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Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted and returned please.

2. I shall hand a copy to the Whaling Office for L. Shebland, when he returns to duty.

J.R. Hamilton,

Govt. Naturalist

24/10/22

Subsequent Paper.

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Stanley,

19th October, 1922

Sir,

M.P. 727/22
I have the honour to submit herewith a minute on the question of watering rights in South Shetlands, and also suggested Instructions to the Whaling Officer for South Shetland for the coming season.

2. May I suggest that the managers be informed at Stanley of the necessity of making report to the Whaling Officer immediately on arrival at South Shetland.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(sgd) J. E. Hamilton,

Stipendiary Magistrate

South Shetlands

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

(A)

Instructions to the Whaling Officer for
South Shetland, Season 1922/23.

1. On their arrival in the Dependency managers of factories should immediately report, by wireless if necessary, to the Whaling Officer, and at the earliest opportunity should present themselves in person with the necessary papers. The Whaling Officer should use his discretion in dealing with factories which do not in the first place proceed to Port Ester.

2. The following routine should be observed on the first arrival of managers:- Inspection of Transires and endorsement of them.

Inspection of licences.

Issue of Colonial Whaling Form for Factories, 2 copies.

do. do. do. do. for Catchers, 150 copies.

do. Whaling Regulations, 1 copy.

do. British Museum Form 154, 2 copies.

do. do. do. 132 or 132a, 36 copies (Ronald
74 copies)

do. Penguin Egg Licence if required (at the rate of
5/- per 1000 eggs)

The Whaling Officer should at the same time draw the attention of managers to the provisions of the Seal Fishery Ordinance 1921 and of the Wild Animals and Birds Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 1913 and Orders in Council made under it of 31st. March, 14th. December and 21st. December 1914. (NOTE. In the event of any Scientific or Exploring Expedition arriving in the Dependency the attention of its members should be

should be called to these Ordinances).

3. During the season the following points may require attention.

a. Mooring Places. With the exception of Hector Company at their leasehold in Deception Island no company has any claim to any mooring place. All are entitled to the use of all the harbours of the Dependency. The Whaling Officer may cause the removal of moorings. (See Regulations nos. 17 and 18).

The first arrivals in any season have prior claim.

b. Watering Places. The same statements apply to these as to mooring places.

It is the duty of the Whaling Officer to settle disputes referring to either a or b if requested to do so

4. WASTE. The particular attention of the Whaling Officer is drawn to Regulations nos. 11 and 12, he should make every effort to see that they are fulfilled.

5. So far as he can the Whaling Officer should tour his district and visit all factories.

He should request the managers to give him 24 hours notice of intended removal of factories to other harbours, or 6 hours notice of intended expeditions by catchers for purposes of investigation.

Failure to convey such information in the past has resulted in the loss of opportunities of travelling in the Dependency.

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6. The Naturalist's Department will furnish nets and tubes for the collection of plankton samples, which should be taken whenever opportunity offers. It is hoped that by this means data bearing on the movements of the whales may be collected.

7. Efforts should be made to collect skeletons if possible, and at least skulls and salted flippers of Bottlenose, Killer and "Minke" Whales. Payment ~~of £~~ has been authorised for the crews of the catchers bringing them in. Full descriptions with measurements should be made from the fresh specimens. The current bonus for a Fin Whale will be paid for each specimen.

8. It is eminently desirable that every effort be made to examine female whales for foetuses. In cases where the uterus is empty its condition should be carefully noted. Records of the smaller foetuses are particularly required. In all cases the total length of the female examined and of the foetus, if present, should be noted.

9. No opportunity should be lost of adding to our knowledge of any matter connected with whales or whaling.

Accurate information on any subject bearing on general conditions in the Dependency should also be recorded.

10. The specimens desired for the Imperial Exhibition should be collected.

J. E. Hamilton

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Magistrate.

South Shetland.

19th. October 1922.