles next week to see if I can recruit any labour. We may also try Norway.

"We have been working with our hands tied behind our backs knowing that at any minute some worker might say that he wanted a change. We cannot hold them to their contract. I hope to make a start again in June if I can get the necessary staff."

MINOR DISASTERS

Minor disasters impaired the company's progress from the start. Soon after the processing factory was established at Port Albemarle in July, 1950, at a cost of £15,272 the oil extractor equipment showed minor defects and some parts had to be replaced. The Corporation paid £20,404 for the plant and machinery.

In its 1950 report the Corporation stated: "Whale oil (comparable to seal oil) prices are high and once the mechanical defects revealed by the first season's operations have been corrected the scheme should show a good return."

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B.W. (339/p)
31/3/52
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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33 HILL STREET
LONDON · W. 1382/SEC

12th March, 1952.

Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.Lease of Land, Albemarle

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Your letters Nos. 0497/II dated 11th October, 1951 and 0497/III dated 12th January, 1952, are acknowledged.

2. From the outset of these negotiations in 1949 until well into 1951 when we first became aware of the replacement of the original 1903 Ordinance by the 1949 Ordinance, we were naturally under the impression that CDC would have the option to purchase freehold the land at Albemarle Bay and it was always our intention to exercise this option at the end of the lease period. We are surprised to learn at this late date that Government never at any time had the intention of allowing the Sealing Co. to purchase the land.

3. We do not wish to prolong this argument however, but in these circumstances the Corporation would not wish to lease more land at £1 per acre than is required for the factory and ancillary buildings, i.e. the area of about 2 acres presently fenced in. On this area we should agree to pay rent at £1 per acre.

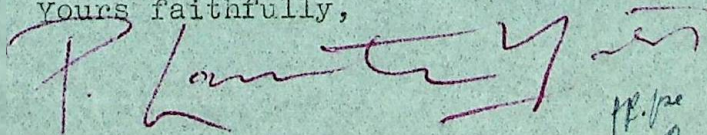
4. As to the balance of the 100 acres, this is and will be used for sheep grazing only; a purely pastoral purpose and as such we suggest ought not to attract rent at more than 5/- per acre; the rate appropriate to country land. This area might therefore be covered in a separate lease.

5. As you may be aware, results of the Company's operations in the past season have been discouraging in the extreme, due almost entirely to the difficulty in securing and retaining local labour. This caused a complete stoppage in 1951 from October onwards so that we missed the sea elephant season entirely. We are taking active steps to recruit labour from the UK but until and unless this difficulty can be overcome the whole future of the undertaking remains in doubt.

6. I suggest, therefore, deferring completion of any formal agreement as to lease of land at least until the end of 1952; alternatively we suggest a yearly lease could be completed on the factory area leaving over the title to the remainder of the area for the present; our right of occupancy meanwhile being covered by an exchange of letters.

7. We would, of course, agree to pay rent on the land occupied retrospectively from the date of occupation by CDC.

Yours faithfully,

P. LAMARTINE YATES
Controller of Operations

Reply at 347.

Y.E.

Page (345)

346

A definite ~~so~~ decision has been given
at (330) & reaffirmed at (342).

2) Does Y.E. propose to alter this decision?

3) I do not consider that Mr. Gale's makes
out a very strong case, and even if the
Company is doing badly, I would feel much
more sympathetic if they paid up & applied
for a ~~refund~~ rebate later.

4) It might however be a gesture if we
agreed to review the matter at the end of 1952
provided all base payments had been made
up to date.

P.S.

Attached file 250/33 with minute at (142) was
recalled from Y.E.'s office.
P.S.

I do not feel disposed to go on arguing
with Mr. Y who is a cantankerous little man but
am prepared to make the gesture proposed in your
para 4. Pl. draft coldly.

Mc 12/IV

No longer
signed
Huntman

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DECODE.

344
TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Tilbury, Montevideo.

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched : 29th March, 19 52 *Time :* 0920

Received : 29th March, 19 52 *Time :* 1230

Protector arrived Montevideo 28th.

TILBURY

(Intld)C.C.
31/3

P/L.
88

22nd April 52.

Sir,

345

I am directed to refer to your letter 332/SEC of the 12th of March, 1952, and to reaffirm this Government's decision as set out in my letters 0497/III of the 11th of October, 1951, and the 12th of January, 1952.

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342.

2. In view, however, of the arguments contained in your above-quoted letter Government will agree to review the matter at the end of 1952, provided that all arrears of payments at the full rate have been made by that time.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Controller of Operations,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Hill Street,
LONDON, W.1.

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23rd April, 52.

Sir,

133 - 250/33

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 8th of March, 1952, and to request that you will be good enough to advise this Government approximately what cess or royalty you will be charging the South Atlantic Sealing Company when they are working your licence.

2. This information is required purely in order to assess the fee which Government will charge the South Atlantic Sealing Company for their licence to operate in other parts of the Falkland Islands.

3. A separate letter is being addressed to you on the main question of your licence.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

M/r "Protector III"
Stanley.

12th May 1952.

H. R. Sir Geoffrey Miles Clifford. Esq.
Government House.
Stanley.

Yours Excellency,

Since it appears unlikely that H.M.S. Voyager Bay will arrive in Stanley before the departure of "Protector" for Alcocka, I offer my thanks for your assistance, which enabled me to have the vessel repaired at Montevideo. The passage was uneventful, although on the return journey the vessel ran into heavy weather.

I have the honour to be
Yours Excellency's obedient servant,
Peter W. Murray.

PA Due

DECODE.TELEGRAM SENT.

349a

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 15.5.52 Time : 1200 Received : Time :

No. 74. CONFIDENTIAL. Grateful pass following message to Lord Reith.

Begins: During Grieve's visit I suggested name of experienced Sealing Executive who might be able to offer useful and disinterested advice on conduct Albemarle project. Have just returned from South Georgia where successful sealing venture been operating many years and I strongly recommend Corporation seek advice this source. Second, and possibly more experienced, adviser available in person of Captain AKSEL KARLSEN of HUVIKVEREN 2, SANDEFJORD. Both he and FAGERLI former managers PESCA COMPANY at GRYTVEKEN, SOUTH GEORGIA. Ends.

GOVERNOR.

Cypher.
WH.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

°(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)°

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

20th May

19 52.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

348 With reference to your letter No. 0497/III of 23rd April 1952 our Head Office telegraphs "For terms see our License dated 17th May 1939 propose £50 for License plus 1% royalty".

145 in
250/33
att
145 in 250/33
151 para 6
in 139/37 att
2. The License referred to is substantially the same as that enclosed with your letter of 7th May 1952, except that it is not noted as 'non-transferable' (see Section 14 of Government License).

3. The License issued to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd. in 1939 stated the percentage of male adult seal and elephant seal to be left on each rookery should be at least ten.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Darwin

MANAGER.

P.P.

Copy attached to
146 in 350/33

M/V. "Protector".

Stanley,

26th. May 1952.

H.E. Sir G. Miles Clifford, C.M.G.
Government House,
Stanley.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to our recent conversation, in the course of which you offered to cable to Mr. Jones at Punta Arenas an enquiry as to whether he could engage, on our behalf, a Clerk/Storekeeper to serve at Albemarle for the forthcoming sealing season say, an eight months contract.

