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H. E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

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5th April.

Previous Paper.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COLD STORAGE.

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MINUTES.

1-2.

Despatch to S. of S. no 64 of 5th April, 1929.

Hel. 4/24 ✓ Mr. Treas.

J.M. 10.4.29. Mr P.N.O.

To see.

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5th April, 1929

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 64.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you in the matter of the desirability of arranging for some means of cold storage in this Colony.

2. At the present time great difficulty is experienced in obtaining fresh provisions in Stanley all the year round and during the winter even mutton. Furthermore the establishment of a freezing plant should assist materially in establishing an export trade in the Colony of wild geese in which connection I have made previous representations to you.

3. Again at the present time there is no way in which farmers can dispose of their surplus stock except by killing them either to boil down into tallow or on the stations where the necessary facilities for boiling down are lacking to skin them for their hides and then to throw their carcasses into the sea. As an example of the terrible waste which has taken place I would instance Mr. G. J. Felton, M.L.C., of Teal Inlet who only this season has had to kill and to skin and throw away in the manner indicated no less than fifteen hundred culled sheep.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. I am naturally opposed on general principle to the establishment and maintenance by the Government of a freezing plant but I would welcome any firm who will put one up and would be prepared to assist them in every way practicable. I understand that there is a possibility of Messrs. Menendez Behety of Magallanes, Chile, wishing to undertake such an enterprise.

5. I am sure that this step would be a popular move with the local farmers and so would be well supported. If anything definite materializes I shall not fail to address you further in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,