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<p>PREVIOUS PAPERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/51</p> <hr/> <p><i>24/4/17 To Ministers.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>
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factory available for work in the season 1917-18.
In view however, of the necessity for the protection
of the states it is very unlikely that it will be
possible to grant any further licenses at the conclu-
sion of peace, beyond those already in force or promis-
ed for war services.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(S) Henry Lambert

9578/1917. Downing Street,

6 March, 1917.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th February, No. 19/40/16, with regard to the application of the Union Whaling and Fishing Company for a licence to take whales in the territorial waters of South Georgia or the South Shetland Islands.

2. I am to state that from the date of the letter from this department of the 14th November, 1912, no new licence or lease was granted for whaling either in South Georgia or in the South Shetland Islands until February 1916, when additional facilities were given on the representation of the Minister of Munitions that it was necessary to increase the output of whale oil for war purposes. The Union Government were then consulted with a view to the participation of South African firms, but no such firm appears to have been in a position to undertake the business at that time.

3. Certain licences are now in abeyance owing to the employment on war service of the vessels which ordinarily worked under them, and Mr. Long is accordingly in a position to entertain applications for temporary facilities from firms who have a floating
factory

THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THE UNION WHALING & FISHING CO. LTD.,
Orange Grove Buildings,
397 Smith Street,
Durban,

January, 10th 1917.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
LONDON. S.W.

Dear Sir,

The Secretary for Mines and Industries, Pretoria, has forwarded to us copy of your letter of the 9th November, 1916, (51159/1916) addressed to the Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner, Union of South Africa, relating to our application for a licence to take Whales in the territorial waters of South Georgia or South Shetland Islands, preferably the latter.

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Towards the end of the year 1912, we made application for a licence to take Whales in territorial waters of South Georgia or South Shetland Islands, and under date 14th November 1912 (Ref.No. 35454/1912) the Under Secretary of State advised us that in view of the Secretary of State's decision not to grant any ~~more~~ licences, he had to refuse our application. We understand, that since that date, licenses have been granted to other parties, and it would, therefore, seem that our application for 1912 has not been ^{further} considered, while applications of a later date have probably been granted.

Under the circumstances, we would be glad, therefore if you would consider further the granting to us of whaling facilities permanently in the waters referred to.

Thanking you in anticipation,

We are, etc.,

(Sgd) Fowlie Boden & Co., W.E.Roberts. Secretaries

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Department of Mines and Industries⁸

Industries Section,

Pretoria.

12th January, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential letter of the 13th November last, No. 19/40/16 I have to inform you that a copy of the enclosure thereto was forwarded to the Union Whaling and Fishing Company for its information.

The Company has now written to the Secretary of State for the Colonies with regard to a permanent licence and has asked this Department to forward same.

This letter is accordingly enclosed. Will you please forward it.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) L.L.Skeels,

for Secretary for Mines and
Industries.

The Secretary
Office of the High Commissioner,
Union of South Africa
32 Victoria Street,
Westminster, London. S.W.

Copy. *J.N.*

19/40/16.

HIGH COMMISSIONER, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

32 Victoria Street,

Westminster. S.W.

20th February, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No. 51159/1916 of the 9th November last, on the subject of the Union Whaling and Fishing Company's application for a licence to take whales in the territorial waters of South Georgia or the South Shetland Islands, I am directed to enclose for the information of the Secretary of State copy of a letter dated the 12th ultimo from the Union Department of Mines and Industries together with the letter from the Union Whaling and Fishing Company, to which reference is made.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) R.A. BLANKENBERG,

for Secretary.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

COLONIAL OFFICE

LONDON. S.W.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL

7 March, 1917.

My Lord,

With reference to Your Excellency's telegram of the 24th February, 1916, I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of correspondence with the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, on the subject of an application by the Union Whaling and Fishing Company, for a licence to catch whales in the territorial waters of South Georgia or the South Shetland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble servant,

Walter B. Hoare

GOVERNOR GENERAL

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT BUXTON, G.C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.,

Copy sent to Ministers ✓
 For Information
 Minute No. 5/68. Cont
 Date 24 April, 1917.

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H. Cr. 20th Feb/1917.
To do. 6 March/17

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