The duties which this man would be required to fulfil are as follows:-

- 1). To serve at, manage, and indent for the station stores, having an average monthly turnover of some £350.
- 2). To attend to the documentation of inward and outward cargo.
- 3). To prepare the monthly returns of wages etc., the average number of personnel employed being about 35.
- 4). Generally to assist in the administrative work of the station.

plus 3' per bel. seal oil produced & discharged

For the above duties we would expect to pay around £35 per month with accommodation and food found. It would at the same time, be necessary to point out to the candidate that accommodation is in Nissen Huts, and that amenities are few.

I also understand that Your Excellency would be prepared to arrange for the successful candidate to return to the Falklands by H.M.S. "Vernan Bay" on her forthcoming voyage to Punta Arenas. We would be responsible for the man's transport both ways.

It only remains for me to thank Your Excellency for this offer of assistance.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

P.R.H. Tilbury.

P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director.

*ACP
CS*

26/5

F+BU early mt. We can remove out of program from SASI.

MC 26/5

*4/5
P (35) Bv's early. I have not yet sorted out (350).
27/5*

Before sending the attached would better
 let Mr T know what it will cost.
 Incidentally I understood him to say
 that he was paying for a band bonus
 to his laborers and it seems a little
 unnecessary to cut the clerk/stenographer to
 30. It will only make for dissatisfactions?

Please discuss need of telegram with him.
 If his father can find a cheap one we will
 ask Vayn Bay to bring him one.

ME 27/V

ACD Telegram at once to
 issue - cost to SACC - then
 go back to me.

28/5

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				29.5.52
To				
ETAT	JONES BRITAIN PUNTA ARENAS.			HCA/C

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY ALBEMARLE REQUIRES FOR PERIOD SIX MONTHS RESIDENT CLERK PREFERABLY ENGLISH SPEAKING RUN LOCAL STORE WITH MONTHLY TURNOVER £350 KEEP RECORDS INWARD OBLIQUE STROKE OUTWARD CARGO PREPARE MONTHLY WAGE-SHEETS BRACKET 35 MEN APPROXIMATELY. BRACKET AND ASSIST MANAGEMENT GENERALLY STOP WAGES £35 MONTHLY ALL FOUND PLUS BONUS 3d PER BARREL OIL SHIPPED STORENPARA 2 CAN YOU FIND SUITABLE APPLICANT AND IF SO SEND BY FIRST DIRECT OP ORTUNITY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

75 words @ 1/10d per word. = £6. 17s. 6d.

Treas.

To collect cost of above from S.A.S.C.pl.,

S.S.
for C.S.
29/5/52

Time

Hanes
Base. have
been billed accy
30/5.

108/350 R

Y.E.

(350)

- 1) Para 1) arose from our (348) as a result of our discussions about the revised fee for Tilbury; licence. We proposed to charge him £150 originally, but in view of (350) I think we should reduce to £100.
- 2) The 1% royalty concerns FIC & SASC. I don't know whether it is gross or net profit. They will sort this out at home.
- 3) I don't understand para 2 of (350) both my suggested licence. ((145)^A 250/33) & FIC's original licence ((157) FIC 139/37) are shown as non-transferable, I will have to clear this up with him.
- 4) As regards the para 3 of (350) - this is excluded from our present licence. (241) was our original proposal and amended after (294) we then got (316) & draft licence at cover.
I think that the safeguard in the new licence is only killing male sea elephant of 4 years & over. Can you confirm?

See below

~~the licence is confirmed~~

31/5

Agree as to 1

2-3 noted.

4. We must stick to what we laid down originally - (this was I think confirmed by house) pl. let me keep 10% and what you should leave: it is the most you should take

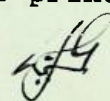
No - this only applies to parcels which are at present may not be taken.

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H.C.S.

In 139/37 at (151) para 6 reads "That in the case of hair seals at least 10% of the adult male seals are left at each rookery, and in the case of elephant seals the killing must be restricted to adult males only, and care should be taken that when more than 50 adults males are found 10% are left alive and that when less than 50 adults males are found 25% are left alive. This section of the Licence remained constant until the 1st April, 1950 where it appears to have been re-modelled (See 0497/II at (155)), however, we find in 0497/III at (232) a letter to Sir E. Wood suggesting that 10% of the male of the species should be left alive on the beaches. In the same file at (241) we find a Draft copy of a Licence in respect of Fur Seal whereby para 4 reads that only 10% of the total male seals should be killed at any one rookery.

In 0958/9 at (21) we have Law's recommendations.

In South Georgia the Sealing Industry is worked in a very profitable manner, both to the Compania Argentina de Pesca and this Government in as much that the whole Island is divided into four divisions, one division is rested each year, that is to say, if number 2 division was rested last year it would fall that No. 3 would be rested this year. Their licence stipulates that 10% of the adult males should be left alive on each beach, this I can say from experience is given very carefull attention by C.A.P. My reason for mentioning this, is in the hope of being helpful, and as we learn from experience, I think perhaps we could do well to follow the principles laid down in Pesca's licence (See 90/36).


C.of C.
5/6/52.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

0497/15
From Britain, Punta Arenas.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 4th June, 19 52 Time : 1800

Received : 7th June, 19 52 Time : 0845

Copy in 0664/15
Have arranged harbour dues waived. Owners slipway
state advisable bring plan PHILOMEL.
Clerk in view who can proceed in frigate or PHILOMEL.
(Following message is for VERYAN BAY.
Telegraph exact day arrival as this is necessary
to know if possible berth alongside. Necessary
fire national salute. Transmitting frequencies
cash and stores being ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ arranged. Endeavouring
secure prompt air passage London via Buenos Aires for
Lieutenant. Please telegraph full name number place
and date issue passport as Argentine authorities
require this information.)

BRITAIN.

(to) passed to W/T Station for onward
transmission.

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C. & C.

c) C/Customs should now prepare a
draft of Tilbury's proposed licence
reducing the fee to £100 & incorporating
para 6 of (151) 139/39.

H.B.S.

(Int'l.) C.C.
18/6/52

Draft at cover please.

H.B.S.
6 of 6.
20/6/52.

and mail

Sección Telefónica:
"SOUTHAMEXY"
Teléfono 1268.

(AIR MAIL)

Establecimiento Frigorífico
RIO SECO

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Códigos:
A. B. C. 5th. SCOTT'S 10th.
BENTLEYS.
BENTLEY'S SECOND PHRASE.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN EXPORT SYNDICATE LTD.

Oficina Principal en Londres
106, FENCHURCH ST., C. 3.

CASILLA 21 D.
PUNTA ARENAS, 23rd. June de 1952.
CHILE

Dear Mr. Campbell,

With the enclosed letter which Mr. Jones asked me to forward to your goodself by the Veryan Bay before he left for London, he omitted to inform you that he had engaged a clerk for the sealing factory at Port Albarmarle on the terms stipulated by your goodself. He is a Mr. Carlos Mayorga, 52 years of age, a Chilean subject, and he speaks English, Spanish and French, and I understand he has a good knowledge of Accountancy. He will be travelling across in the Veryan Bay, which we expect will be leaving on the 25th. or 26th.

474
You will have received our telegram which Mr. Gutteridge asked us to send you, informing you that he was not able to come to any agreement with the rivetter Dobson. Evidently this job was of a larger proportion than Dobson had at first imagined it to be, and it would have necessitated him taking over some semi-skilled workers with him, which in Mr. Gutteridge's opinion would have worked out too expensive for your goodselfes.

We have had a very enjoyable visit from the Veryan Bay, and I think that they on their part have also enjoyed their stay over here.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest B. Robson.

