

C.S.

Shipping

1924.

No.

295/24.

SHI/VES/8 # 13

C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

1924.

12th April.

Previous Paper.

Call of S.S. "Kia Ora" at
Port Stanley.

Facilities for importing sheep from New Zealand.

MINUTES.

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- Telegram to S. of S. 31st March, 1924 (1.)
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 - Telegram to Master S.S. "Kia Ora" 4th April, 1924 (3.)
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 - Telegram to Master S.S. "Kia Ora" 4th April, 1924 (5.)
 - Telegram from Capt. Thurston, 5th April, 1924 (6.)
 - Telegram to Messrs Shaw Saville & Albion Company, London, 5th April, 1924. (7.)
 - Telegram to S. of S. 7th April, 1924. (8.)

Copied from M.P. 750/23.

Y.E.,

Submitted.

Captain Thurston stated that by calling at Stanley Kia Ora was taken out of her course only about 23 miles and that loss of time occasioned was from 3 to 4 hours.

Subsequent Paper.

(Itld.) G.R.L.B.

O-i-C. Sec.

7th April, 1924.

434/25

Y.E. Submitted
G.M. 13
O.C. Sec
12 April 1924.

With draft despatch

~~With~~

Despatch to S. of S. No 42 of 16th April 1924 (9)

Y.E. Submitted
G.M. 13
O.C. Sec
17 Oct 1924.

~~With~~ 17 April 1924

Y.E. Should the Crown Agents now be asked to pay Messrs. Shaw Saville the sum of £30?

G.M. 13
O.C. Sec
26 April 1924

Yes please

~~With~~ 26 April '24

Letter to the Crown Agents 15 May 1924 (10)

- S of S despatch No 36 of 8th April 1924 Encl. (11)
 Letter to Shaw Saville & Albion Co
 of 2nd April 1924 — " (11A)
 Letter to Shaw Saville & Albion Co
 of 3rd April 1924 — " (11B)
 Letter from Shaw Saville & Albion Co
 of 3rd April 1924 — " (11C)

Y.S.
 Submitted for information

17/2/24

H.P.S.

I am very glad you telegraphed W.S.Y.S.
 about Rio de Janeiro. The arrangement was

excellent and I congratulate you on having
 got one of Shaw Saville & Albion Co's cables.

2. I had already ~~approached~~ approached
 both the New Zealand Shipping Co & Shaw
 Saville Co but without success. I had been
 told that the Japanese route of both Companies
 took route through Panama Canal: & that
 cargo boats only called occasionally at
 Montevideo & Rio & that they would not
 carry any passengers by them. It was
 probable that Govt of New Zealand was
 all to secure passage by Rio de Janeiro.

3. Negotiations with Shaw Saville Co may
 I hope, prove successful. Last P.M.
 when I was on 8th May said definitely

that if farmers wished to import
stock from New Zealand he would
arrange for a show Saville report to
bring them ^{to the} to call at Stanley. I
am quite willing to write to Lord Pirie
on the subject of New Zealand stock up their
mind to import. Mr. L. J. Hutton had
an opportunity of talking to Lord Pirie
on the subject.

Yours,

18 May 1924

Chief Inspector of Stock,

Mr. Burns and yourself

Concern I believe in thinking that
material advantage would accrue
to the farming and other interests
of the Colony if direct communication
from New Zealand could be achieved
at regular intervals.

The difficulty in this, as in
so many other directions, of finding
out what the farmers want is the
absence of a local Farmer's Association.
Unless you have other suggestions
to make it does not appear that
further action is possible until
definite application can be made
for definite imports.

~~Yours~~ 19 May 24

The Hon.
Col. Sec.

I regret the delay in answering. My remarks were withheld pending the result of the meeting held to discuss the subject.

If one direct shipment of stock could be arranged from New Zealand the farmers would no doubt appreciate more fully the value of direct communication.

