

MISCELLANEOUS.

C.S.

1931.

No. 250/31.

S. of S. Despatch

SUBJECT.

1931.

15th June.

EXPORTATION OF WILD BIRDS PLUMAGE
FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1931 S. of S. Despatch No. 69 of 15th June, 1931.

Ag. for let.

Please see.

J. M. M.

10. 8. 31.

Hon Col: Seey:

*Thank you, The R.S. for the Protection of
Birds may be useful in a densely populated
country & in which they have local knowledge.
This society was instrumental in suppressing the
"osprey", really sport trade, & in that appear to
have exhausted their usefulness as a body.
Apart from the obvious "log pull" there
is undoubtedly some trade & money.*

Subsequent Paper.

to be obtained from feathers & down was being
wasted in the colony.

Ag Bennett
ag Nat
12/8/31

Y. 2. Scholbr.

jud

13.8.31.

Hou. C. S.

Noted
Mr Bennett's comment
covers the ground
go
13.8.31

P. H. jud

14.8.31

Minute from H. B. Sheag Governor 18/8/31 (5-6)

Y. 4. This is the only paper that
can be traced.

McH
ag ed.
21.8.34

Mr. C. S.

Thank you. Re.

list of poultry feathers merchants

may be of use for reference ab

some future date.

jud

21.8.34.

P. A.

H. C. S.
I have received samples of down from Mrs. J. A. Amsen who was kind enough to collect them and label them by species. Samples have been posted as shown in the att. letter.

g. N. 21. 11. 41

Y/E.
Submitted for information.

C. J. G. S.
21/2/41

Govt. Nat.
Yours. Please keep me informed.

22/2/41

M.S. Nov. 25. 11. 41

Govt. Naturalist.
W.P. brought forward as requested.

C. J. G. S.
20/3/41

M.S. Thank you. Duplicate letter and samples have been posted. g. N. 26. 11. 41

Can this m.p. be sent to me a few days before next mail after Feb 28. For action as per 50. Re letter please. 2/41

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25/2/41

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15 June 1

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Sir,

I am directed by Lord Passfield to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd of June in regard to a statement which appeared in a newspaper in this country of the 22nd May, reporting that Sir James O'Grady proposes to develop a new industry in the Falkland Islands by the exploitation of birds' feathers.

2. I am to enclose for your perusal and return Ordee. 1 of 1913 a copy of Ordinance No.1 of 1913 and Ordinance No.9 Ordee. 9 of 1914 of 1914 which provide for the preservation of wild animals and birds in the Falkland Islands. The birds mentioned in Schedule 1 of Ordinance No.1 of 1913 are completely protected, and the birds mentioned in Schedule 2 are partially protected, i.e. from the beginning

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,
THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

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beginning of October to the end of February.

No completely protected bird or part of such bird may be exported - vide section 2(c), and no partially protected bird or part of such bird may be exported during the close season - vide section 3(c). I am to add that penguins are protected under Ordinance No.9 of 1914, and your Society will observe that under this ordinance the taking of penguins eggs without a licence is unlawful.

3. A copy of this correspondence is being forwarded to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. DARNLEY.

COPY.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

82, Victoria Street,

London, S.W.1.

June 2nd 1931.



Sir,

In the "Sketch" (newspaper) for May 22nd 1931,
the following statement appeared;-

"Sir James O'Grady has plans for developing
a new industry our there (i.e. the Falkland
Isles) in the profitable exploitation of
birds' feathers".

This has greatly perturbed members of the Royal
Society for the Protection of Birds, as we have understood
that for many years past, there has been in force in the
Falkland Isles an Ordinance whereby the exportation
of the plumage of any wild birds is strictly forbidden.

Will you therefore be so good as to inform me
whether this Ordinance is still in force? and if so,
whether the new Governor could be made aware of it, so
that anxiety on account of the avi-fauna of the Falkland
Isles may be allayed?

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) Frank E. Lemon.

Hon. Secretary.

To the Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

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Reference to previous correspondence:-
Secretary of State's Despatch No..... of the
Governor's

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 69.....

DOWNING STREET,

15th June.....19.31..

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, ~~the papers~~ ^{for you}
information, a copy of the papers
noted below on the subject of *the exportation of wild birds* ~~from~~
from the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Passfield.

Date.	Description.
<u>1931</u> 2nd June.	From the Royal Society for the protection of Birds.
15th June.	To - do - (without enclosures).

POULTRY FEATHER MERCHANTS.