Colin Campbell Esq.,
Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. Extra relevant files

30/6



BRITISH CONSULATE,
PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

23/2/3

June 24th, 1952.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram dated 30th May and ours of 4th instant, regarding a resident clerk for six months for the South Atlantic Sealing Co., we have employed Mr. Carlos Mayorga, Chilean, accountant by profession, who has knowledge of the English language, and is proceeding to the Falkland Islands in H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY". He was engaged under the terms of your telegram including return fare.

He has been instructed to see you on arrival at Port Stanley.

Expenses incurred in connection with his passport, exit permit and visa fees will be included in our accounts for the June quarter, 1952. These will amount to roughly £4.10.0.

Yours faithfully,

Ewen B. Robson
Actg. British Consul.

Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

Sale Agent (Mr. Rowe) informed } and will
be claimed when the amount is paid

Sec. J. 20/6

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He called -
I informed him
to Mr. Rowe (SASC
Agent)
20/6

360.

Ms 2 / 357

The re-arrange is at back cover or may
have be printed ?

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77.

Pending

To The Hon. Col. Sec.
From The Agricultural Officer.
Date. 21st June, 1952.



362.

With reference to the rent for Albermarle, having failed to get any satisfaction as regards payment for same from the Sealing Company's Agent in Stanley, I wrote to the C.D.C. in London and have had no answer to my letter also when Mr Greive was in the Colony nothing was done in Settlement.

I would be grateful for your ruling as to whether I shall take Court proceedings to recover same.

John P. Greive
Agricultural Officer.

Office
There is something in the mail about this.
From Mr. Greive - Pl. fee. when file comes to hand
— it is now in action with S.B.C. licence

J.P.G.

7.7.

*I have told
A.O. several
times that the
matter is temporary
out of his
hands & that
we are dealing
direct with
head office.
J.P.G.*

JP

~~CS~~

CS

was there
anything in the
mail from C.C.
London about
Albermarle rent?

If not in any
case I will like
to see the file.

SP

ac.s.

I think there was

Yes

Office

Yes - Pl. Rec.

EARLY

Q

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1877
Jan.

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361.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

33 HILL STREET
LONDON · W. 1

382/SEC

24th June 1952

Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands,
South America

Dear Sir,

South Atlantic Sealing Co Ltd

Albemarle Lease

I refer to our conversation in your office on 29th April 1952, when we discussed briefly the outstanding question of this lease; at the time I was not aware of the details and undertook to look into the matter on return to London.

With the recent drop in the price of oil the prospects for the Company are so uncertain that we do not wish now to enter into a long term lease binding on the Company for 21 years; we should like to postpone a decision until after the results of 1952 are known.

If Government would be agreeable to this course we would propose to pay up all arrears of rent without prejudice and in accordance with the undertaking in paragraph 2 of your letter dated 22nd April 1952, that Government will review the rent at the end of 1952.

I trust Government will appreciate the very difficult circumstances under which this Company is labouring and that these proposals will be found acceptable.

Yours faithfully,

A.C. Grieve

A.C. GRIEVE
Head of Factories

P.347.

pp. ph. L
7/7

See 366.



Agricultural Officer,
Stanley.
8th July, 1952.

H.C.S.

I am today in receipt of a letter from C.D.C. London re. Lease of Land by South Atlantic Sealing Co. stating they have no reply to letter addressed to yourself by them on 12th March, 1952 regarding same.

John P. Blair
Agricultural Officer.

*pv or file
5/12*

A.C.S.

above file in action. With you pl.?

Now gone to R.S.C. - not urgent 5/12

J.P.

Letter from C.D.C. is at p. 361.

If S.D.B. carry out all their business in this vacillating way it is no wonder their projects come to naught.

Normal business practice would be to require a higher rent for short term occupation dependant of course on the demand (existing or prospective) for tenancy rights, I am not sure but it would appear that the only demand arises from S.A.S. Co. Ltd., in which case rent can in the long run only be fixed by agreement and not on a bargaining basis.

I note the tenants are a 'limited company', and I consider we should get our hands on the money now, which it appears we can only do by agreeing to para 3 of 361 - .

[Signature]

C.S. The short answer is that we don't really mind how soon they depart. From previous papers you will see how they were shorting for 99 years lease & eventually pushed us up from 15 years to a 21 years lease. The rats would now appear to be contemplating leaving the sinking ship.

2) Our main concern is to get our money owing.

3) in principle I agree with para 3 of (361).

3) Before proceeding however I would like to clear up the question of the lease. In para

(361) C.D.C. say 'we do not wish now to enter into

Have they not already done so?

Doesn't (286) & (288) bind them? Have they

a way out because we have not yet amended the lease in the terms of para 1 of (328) ³?

4) Please refer to R.S.C. for comments. ~~make basis~~ A copy of the lease sent in (286) is at

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R.S.C.

P.364 paras 3 & 4 of H.H. Minute referred

[Signature]
11/7

Hon. Col. Sec.,

The lessees have acknowledged the lease by entering upon and taking possession of the land and by (286) and (288).

2. The conditions of ~~of~~ the ^{lease} are subject to the Land Ordinance 1903, and a special condition in the Second Schedule to the lease (or any Ord. amending or replacing that Ord.) therefore the Land Ord. 1949 applies as it replaces the 1903 Ord.

3. Under Sec 27 of the Land Ord 1949 (similar to Sec 13 of the Land Ord 1903) the Governor or his servants may re-enter (after giving reasonable notice) the leased land and determine the lease if the lessees fail to observe the conditions of the lease or to pay the rent within one month after it has become due. In this case the question of compensation for improvements may arise.

4. If the lessees do not wish to continue to hold the lease, I can see no objection to them surrendering it by mutual agreement.

J.P.B.
Registrar
12.vii.52,

R.S.C.

> amog. before surrender to les.

[Signature] Left. fl. R.S.C.

G.A. above R.S.C. comments on 364.

It appears the lease is in operation & there is no let out other than by agreement.

[Signature]
21/7

C.S. Subject to any view you ~~to~~ may have - draft opposite to mine.

2) We must get Tilling's leave off fairly soon or we may have difficulty in getting payment for that also.

[Signature]

No other comment.
Draft. 21/7

366.

0497/III

22nd July,

52.

Sir,

361.

347.

I am directed to refer to your letter 382/SEC of the 24th of June, 1952, and to confirm the undertaking given in paragraph 2 of my letter No. 0497/III of the 22nd of April, 1952.

2. It would be appreciated therefore, if you could issue instructions to your local agent to pay over the outstanding arrears of rent.

3. In paragraph 2 of your above-quoted letter you state that you do not wish now to enter into a lease for 21 years.

288.

In fact you have already entered into such a lease which was signed and accepted by your local agent in his letter No. 351/309 of the 16th of March, 1951.

4. The point is however of academic interest only as it is not considered that there would be any difficulty in terminating the lease at an earlier date by mutual agreement.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Reply at 373.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Controller of Operations,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Hill Street,
LONDON, W.1.

CE. SASC Leasing license
As there is one already in force
we will have to negotiate a revision.
Matter at cover to me

BW 22/9/52

 DECODE.TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13.9.52 Time: 1215 Received: 14.9.52 Time:

No. 103. CONFIDENTIAL. South Atlantic Sealing Company.

Colonial Development Corporation announce Board have decided
wind up this undertaking since there seems no reasonable
prospect making it pay. Governor has been informed.
Press release will be made Monday September 15th.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

J.B.

COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SEALING LICENCE.

