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Governor

SUBJECT.

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Suggested freezing off sheep in the
Falklands

31st May

Previous Paper.

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MINUTES.

Minute by Governor 31st May 1922

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J. G.

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Subsequent Paper.

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From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

This copy of a circular ^{which has been} sent by Mr. J. G. Cameron to Farmers in Falkland Islands was given to me by Mr. W. A. Thompson at request of Mr. Cameron.

2. So far as I can learn sheep in Falklands are not suitable for freezing & the Farmers are not generally in favour of setting up a freezing plant.
3. Practical ^{proposals} for disposal of surplus stock are desirous of support. If offer would be given to such proposals it would make a great difference to the Farmers.
4. This can await further communication either from Mr. Cameron or from the Farmers.

RA.

31 May 1922

Casilla "B", Santiago, Chile,

2 May 1922.

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Dear Sir:-

When passing through Punta Arenas last December I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Weiss, manager of the Compañia Frigorifica de Patagonia, and we discussed a scheme for the disposal of Surplus Stock in the Falklands. In order to set about this business without loss of time it has been arranged that Mr. Weiss should proceed to the Falklands as soon as possible, to submit his proposals, and, if possible, form a Company amongst the Farmers.

I can only hope that he will meet with their united support in this scheme for their future benefit.

He hopes to be able to arrange this business for next season, and the already existing Canning Works at San Carlos, if a Limited Company is formed, would enable him to accomplish this, a matter of great importance as the plant can be worked at once and not depend on future development.

The ultimate object of the Company, if it meets with the support of the Farmers, is to establish a small Frigorifico, and thereby insure the same facilities for disposal of stock as obtains in Patagonia.

It may take a year or two to arrange flocks to supply sufficient and suitable sheep for freezing purposes; in the meantime the Canning Works would clear out to advantage such stock as would not be suitable for a freezer.

It would also be easy for the West Falkland Farmers to come in, as it is only an hour from Port Howard by steamer to San Carlos, so that 80,000 to 100,000 freezers could be shipped from the Falklands each year.

It is most important that there should be unity, and where each farmer would have a common interest by becoming a share-holder this should be assured, as also a guarantee that every farmer who had sheep to dispose of would send them each killing season.

Mr. Weiss is, I believe, already known to most of the Farmers on the Island, and his position as manager of the Compañia Frigorifica de Patagonia is something of a guarantee that he is quite up-to-date and in a position to deal intelligently with this business. I can only trust that he will have your support in his endeavor to float a Company, which I am assured will put Farmers in a much better position regarding disposal of surplus stock.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Carrington