

Industries

1908.

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No. 307.

Secretary of State No 17

(SUBJECT.)

1908.

21 July,

Previous Papers.

27/6/1908

Messrs Salvesen & Co.

Refers to despatch No 30 of 22nd May, and suggests the granting of a license to take whales in the waters of the Falklands and Dependencies (other than S. Georgia) for 21 years.

(MINUTES.)

C.S,

When this despatch was read in Exec. Council yesterday an informal but unanimous opinion was expressed that every legitimate encouragement shd be given to the British firm of Salvesen & Co to establish a whaling factory in this Colony.

As you are doubtless aware there is a Govrt Reserve of 160 acres on New Island which is held upon an annual tenancy, vide Crown Leases Vol.3 Folio I. This Reserve is at Tigre Harbour, a safe and commodious anchorage. New Island from the earliest days of the Colony has always been recognized as the most suitable centre for ~~a~~ ^{the} whaling industry around these Islands, and Mt Lange as you will recollect at once selected it when ~~carrying~~ ^{here} starting whaling operations some three years ago.

I do not propose however, in the first instance at anyrate, to ~~grant~~ ^{offer} the whole of this Reserve to Messrs Salvesen & Co. One hundred acres shd be more than sufficient for their operations, and it would allow us to retain 60 acres to negotiate with hereafter. Possibly a second Company might like to have the refusal of it, and as it is all the land we have in the locality we must endeavour to make the most of it.

After

Subsequent Papers.

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after giving the whole question careful consideration
I have drafted the enclosed telegram to the Sec. of State.
The climatic conditions in the South Shetlands seem to me to
make it distinctly problematical whether a factory could
advantageously be established there.

It is possible that if New Island became Salvesen & Co's head-
quarters the riddle of regular interinsular communication
between Stanley, Fox Bay, Port Stephens, and the Islands of
Weddell, Beaver, and New would be solved. This is a very
important point from an administrative ^{and general} point of view and should not
be lost sight of.

The Govrt telegraphic code does not lend itself very
readily to a reply such as is necessary in this instance,
and I shall be glad for any observations and suggestions.

Mrs Cull would require to be given notice that the
Govrt may require the use of the Govrt Reserve in twelve
months time.

W. A.

2 September, 1908.

H. I. the Government.

*I have checked the message.
The word "anchorage" is a code word,
but the context, I think, must make it
clear that it is not used as such.*

2. I suggest adding the

words —

*inclusive of
license*

*quizzed
license*

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*after —
lease of land*

heartfully.

*W. A.
2.9.08*

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C.S,

I quite agree with you that the additional words mentioned in your minute would prevent any possible mistake,

I find in the old lease ~~book~~ of New Island Vol. 2 folio 3 that the Government Reserve is therein referred to as 'a block of one hundred and sixty acres on the shore of Ship Harbour to be appropriated in any manner which the Governor for the time being might direct'. It has struck me therefore that perhaps a slight alteration in the wording of the telegram could advantageously be made i.e., by omitting the words 'anchorage safe' and inserting after the word Crown the words 'at Ship Harbour'. This would permit any one to see the locality on referring to a chart of the Colony.

What do you think?

W.R.
3 Sept 08.

W.R. the Governor.

I venture to consent.

W.R.
3.9.08

C.S. I have replied to this despatch as per draft cablegram attached.

W.R.
7.9.08

Lease Book

Letter to Mrs. Cull.

S!
(Sent by "Swift").

Done
9.9.08

Dispatch withdrawn.

WLL
30/9/08

Sec. of State
 London
 7 Septr
 referring to your despatch
 47
 21 July
 will grant lease for
 21
 years
 one hundred
 acres
 suitable
 land belonging to
 crown
 New ^{at Ship harbour}
 Island
 at the rent of
 £250
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9th September, 1905.

Madam,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to give you notice that the Government may require next year the use of the Government Reserve of 160 acres of land at Tigre Harbour, New Island.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

W.S.W.

Colonial Secretary.

MRS R.E. CULL,

NEW ISLAND.