

Whaling
Sawson to
No. 555.

C.S.

S. O. S. no 49

SUBJECT.

1919

11th March

Correspondence with Messrs Sawson regarding Whaling facilities for the 1919-20 season.

Previous Paper.

344/19.

MINUTES.

Hon Treasurer

For your information.

27. 8. 19

[Signature]

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

Margie Harker
As. Sec.

28. 8. 19.

*What was the
catch to date of 19
as shown by
Monthly Report
K.S.
11.1.19*

Subsequent Paper.

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436/20

Reference to previous correspondence :- 553/19.
Secretary of State's despatch No. 28 of the 7th
February, 1919.



Falkland Islands.

No. 49.

For C.S.O.
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Downing Street,
11th March, 1919.

19.8.19

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you
the papers noted below on the subject of the
whaling facilities of Messrs Chr. Salvesen and
Company for the season 1919-20.

I have, etc.,
(Sgd) MILNER.

The Officer Administering
the Government of the Falkland Islands.

Date	Description
1919.	
14th February	From Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company
7th March	To Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company.

29, Bernard Street,
Leith.
14th February, 1919.

Sir,
We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, No. 7498/1919, and beg to express our satisfaction that you have been able to give us notice so timeously that we can effect a reduction in the number of whale catchers at South Georgia with the least loss.

For the season 1919/1920 at South Georgia we beg to apply for leave to operate six whale catchers in accordance with paragraph 4 of your letter, and for a renewal of our annual licence at South Snetland for one floating factory steamer and three steam whale catchers.

For the season 1920/1921 we beg to apply in accordance with the second clause of paragraph 3 of your letter for licence for an additional floating factory steamer and three whale catchers, as indicated in your letter of the 23rd March, 1916, for South Snetlands, and we also apply for two additional whale catchers at South Georgia, making the number six, either by the transfer of the licence of Bryde and Dahl, or in the shape of additional facilities for the South Georgia Company limited and/or our firm. This application only to take effect provided that the catch of the present and next seasons should seem to warrant extra facilities.

Our s.s. "Neko" and whale catchers have already reverted to the South Snetlands. According to the latest information in our possession, the expedition was due to arrive at the South Snetlands on or about the 12th December a.p.

It is not our intention to resume whaling operations from the Falkland Islands in 1919/1920.

For the season 1919/1920 we presume that the number of whale catchers which will be permitted to operate at South Georgia will be 18, distributed as follows :

Compania Argentina de Pesca	4	whale catchers
Sandefjord Whaling Company	2	-do-
Tonsberg Whaling Company	2	-do-
The South Georgia Company Ltd)	6	-do-
Chr Salvesen & Company		
Ocean Whaling Company	2	-do-
The South Whaling & Sealing Company Limited	2	-do-

We shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience that this is correct.

We have, etc.,

(Sd) Chr. Salvesen.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Downing Street,
7th March, 1919.

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Gentlemen,

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th February and to inform you that the Governor of the Falkland Islands is being authorized to allow you to employ a total of six whale catchers under your leases at South Georgia during the Season 1919-20; but that, as stated in paragraph 4 of the letter from this Department of the 6th February this number will be limited to four in the season 1920-21.

2. The Governor is also being authorized to renew for 1919-20 your annual licences for the South Shetlands for the floating factory "Neko" and three catchers: but Lord Milner notes that you do not propose to take advantage in that season of the additional facilities offered to you at the South Shetlands.

3. As regards the enquiry at the end of your letter I am to say that Messrs R. Irvin and Sons (with the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company) have been offered at South Georgia facilities identical with those offered to yourselves (with the South Georgia Company) and that it is proposed to treat Messrs Irvin and yourselves on an equality as regards operations in that field. At the South Shetlands Messrs Irvin have been offered licences for a floating factory and three whale catchers only.

4. I am to add that the foreign companies at South Georgia will be allowed during the season 1919-20 the same facilities as they enjoyed before the war: but that the Ocean Whaling Company is also to be permitted to employ for that season only a third whale catcher, on the same conditions as in the three preceding seasons.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) G. Grindle.

MESSRS CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.