2 Mr. Felton's inquiries in England I hope may have the effect of producing a little more combination amongst the farmers.

W. Carter

26/5/24.

Chief Inspector of Stock

H.E.S.

Will you please telegraph to S of S in following sense.

With reference to my despatch No 42 of 16th April regarding information is there any prospect of ships from New Zealand calling at Stanley?

M

31 July 1924

Telegram to S of S 31 July 1924

Telegram from Secretary of State. 6th Aug 1924 (13)

Y.F.
Subm itter

~~13~~ 13 August 24

H.C.S.

Will you please inform Mr Munro,
Chief Inspector of Stock, Farmers, &
Principal Merchants.

L. Monaghan & Co. will probably telegraph
information to his Company in London
in which case he might be asked to Mr Farmers
Resident in England know: possibly they
know already.

Y.F.

14 August 1924.

Phone told over the wire is another telegram.
occurs at Mr Munro about fitting & fodder

Y.F.

15 August 1924

Secretary of States Telegram of

14th August 1924 - Encl (14)

Y.F.
Subm itter

~~15~~ 16 Aug '24

H.C.S.

The full information can now be given.
Mr Munro has told me that it is
useful for shippers (in New Zealand) to
know fitting & fodder.

Y.F.
16 August 1924

Letter to Manager, J. D. Company Encl. (15)
 C.S. — Estate L. Williams Encl. (16)

Letter from Manager, Estate L. Williams
 of 29th August 1924 — " (17)

Letter from Manager J. P. Co of
 30th August 1924 — " (18)

J.P.
 Submitted

ttttt 2 Sept. '24
Sh
 2 Sept 1924

S of S. despatch no 73 of 29th Aug 1924 — Encl (19)

Letter to New Zealand High Commissioner } — (19) A
 of 7th June 1924 }

Letter from New Zealand High Commissioner
 of 21st June 1924 — " (19) B

Letter from Shaw Saville & Albion Co
 of 19th June 1924 — (19) C

Letter to Shaw Saville & Albion Co
 of 9th August 1924 — (19) D

Letter from Shaw Saville & Albion Co.
 of 11th August 1924 — (19) E

Letter to Shaw Saville & Albion Co
 of 18th August 1924 — (19) F

J.P.
 Submitted.

W.C.B.
 for C.S.
 15th Oct 1924.

H.C.S.

It is to be noted that the Manager of the
 & Monaghan as a meeting which they had
 with the Manager on 6th Sept. The Manager
 was about freely offered by Shaw Saville &
 & it is up to them to take advantage of offer made

I will you please let Chief Inspector
Sveik see the correspondence
by

16 Oct 1924

Chief Inspector of Stock

Referred accordingly.

W.H. B.

for C.S.

17 Oct 1924

The Hon

Col Secy.

Thank you. Noted accordingly

W. Carter

20/10/24

Ch. Insp of Stock

Y.S.

Submitter.

A number of farmers are
being willing to import stock from
New Zealand now. Would it be
of any use to send a circular
asking for specimens? I am
afraid that it is rather late for
this season. Enquiries would have
to be made by telegram and if the
requisite number of 300 were made up

the cost would have to be deposited
in the Treasury before the Government
could take action.

~~ttttt~~ 16 Jan. 25

H.C.S.

It is difficult to get the Finance to
move on this matter & a circular may
do good. However it is late for this
season. We know well in the ~~in~~
~~ttttt~~ to secure for what the ad
should be from in October or at latest
November. I think Mr. McK. Sloan
will also be allowed to stop with
anything being done unless some means
be found to get a start made.

bx

20 January 1925.

P.S. Since then we have been asked for
information as to possible change in law
in respect of funds & fittings: would it
not be well to get into communication
with one of the large firms such as Dalglish & Co
or another.

Y.B.

Submitted

With reference to the postscript
to Y.B.'s minute I did not write
by the last mail as it occurred
to me that it might not perhaps
be to ask a firm to collect the
information unless we were to deal with
them on a reasonable offer.

