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C.S.

No. 752/23

S. of S. No. 72

SUBJECT.

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3rd. September

Previous Paper.

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (U.S.A.)

Respecting sending of Expedition  
to South Atlantic.

MINUTES.

*S of S. despatch No 72 of 3rd September ———— Encl ①*

*Government Naturalist.*

*To ver.*

*9/12/23*

*Di' C'gee*

*15 Oct 1923.*

*Hon. Col. Sec.*

*Notes please.*

- 2. Little is known of the S. Georgia Pipit and Teal, nor whether they exist in any numbers. I would submit that Mr. Binnie's attention might be drawn to the desirability of limiting the number of specimens to be taken, although the former is not protected the members of the Expedition will doubtless be willing to observe a limitation: both species are peculiar to S.G.*
- 3. I am particularly anxious to acquire eggs of the hooded Merganser, and of*

Subsequent Paper.

*16 June 26*

"grey headed Malleonauta" as well as  
Horn of the Pipit and Teal for our  
museum, in addition to these two skins each  
of the latter, male and female, are required.

? Do you think it would be in order to  
request the Expedition to supply these, it  
might be considered as a return for the  
~~maximum~~ facilities which I assume  
H.H. is willing to give, I do not suggest that  
the provision of these specimens should be  
a condition of the collector's licence, which  
will no doubt be issued.

J.G. Hamilton.

Govt. Naturalist

22/10/23

note: It is possible that Mr. Rennie may  
think of the "Pipit" as a "Lark".

J.G.  
Submitted.

The Magistrate to be communicated with  
as proposed?

C.H.H.  
Dir/Sec  
25 Oct 1923

Copy of Govt. Naturalist's minute to O. Ke. South  
Georgia with reference to the correspondence which  
will have been forwarded direct to him by the S.S.P.

Please ask the S.H. to assist the Expedition  
in so far as lies in his power and to obtain the friendly  
Co-operation of the members in procuring the specimens  
needed for the S.N.

25 Oct. 23

DUPLICATE



DOWNING STREET,

FALKLAND ISLANDSNO. 72

3 September, 1924

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a note which has been received by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from the United States Embassy with regard to an expedition which the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is about to send to the South Atlantic.

2. I request that arrangements may be made to afford to the members of the expedition such facilities as may properly be given, consistently with the local law, on the occasion of their visit.

3. A copy of this despatch and the enclosures will be sent direct to the Magistrate at South Georgia if a suitable opportunity offers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

18th July

752/23.

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27th October,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to forward to you a copy of Secretary of State's Despatch No. 72 of the 3rd of September (with enclosures) relative to an expedition which the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is about to send to the South Atlantic. A copy of a minute from the Government Naturalist on the same subject is also enclosed.

2. I am to request you to assist the expedition in so far as lies in your power and to obtain the friendly co-operation of the members in procuring the specimens asked for by the Government Naturalist.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

William Barlas, Esq.,  
Acting Magistrate,  
South Georgia.

COPY

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

June 15th 1923.

Dr. George W Crile,  
Euclid at 93rd St.,  
Cleveland.

Dear Dr. Crile,

Confirming our conversation yesterday afternoon, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to thank you for your contribution of one thousand dollars to the special fund to defray the expenses of employing a collector for one year on the fishes of the Cleveland shale, for the western trip of our taxidermist, Mr. A.B. Buller, and other items I understand that payment of this contribution will be made in the Fall.

Our South Atlantic Expedition will visit the following British possessions: Ascension, St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Gough, Sandwich group, South Georgia, Bouvet, and islands off the west African coast chiefly between Walfish Bay and Ludoritz Bay. I am uncertain whether these last islands are directly British or under the government of South Africa. It is possible that we shall visit other British possessions incidentally.

