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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL
OF SOUTH AFRICA.

No. 5/46

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL

From
Managing Directors,
Union Whaling &
Fishing Co., Ltd. of
Liverpool, London.
30 Sept. 1912.

SUBJECT.

Requests exercise of Lord Gladstone
influence in securing his Company a
Whaling licence at South Georgia or
South Shetland for a floating factory.

PREVIOUS PAPERS

S/19

MINUTES.

We do not appear to have any previous work
about the application of the Union Whaling &
Fishing Co. for whaling rights at South Georgia
and South Shetland.

6/1/13 to J. J. England
Durban
" " 5 of 5 12.

The same Company applied for sealing
rights on the Coquet Islands & Prince Edward
Island (the former, they were told, were not
British Territory, and the latter an exclusive licence
had already been issued) for whaling site at
Walfish Bay (as to which they were referred to
the Union Govt) (file 5/19)

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS

S/51

The Company has a lease of Crown land
at Durban, where they commenced operations
in June 1910. They employ four steamers
there (file 5/49).

An account of the whaling
industry in the Falkland Islands and

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Appropriation despatches (which
include S. Gopia & S. Shetland)
will be found on p. 10-12 in
Miscellaneous Confidential papers
No. 251 (file # 833)

That paper does not
indicate definitely an intention
to refuse further applications
but it does seem to show that
at the time it was written
(May 1910) all the possible sites
were rapidly being secured. It
appears quite probable that in
the interim the maximum
number of licences considered
desirable have been issued.
This may be the reason for the
refusal of the application of
the Union Whaling Coy.

In the absence of any
information as to what passed
at the interview which it is
apparently pointed to the applicant
in London I find it difficult to
suggest action. Possibly it is
would wish to address a despatch
to the Governor of the Falkland
Islands inquiring the view taken
of this application. G.D.

4.2. D.H. letter to Mr. England
submitted 17.5.11/13 2/1/13.

I have been yesterday in August
last in London as a matter of
convenience. I explained that
10 per cent of the 10.4% was because
it was a matter for them to
10 per cent of the C.O. was intended
if he writes me a letter I let
that is in the Council?

I think his letter was meant
for official. It is not a
matter of importance because
obviously I have written
what is. It will then be
in the end of the end it
preclude the C.O. saying
that I have informed me
by that it is not a matter
in the C.O. interest but
that I have sent in his
letter for the C.O.

G.

6.1.13

London

30 Sept 1912

Enclosure No. 1 in South Africa Dispatch.
 No. 8/12 of 6/11/12

Lord Gladstone

Governor General S. Africa

9 Buckingham

Sir

London

Referring to the interview your Lordship granted me this morning I trust your Excellency will secure for the Union Whaling Co of Durban a whaling licence at South Georgia or South Shetland for a floating whaling factory. Hitherto the Governor of the Falkland Islands has refused our application. But I feel sure that your Lordship's great influence if directed in our favour would insure success. I shall return to London in a few weeks & will then be able to see Sir Richard Solomon who last year assisted our Chairman, Sir Liege Hallett in the matter, but unfortunately without success.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Managing Director of the
 Union Whaling & Fishing Co. Durban

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
CAPE TOWN.

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Mr Hay

I think we have
some ppl in the office
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H.A.
13/11/12

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Your most obedient servant
Managing Director of the
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London

30 Sept 1912

.....in South Africa Despatch,

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re: moral S. Africa

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No. 5/46.

Governor-General's Office,
Pretoria.

6th January, 1913.



Sir,

I have to express my regret that in consequence of an oversight an earlier answer has not been sent to the letter which you addressed to Lord Gladstone in London on the 30th September last.

His Excellency, when he saw you, was under the impression that the application of your Company was one in which the Union Government might perhaps be concerned. South Georgia and South Shetland, however, lie wholly outside the sphere of his influence, and it is not possible for him to interfere in the matter, except by forwarding a copy of your letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for consideration. This His Excellency has had much pleasure in doing.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Copy sent to MINISTERS

For information

Minute No. 5/51 ✓

Date 28th February 1913

(Sgd.) H. J. STANLEY.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

J. J. Egeland, Esq.,

Managing Director,

Union Whaling and Fishing Company, Limited,

DURBAN, Natal Province.

SOUTH AFRICA.

No. 824/12.

Governor-General's Office,
Pretoria.

6th January, 1913.



Sir,

30/9/12.

With reference to your despatch, No. 278 of the 24th June, 1911, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter which was addressed to me during my recent visit to England by Mr. Egeland on behalf of the Union Whaling and Fishing Company, Limited, of Durban.

2. You will observe that the Company are anxious to obtain a whaling licence for a floating factory at South Georgia or South Shetland, and that they appear to have made application unsuccessfully to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

3. I may explain that in the first instance Mr. Egeland came to see me in London, but did not make quite clear to me what he really wanted. I told him that if the Union Government were concerned, it would be a matter for my Ministers, and that, in so far as the Secretary of State might be interested if he wrote me a letter, I would send it to you for consideration.

4. I have now caused him to be informed that the matter is not one in which I can interfere, but that I have forwarded his communication to the Colonial Office.

Copy sent to MINISTERS

For information

Memo No. 5/51..... ✓

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Date: 28th February 1913
The Right Honourable,
Lewis Harcourt, M. P.,
etc., etc., etc.,
Colonial Office,
LONDON.

(Signed) GLADSTONE.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.