A licence under the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, as subsequently amended, is hereby granted to the South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited, to take seals mentioned in and subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. The licence shall be in force for fifteen years from _____ and may be renewable annually thereafter.
2. An Annual Licence fee of £130 shall be paid on the 1st day of November in each year, after the date hereof.
3. The licence shall be valid in the Falkland Islands (except Lafonia and adjacent islands, including the Sea Lion Islands) for seal lions, sea elephants and sea leopards only.
4. Not more than 15,000 sea lions and not more than 1,000 sea elephants shall be killed in any one season and from this total not more than 6,000 sea lions shall be killed on Arch Islands in any one season. Provided that such numbers may be reviewed annually by the Governor. Provided also that this total shall include any sea lions and sea elephants killed under any other licence transferred to or worked by the South Atlantic Sealing Company.
5. Sea lions shall be killed only between 1st May and 30th September in each year.
6. No male sea lion less than 72 inches in length shall be killed.
7. At least 10% of the adult male sea lions shall be left alive at each rookery.
8. Sea elephants shall only be killed between 1st November and 15th January in each year.
9. No male sea elephant of less than 4 years of age and corresponding to a minimum length of 120 inches shall be killed.
10. Where more than 50 adult male sea elephants are found 10% shall be left alive and where less than 50 adult male sea elephants are found 25% shall be left alive.
11. No female sea lion or sea elephant shall be killed.
12. Sea leopards may be killed without restriction.
13. Seals shall not be driven long distances and shall be killed in a humane manner.
14. The whole carcass of every seal killed shall be utilised for the extraction of oil, liver oil, the production of guano, meat meal and/or other marketable products. Provided that the number of carcasses taken from day to day shall be at the discretion of the Sealing Officer.

15. Guano and meat meal products shall be made available to local farmers at commercial prices.

16. Full returns shall be made monthly, annually and when required showing the number of seals killed; the localities from which taken, the amount of oil and other products (separately) obtained and such other reasonable information as may be required.

17. All operations shall be subject to the supervision of a Sealing Officer appointed by the Governor who shall be fully maintained (except for salary) at the cost of the licensee on board any vessel or vessels employed by the licensee.

18. This licence is not transferable and may be revised periodically by the Governor.

19. In the case of a breach of any one of the conditions of this licence, or any of the provisions of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, the Governor may, by notice in writing, summarily revoke this licence, and thereupon all rights conferred hereby or enjoyed hereunder shall cease as from the date mentioned in such notice.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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0497/III

15th September 52.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to Mr. Raymer's letter of the 4th June, 1951, and to your letter No. 651/695 of the 5th June, 1951, and to state that it is desired to consolidate the various amendments to the South Atlantic Sealing Company sealing licence and incorporate certain further amendments.

368-369.

2. It is suggested that the previous licence be mutually cancelled and that a new one be issued on the lines of the enclosed draft.

3. It should be noted that a reduction in the annual fee has been made in consideration of the charge which the Falkland Islands Company are making for the Company's operations in Lafonia.

4. I am to request that you will advise this Government if you agree to the cancellation of the old licence.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

VP

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SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.

(COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION)

FACTORY SITE:
PORT ALBEMARLE
FALKLAND ISLANDS

REGISTERED OFFICE:
35 JOHN STREET
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Telegram from Colonial Development Corporation
dated London 15/9/52, addressed:-

"ROWE WILLIAMS STANLEY "

223 S.A.S.Co. Board has decided to
cease operations immediately. Following Press release
issued: Quote

"This Company was formed formed by
Colonial Development Corporation to re-
establish a sealing industry in the Falkland
Islands. STOP.

The last annual report indicated that
continuation would not be justified unless
a level of production enabling the Company
to earn a profit could be achieved. STOP.

As the revised estimates of annual kill
of seals have not been realised and the fall
in the price price of seal oil still
continues it has been decided cease operation
and realise the assets. STOP.

" Unquote.

To: H.H. Colin Campbell, Esq.

O. A. G.

Sullivan House
Stanley.

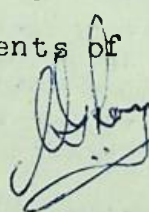
Sir,

The above is as received. "Formed" and "Price" quoted
repetitively is also 'as received'.

Rest of message is for information of Mr. Tilbury
and will no doubt be conveyed by him as soon as
possible.

Compliments of

File
*CP to see - I note
they are ceasing immediately*
17/9



SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.

(COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) Ref/952/1295

FACTORY SITE:
PORT ALBEMARLE
FALKLAND ISLANDSREGISTERED OFFICE:
35 JOHN STREET
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley, 16th September, 1952.

Sir,

SEALING LICENCES (New Terms)

370 I have to thank you for your letter 0497/III of yesterday's date, with proposed new draft of Sealing Licence incorporating and consolidating amendments.

I shall hand this over to Mr. Tikbury when he arrives tomorrow morning.

371 In the meantime you will have heard of the Press announcement made in U.K. to the effect that the operations of the Sealing Co. are to cease. It therefore seems to follow that no new draft of licence can be dealt with now.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.

Agent.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

* It might be to benefit of S.A.S. (reduction of licence fee)
but legal position obscure - let them worry & raise if the want to

gt P.A.
2/10/52

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Our Ref:- 382/SEC
Your Ref:- 0497/III

33 HILL STREET
LONDON · W. 1

21st October, 1952.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

LEASE OF 100 ACRES AT ALBEMARLE

I acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 22nd last addressed to our Controller of Operations.

In view of the decision of the Corporation to close down South Atlantic Sealing Co Ltd we are anxious to come to an amicable arrangement over the lease of the company's land at Albemarle Bay. We have therefore instructed our agent to pay over the outstanding arrears of rent up to 31st December, 1952 amounting to £200.

In return we should be glad if your Government on their part would agree to terminate the lease as from 31st December, 1952, allowing the Sealing Company however to remain in occupation of the site on a month to month basis at the same rental until such time as they have removed or disposed of all assets from the site.

I have made this proposal in view of the undertaking given in para 4 of your above quoted letter stating that there would be no difficulty in terminating the lease at an earlier date by mutual agreement.

Yours faithfully,

A.G. Shepherd

A.G. SHEPHERD
Assistant Secretary

*CS No objection
17/11*

*To see above
no objection?*

17/11

ACS pl. draft up

*11/11 Mr. L. R. P.
As b.c. acc. Order*

Reply at 375

See 403

pp pl. A

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ACS.

373,

Drift at 6.6 to 1000

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

375

0497/III.

19th November, 1952.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter 382/SEC of the 21st of October, 1952, and to inform you that Government agrees to the termination of the South Atlantic Sealing Company's lease of land at Albemarle as from the 31st of December, 1952, and to permit the Sealing Company to continue in occupation, on a month to month basis at the present rental, until all assets on the site are disposed of, or removed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Assistant Secretary.

~~Controller of Operations,~~
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Hill Street,
LONDON, W.1.

VP

See 403

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A

A.O. Seen J.R.O. 21/XI/52
Rbl.

To see 373-375 pl.

[Signature]
21.11

Hon. Col. Sec,
Seen C. y.

B

2. According to my records the lease commenced on 1st Dec. 1949.

J.P.B.
Registrar
21. XI. 52.

C

A.O.

If as Rbl. says the lease was effective from 1.12.49, C.D.C. would appear to owe for 3 yrs. & 1 month at £100 p.a. would you pl. check & confirm that all outstanding rent has or has not been paid - from 373 they are only expecting to pay £200!

[Signature]
21.11.52

[Signature] 30/11/52
(check £200 in 373)

H.C.S.

The Lease commenced on 1st December 1949.

The first payment; Receipt No 487 was for £108-6-8

That is payment to December 31st 1950.