The American Museum of Natural History advises me that it has received cordial support from Sir Vincent Wilberforce Baddeley, K.C.B., First Principal Assistant Secretary Admiralty, address No. 5, Barton Street, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W. Through your friend who was a Naval Officer in the battle of Jutland, I hope you will be able to establish a personal relation with Sir Vincent and secure his interest in our South Atlantic Expedition. It should be explained to Sir Vincent that  
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the Cleveland Museum is undertaking this expedition with the hearty co-operation of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and that it proposes to survey for general scientific purposes, and especially ornithologically, the islands of the South Atlantic from the equator nearly to the antarctic circle. What is desired is a letter of general credentials asking British officials in general to extend to the Expedition all courtesies and assistance in their power. It has not been found advisable to make detailed specific requests since a general letter usually proves more helpful. It might be well to advise with our Embassy in London in connection with these proceedings.

In Paris you can help us greatly by securing similar backing from the French Government. The French territory we propose to visit includes the Island of Kerguelen, Crozet, New Amsterdam: also Prince Edward and Heard. I have not found information as to the nationality of these two islands. They may be British from their names but they are near French islands.

I do not know just how to obtain Portuguese and Spanish credentials. Perhaps the Embassy at Washington will be the best route. If however you happen to form any connection with these embassies in Paris and London it might be well to take such steps as are possible. The Portuguese territory to be visited includes the Cape Verde Islands, Primes, St. Thomas and Annobon. The only Spanish territory seems to be the Island of Fernando Po.

The Brazilian territory to be visited includes St. Paul, As Rocas, Fernando, Noronha, Southern Trinidad, and Martin Vas. I am taking steps, through Dr. W.P. Wilson of the Commercial Museum at Philadelphia, to obtain

credentials

credentials from Brazil.

A large proportion of these islands are uninhabited. In the few that are inhabited co-operation of the local officials will be necessary and very helpful. In some of these cases there may be legal restrictions upon the number of birds that may be taken. To attempt to secure any unusual waiver of these restrictions often starts up trouble. Friendly officials will usually wink at these requirements if they are not forced to their attention. It is probably better, therefore, to say nothing about them.

Since we are going to make desperate effort to get the Expedition off by the first of September it will help very greatly if you will advise us, by mail, of the results of your efforts. This will be a great help to the organisation of the Expedition

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) P.M. REA.

Director.

LONDON

July 18th 1923.

No. 870

My Lord,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Your Lordship the attached copy of a letter sent from Mr. F.M. Roe, the Director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, Ohio, to Dr. George W. Cille of the same city, who is a trustee of that institution, and who at present is in London in the interests of the South Atlantic Expedition, whose projects the letter details.

I beg to ask whether the letter of general credentials to British officials, asking that courtesies and assistance be extended to the members of the expedition may appropriately be furnished, and if so, to ask Your Lordship to be so good as to lay the request before the authorities concerned.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration etc.,

(Sgd) POST WHEELER

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

THE MOST HONOURABLE

THE MARQUESS CURZON OF KILLESTON, K.G.,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.,

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LONDON, September 27th, 1923.

No. 1009.

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's Note No.A. 5612/4547/45 of September 24th, concerning the expedition which the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is sending to the South Atlantic, in the fifth paragraph of which Your Lordship requests certain details for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the Department of State is in receipt of a letter from the Museum concerning the projected expedition which I believe you will find supplies the details desired.

The letter is as follows:

"Our expedition desires to secure permission to visit these islands during the next two years and collect such data and specimens as are necessary for a study of the problem which I have outlined above. Usually a day or two on an island will suffice - certainly not more than two weeks will be necessary at any one place - since we must count on a large part of our time being occupied in sailing from one island to another in our small three-masted schooner, now on the ways at New London, where her hull is being coppered and her cabin plan changed to meet our requirements.

"The route is so planned that we can do our

The Most Honourable  
 The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,  
 &c., &c., &c.,

work

work in the subAntarctic regions during the Antarctic summer, November to April. We hope to put to sea as early in October as possible, and visit the following points in the order given:

Cape Verde Islands  
 Fernando Noronha  
 St. Paul Rocks  
 As Rocas Reef  
 Martin Vas Islands  
 Abrolhos Island  
 South Trinidad Islet  
 Falkland Islands  
     Sea Lion Island  
     Beechey Island  
 Staten Island  
 Shag Rocks  
 South Shetlands  
     Deception Island  
     Elephant Island  
 Graham Land  
 South Georgia Island  
     Clerke Rocks  
 South Sandwich Group  
 Inverse Islands  
     Lieskov Island  
     Visokov Island  
     Zavodovskii Island  
 Bouvet Island  
 Lindsay Island  
 Tristan da Cunha  
     Inaccessible Island  
     Nightingale Island  
 Gough Island  
 Cape of Good Hope.