I have now sent enclosed letter
after speaking to J.B.

~~Y.B.~~ 4 Jan. 25.

Letter to Messrs Dalgety & Co. 4/2/25. (20)

A line 6 of (20) "times" has evidently
been written in ^{some} forms. ^{online} but seems clear.

9 Nov 1925.

TELEGRAM.

From : The Acting Governor

To : The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 31st March,

1934. Time. 11.45
am

Received : ...

19 Time.

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LONDON

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Meaning:

With reference to your telegram of 22nd March
 Kia Cra usually passes within a few miles of
 Stanley on passage to Monte Video request that
 owners be asked to instruct the Captain to call
 and drop passengers for fee of £50 vessel need
 only enter Port William there will be no detention
 harbour dues will be remitted.

Governor.

(2)

TELEGRAM.

From : The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To : His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Dispatched : 3rd April,

19 24. Time. 9.10
am.

Received : 4th April,

19 24. Time. 10.40
am.

PRIORITY GOVERNOR

PORT STANLEY.

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MUDSYCIFRI DYALSECLR.

Meaning:

Kia Ora now due off Falkland Islands owners
authorize you instruct master call and land
passengers as desired your telegram 31st March
if vessel has not already passed Colony.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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TELEGRAM.

From : The Acting Governor.

To : Master, s.s. "Kia Cra".

Dispatched : 4th April, 1924. *Time.*

Received : ... 19 *Time.*

MASTER

KIA CRA.

Am authorised by your owners to instruct you to land passengers Munro Carter Port Stanley if your vessel has not already passed Colony if you enter Port William passengers will be taken off there fullstop there will be no detention and no dues payable please acknowledge and telegraph hour of arrival.

Governor.

TELEGRAM.

From : Master, s.s. "Kia Ora".

To : The Acting Governor, Port Stanley.

Dispatched : 4th April,

19 24. Time. 5.20
gmt.

Received : 4th April,

19 24. Time. 2.50
P.M.

GOVERNOR

PORT STANLEY.

Radio received expect arrive Port William land
passengers Munro Carter Saturday 4 p.m.

Master.

TELEGRAM.

From : His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To : Master s.s. "Kia Ora".

Dispatched : 4th April,

19 24. *Time.* 4 pm

Received :

... ..

19 *Time.*

MASTER

KIA ORA.

Many thanks will be obliged if you will take
two small bags letter mail being sent by launch
meeting you to take off passengers.

GOVERNOR.

TELEGRAM.

From : Captain Thurston, s.s. "Kia Ora".

To : The Acting Governor.

Dispatched : 5th April,

g.m.t.
19 24. Time. 12.50

Received : 5th April,

19 24. Time. 10 am

GOVERNOR

PORT STANLEY.

Reply your radio advisable Consul vise Bill
Health for Monte Video.

Thurston.

TELEGRAM.

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From : The Colonial Secretary.

To : Messrs Shaw Saville and Albion Company, Leadenhall,
Street, London.

Dispatched : 5th April,

19 34. Time. 6 pm

Received :

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...

19 Time.

SHAW SAVILLE AND ALBION COMPANY
LEADENHALL STREET
LONDON

KIA CRA ARRIVED STANLEY SATURDAY 5th 4 P.M.

LEFT 4.45.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

TELEGRAM.

8.

From : The Acting Governor

To : The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dispatched : 7th April,

19 24. Time. 11 pm

Received :

... ..

19 Time.

CHAPLINS

LONDON

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SEYRONALCO GUVNE.

Meaning:

With reference to your telegram of 3rd April
grateful for your action. Messrs Munro, Carter
arrived at Stanley 5th April.

Governor.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 42.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th April, 1924.