Thus this matter of 1 month in question was dealt with in the beginning

There are 2 subsequent payments of £100 ea. Receipts Nos. 590 & 591

John P. Oliver

D.O. 30/XI/52

Re.

You B reports - thank you

Re see A supra

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Hon. Col. Sec.,

Thank you.

J.P.

Registrar

2. xii. 52.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.
(COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) Ref/353/297

FACTORY SITE:
PORT ALBEMARLE
FALKLAND ISLANDS



REGISTERED OFFICE:
35 JOHN STREET
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley, 2nd March, 1953

Sir,

re drifter "GOLDEN CHANCE"

I have received a letter from the Colonial Development Corporation, London, to the effect that I am to endeavour to find a purchaser for the above craft.

It has been suggested to me that same should be offered to the Colonial Government.

Matters of price would have to be the subject of negotiation, and at the present moment I cannot make any suggestions in that connection.

I can, however, state, that the vessel originally cost (including conversion) approximately £13,000- and that the depreciation to date has been book-entered as £3000-

The matter of repairs to hull and engine since her mishap at Port San Carlos last year, is now being attended to and, subject to survey report and estimates to be produced, it is quite possible that the vessel will be repaired in Port Stanley, and granted a certificate of seaworthiness, particularly if a purchaser can be found for the vessel.

I.E. a purchaser who would acquire the vessel in a repaired and seaworthy condition.

There are only three entities in the Falkland Is. who could, in my opinion, show an interest to acquire the craft:

- 1) The Colonial Government - who already have an established harbour dept. and have trained personnel.
- 2) The Admiralty who are constantly in need of a tender for their oil barge and for attending R.F.A. tankers and visiting H.M. ships.
- 3) The Falkland Islands Company.

Reply at 380.

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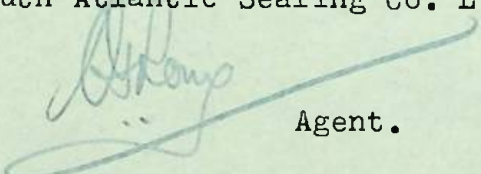
If I fail to find a purchaser locally then it will mean selling the craft, possibly at a very low price, outside the Colony - say at Pinta Arenas, Chile, and given the paucity of shipping services that the Colony already suffers it might be a mistake to allow a vessel of this kind to be sold outside of the Colony.

Her usefulness might not be fully apparent at this time. But her acquisition may prove to be a fair investment as a reserve against future contingencies.

Whether the Colonial Government can, or cannot, evince any interest in this craft, may I request, however, that some responsible officer or officers should inspect her (she will be brought to a jetty probably next week) and report to the Government as to her condition, carrying capacity, etc.


I sincerely hope that means may be found to keep the vessel in use within the Colony, and remain,

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.



Agent.

P.S. A somewhat similar letter, but couched in different terms is also being addressed to the Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Squadron.



E. G. R.

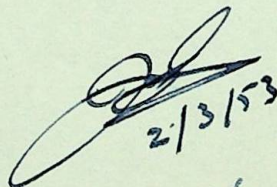
To The Hon. The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.

Y. D.

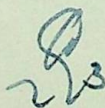
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Attached

Don't have not trained personnel
for a second craft, and neither
have we technical staff to
report to us on her condition,
and I fail to see that
any useful purpose would be
served by us going out of
our way to obtain a report


2/3/53

C. I. we are not interested but
Cin C may well be as he
rightly complains of the primitive
fueling facilities here. As
the base has written to him N.A.N.



0497/III

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~~385~~

4th March,

53.

Sir,

378
I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter No. 353/297 of the 2nd instant and to inform you that Government are not interested in acquiring the "Golden Chance".

2. In this circumstance it is not considered that any useful purpose would be served by Government taking steps to obtain a report on her condition.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

~~Reply at 378~~

The Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

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C.P.
 383-386 Attached, handed to me by
 Mr Lowe, can be P.A.

2) I note that the Governor is
 383. alleged to have given his approval
 to the transfer of the lease & sealing
 licence. In view of the way
 in which C.D.C. nearly pulled our
 legs over the Governor, view on
 'Protector' - this should be treated
 with reserve.

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MAOAX
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KOBUK
PINWU
AMABR
AKEME
CNYCO
ICOLS

Your
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ID 383

transfer
sealing
licence to
purchaser
also
agreed
by
Governor.



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Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.
PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Ref/353/316-L.

Stanley, 5th March, 1953.

A. G. Shepherd, Esq.
Assistant Secretary
Messrs C.D.C.

London W. 1.

Dear Mr. Shepherd,

S.A.S.Co. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS.

On 1st inst. I received your letter (Ref/382/FSH/7) dated 18th February last, contents of which have my best attention.

1) "GOLDEN CHANCE". What has been attempted so far is related in a separate letter.

2) SEALING BASE- ALBEMARLE. I shall, as you wish, arrange to advertise the base as for sale, first of all in the Falkland Is. where I anticipate getting no response whatever (perhaps a few taunts and facetious remarks from my friends).

When I get the chance to arrange it I shall also advertise it in the papers in Punta Arenas, Chile. It is impossible to say whether any interest will be shown.

There are various snags.

a) Running costs. The wages lately paid at Albemarle, and those now currently paid at Ajax Bay, would in themselves be enough to deter most people from taking over the sealing base, even as leaseholders. When very ordinary labourers are being paid as much as £55- per month (wages plus overtime) it is hopeless to embark on an enterprise which must show a decent profit in order to make it at all attractive.

b) Lack of communications. The "Protector" having been sold, and the "Golden Chance" to be sold if possible, then any purchase or leaseholder would have to provide his own ship (or ships), both for actual sealing and ordinary communications with Port Stanley etc. The sealing station, its equipment, and the licence to seal, is practically valueless without adequate communications.

c) The Sealing licence. You say that the Governor has agreed to give his consent to the assignment of the lease on the original basis. "Lease" I must suppose refers only to the leasehold of 100 acres at Albemarle, at a rental of £100- p.a. But what about the "Licence to Seal"? Presumably that would

also have to be transferred. In fact it is the absolute corner stone of the whole business.

When Mr. Tilbury was originally granted the 'License to Seal' he was told that it permitted him to take seals all over the Colony (excepting at breeding rookeries) - then Messrs the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. contested that right maintaining that they owned the right to seal on their "Lafonia" camps and beaches.

In my opinion that matter has never been satisfactorily settled. Unless the Colonial Government can grant a License to Seal all over the islands and beaches (excepting at breeding rookeries) irrespective of the alleged rights (to royalties or otherwise by the Falkland Is. Co. Ltd. or by other owners of farm lands) then the value of the "Licence to Seal" becomes highly illusory.

As soon as you get this letter I suggest that you write to me again setting out exactly what can be offered for sale,

It would seem to me that it should be:-

FIRSTLY. "A Sealing Licence" with the Government fixing the quantities of sea-lions and elephant seals that can be taken every 12 months, and fixing the respective open and closed seasons for each of these animals. And also defining those areas (breeding rookeries) where sealing would be prohibited. The said licence to be an absolute and straight-forward contract between the Government and the Leaseholder, and subject to no restrictions whatever from the Falkland Is. Co. Ltd. or any other owners of the farm lands.

SECONDLY. "Lease of the land" at Albemarle, as already stipulated - though I consider the rental should be reduced to a peppercorn rent.

THIRPLY. The SASCO. buildings, equipment and machinery, as at present installed at Albemarle.

