

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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Prime Minister's Office.

No. 112 / 8 / 1911

Previous Correspondence.

(Subject.)

Industries

Whaling - Tristan da Cunha

C. A. Larsen.

Subsequent Correspondence.

No. 112 / 8 / 1911

5. January, 1912.

MINUTE NO:- 18

MINISTERS have the honour to inform His Excellency the Governor-General that they have received the enclosed application from one C. A. Larsen for permission to establish a whaling station at Tristan da Cunha. As, however, these islands do not fall to be administered by the Union Government, Ministers presume that His Excellency will refer Mr. Larsen's application to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for consideration and disposal.

(Signed) J. C. SMUTS

No. 5/33.

Governor-General's Office,
Cape Town.

5 April, 1912.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th March, No. 133, relative to the application of Mr. Sig. Stokken of Skien, Norway, for permission to carry on whaling at Tristan da Cunha, and to say that these islands are not included in the administrative sphere of the Union of South Africa. His Excellency directs me to suggest that Mr. Stokken's best course would be to address an application to His Majesty's Government in London, through the usual channel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. J. STANLEY.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

The Consul-General of Norway,

CAPE TOWN.

Governor-General's Office,

Cape Town.

3 April, 1917.

Sir,

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I have the honour to be,

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Your obedient servant,

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PRIVATE SECRETARY.

The Consul-General of Norway,

CAPE TOWN.

SIG STOKKEN
Telefon. 339

Skien, den 6th March, 1912.

AMERICAN LEGATION GENERALCONSULAT

NEW YORK OFFICE

Dear Sir,

CAPE TOWN.

By the present I beg to ask you for a license, permitting the fishing of whales by the isles of "Tristan da Cunha" in the south atlantic ocean.-

My intention is, as the isles have no useable harbour, to carry on the business without a floating factory but with 2 or 3 whalers and with a station ashore.

Next autumn I further intend to send off a whaler to examine the place more carefully and see how the prospects are for such an enterprise there.-

When founding the company, British born subjects will have the right to take shares for 1/3 of the capital and the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha will to the greatest possible extent be employed in the concern.-

I beg to apply for the license on the following conditions:

1. either to rent during 15 years the one of the isles, which after examination proves to be the most suitable for my enterprise, eventually the isle which the hon. Col. Secr. should be willing to leave me,
2. or to give me an ordinary license, permitting the fishing of whales and allowing the necessary work to be made for the erection of a station ashore.

The fishing will be carried on in such a way as the whole whale will be utilized.

As banking references I beg to mention Norges Bank and Skiensfjordens Kreditbank, here.

A recommendation of my application has formerly been sent the hon. Col. Secr. from the department of foreign affairs of Norway.

Hoping my application will meet with your kind consideration and awaiting your good news at your earliest convenience, I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours truly, (Signed) Sig Stokken.

KONIGLIG NORSK GENERALKONSULAT
for SYD AFRIKA.

CAPE TOWN.

27th March, 1912.

No. 133.

My Lord,

I have the honour to state that I am requested by Mr. Sig Stokken of Skien, Norway, to hand to the proper Authorities his application for permission to carry on Whaling at the Islands of Tristan da Cunha, and having been informed that the said group of Islands are under the control of Your Excellency I have, therefore, the honour of enclosing herewith Mr. Stokken's application and trust that the same will receive Your Excellency's favourable consideration.

conditions:

I have etc.,

1. either to rent (Signed) N.P. Thesen.

Censul General for Norway.

2. or

To His Excellency

The Right Honourable Viscount Gladstone,

Governor-General of the Union of South Africa,

CAPE TOWN.

and Skienaffordene Kreditbank, here.

A recommendation of my application has formerly been sent the Hon. Secy. Gen. from the department of foreign affairs of Norway.

Hoping my application will meet with your kind consideration and awaiting your good news at your earliest convenience, I remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly,
(Signed) Sig Stokken.



SOUTH AFRICA.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

No. _____

Cape Town.