Sir,

Tel. to S of S.
of 31st March.
Tel. from S of
S. of 3rd April.
Tel. to S of S.
of 7th April,
1924.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to inform you that the action of the Shaw Saville and Albion line in sending the s.s. "Kia Ora" into Stanley was of great service to the Colony. Not only has there been a saving of expenditure, but the arrival of the officers from New Zealand on the 5th of April has enabled a tour of the Colony to be undertaken before winter sets in and while farm work is proceeding on the stations.

2. I am, I believe, correct in saying that no direct steamer from New Zealand has at any previous date called at Stanley, although there have been numerous importations of stock from that country with all the attendant disadvantages of transshipment and delay at a South American port. New Zealand could, with advantage, supply the Colony not only with live stock but with a number of articles now imported from South America such as butter, other provisions, fencing material, leatherware, etc. The value of the trade with South America was over £22,000/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

£22,000 in 1925. The length of the passage to the Colony from New Zealand is eighteen days, the deviation required is negligible, the entrance to Port William is easy and safe under all weather conditions and the harbour accommodates vessels up to 14,000 tons. The master of the s.s. "Kia Ora" stated on his visit that the total loss of time through entering and landing passengers was under four hours.

3. Some 8,000 to 9,000 bales of wool and sheepskins are now exported annually from this Colony to the United Kingdom by vessels belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. The high freight of £5. 0s. 0d. a ton is charged and New Zealand Companies would doubtless desire to compete for this traffic.

4. I have therefore to enquire whether the New Zealand Shipping Company and Messrs Shaw Saville and Albion, the two firms whose homeward-bound vessels pass the Falklands, may be approached, through the High Commissioner for New Zealand, if thought desirable, with a view to their being induced to advertize calls at Stanley two or three times a year, in order to create a trade. This would necessarily be subject to inducement offering, and it is to be hoped that slight returns would satisfy the firm taking up the project for a commencement.

5. I would add that there are a certain number of would be emigrants to New Zealand in the Colony. There has hitherto been no ready
outlet/

outlet for the surplus population except to South America, where there is already in Punta Arenas a comparatively large number of Falkland Islanders, some of whom lead a precarious existence. The majority of the people who wish to emigrate would undoubtedly prefer to remain under the British flag. A party of six Colonists of a good type are leaving at an early date for New Zealand, but the passage difficulty is an obstacle in the way of others. The proposals, which form the subject of this despatch, are only affected by the question of emigration in so far as they emphasize the desirability for strengthening the ties between the Colony and New Zealand by direct communication.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

295/24.

1st May,

24.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be so good as to pay to Messrs. The Shaw Saville and Albion Company, Leadenhall Street, London, the sum of £50, being the fee due to them in respect of the call at Stanley of their steamer "Kia Ora" on the 5th of April.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. R. L. Brown,
for Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank,
Westminster,
London, S. W.

15587/24

Downing Street,

2nd April, 1924.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Thomas to inform you that, with the consent of the Government of New Zealand, Mr. Hugh Munro and Mr. Rowland William Carter, of the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion, have been seconded for temporary service under the Government of the Falkland Islands. These officers, accompanied by Mrs. Munro, are travelling to the Colony via Monte Video by the s.s. "Kia Ora" which left New Zealand on the 17th of March.

2. A telegram has now been received from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands, in which he points out that the "Kia Ora" usually passes within a few miles of Stanley in the course of her voyage to Monte Video, and enquires whether you would be prepared to instruct the Captain of the Vessel to call and drop these passengers, subject to the payment by the Colonial Government of a fee of £50. The Officer Administering the Government states that the vessel need only enter Port William; that there will be no detention; and that any harbour dues would be remitted.

3. Mr. Thomas trusts that it may be possible to meet the wishes of the Officer Administering the Government in the matter; and he will be glad to learn at your early convenience whether you are prepared to give instructions to the Captain of the "Kia Ora" as desired.

I am, etc.
(sgd) G. GRINDLE.