I fully understand that you would also be prepared to sell the control of the Limited Co. which would favour an outright purchaser of the 'material assets' in regard to the carry forward loss for Tax Purposes.

Finally, let me say that in my opinion, even if "FIRSTLY" above is satisfactorily settled, I can see little chance of attracting a buyer unless the price of oil keeps fairly high, and the "Running costs" (labour, and delivery of fuel oils) come down.

Sorry to be so pessimistic.

Yours sincerely, for S.A.S.Co.Ld.

Agent.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.
(COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) Ref.753/938-

FACTORY SITE:
PORT ALBEMARLE
FALKLAND ISLANDS

REGISTERED OFFICE:
35 JOHN STREET
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley, 2nd July, 1953.

Sir,

re caretaker for Albemarle (Sealing Site)

The present caretaker (Mr. K. Earley) will be leaving Albemarle about 18th inst. and I am in need of installing a new caretaker as soon as possible.

The property at Albemarle (worth about £40,000 at present valuation) belongs really to the British Government. It is in fact wholly Government property.

My own staff being so small I am unable to detach any man from my own staff, so I beg to appeal to you in the hope that it may be possible to find some reliable man from the Government payroll (P.W.D. or any other department) who could be spared for a maximum term of six months to live at Albemarle as a caretaker - keep the place in good order etc.

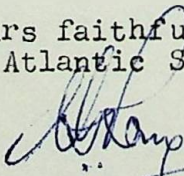
He would be adequately paid, would be found in food and firing, and would be properly housed on the site where there is quite a suitable small dwelling (with H.W. system etc.) with sufficient furniture.

A middle-aged married man would be preferable, and his wife would also be paid as cook.

Can you help me to solve this problem ?.

Unless there is a caretaker the place is liable to be raided.

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.


Agent.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.

Reply at 387.

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387

3rd July,

53.

Sir,

386

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 2nd of July, 1953, No. 753/958, on the subject of a caretaker for Albemarle.

2. While sympathising with your predicament I am to advise you that the acute shortage of Government labour and staff precludes any serious consideration being given to your request until it is known that all other sources have been unsuccessfully explored.

3. It is suggested that the post should first be advertised.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

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Ref. attached 389

388

COC. in London certainly have a queer way of setting about things - they have not bothered to consult us:-

- a) about immigration of foreign nationals
- b) Issue of a sealing licence to any tom. boat or harry.
- c) Lease of land to

2) However if we cannot get a British or local firm to develop our resources, I see no real objection to a foreign company - though Argentines would probably be a nuisance.

I would not be prepared to consider an Argentine application.

qos

3) May I be discussing?

10/7

Please draft polite telegram to Velop and we will consider. (They had much better try and get Hektu Whaling Co. interested) MC. ¹⁰vii

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12 Confidential /
~~Secret~~ cypher to S/S

③ ~~4~~ / suggest / established / whaling / companies / most
likely / and ~~from our point of view~~ ~~to the~~ ~~Administrators~~ / part of view
suitable / purchasers. / ends.

Greenwood

389 2) I will advise the local agent that I have made certain representations to C.C. & suggest he enquire if they have any revised instructions in the light of our telegram.

Issues.

I have omitted you (3): at this stage it is
but to leave it in general terms and start something

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SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.

(COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) Ref.753/963-.

FACTORY SITE:
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FALKLAND ISLANDS

REGISTERED OFFICE:
35 JOHN STREET
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley, 8th July, 1953.

The Hon.

Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley - Falkland Islands.

Reply at 390.

Sir,

I duly received your letter 0497/III dated 3rd inst. and I am now pleased to report that I believe I have obtained the services of a suitable man to undertake the care of the sealing site at Albemarle.

Should I fail to fill that post of caretaker, I shall, as you suggest, again write you.

Sale of Installations, with transfer of Licences at Albemarle as a "going concern".

My instructions from the Colonial Development Corporation are to the effect that I am to advertise the sale of the Albemarle installations etc., "on the mainland".

That means in the Republics of Chile, Argentina and Uruguay - possibly Brazil.

There is, unfortunately, a very serious international situation to be taken into account. The claims pressed by Argentina and the agitation(s) that flare up in Buenos Aires from time to time whenever anything appears that is deemed a denial of Argentina's claims.

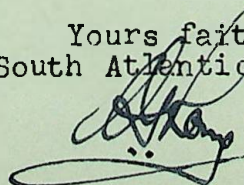
That affects the Rep. of Chile that seems inclined to back up the Argentine claims.

It also affects the Rep. of Uruguay - from a different standpoint - last year Uruguay was roundly accused of behaving in an unneighbourly manner.

I therefore have grave doubts as to the advisability of, under existing circumstances, advertising the sale of the Sealing Company assets and Licences in any of those three countries. I think it is a matter that should not be left for me to decide. It should be considered and decided upon at a much higher level.

No doubt I shall be favoured with official views in due course.

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.



Agent.

13th July,

53.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

389

I am directed to refer to your letter 753/963 of the 8th of July, 1953, and to note your remarks concerning the advertisement of Albemarle as a going concern.

2. I am to advise that a telegram has been addressed to your principals requesting that Government should be consulted before any offer is accepted so that the questions of immigration (if foreigners are involved), sealing licence and lease of land may be considered.

3. No specific recommendation against advertisement on the mainland has been made, but it is suggested that it might be prudent for you to enquire from London whether in view of this telegram, any revision of your instructions is to be made.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Reply at 392

The Agent,
South Atlantic Sealing Company,
STANLEY.

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched 13.7.53

Time: 1400

Received:

Time:

CONFIDENTIAL.

No.129. Grateful you pass to Chairman
Colonial Development Corporation begins :-

Understand from Rowe you propose
advertising Albemarle project on mainland for sale
as going concern.

2. Should you receive offer from foreign
firm request you will consult me in advance to enable
me consider questions of immigration, sealing licence,
lease of land and political implications.

3. Suggest established whaling companies most
likely and, from the Administration point of view, most
suitable purchasers. Ends.

Cypher 'E': MLO:PMN

Bu 2.11.53
on 15.8.

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.

(COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) Ref.753/999.

FACTORY SITE:
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FALKLAND ISLANDS



REGISTERED OFFICE:
35 JOHN STREET
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Stanley, 14th July, 1953.

Sir,

I thank you for your confidential letter 0497/III dated 13th inst. contents of which I have carefully noted.

1 I shall delay making any advertisements 'on the mainland' until such time as my instructions to that effect may be repeated.

3 I shall, however, write privately to one or two parties asking them if they can either take an interest or find some person or firm willing to purchase the existing assets.

4 With reference to our conversation in your office, yesterday forenoon, I wish to record that I am of the opinion that the 'sealing' in the Colony should be worked by a local man, syndicate, or company. If any man or concern 'from the mainland' could make a success of 'sealing' it should be ever so much easier for a 'local' man or concern to do so.

But the proposition should be made 'attractive'; there is a lot of money to be made from the production of 'oil' when the world market price for oil is high. Equally so a lot of money can be lost if the price suddenly falls - which has happened in the past and could happen again.

The original Sealing Co. formed with local capital in 1928, based their calculations on oil being sold around £36- per ton. Had that price remained stable that company would probably still be in operation. Before they got established the price had receded to £25- p.t. and kept on falling until at one time the price was quoted in Europe at £8- per ton. The shareholders lost all of their investment and I believe Messrs The Falkland Is.Co.Ld. had also to write off several thousands of pounds as a 'bad debt.'.

