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Industries.  
(Guano)  
No. 74/28.

1928.

Mr G. Philip-Tussaud

SUBJECT.

1927.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

Previous Paper.

Mr G. Philip-Tussaud  
Wishes to obtain concession for  
working guano deposits in  
Falkland Islands.

MINUTES.

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Letter from Mr G. Philip-Tussaud, of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 1927.

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q. for let.

please advise generally

& this matter at more

particularly as to the locality or

localities for which the sample

were best obtained and in to

the manner at cost of its

collection. J. Miller 28-2-28

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Secy.

I assisted Dr H.A. Baker in the survey of  
Kidney Island guano, possibly August 1921.

I believe that the report & analysis which  
followed, gave the value at £1 per ton landed in  
the U.K.

The mode of collection I would recommend,  
is that several samples of say 14-20 lbs each  
be obtained from various positions & depths.  
These should be in tins & soldered down on  
the spot & numbered. In some cases, small  
tins holding 4-5 lbs would be sufficient where  
the sample appeared poor.

Probably all tussock islands, here, are  
more or less saturated with guano, from both  
birds & seals.

From now onwards is the time to collect the  
actual guano from the penguins, & before it  
is washed into the land or sea by rains.

Kidney Isd is the only spot I have personally  
gone to. Any tussock isd. used by penguins  
would be similar. So also would any penguin  
rookery such as New Island, & elsewhere.  
The guano content may differ in each case.

I see no cheaper means of collection  
than by H.M.C.S. afterglow & it would depend  
on the time occupied & distance traversed,  
i.e. whether deposits other than Kidney Isd were  
sampled.

AJ Bennett  
28/2/28  
As for Net

Adv. receipt of state that a further

communication will be addressed to him in due course.

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A Letter to Mr. G. Philip-Innes and 5/3/28.

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5 Despatch to S.S. no. 322 of 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1928

V/E. Despatch saved and submitted for signature.

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Ag. for Let.

To see

J. Miller

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Hon. Pol. Secy:

Seen: Thank you.

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P.A.  
20/2/29

39 Inverness Terrace.  
Hyde Park.  
London W.  
2/12/27.

The Rt.Honourable  
The Governor of The Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith the copy of a letter which I recently sent to the Under Secretary of State expressing my desire to do business in connection with the guano deposits on the Falklands.

My reasons for communicating direct with you are, to avoid delay and take advantage of this outgoing mail. I have been given to understand that it is a matter of six weeks between each mail.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

*J. Philip, Treasurer*

copy

39, Inverness Terrace,  
Hyde Park, W.

16th November, 1927.

To the  
Under-Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

Sir,

Following my call on you of the 14th instant, with regard to the Guano deposits of the Falkland Island, I wish to re-state that I am desirous of opening up negotiations, with a view to obtaining a Concession for dealing with these deposits.

Naturally, before entering very deeply into the question, I should like to have, as soon as possible, for the purpose of analysis, a good representative sample of this material. That is to say, I should like to be favoured with, say, 1 cwt. of the raw material, just as it is found. This in all probability will have a considerable amount of tussock grass mingled with it, but this will not matter, as I should much prefer to have the Guano without it having been in any way specially handled or selected for my purpose.

~~I should like to add that I am very desirous of entering into negotiations with as little delay as possible.~~

Heretofore - this type of Guano has been of no commercial value. Owing to a new chemical treatment, I am able to extract

a very useful compound, the by products from which will then be valuable for all ordinary fertilizing purposes.

I have a friend who made the tour of most of the penguin breeding and moulting localities of the Falklands in 1914. I have an analysis report, as a result of this tour, which looks very promising. It states that "The guano, combined with dead tussock grass is many feet deep in certain localities." This is very probable as there would be an accumulation over centuries, the grass continually dying down and enveloping the much washed guano.

The samples analysed, according to the report, were obtained from the sea edge of the Islands. One may assume that it would be of a finer grade a little inland. There should always be a fair deposit during the breeding and moulting seasons - but this would be a limited quantity of first grade guano which would have to be collected before the heavy rains were due.

Considerable changes are apt to have taken place during this lapse of fourteen years, consequently, I do not wish to rely too much on this report.

I should like to add that I am very desirous of entering into negotiations with as little delay as possible, and would be most grateful if you could kindly aid me in this matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*G. Philip. Lussan*

Research Chemist.

74/28.

5th March, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd of December, 1927, forwarding a copy of a letter addressed by you to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, regarding the possibility of exploiting the guano resources of the Colony, and to say that a further communication on the subject will be addressed to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

MR. G. PHILIP-TUSSAUD,  
39, INVERNESS TERRACE,  
HYDE PARK,  
LONDON, W.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

10th October, 1928

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 322.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of correspondence exchanged between this Government and Mr. G. Philip-Tussaud regarding the possibility of exploring the guano deposits in the Falkland Islands and to state that in the view of the fact that Mr. Philip-Tussaud had addressed apparently the Colonial Office direct in the matter it was not considered proper to take any definite action thereon pending the receipt of instructions from you.

2. As no indication of your wishes in this connection, however, appears hitherto to have been sent, I should be grateful if I may be informed what action, if any, I am to take further in regard to Mr. Philip-Tussaud's request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DUPLICATE

Lawrence Terrace,

Hyde Park, W.

16th November 1927

DOWNING STREET,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 8 To the  
Under-Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

8 January, 1929.

Sir,

Following my call on you of the 14th instant, with  
regard to the Guano deposits of the Falkland Islands, I wish  
to re-state that I am desirous of entering into negotiations  
with a view to obtaining a Guano concession for dealing with

*heads*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt  
of your despatch No. 322 of the 10th of October and to  
transmit to you a copy of correspondence with

Mr. Tussaud 16 Nov. 1927.

Mr. G.F. Tussaud regarding a guano Concession.

To Mr. Tussaud  
25th Nov. 1927.

2. As no reply has been received from Mr. Tussaud

Fr. Mr. Tussaud  
28th Nov. 1927.

to the letter of the 28th of November it would appear  
that he is no longer interested in the matter.

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(Signed) L. S. AMERY

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Copy!

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I have etc.,

(Sd) G.Philip Tussauid.

Research Chemist.

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Downing Street,  
25th November, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th of November, with regard to your desire to obtain a concession for the purpose of dealing with the guano deposits of the Falkland Islands.

2. I am to inform you that the Secretary of State is in possession of the result of certain analyses made some years ago of the Falkland Islands guano which might prove to be of interest to you, and I am to suggest that you should call at this Office when such information as is available will be given to you.

I am, etc.,

(Sd) G.Grindle.

G.PHILIP TUSSAUD, ESQ.

Copy.

39, Inverness Terrace,  
Hyde Park.  
28.11.27.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, the papers which  
you so kindly allowed me to remove for the  
purpose of copying.

I beg to thank you for the same and,  
would like to add that I will let you know  
something a little more definite as soon as  
possible.

(Sd) G.Philip Tussaud.

Copy

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Downing Street,

28th November, 1928.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to state that he learns that in December last you addressed an enquiry to the Governor of the Falkland Islands regarding your desire for a guano concession in the Colony. The Officer Administering the Government has referred the letter home for instructions and I am to enquire whether you desire to proceed further in the matter of obtaining samples of guano from the Colony.

I am, etc.,

(Sd) R. Darnley.

G.P. TUSSAUD, ESQ.