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15587/24.

Downing Street,

3rd April, 1924.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 2nd April, ^I am directed by Mr. Secretary Thomas to inform you that, as arranged with you over the telephone today, a telegram has been sent to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands in the following terms:- "Kia Ora now due off Falkland Islands owners authorise you instruct Master to call and land passengers as desired in your telegram 31st March if vessel has not already passed Colony".

2. Mr. Thomas desires me to express his appreciation of the consideration which you have shewn in so promptly acquiescing in the wishes of the Colonial Government in the matter.

I am, etc,

(sgd) G. GRINDLE.

MESSRS SHAW SAVILL AND ALBION
COMPANY LIMITED.

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SHAW SAVILL AND ALBION COMPANY LIMITED.

34, Leadenhall Street,
London, E.C.3.

3rd April, 1924.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

We have to acknowledge your letter 15587/1924 of yesterday and this morning telephoned to you that we were quite agreeable to fall in with your wishes that the "Kia Ora" should call at Stanley, Falkland Islands, unless she has already passed. The vessel should be in that vicinity but if she has passed the Island we would not care to have her recalled as this would be a deviation and might lead to complications with shippers of cargo.

Accordingly we arranged that you should cable to the Governor, asking him to get into Wireless communication with the Commander of the s.s. "Kia Ora" ordering the vessel into Port Stanley - providing of course she has not already passed the Island - to land Messrs Munro and Carter adding that he has the concurrence of the Owners in the matter.

We are etc.

SHAW SAVILL AND ALBION COMPANY LIMITED

(sgd) J. MACMILLAN,

Manager.

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TELEGRAM.

From : The Secretary of State for the Colonies.
To : The Governor.

Dispatched : 6th August.....192 4 *Time* 2.35 p.m.
Received : 7th August.....192 4 *Time* 8.40 a.m.

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Meaning.

With reference to your telegram of 31st July, Shaw Saville will provide shipping facilities from time to time live sheep freight £5 per head.

Secretary of State for the Colonies

TELEGRAM.

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From: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To: H. E. The Governor.

Dispatched: 14th August..... 1924 *Time.* 10/30

Received: 15th August..... 1924 *Time.* 10.40
a.m. a.m.

GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS

YODEHSIEIO UTUYVKOGWA UDIUBRUBGI NAAJEOSTEX GYTPOAMRIP
HAUYBSMUSK ANPUEMOOYO PYRUCWEHPE RONKYBUKHO BBREDOJGOJ
EBCLIRASIJ ETHESOSYOI GLEFASECER.

Meaning:-

With reference to your telegram of 31st July, Steamship Company wishes it to be understood that shippers must provide fittings and fodder subject to this condition and to minimum say 300 being available per ship Company see no difficulty in providing facilities.

Secretary of State for the Colonies

25th August,

24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you, with reference to the prospects of establishing the periodical trade communication with New Zealand referred to in His Excellency's speech at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 25th of July, that the Colonial Government has been notified that Messrs. Shaw Saville and Albion Company, Limited are prepared to provide shipping facilities from New Zealand to the Falkland Islands for the transport of stock and merchandise if reasonable inducement is offered. The freight for not fewer than 300 live sheep will be £5 per head, the shippers to provide fittings and fodder.

2. His Excellency trusts that the opportunity thus offered of importing stock from New Zealand and generally of extending trade and improving external communications will be realised by the Farmers and the Merchants in Stanley.

3. I am to suggest that in the event of your deciding to telegraph this information to your Head Office in London, opportunity may be taken to request that it may

be/

The Manager,

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,

Stanley.

be communicated to the Farmers resident in England.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

295/24.

25th August, 24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you, with reference to the prospects of establishing the periodical trade communication with New Zealand referred to, in His Excellency's speech at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 23rd of July, that the Colonial Government has been notified that Messrs. Shaw Saville and Albion Company, Limited are prepared to provide shipping facilities from New Zealand to the Falkland Islands for the transport of stock and merchandise if reasonable inducement is offered. The freight for not fewer than 300 live sheep will be £5 per head, the shippers to provide fittings and fodder.

