

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

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No.

104/16

Date of Receipt.

From

SUBJECT.

~~Secretary of State for the Colonies~~
Governor.

SOUTH GEORGIA WHALING.
"Horatio" destroyed by fire.

No.

Date

Telegram

20th March, 1916.

Colonial Secretary's
Record No.

349/16.

Registered Number
of last Despatch.

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MINUTES.

Telegram to S/S. 20th March -
Desp to S/S No 48 of 24th March 1916.

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Governor to Secretary of State.

Sent 20th March, 1916.

WHALING SEASON SOUTH GEORGIA GERARCATO SILVERGRAY
ABOUT WOHNBAR WIREMARK AURELIAN OIL THERE SEASALTED
SILVERGRAY SALVESSENS HORATIO WITH WINDSAIL BARRELS
DEWCLOT MANTELSACK YOUNG

Whaling Season South Georgia very good about
138,000 barrels of oil there ready for shipment.
Salvesens Horatio with 10,000 barrels destroyed
by fire 11th March Young

19-3-16
M^r Henriksen
Manager Salmen
at St. George

74000
- 10,000

64,000

Horatio burnt
11th March with
10,000 bars.

138000 bbls.
now on hand.) 15,000
as stated to me) 12,000
by M^r Henriksen) 2,000

PALM LAND ISLANDS.

No. 48.

Government House, Stanley.

24th March, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch No. 30 of the 22nd February, I have the honour to submit herewith for your information a copy of a letter from the Magistrate, South Georgia, in regard to the steps taken to obtain an increased supply of whale oil in that Dependency.

2. On receipt of the Magistrate's letter I informed you by ^{my} telegram of the 20th Instant, of the very good whaling season at South Georgia, and of the loss by fire on the 11th March of Messrs Salvesen and Company's "Horatio", with 10,000 barrels of oil.

3. The information with regard to the estimated number of 138,000 barrels of oil at South Georgia ready for shipment, mentioned in my telegram of the 20th Instant, was given to me by Mr. Henriksen, Messrs Salvesen's Manager resident in South Georgia. Mr. Henriksen came to Stanley in a whale catcher to report by telegram to his Firm the loss of the "Horatio" and to make arrangements to hasten shipment to England of their oil.

4. Captain J. Floberg, representing the Sandefjord Whaling Company also came to Stanley in the whale catcher, to apply for the use of the two

additional

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

additional catchers, reported by my despatch No. 47 of the 23rd Instant, and to arrange to expedite shipments to England of his Firm's Oil.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

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The Office of the Magistrate,
King Edward Cove, Sth. Georgia.
March 14th, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 242/16 of 19th February, on the subject of certain facilities being granted to the British Companies operating in South Georgia, with a view to obtaining a larger output of the best classes of whale oil during the present season.

2. The three whale catchers mentioned in your letter have arrived and will no doubt be commissioned at once.

3. I have already seen the Managers of three of the Companies and they will endeavour to produce as much as possible of the Nos. 0, 1 and 2 oil though at present it is not a question of the production of Oil, as the Companies are capable at this particular juncture of producing unlimited quantities, the difficulty seems to be in obtaining empty barrels or tanks for storage and getting it exported.

4. I have spoken with Mr. Henriksen of the South Georgia Coy. and as he is leaving for Port Stanley by the whaler taking this letter, will be able to explain matters more fully, as at present I am fully engaged in finding maintenance etc., for the crew of S.S. "Horatio" which has been most unfortunately at this time destroyed by fire. (reported under separate cover)

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

PORT STANLEY.

5. During the past few months the whales have been very plentiful, and notwithstanding the excellent results of last year, we may expect greater results this year, under ordinary conditions, as I have already mentioned the difficulty at present is the lack of space for stowing oil and exporting it.

6. As the whaler is due to leave here to-morrow in the forenoon, I regret being unable to reply to the remainder of the communications which I received to-day, for want of time, as I am endeavouring to distribute the wrecked seamen to the various stations for the time being.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) Edw. B. Binnie.

Stipendiary Magistrate.