"At Cape Town we shall restock with stores, and should be able to move northward up the Atlantic beginning about May of 1924, when the following route will occupy our attention:

Ascension Island  
 St. Helena Island  
 Gulf of Guinea Islands  
     Fernando Po  
     Princes or Principe  
     Annobon  
     San Thome  
 Coastal Islands  
     Hollam's Bird Island  
     Mercury Island  
     Possession Island  
     Dassen Island  
     Ichabo or Ichaboe Island  
     Halifax Island  
     Pomona Island

Flum Pudding Island

Plum Pudding Island  
 Sinclair Island  
 Robben Island  
 Roast Beef Island  
 Sherboro or Sherbro Island  
 Bissagos or Bijuga Islands  
 Cape of Good Hope.

"Again we shall restock at Cape Town, and should be ready to begin our Indian Ocean program by early November of 1924, to visit the following:

Marion Island  
 Prince Edward Island  
 Crozet Islands  
 Apostles Island  
 Hog Island  
 Penguin Island  
 Possession Island  
 East Island  
 Kerguelon Island or Desolation  
 Heard Island  
 Shag Island  
 Macdonald Island  
 Amsterdam Island  
 St. Paul Island  
 Dyer Island  
 Algoa Bay Bird Island  
 Cape of Good Hope

"This should bring us back to Cape Town in about May of 1925, from which point we shall return to the United States by way of the Cape Verde Islands, and possibly by way of Trinita da Cunha, Ascension, and St. Helena in case we were forced to neglect them during the previous summer."

"The personnel of the expedition will be composed of the following:

George Finlay Simmons,  
 Leader of the Expedition;  
 Mrs. George Simmons,  
 Private Secretary;  
 Carl Robertson,  
 Special newspaper correspondent;  
 Robert H. Rockwell,  
 Animal-sculptor and taxidermist;  
 W. Kenneth Guyler,  
 Naturalist and biologist;

Allen L. Mosee (of Grand Manan, New Brunswick  
Canada), Bird expert;  
Captain George Comer,  
Master of the vessel (the HLOSSON).

It should be clearly understood that the expedition is a private one with which the Government of the United States has no connection.

I have the honour to request that permission be given to visit such of the above named islands as may come under the Sovereignty of the British Government and that the necessary credentials be issued so that everything may be in order for the members of the expedition to make the visits indicated.

I have, etc.,

POST WHEELER

Counselor of Embassy.



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S.G.  
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C.S. 752/23

Magistrate's Office,  
South Georgia.  
10th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 752/23 of the 27th of October, last, with enclosures, and to inform you that every effort will be made to assist the expedition and in obtaining their help in securing the specimens asked for by the Government Naturalist.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "L. Barlas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Ag. Magistrate.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Letter to Ag. Magistrate, S.G., 27/10/23. (7)

S of S despatch No 91 of 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1923 - Encl (3)  
Letter from United States Ambassador  
of 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1923 - " (8A)

Y.E. Submitted.  
G.M. 13  
Dir Gen  
10 Jan 1924.

B.U. 10/4/24

~~W.H.~~ 10/6/24

E.E.  
Brought up  
G.M. 13  
Dir Gen  
17 April 1924

B.U. 10 June

Letter from Magistrate S.G. Georgia  
of 10<sup>th</sup> March 1924 - Encl (4)

Y.S.  
Submitted for information.  
The expedition must have been  
delayed or altered its itinerary.

2. The permission etc paragraph  
of the letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1923  
from the Director of the Cleveland  
Museum will amuse Y.S.

Yes: was much  
M.

13 Dec 1923  
13 June 24

Mr. A. G. Bennett,

You asked for this paper.

G. H. 13

for CS.

19 July 1924

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Hon. Col. Secy

Revd. thank you.

A. G. Bennett

asst. to Nat.

22.7/24