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SUBJECT.

1930
1st May.

PROPOSED LICENCE TO TONSBURG COMPANY
FOR FIFTH CATCHER.

Previous Paper.

8/4/31.

MINUTES.

- 1. Telegram to S. of S. 22 October, 1929.
- 2. Telegram from S. of S. 29 October, 1929.

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Despatch to S. of S. Conf. of 6/5/30, No. 101.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State.

Despatched: 22nd October, 1929 Time:

Received: 192 Time:

22nd October.

In consideration of grant of fifth catcher licence for South Georgia Tonsberg Company offer to reduce present subsidy Stanley Monte Video by Fleurus from £650 to £300 a voyage. This would enable me to arrange fortnightly service approximately, In view of great benefit to Colony in connection with mails and supply of fresh fruit and vegetables and in consideration of invaluable assistance rendered by Tonsberg Company to this Government strongly recommend this offer to be accepted. Do not consider this would cause complications as Vestfold, Argentine, Salvesen and Southern Whaling and Sealing Compa have already five catchers. Please cable reply.

Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 29th October, 192 39. *Time*: 12.55

Received: 30th October, 192 29 *Time*: 10.30.

29th October.

With reference to your telegram of 22nd October regret I am unable to approve grant of fifth catcher to Tonsberg Company

S. of S.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

7th May, 1930.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 101.

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to the previous telegraphic correspondence, dated the 22nd and the 29th of October, 1929, in connection with the granting of a fifth whale-catcher to the Tonsberg Whaling Company. At the risk of being considered importunate I ask Your Lordship's leave to re-submit the matter.

2. During the past season the Companies operating at South Georgia have been permitted to use the following increased number of whale-catchers, viz :-

Vestfold	7
Balvesens	5
Southern Whaling & Sealing	5
Argentina de Pesca	3
Tonsberg	4.

I conclude the additional whale-catchers have been granted to the other Companies because they hold two licences, leases to maintain land stations, for South Georgia, whereas the Tonsberg Company holds only one. This may be so, but in actual practice none of the Companies maintains more than one land station or works more than one licence; accordingly in my view they have no real claim to special privilege in respect of the second or unworked licence. Furthermore if it is a question of taking out a second licence the Tonsberg Company will, of course, be prepared to do so.

3. I consider moreover that as a matter of equity

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Tonsberg Company should receive treatment not less favourable than the least favourably treated of its fellow Companies. Its station at Husvik is a model one and no other station is more efficient. There is no waste and this season in particular the production of guano at Husvik has been remarkably satisfactory, averaging over a bag of guano to a ton of oil produced.

4. Again the Tonsberg Whaling Company has always been of great assistance to this Government helping it in every possible way. Their observation of all regulations has been scrupulously exact, and their attitude in any negotiations with this Government have never been otherwise than courteous and correct.

5. I therefore recommend that Your Lordship will be pleased to grant the Tonsberg Whaling Company permission to use an additional catcher next season.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant

ARNOLD HODSON.