

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 296

Governor's Office.

Date of Receipt.



From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

MESSRS SALVESEN and COMPANY

Whaling facilities in South Georgia.

No.

Date

81 27th July, 1915.

87 4th August,"

MINUTES.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

834/15

Registered Number of last Despatch.

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Considered at a meeting of S.G. Co held on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept when Council advised that the application of Messrs Salvesen & Co should not be granted -

Telegram sent to Sec: of State

" 9<sup>th</sup> September in answer to your despatch of the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1915 Salvesens application cannot be entertained "

Please refer to Treasurer to Mr. and to inform his officers at New Island and South Georgia -

No. next Despatch.

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The Managers, the South  
Georgia Coy Ltd, South Georgia should  
be addressed as desired by Messrs Salvozen  
in their letter to the C.O. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> and  
informed of the decision come to on  
Messrs Salvozen's application of 20 July.

Done  
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9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1915  $\frac{AD}{905}$

Hon. Treasurer/ Please see my minute on C.S. 834/15  
informing you that I have written to Mr. Binnie as Magistrate  
as desired in A supra and have also sent a duplicate  
of my letter via Westrides. You had better address Mr. Binnie  
by channel (A.)

C. A. Condell  
C.S.  
14. 9. 15

Hon:Col:Sect;

The Deputy Collectors at New Island & South Georgia  
have been duly notified by letters of today's date in C.S. 834/15.

*W. A. Thompson*  
Treasurer & Collector.

15th September 1915

H. E. / Retained - For letters please see C.S. 834 sent  
with herewith.

C. A. Condell

Seen. AD.  
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C.S.O. No. 296/15

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. ....

Departmental No. ....

Telegram rec<sup>d</sup> from Secy of State  
24 Dec 1915.

Dispatch to Secy of State N<sup>o</sup> 179 of  
28 Dec 1915.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

NO: 81.

<sup>16</sup>  
27 July, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No.75 of the 24th June I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, the accompanying copies of correspondence with Messrs Chr.Salvesen respecting the use by them of harbours in South Georgia not leased to any other whaling Companies.

Messrs Salvesen & Co.  
20th July 1915  
C.C. to Messrs <sup>R</sup>  
Salvesen & Co. 27 July

2. I have to request that you will inform me by telegraph whether you see any objection to their application being granted. In dealing with this question you will no doubt bear in mind the existing policy of limiting facilities for the pursuit of whales, and consider whether there is any likelihood of an intensified pursuit resulting from permission being granted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*A. Bonar Law*

GOVERNOR

W.D.YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.



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Downing Street,

27<sup>th</sup> July, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Tonar Law to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th July in which you ask permission to make use, for whaling purposes, of any harbour in South Georgia, exclusive of those leased to other whaling Companies besides yourselves and the South Georgia Company Limited.

2. In reply I am to state that a copy of your letter is being forwarded to the Governor of the Falkland Islands with the request that he will report by telegraph whether he sees any objection to your application being granted. In the event of his reply not arriving before your whaling fleet leaves this country for next whaling season, it will be possible for the officer in charge to ascertain the Governor's decision when calling at Port Stanley en route for South Georgia.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State.

MESSRS CHR. SALVESEN & COMPANY.

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ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No. 81 OF 27/7/15



COPY.

29 Bernard Street,

Leith, 20th July, 1915.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th June No.25878/1915, and much regret that the application for extension of our facilities for prosecuting whaling operations in the South Shetlands and Graham Land has not met with the desired result.

2. In consequence thereof we have been forced to alter our arrangements for the coming season in the South, and intend now to send our whalers, or floating factory steamers, "Horatio" and "Pentaur" to South Georgia to operate there in connection with the leases held by the South Georgia Co. Ltd. and by us.

3. It may be desirable to use other harbours in South Georgia than Leith Harbour wherein to anchor these steamers during the whaling season. Our licence for the South Shetlands and Graham Land stipulates for the following :-

"Section 4, The Licensee shall have for the purpose of this licence the use of the following harbours: The Harbours of the South Shetland Islands and Graham Land."

We recognise that in South Georgia circumstances are to some extent different in as much as each lease holder has assigned to him a harbour with a certain acreage of land for his exclusive use, but by undertaking, as we now do, not to use any harbour allotted to any of the other lease holders, this difference is eliminated, and we are of the opinion that no valid

objection

objection to our proposal can be raised.