I attach a schedule showing the prices obtained for what little oil has been produced and marketed by S.A.S.Co.Ld. This company's troubles have not really been oil prices. I would put its failure down to:-

- 1st. Lack of production.
- 2nd. Excessively involved administration, and expenses of getting men from U.K.

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"Production" is the keynote of any enterprise such as a 'sealing company'.

I believe it is generally conceded that the stock of Sea Lions and Sea Elephants around the Falkland Islands is sufficient to warrant a minimum production of 500 tons of seal oil per annum.

I would not venture to state a maximum figure, but I do know that the old (1928) sealing company did on one occasion produce about 750 tons of seal oil.

As to prices for oil, they will probably never touch £165- per ton again, but at present seem to be stable around £80- per ton. Even allowing for a drop to £50- per ton I think a local sealing company could justify itself - properly and economically managed - always provided that a minimum of 500 tons of oil was produced.

I attach a schedule shewing that minimum gross income from oil could range from £25.000 per annum (500 T. at £50) up to no less than £60.000 " " (750 T. " £80)

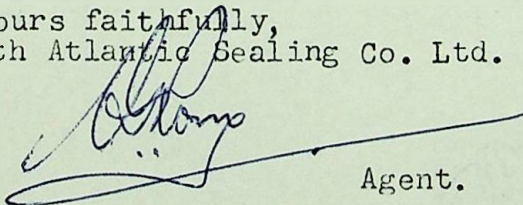
X | I do not enter into figures concerning either 'hides' or 'meat-meal' (guano). These 'side-lines' to a sealing venture have always struck me as being illusory. But there is something to be made out of same provided capable technical management is available.

It is no affair of mine to bring into being a new company to take over the present assets at Albemarle.

My instructions and my object at present is to realise those assets to the best advantage.

But the sale of those assets greatly depends on what inducements can be put forward to any prospective purchaser(s) - whether locals or from the mainland.

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.


Agent.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.

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Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.
PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SCHEDULE of GROSS amounts received from the Sale of
Oil and skins etc. in Europe.

CR.1608	31.1.51	Sale to R. & A. Kohmstamm 9 hairseal skins 25/- ea.	£ 11. 5.--
CR.1954	31.5.51	Charged to Ministry of Food 1 ton 1 cwt. 23 lbs. Crude Seal Oil @ £100- p.t. (Sample shipment)(6 drums)	106.--. 7
CR.2025	26.6.51	Received from Whitmores for 18 wet salted sea-elephant hides 29 cwts. 1 qtr. 4 lbs. @ 1/6d p.lb. £246.--.-- Less allowance 2. 2.--	243.18.--
CR.2127	31.7.51	Received from Voodselvoorziening Import Bureau for 954 drums seal (p.J.Biscoe) oil 152-14-3-27 lbs.@ £165 p.ton	21503.15.--
CR.2267	26.9.51	Received from Alfred Hodt for (p.Fitzroy) 36 longtons Seal Oil (205 drums) (& Alnati) (Say £120- per ton)	4520.--.--
CR.3312	29.2.52	Recovered from Underwriters for loss in weight of 29 drums oil shipped by "J.Biscoe"	206. 7.10
CR.3316	29.2.52	Received from Carters (M.) Ltd. sale of 10 wet salted Sea Lion hides, 450 lbs. at 1/10d p. lb. less 2% disc. & 2% brokerage	39.12. 4
CR.3454	10.4.52	Recovered from Underwriters for leakage of seal oil ex "Fitzroy" & "Alnati" consignment	50.17.--
CR.3807	27.6.52	Received from Flack Chandler & Co. Sale of 9 sea elephant hides 8 cwt. 2 qtrs. 1 lb.	3. 1. 9
CR.3825	30.6.52	Received from Carters (M)Ld. sale of 2 sea elephant hides shipped Hamburg £ 8.15.-- Less charges 3. 9.--	5. 6.--
CR.4238	30.9.52	Received from B.B.Voss & Sons sale of 75 Sea Lion Hides	117.12.--
CR.4532	29.11.52	Received from CDC.Caribbean for 9 drums MUTTON tallow shipped to Jamaica via Holland	122.13. 5
CR.4523	29.11.52	Received from Voedzelvoorsining Import Bureau. Provisional for 688 drums seal oil Nett. 117 T. 2 cwt. 3 qtr. 22 lbs. at £78 per ton of 2240 lbs.	9137. 9.10
CR.4517	29.11.52	Received from Carters (M) Ltd. for 286 wet salted Sea Lion Hides 9-7/8d p.lb. 10.840 lbs. less 2% prokerage, ex quay Hamburg	437. 2.--
CR.4710	26.2.53	Received from Spratts Patents Ltd. for cwt.Seal Meat Meal 32/6d cwt.	11. 7. 6
DEBWT.	28763	9.5.53 Reducing price of 117 Tons oil sold 29.11.52 to £73-p.t. £2485.16.10	

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING CO. LTD.

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Table ~~eschewing~~ showing Gross Value (in Europe) of Seal Oil
from production of 500 to 750 tons per annum, estimated
saleable (in Europe) at from £50 to £80- per ton.

If sold at		500 <u>Tons</u>	550 <u>Tonns</u>	600 <u>Tons</u>	650 <u>Tons</u>	700 <u>Tons</u>	750 <u>Tons.</u>
p. ton	£50	£25000	£27500	£ 30000	£ 32500	£ 35000	£ 37500
"	£55	£27500	30250	33000	35750	38500	41250
"	£60	£30000	33000	36000	39000	42000	45000
"	£65	£32500	35750	39000	42250	45500	48750
"	£70	£35000	38500	42000	45500	49000	52500
"	£75	£37500	41250	45000	48750	52500	56750
"	£80	£40000	44000	48000	52000	56000	60000

I think this intends to prepare the grounds for an application from Hardy to take over the sealing, and he will no doubt wish for export duty concessions at the start of the venture and reduced licence & lease terms.

2) I have discussed the matter with Mr. Rowe (who I do not think is concerned in the new venture) told him:-

M.T. says it was due mainly to lack of scale

a) That there was no evidence the L.A.S.C.'s failure was in any way due to crippling taxation.

b) That any application from a local company for easier terms would be so naturally receive consideration but provided a reasonable case was made out.

c) That an application from a local company to take over the whole business would, all things being equal, be more likely to succeed than that of an outside company - especially a foreign one.

Qn.

Correct.

16/7

M.H. expressed an interest this morning - the point being that there is a year's supply of fuel oil and drums for export of the product on hand. He suggested, most disingenuously, that it would be worth trying out for a year which is also M.T.'s estimate for the time Protection II is likely to last without competent engineering staff.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 21/7/53 Time: 1920 Received: 22/7/53 Time: 1000

No. 101. Confidential. Following from
Chairman C.D.C. begins. Your telegram 129. Most
certainly, Reith. Ends.

Cypher 'E': RMG.

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391 & then for
regulation PL

ACS

Tels. have now been registered pl.

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22/7

Y.C.

Draft telegram to Chairman C.C. re opposite.
I am not very sure if meet, Y.C.'s requirements.

I have already
spoken to Mr. Y. informally;
he thinks it is a good
idea.

2) Should we await outcome of Y.C.'s discussion
with Mr. Young before despatch?

Not at this stage.

3) If pressed for name of new company (C.C.
may do so through Mr. Love), do we disclose?

S.P.

the "X"

Ref. Draft to issue.