2. His Excellency trusts that the opportunity thus offered of importing stock from New Zealand and generally of extending trade and improving external communications will be realised by the Farmers and the Merchants in Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Manager,

Estate Louis Williams,
Stanley.

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.



RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. 5TH ED.
A. 1.

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

29th August 1924

Sir,

We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of 25th inst., (No. 295/24), contents of which have been noted with due attention.

2. We are immediately getting into touch with friends in New Newland with the object of studying the possibility of importing merchandise from there.
3. We beg to express our appreciation of H.E. the Governor's efforts in endeavouring to thus improve external communications, and especially in thus fostering trade within the Empire.

We take this opportunity of tendering our congratulations.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
p. Estate Louis Williams

E. H. Row
Auditor-in-Charge.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Stanley. 30th August, 1924.

No. 295/24

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, stating the conditions on which the Shaw, Saville and Albion Company are prepared to ship sheep from New Zealand to this Colony.

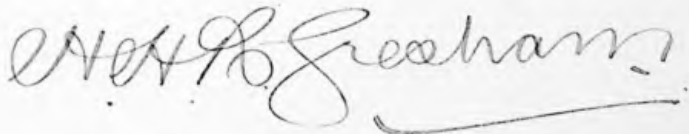
2. I have cabled our London Office on the subject and have, as suggested, requested them to communicate with all farmers.

3. By next mail, I shall, through the assistance of Mr Munro, be in a position to furnish my Directors with particulars of products which we might import from New Zealand.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

STANLEY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

No 73

DOWNING STREET,

29 August, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Henniker Horton's despatch No. 48 of the 18th of April and the telegrams Gov. tel. 31 July. S. of S. tel. 6 Aug. S. of S. tel. 14 Aug. noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the High Commissioner for New Zealand and the Shaw, Savill and Albion Company on the subject of a steamship service between the Falkland Islands and New Zealand.

12 H. of. S. 214.
7th June.
From H. of. S. 214.
21 June

To Shaw Savill
& Co. 9 Aug.

From " " 11 Aug.

To " " 12th Aug.

2. I do not propose to take any further action in the matter unless and until I receive a further communication from you requesting me to do so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

(Signed) ARNOLD

GOVERNOR

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

cc. cc. cc.

COPY

24751/1924.

DOWNING STREET,

7th June, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Thomas to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands regarding the suggested establishment of a steamship service with New Zealand.

2. The Secretary of State would be obliged, for any observations or advice which the High Commissioner may be good enough to offer on this suggestion.

I am etc.,

(Sgd) G. GRINDLE.

THE SECRETARY,
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR NEW ZEALAND.

16th April.

COPY

19 B
DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND,

New Zealand Government Offices,

415, Strand, London, W.C.2.

21st June, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.24751/24 of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of a despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands regarding the suggested establishment of a steamship service with New Zealand, and to transmit for the information of Mr. Secretary Thomas copy of a letter received from the Shaw Savill & Albion Company in reply to a communication addressed to the Company on the subject.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) J.K. CAMPBELL.

for Secretary to the Department.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

(19) c

SHAW, SAVILL & ALBION COMPANY, LIMITED.

34, Leadenhall Street,

LONDON, E.C.3.

The High Commissioner
for New Zealand,
New Zealand Government Offices,
415, Strand, W.C.2.

19th June, 1924.

Dear Sir,

Falkland Islands

We duly received your favour of 13th instant, passing on a communication received by you from the Secretary of State for the Colonies appreciative of our action in permitting the "Kia Ora" to call at Port Stanley on a recent voyage, and making suggestions for the establishment of a steamship service between New Zealand and the Falkland Islands.