It is not our intention at the present time to erect any plant ashore but merely to anchor the above named steamers for the purpose of reducing with their appliances onboard whales' carcasses into merchantable products.

Should we, after the coming season's experience, wish to apply for our lease of Allardyce Harbour, which is unsuitable for whaling purposes, to be changed, we shall adhere to the method of procedure as laid down in Paragraph 5 of your letter of the 10th May No.20058/1915.

We shall feel much obliged if you will at your early convenience cause the Official at South Georgia of the Colonial Government to be informed that we are at liberty to use the harbours of South Georgia, excluding those leased to other whaling companies than the South Georgia Co. Ltd. and ourselves for the purpose of anchoring our whalers or floating factory steamers "Horatio" and "Pentaur" carrying on their work.

We await the favour of your reply and have the honour to remain

Sir,&c.,

(SD.) CHR. SALVESEN & CO.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
COLONIAL OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's  
Governor's

Despatch No. 81 of the  
27th July 1915.

Falkland Islands.

No 87.

Downing Street,  
4<sup>th</sup> August 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you,  
for compliance with the requests which it contains,  
the papers noted below on the subject of the whaling operations  
of Messrs Chr Salvesen & Co.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of the Falkland Islands.

~~L. HARCOURT.~~  
A. BONAR LAW.

Date.	Description.
G.W.	2nd August From Messrs Chr. Salvesen & Co.

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CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY

29, Bernard Street,  
Leith

2nd August, 1915.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and beg to tender our best thanks for its contents.

We calculate that you should receive a wireless reply to your letter by this weeks mail to the Governor of the Falklands in the first days of September. Our S.S. "Horatio" is timed to leave Glasgow on the 6th or 7th September and we consequently expect to hear from you before that date.

The "Horatio" S.S. will not call at Port Stanley, but will call at New Island, F.I. and from there proceed to South Georgia. It would be very obliging if you would be good enough to ask the Governor by this mail to write a letter to the Manager, The South Georgia Company, Limited, Leith Harbour, South Georgia, on the subject, under covering envelope addressed to the Master S.S. "Horatio", New Island, and also another addressed to the Government Official, South Georgia, with the necessary instructions as these letters would be sure to reach their destination sooner than by post via Buenos Aires.


We have etc.,

(Signed) CHR SALVESEN & CO.

The Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office

London S.W.



Secretary of state to Governor.

Dated 24th December Received 24th December, 1915.

UNHEEDED PLEASE DESIROUSLY EXAMINACAO SALVESENS  
ALPENSLAND BONARLAW

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With reference to your telegram of 9th September please  
send despatch explaining why Salvesens application cannot  
be entertained

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 179.

Government House, Stanley.

28th December, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 24th December, and, ~~and~~ with reference to your despatch No. 21 of the 27th July, 1915, and to my telegram of the 9th September, to say that the application of Messrs Chr. Salvesen, for unrestricted use by them of any of the harbours of South Georgia not allotted to any of the other lease holders, was considered by me in Executive Council at a meeting held on the 9th September, when the Council advised that the application should not be granted.

2. The Council considered it desirable in the interests and for the supervision of the Whaling industry, that specified Harbours only should be allowed to be used by Whaling Companies, and that no wholesale permission to use any of the unallotted Harbours should be granted to any one Company. The Council was of opinion that to grant an application such as that of Messrs Salvesen would lead to friction amongst the several Companies operating in South Georgia waters.

3. The Council further considered that the unrestricted use of any or all of the unallotted Harbours would possibly militate against the protection of the seals. In connection with this matter the Stipendiary

Magistrate

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Magistrate of South Georgia, in acknowledging the decision  
come to on Messrs Salvagens application writes:-

" I note His Excellency's decision in the matter,  
" and would like to add if other Harbours were used  
" in the manner suggested in South Georgia, I fear  
" it would prove a serious hindrance to the sealing".

4. If Messrs Chr. Salvagen and Company find that  
Allardyce Harbour is unsuited for their purpose it is  
open to them to apply for a transfer to another Harbour  
that may be available, but I do not for the above reasons  
consider they should be given a roving permission to use  
any Harbour.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.