S.P.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 12. 12. 53 Time: 1015 Received: Time:

391

CONFIDENTIAL. No. 242. My Confidential telegram No. 129. South Atlantic Sealing Company. Grateful you pass to Chairman Colonial Development Corporation Begins:-

I have received an application for exclusive sealing right in Colony and Dependencies (other than South Georgia) by acceptable applicants operating from factory vessel. I am doubtful if they would be interested in Albemarle plant but will enquire if you wish. Ends.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.
CGG

Reply at 401

2/1/54
B. S. J.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

401

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 23.12.53 Time: 1700 Received: 24.12.53 Time 1400

400
No 180. Following from Lord Reith. South Atlantic
Sealing Company. Your telegram No 242.

Most grateful for your efforts interest applicant
purchase Albemarle base. We gladly supplement your
efforts if put in contact with them.

SECRETARY OF STATE

BUF
(Intld) J.B.

GTC
SS

H.S.
Acs

Office
per City on 1607
by.
u.p.
copy made on 1607 att. pl.

S.S. u.s.
29/12

Pa 4/1

No.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

24th January, 19 55.

From: The O i/c Agric. Dept.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

SUBJECT :-

RENT. S.A.S.Co. Ltd. Albermarle.

The above Company are now in arrears of rent for 1953-54-55 to the amount of £300. * ** 2nd 1955 as we are on month to month basis*

I would be grateful to know if any reduction has been made in the yearly rental.

Some time ago I was informed by Mr. Rowe that negotiations were in progress concerning same.

BUT
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A. P. H. M.
O i/c Agric. Dept.

See 373+375

28th January, 55.

Sir,

Lease of 100 Acres at Albemarle.

373
375

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 382/SEC of the 21st of October, 1952, and to my letter No. 0497/III of the 19th of November, 1952, and to state that £200 is now owing for rental during 1953 and 1954, in accordance with the Agreement contained therein and to request that you will instruct your Agent in Stanley to effect early settlement.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 404

The Chairman,
Colonial Development Corporation,
33, Hill Street,
LONDON, W.1.

A.O.
To see 403 pl.

Seen
6.1.7.16/2.1
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Seen and
recovered action taken Then O.I.C. Agric. Dept. to see.
B.P. 01. 1-69 10/1/55

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

404

NEW ADDRESS:

33 HILL STREET
LONDON · W. 1MAYFAIR 8484
VELOP, LONDONOur Ref: 382/SEC
Your Ref: 0497/111

1st March, 1955

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic,
via MontevideoCOLONIAL
11 MAR 1955
FALKLAND ISLANDS

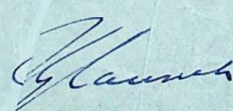
Sir,

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LEASE OF 100 ACRES AT ALBEMARLE

403 I am directed by the Chairman to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th January, 1955 and to inform you that, by letter of even date herewith, we have instructed our Agent in Stanley to pay to your Government forthwith the sum of £200, being the amount of rent owing by the South Atlantic Sealing Co Ltd, to your Government, for the period 1st January, 1953 to 31st December, 1954, in respect of the Company's occupation of the above-mentioned land under the Agreement with your Government contained in your letter of the 19th November, 1952.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,



J.G. CAUNCE

PSM/GPH

B.

C.

C.T.

A.O.

As at B pl.

W.A./G.S.
16/3

H.S.

Sim. Cy.

1143

Noted a nec. action taken

C.T. 17/3 18

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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33 DOVER STREET
LONDON W. 1

To see reverse

1st March, 1955

Q

Our Ref: 582/253
Your Ref: 0497/111

193.

See. We should from April now.

Q
2/3

a.o.

May I assure you your minute
on reverse the you are complying with Barrow?

I am directed by the Chairman of Helmsborough
to inform you that by letter of 25th January, 1955 and
we have instructed our Agent in London to pay to
your Government forthwith the sum of £250, being the
amount of rent owing by the North Atlantic
Co Ltd to your Government, for the period 1st
January to 31st December, 1954.

A.S.S.

Yes, have already contacted agents.

U. R.
for a. o.
21/2/55

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22/3

29th September, 55.

Gentlemen,

168- 169
in Vol. II.

I am directed to refer to the Sealing Licence issued under Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, to the South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited, such Licence being valid in the Falkland Islands for the taking of sea lions and sea elephants, and to inform you that under the provisions of Section 14 of the Licence the Government of the Falkland Islands hereby cancels the said Licence on the grounds that the annual Licence fee of £150 payable in accordance with Section 2 of the said Licence is now in arrears.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Signed in Mr. Trees' absence
(Sgd) S. G. Trees

/ ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited,
35, John Street,
STANLEY.

407

29th September 55.

Gentlemen,

170-171
un Vol. II.

I am directed to refer to the Sealing Licence issued under Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, to the South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited, such Licence being valid for the taking of surplus bull elephant seals in the South Orkneys, Falkland Islands Dependencies, and to inform you that under the provisions of Section 14 of the Licence the Government of the Falkland Islands hereby cancels the said Licence on the grounds that the annual Licence fee of £100 payable in accordance with Section 2 of the said Licence, is now in arrears.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Signed in Mr. Trees' absence
(Sgd) J. C. Trees

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The South Atlantic Sealing Company, Limited,
35, John Street,

STANLEY.

R.S.C.

408

We spoke about South Atlantic
Leasing Co. lease.

A copy of the licence is at 168.

Rent has been paid up to 31.12.54 -
see 404.

What is the position now does
it affect the draft reply attached?

P. 1319

Hon. Col. Sec.,

1. The lease of Albemarle expires on 30th Nov. 1964 - rental
should be paid in advance, otherwise it is a breach of the
conditions and the lease may be determined.

2. I am not clear regarding your second para. - rental or
licence fee?

3. The licence at present held by the S.A.S.Co. may be
cancelled or revoked in the event of a breach of any of the
conditions. I understand S.A.S.Co. has broken the condition
by failing to pay the annual licence fee.

4. I would suggest that the draft reply, as far as it concerns
the Colony, should be withheld until the question of S.A.S.
lease is settled.

J.P.B.
Registrar
14. IX. 55.

Licence fee last paid in Nov. 1951 (£300)

Pa. C.

Extract from telegram 147 to S/S of 16.9.55 (18 in 0157/A).

409

0497/51

No.147.

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I am advised however that sealing licence granted to South Atlantic Sealing Company for fifteen years with effect from 1st August, 1950, is still technically in force. Licence however is not transferable and is subject to cancellation upon breach of any of conditions. Company is of course no longer operating and in any event annual licence fees are now heavily in arrears. Consequently it is proposed to cancel the licence but I should be grateful if C.D.C. may be given prior warning of our intention. Now that Salvesen is no longer interested I can see no prospect of any other concern taking over Albemarle.

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Replied 410

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 1.11.55 Time: 1145 Received: 1.11.55 Time: 1200

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No. 120. Your telegram No. 147 Sealing.

Colonial Development Corporation have been warned of intention to cancel license and have no objections.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GTC:IMR

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J. E.

J409 & J410 for your information.

Licence has been cancelled.

0.9.71

3/11

Thank you..

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P. D.

0.9.71

3/11

CLOSED
See Vol. IV.

100 acres

leased to S.A.S. Co. for 21 yrs.

an acre - rent paid to 31.12.61.

Originally leased for 21 yrs.

until 30.11.70, but now

held on month-to-month

basis - see pp. 283-286, 365-366,

373 & map at b.c. of 0497/III.

Last vol. of series also

attached pl. together with

D/1/61 - Précis of Recent
History of Sealing.

R

15.5.62.

Thank you

Seals taken than before

now or better so that we can

work at them if we want

R 17/6/62