It is not the case that the call of the "Kia Ora" was the first of steamship visits direct from New Zealand. For example the "Rangatira" of this Company en route from New Zealand to London called there on 27th December 1902, and there have been other similar visits.

We have discussed the suggestions with the New Zealand Shipping Company and with the Commonwealth and Dominion Line. Unfortunately the time when Wool is
available

available from the Falkland Islands for U.K. synchronises very closely with the time when New Zealand requires all the space in the steamers at the disposal of the Lines for the conveyance of New Zealand Produce, and the rate of freight named - £5 per ton - for Wool offers little inducement for competition with the existing facilities.

No steamers make the voyage Westwards from the region of the Falkland Islands to New Zealand, and any service in that direction is impracticable. It does not seem possible therefore that that route can be made available for passengers or cargo.

A large proportion of the vessels Homeward bound from New Zealand to Europe proceed via the Panama Canal, but there are some at certain seasons which come via Cape Horn. In the case of the latter a call at Port Stanley does not involve any serious delay and the Lines are quite willing to give by such steamers any facilities that may be required for the conveyance to the Falkland Islands of such merchandise in adequate quantities as it may suit New Zealand to consign to that destination.

It will give the Lines much pleasure to go further if desired, into the question with you or the Colonial office.

Yours faithfully (Sgd) J. A. POTTER

COPY 36599/1924.

19 D
Downing Street

9th August, 1924.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of the 19th June to the High Commissioner for New Zealand, I am directed to inform you that a telegram has been received from the Governor of the Falkland Islands enquiring whether there is any prospect of any vessels from New Zealand calling at Stanley.

2. It is understood that it is desired to import into the Colony, a number of live sheep from New Zealand if a direct call and suitable freight can be arranged. The matter has been discussed with you by telephone; and, as a result, a reply has now been sent to the Governor by telegraph in the terms shewn in the enclosed copy.

3. Mr. Thomas desires me to express his thanks for the readiness which you have shewn in agreeing to provide facilities for shipment to the Colony.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) H.J. READ.

MESSRS SHAW, SAVILL & ALBION,
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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SHAW, SAVILL AND ALBION, COMPANY, LIMITED.

34, Leadenhall Street,

London, E.C.3.

11th August, 1924.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge your letter (Ref.36599/24) of 9th instant with reference to the question of the conveyance of Sheep from New Zealand to the Falkland Islands, and we thank you for copy of telegram despatched by you to the Governor of the Falkland Islands on 6th instant.

It of course is understood that the shippers are to provide fittings and fodder and that we are not expected to provide a steamer unless a minimum number of 300 sheep per steamer are shipped. You will appreciate that it would be unreasonable to expect a vessel to call there with a mere handful of sheep. Subject to a minimum of say 300 sheep being available we see no difficulty in providing the necessary shipping facilities.

We, are, etc.,

SHAW, SAVILL & ALBION COMPANY LIMITED.

Manager.

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19 F
DOWNING STREET,

18th August, 1924.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to thank you for your letter of the 11th August and to transmit to you for your information a copy of a further telegram which has been sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands regarding the question of the conveyance of sheep to the Colony from New Zealand.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) E.B. DARNLEY.

for the Under Secretary of State

MESSRS SHAW, SAVILL & ALBION CO., LTD.

295/24.

4th February,

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to enquire whether you will be good enough to let me have an estimate of the cost of shipping sheep from New Zealand to the Falkland Islands in addition to the freight of £5 per head. The New Zealand shipping times have expressed their readiness to bring sheep to this port in quantities of not less than 300 at a time, the shippers supplying the fittings and fodder. The duration of the voyage is 13 days. The local farmers have not at present agents in New Zealand and as a number of them wish to import stock and particularly Romney Marsh rams for stud and main flock purposes they are anxious to obtain full particulars of the cost of shipping.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

Dalgety & Company,
Auckland.

New Zealand.