

Whaling  
No. 875/21

C.S.

Government Naturalist

SUBJECT.

1921

19th Sept

Previous Paper.

utilization of the waste parts of whales.

725/22

MINUTES.

Minutes from Government Naturalist 19th Sept 1921  
Encl (C)

PA 10/22

Y.S.  
In information submitted  
Possibly a reporter had to fill in space  
somewhere. It is of no value as firm?

ttttt 19/9/21

H.P.S.  
G.O. 416/20 is attached for information of  
Govt Naturalist. The newspaper report is of no  
value as given.

Sn.  
19 Sept 1921.

Subsequent Paper.

Govt Naturalist  
Accordingly

ttttt 20/9/21

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you.

With reference to G.O. 416/20 (Utilisation of whale intestines), in the concluding paragraph of the letter from the Imperial Institute suggestion is made that if there is a considerable quantity of whale intestines available a further and larger sample might be collected for investigation.

May I arrange for the collection of such a sample if the whalers come down this year? I suggest that three barrelfuls might be sufficient.

2. I estimate that there is about a cart load of these intestinal organs in each whale.

3. With reference to G.O. 384/20 (Utilisation of "calcined" whale bones),

the annual amount produced must be very considerable (probably three cartloads per whale,) ~~at least~~ all of which is wasted if guano is not made.

May I arrange for the the pound sample to be collected this year?; this is indicated by the "Remarks" on the Imperial Institute's Report

J. H. Hamilton,

Govt. Naturalist

21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1921

J. H. Submitted for approval of the  
Govt. Naturalist's requests

M. H. H. 21/9/21  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1921

Govt. Naturalist

Accordingly

Attd 22/9/21

Hon. Col. Sec.

Notes. I shall make  
 the necessary arrangements if  
 the whales come down this year.

J. H. Hamilton,  
 Govt. Naturalist  
 22/9/21

Hon. Col. Sec.

With reference to my minute of  
 21<sup>st</sup> September 1921, para 1, owing to a  
 misunderstanding a sample of  
 intestines was not procured: another  
 effort will be made next season.

2/. Mr. Bennett brought up a large  
 box of "calcined" bones which I  
 propose to send to the Imperial  
 Institute by "Losada" which is  
 due here, I understand, in the middle  
 of the month, and goes to the U.K.  
 direct. May I proceed?

J. H. Hamilton,  
 Government Naturalist

J. H. Submitted 4/5/22. To proceed?

Attd 4/5/22 R. 8 May 1922

Govt. Naturalist

Accordingly

11/11 9/5/22

Hon. Col. Sec.

The box has been sent to the Falkland Islands Company for transmission per boat, on a minimum bill of lading £2:10:0.

2/. 20 is addressed to the Director The Imperial Institute, and bears the Institute's reference no. 3680/20.

3/. The weight is considerably in excess of the 14 lbs. asked for by the Imperial Institute. (C.G.O. No. P. 384/20)

J. Hamilton  
Government Naturalist

22<sup>nd</sup> ~~25<sup>th</sup>~~ May '22.

Mr. A. E. Bennett

For information with G.O. 384/20

11/11 29/5/22

Hon. Col. Secy.

Noted. The above boxes were merely exhausted by steam pressure, and have not been calcined. This operation can be carried out any time on a fire.

A. Bennett

29.5.22

Govt. Naturalist

For information

21/5/22

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you.

The Imperial Institute used the term "calcined" in connection with this material so I continued to use the word: my dictionary refers to <sup>the</sup> condition as being due to the action of heat, which certainly has been applied to the bones.

2/ ~~The~~ ~~very~~ ~~opinion~~ Mr. Bennett's apparent understanding of the word is that which I should personally take.

3/. I was well aware of the method of preparation of <sup>such</sup> specimens as long ago as 1913.

J. S. Hamilton.

Government Naturalist.

21/5/22.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From GOVERNMENT NATURALIST

Date 19th. September 1921.

To HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SUBJECT.

Whales, Utilisation of waste parts.

Reference Numbers. }

By the Huanchaco I have received a newspaper cutting which I copy below; the name of the paper is not given, nor is there any proof of the accuracy of the statements made.

Using up the whale.

Kid Gloves and sausage skins.

Just as the skins obtained from the internal parts of animals are used for making sausage skins, so those obtained from the whale are being used today for making "kid" gloves.

The whale's mouth is lined with a skin which, when tanned, gives excellent leather for the soles of shoes and boots, and the finer tissues obtained from its digestive organs have now been found to make a thoroughly reliable substitute for glove leather.

The lining of the whale's stomach is also used today for making soft kid gloves, such as are manufactured with chamois leather.

Nota, two or three years ago Thor I did take home some cleaned whale intestines, but I was never able to find out if any use was made of them.

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