April, 1912.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith
 the documents mentioned below, on the subject of **an application**
from Mr. Sig. Stokken of Skien, Norway, for permission
to carry on whaling at Tristan da Cunha.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

The Right Honourable
 LEWIS HARCOURT, M P.,
 etc., etc., etc.,
 Colonial Office, LONDON.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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Date.	Description of Document.
27th March.	Letter from the Consul-General of Norway, with enclosure.
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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Cape Town.

3 April, 1912.

MINUTE.

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL transmits herewith for the information of MINISTERS a copy of the undermentioned document on the subject of an application from Mr. Sig. Stokken of Skien, Norway, for permission to carry on whaling at Tristan da Cunha.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

DATE.	DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT.
April.	Despatch, No. to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with enclosures.

P. M. 112/8/11.

4th April, 1912.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency the Governor-General's Minute No. 5/33 of the 3rd April on the subject of an application from Mr. Sig. Stokken of Skien, Norway, for permission to carry on whaling at Tristan da Cunha.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary to the Prime Minister.

No. 5/41.

Governor-General's Office,
PRETORIA.

9th August, 1912.

Sir,

The Acting Governor-General has been requested by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to inform you, with reference to your application for a lease of certain rights at Tristan da Cunha, that Mr. Harcourt could not in any case grant any licence in respect of the Island without first assuring himself of the consent of the inhabitants, and that he is not aware of any method of communicating with Tristan da Cunha at the present moment.

The Secretary of State adds that no pledge can be given that a licence would be issued in any case, but, that, if granted, it would be an annual one.

Copies of the two last Blue Books with regard to Tristan da Cunha, which Mr. Harcourt has forwarded for transmission to you, are enclosed herewith.

2.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. J. STANLEY.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

E. C. Searle, Esq.,

P. O. Box 28,

MOSSEL BAY.

understand that these said Islands are now practically depopulated with the exception of a few persons who are left to earn a precarious living and that these are leaving as opportunity arises. My Clients believe that the establishment of the contemplated Industries would lead to a repopulation of the Islands with a community assured of the means of livelihood.

I should therefore be glad to learn whether the Government would be prepared to grant such a lease and upon what terms and conditions. Also whether the Government can furnish a Chart upon which the desired sites could be marked off.

Should the required grants be made my clients would establish a floating Whaling Factory with the latest appliances, for the purpose of covering the Whaling Grounds existing between the Marion Islands and the Islands of Tristen d'Acunha, Latitudes say 25 to 45 degrees South Longitude 20^o West 40 degrees East.

Waiting the favour of your early reply.

I have, etc.,

(SD) E.C.Searle.

OFFICIAL NO.

04E P.O. Box 28.

Mossel Bay, C.F.

17th June, 1912.

The Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, London.

Sir,

I am directed by my clients Messrs. Henry Matfield and A. Petersen of this town, to make an application to you, for the grant of a Lease of certain Lands and rights hereinafter detailed upon the Island of Tristan d'Acunha for a period of Twenty five years.

The Lands required are a certain portion of the Foreshore upon two sides of the principal island of the group known by the above name for the purpose of erecting plant and appliances, jetties and (or) other landing stages suitable for the carrying on of a Whaling and Fishing and Sealing business or Industry, and other Lands for the provision of growing certain crops and feeding certain Livestock by employees engaged in the said Industries.

The Rights desired are for the carrying on (solely) of the Industries of Whaling, Fishing and Sealing within the precincts of, and upon the said Islands.

From information received, my clients understand

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF COLONIAL AFFAIRS

CAPE TOWN

DUPLICATE.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

No. 340

Downing Street,
17 ~~th~~ July, 1912.

My Lord,

Mr. Searle 17 June.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of a letter from Mr. E.C. Searle of Messel Bay making application for a lease of certain rights at Tristan da Cunha.

2. I request that you will cause Mr. Searle to be informed that I could not in any case grant any licence in respect of the Island without first assuring myself of the consent of the inhabitants, and that I am not aware of any method of communicating with Tristan da Cunha at the present moment.

No pledge can be given that a Licence would be issued in any case, but, if granted, it would be an annual one.

3. It would be desirable that Mr. Searle should be furnished with copies of the two last Blue Books with regard to Tristan da Cunha. I enclose copies for communication to him.

Cd. 3098
Cd. 3764.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) L. JARROUET.

Governor-General

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT GLADSTONE, G.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.