

C.S.

Whaling

No.

85

S.M., South Georgia

SUBJECT.

1919

4<sup>th</sup> February

Previous Paper.

Arrangements made by S.M., South Georgia, to enable a slave catcher to be despatched to Stanley with an accused person committed for trial.

## MINUTES.

The S.S. "Pelican" arrived from South Georgia on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 2 p.m. proceeding in case mentioned were at once taken - Magistrates Court held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and accused referred for trial before the Supreme Court.

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February Capt Esbensen, Manager Ocean Whaling Co. - went off with a party of friends in the S.S. "Pelican" to Fitzroy to shoot - delay <sup>in returning to South Georgia</sup> caused by the Court of Fort - 19. 2. 19. "Pelican" returned to Stanley early morning to 20<sup>th</sup> Febr.

Subsequent Paper.

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Say I will wait claim of Argentine Co  
for me of "Pelican" and of the Ocean Co for  
Coal used on Voyage to and from Port Stanley  
and South Georgia.

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Letter to S.M., S. Georgia 20.2.19.

Letter from Magistrate, South Georgia, 18.3.19.

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" " " " 20.3.19.

Watches for £4.19-0 authorized  
for payment against rate VIII Blue and  
Purvis - Q - Subsistence of Purvis.

18.9.19 D.Y. Cor

Hon. Treasurer

To withdraw watches.

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Hon. Col. Sec. 18.9.19.

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18.9.19.

New Fortune Bay, South Georgia,

5th. February 1919.

To The Magistrate

E. B. Binnie Esq.,

King Edward Cove.

Sir,

I beg respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference to the s.s.CARL taking the place of the PELICAN during the time occupied in the voyage to Port Stanley.

Regarding the Coal supply for the voyage ,our company will supply the necessary coal at lowest possible price and I agree with you that the settlement should be made between the Company and the Falkland Islands Government at a later date.

I remain,Sir,

Yours respectfully  
for the Ocean whaling Company.

*W. C. B. Binnie*

Manager.

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The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

4th. February 1919.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation of  
yesterday re the s.s. "Pelikan's" voyage to Port  
Stanley, I have the honor to inform you that  
s.s. "Carl" will be placed at your disposal from  
to-day 5th. February in order that "Pelikan" may  
be got ready for the voyage.

I would be glad if you would supply the  
necessary coal for the voyage to Stanley and back,  
allowing the cost of same to be settled between  
your Company and the Falkland Islands Government  
hereafter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edw. B. Birnie

Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Manager,

Ocean Whaling Company.

New Fortune Bay.

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA  
SOCIEDAD ANÓNIMA

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(SOUTH GEORGIA)

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E. B. Binnie Esq.,  
Stipendiary Magistrate,  
King Edward Cove, South Georgia,.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 3rd. February inst, and in reply thereto , to inform you that we in South Georgia have no authority to hirs the whale boats, but as I am sure our company would be glad to do any service to your Government, I am willing to allow you the use of the whaler in question, agreeing with you that the settlement for hire etc, should be arranged between our company in Buenos Aires and the Falkland Islands Govern -ment.

I beg to remain  
Yours respectfully, for the Compañia Arg.de Pesca

*F. J. Smith, Manager.*

S. G. No.

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The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

3rd. February 1919.

Sir,

Referring to our conversation last week re the hire  
of a whale boat to go to the Falkland Islands, I have  
the honour to inform you that the Manager of the Ocean  
Whaling Company has offered me the use of their s.s.  
"Pelikan" on condition that they be permitted to use  
your s.s. "Karl" in the meantime. In view of this would  
you be good enough to allow them to use your s.s. "Karl"  
until the return of the "Pelikan" from Stanley? I  
think it would perhaps be as well also if the cost of  
same could be left to your company in Buenos Aires and  
the Falkland Islands Government for settlement hereafter.

*Enclosed to S.G. 18/9.*

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*E. B. Birnie*

Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Manager,

Compania Argentina de Pesca.

G r y t v i k e n .

S.G. no 18/19.



The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia,

4th, February 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, that, with reference to the case Crown v. Gunnar Bernhard Karlsson, which is being forwarded to the Registrar of the Supreme Court; I deemed expedient it ~~necessary~~ to hire the use of a whale catcher for the purpose of conveying the accused to Port Stanley.

*4 Enclosed*

The only available Catcher not in use was the s.s. "CARL" of the Compañia Arg. de Pesca, but owing to certain conditions regarding insurance that boat was unable to make the trip, however the Ocean whaling company supplied the s.s. "PELICAN" on condition that, the s.s. "CARL" could be used by them during the time occupied by "PELICAN" in going to the Falkland Ids. The Compañia Arg. de Pesca were approached on the subject and agreed to this arrangement; so as a matter of fact the "PELICAN" though actually belonging to the Ocean whaling Co, is hired from the Compañia A. De Pesca; the Ocean whaling co., supplying the coal at the lowest possible price.

I enclose copy of a letter addressed to each Company on the subject with replies thereto.

Mr Barlas and myself discussed the matter at length and were both of opinion, that, this was the only course to adopt in trust the peculiar circumstances, I therefore "His Excellency will approve of my action.

The Companies are taking advantage of the opportunity of sending cables via Port Stanley.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*E.W.B. Binning* *Subsidiary Magistrate*

85/19.

20th February, 1919.

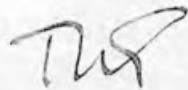
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 10/19 of the 4th instant (with enclosures), on the subject of the arrangements made by you with regard to the transfer of the case of Gunnar Bernhard Karlsson from South Georgia to Stanley, and to say that His Excellency will await any claim the Compania Argentina de Pesca may make for the use of the s.s. "Pelican", and the Ocean Whaling Company for the coal used on the voyage to and from Port Stanley and South Georgia.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

E. B. Binnie, Esq.,  
Stipendiary Magistrate,  
SOUTH GEORGIA.

S.G. No. 40/19

85/19



The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

18th March, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 85/19 of the 20th February, acknowledging my letter No. 18/19 of the 4th February, with enclosures, on the subject of the transfer of the case of Gunnar B. Karlsson to Stanley, and note that His Excellency will await any claim from the Companies regarding the hire of the boat.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*E.W.B. Birrell*

Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

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S.G. No. 60/19



The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

20th March, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith  
Vouchers in Duplicate in favour of Mr Barlas for  
£ 4 . 19 . 0. being the amount paid for the  
subsistence &c of prisoner Gunnar B. Karlsson.

2. When I arrived in South Georgia on the  
24th December, 1918, Mr E. Wood was performing the  
duties of warden in charge of four prisoners, so  
I made no alteration but permitted him to go on  
until the end of January, 1919, when the men's  
time had expired. The Steward at the time was  
supplying these prisoners with food, and when  
Karlsson was arrested he was kept apart from the  
other four and was supplied with food by Mrs E.  
Wood who also did the cooking, for which a charge  
of 3/- per day was made. When Mr Wood left  
South Georgia on the 2nd February, rather hurriedly,  
I was not at home and Mr Barlas paid the amount to him  
him.

3. Although the official authorized charge is  
1/6 per day, in these times when prices obtaining  
are much heavier 3/- per day in my opinion is not  
unreasonable.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
your obedient servant,

E. B. Birrell

S. M.