Name and Address.	Kinds purchased.	Quantities required.	Remarks.
Davis's Feather Mills Ltd., 59/63, High Street, Whitechapel, E.1.	Goose feathers. Duck " Fowl "	Any quantity.	Quills, wing and tail feathers should be eliminated.
Booth & Fox, Mill Marsh Lane, Brimsdown, Middlesex.	Goose feathers Duck " Poultry "	Any quantity.	Without quills.
John Martin & Co., 4, Jordan Street, Liverpool.	Goose feathers Duck " Fowl "	Minimum of 56 lb.	Each kind should be kept separate and free from quills and wing feathers.
Hines, Stroud & Co., Glengall Wharf, Old Kent Road, London, S.E.15.	Goose feathers Duck " Poultry "	Any quantity. Minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ ton.	To be in a dry condition and quills and wing feathers to be eliminated.
W.C. Iatham, 30, North Grove, S. Tottenham, London, N.15.	Fowls quills.	In 1 cwt. lots or more.	Quills from full grown fowls preferred. They must be clean and dry and reasonably free from body feathers.
R. Fogarty & Co. Ltd., Boston, Linas.	Goose feathers Duck " Fowl "	Any quantity from 28 lb.	
Siddall Manufacturing Co., 9, Duke Street, Curtain Road, E.C.2.	Goose feathers Duck " Fowl "	Minimum of 5 cwt.	
E. & C. Nightingale, 72, Old Street, London, E.C.	Goose feathers Duck " Turkey " Fowl "	Any quantity.	
Stockwell & Co., Skinners Row, Greenwich, S.E.10.	Goose feathers Duck " Fowl " Turkey "	Any quantity.	Body feathers only required. Wing and tail quills should be eliminated.
J. Cunnin, 604, Mile End Road, Bow. E.3.	Poultry " Duck " Goose " Turkey " Pheasant " Poultry Quills Duck " Goose "	Any quantity.	Payment according to quality.

Name and Address.	Kinds purchased.	Quantities required.	Remarks.
Witton & Co., Exeter Street, Birmingham.	Goose feathers } Duck " } Poultry " }	Any quantity. } $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. upwards. }	Free from quills.
James Brown, Carlton & Co. Ltd., Phoenix Works, Chapel Gardens, Liverpool.	Goose feathers } Duck " } Turkey " } Fowl " }	Any quantity but 56 lb. and over preferred.	With the exception of Turkey feathers quills should be eliminated.
Tolly, McCann & Co., Billingborough, Lincs.	Goose feathers } Duck " } Fowl " } Turkey " }	Any quantity from 28 lbs. upwards.	
Northern Feather Works Ltd., Cordeva Road, Grove Road, Bow, London, E.3.	All kinds of body feathers.	Any quantity from 28 lb. upwards.	Quills, wing and tail feathers should be eliminated.

Producers, Distributors and others who are interested in the better marketing of Home-Produced Eggs and Poultry should order the following Reports from their newsagents:-

Report on the Marketing of Eggs in England and Wales.
Economic Series, No.10,

Report on the Marketing of Poultry in England and Wales.
Economic Series, No.11,

published by His Majesty's Stationery Office; price 6d. net,
post free 9d. each volume.

The following Marketing Leaflets explaining the National Mark schemes for Eggs and Dressed Poultry can be obtained free of charge on application to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1:-

Marketing Leaflet No.6. Eggs.

Marketing Leaflet No.17. Dressed Poultry.

Markets Division,
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
10, Whitehall Place,
London, S.W.1.

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Mr C. S. The attached
has been sent me by a
personal correspondent.

I think there are
precious papers I refer to
the possibility of organizing a
trade I gave feathers between
the U.S. and the U.K. ? 18.9.34.

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NATURALIST DEPARTMENT,

STANLEY,

20th February, 1941.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions of His Excellency the Governor I am sending, under a separate cover, 1 sample of down from the nest of the Logger Duck and 4 samples from nests of the Upland Goose.

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2. The Duck is common but in the event of the down being valuable would have to be handled in the same way as the Eider Ducks.

The Goose is very common and a great number of its eggs are taken annually either for food or for destruction, since it is commonly believed that this species, being a grazing bird, is inimical to the pastoral interests.

3. The object of this enquiry is to ascertain whether either sort of down is of commercial value, now or in normal times.

I should therefore be grateful for information as to the quality and probable value in the state in which the samples are submitted. Each package is the product of one nest and I should be glad to know the weight of each.

Perhaps you would also send the addresses of one or two firms which might be interested and if possible figures of the minimum weights which would be considered by them.

Instructions as to collection and packing would be appreciated.

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4. The samples are as taken from the nest, except that the geese vegetable fragments have been removed.

5. A duplicate of this letter and additional samples will be sent by the next mail, as a precaution against loss en route.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Dated J. E. Hamilton.)
Government Naturalist.

Duplicate
24-11-41

The Director
The Imperial Institute
South Kensington
London SW7