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No.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

8th April, 19 47.

To The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I would be greatly obliged if a concrete path, say 2 ft. 6 ins. wide can be made from my yard steps to the door of the peat shed.

The present path is grass and earth, i.e. mostly mud if it rains so that I do not need to point out the advantages of the concrete path which I hope can be completed before the winter.

The length would be only 9 or 10 feet, gently curved.

J. Hamilton
Government Naturalist.

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1st July, 1947.

To The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to our recent conversation about Army Nissen hutting for a possible fisheries scheme I should be grateful if 100 feet total length of the 16 ft. wide type could be reserved until a decision is reached regarding the fishery.

J.H. Hamilton

Government Naturalist.

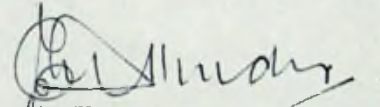
TREASURY OBSERVATION

SUBJECT :-

Voucher for £26. 7s. 7d against XIV Naturalist
Subhead 3 Trout Ova.

Government Naturalist,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the 1947
Estimates in which the sum approved under this subhead amounts
to £10; in view of this the above mentioned sum was not paid
on 31/7/47. The voucher under reference is returned herewith.



Assistant Treasurer.

16 AUG 1947

No.

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MINUTE.

(1)

21st August, 19 47.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

As the attached Treasury Observation shows the amount in my vote Sub-head 3 is only £10.

2. The Estimates were prepared and passed during my absence on leave and the sum of £10 was inserted presumably as a token.

3. For some years the annual vote under this sub-head has been £100 and in view of the present activity in the matter of Trout Hatching, I now beg to submit a Special Warrant for £90, which is in fact a re-vote.

J. L. Hamilton

Government Naturalist.

To EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

To E.E., *file*

Please arrange for the following minor works to be executed at ~~the building~~* these quarters.

The work is ~~urgent~~ ^{not urgent*} very urgent.

* Delete words not required.

Room or department.	Nature of work required.
<i>Naturalist's Quarters.</i>	<i>Small Concrete slope up to front gate to to facilitate handling of motor cycle <u>now in official use and housed here.</u></i>

Date... *22 - VIII - 47*

Signed... *J. S. ...*

Seen and approved.

Referred to.

Work completed.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

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2nd September, 1947.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Allowance for a Motor Bicycle used for official purposes.

I have discussed with the Auditor the subject of the allowance for my motor bicycle which is used for official purposes. We agreed that payment of a flat rate per month would be much the most convenient method for all the parties concerned and Mr. Bownphrey stated that such a flat rate is paid in certain places in Africa, the sum being, so far as he remembers, \$2 per mensem for comparable conditions of use.

2. I would therefore beg to apply for an allowance of \$2 per mensem and, since I received every encouragement from the Administration to purchase this expensive machine, I would ask that free maintenance and adjustments may be carried out by the P.W.D., but this of course would not include replacement of wornout or broken parts.

The bicycle was brought into use on August 18th.

Government Naturalist.

Naturalist's Department.

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The Government Naturalist returned from leave on 6th March, 1947.

This Department is engaged in the hatching of trout ova of which 2 consignments have been received.

Other duties have included matters referring to sealing and whaling in the Colony & Dependencies, and a 3-year fishery plan has been prepared under the Colonial Development and Research Scheme.

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6-ix-47

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16/9/47.

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From The Assistant Treasurer.

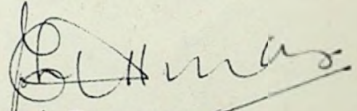
To Government Naturalist,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Please note that the undermentioned amounts were over-spent, in 1946, on expenditure votes under your control.

2. I would be grateful if you would forward special warrants covering this overexpenditure: -

1. Personal Allowance to Dr. J.E. Hamilton	£37. 10. --
4. Contingencies	2. --. 10.


Assistant Treasurer.

Magistrate & Soc. Naturalist

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				27.9.47.
To ETHERIDGE				
FOX BAY				

SEND THE LOT PLEASE

GOVERNMENT NATURALIST.

Time

21/49.

Copy to Government Naturalist for inf.
Two copies to G.I/c Treasury for inf.

9

29th September

47.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 6th August, 1947, addressed to Dr. Hamilton, I am directed by the Governor to say that there is no objection to you killing 25 elephant seal in addition to the 50 which are covered by the licence issued to you on the 29th March making 75 in all and that one licence is hereby extended up to and to include the 15th of December, 1947.

2. It should be understood that this letter may not be regarded as a precedent for future years.

3. I am to add that the additional fee of £1 should be paid to the Treasury at your early convenience.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Hutchinson, Esq.,
STANLEY.

Naturalist's Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

9th October, 1947.

Dear Sir,

In your number 4926 of June 7th 1947, on p. 550 it is stated that in 1865 Commander Fenwick, H.M.S. Harrier, brought King Penguins to London from the Falklands.

Since the history of the species here is extremely obscure : it is said to have been finally exterminated by man : I would be greatly obliged for any further information about it in these islands.

I have no reference library but I think that Dr. Hindle, Scientific Secretary of the London Zoo, with whom I am well acquainted, would have anything pertinent in contemporary literature (probably P.Z.S.) extracted and sent to me.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. Hamilton

The Editor,
The Field Newspaper,
72 - 78 Fleet Street,
London E.C. 4.

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TELEPHONE:
MONARCH 8080

Stanley,
13th October 1947.-

Dr. J. E. Hamilton,
Stanley.

Sir,

I am instructed to offer you free of charge one drum of formaldehyde. Unfortunately, I can not arrange transport, but if you are interested, you may collect same from the warehouse of Mr. Hutchinson.

Yours faithfully,
for BRITISH AMERICAN KELP COMPANY LIMITED.

Creighton Jones

V.V.

Sir

I am very grateful for your offer which I accept for the use of my Department with pleasure.

I shall make arrange to have it collected.

with renewed thanks
Yours faithfully

S ~ ~ ~

This should be a
simple but tedious
matter. I suggest that
all that is necessary is
that a reliable person
shall make a home to
home visitation and
^{then} produce a nominal
roll. Of series as to
age can be verified
by reference to the
R.G.'s Department,
for which I presume
there will be no charge
in this first place. The
~~question of~~ fees
payable by the T.C.
in future might be
(somewhat unusually)
compounded? 1/5
2/. Under the Bill H.E.
has power to make

The arrangements for my
~~first election.~~

Naturalist's Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

14th October, 1947.

Frederick Jones, Esq.,
Stanley.

Sir,

I am very grateful for your offer which I accept for the use of my Department with pleasure.

I shall arrange to have it collected.

With renewed thanks,

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Hamilton

Government Naturalist.

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13. (1) b. Reported deposit near Black Rock. It is a great pity Niddrie did not give the name of the donor of his specimen, I suspect the Black Rock shepherd. Further enquiries should be made.
- 14 (3) Raised Beaches.
- I am now quite clear that during my sea-lion census I came across a raised beach of small boulders ??30 feet above the sea. To the zoologist it was no more than an object of casual interest, in fact so casual that I am uncertain of the locality and I mention it only in order to support the possibility that there may be others.
16. (8) Present day beaches as at Salvador are not uncommon. There is one in Fox Bay. They are often, in part at least of vegetable origin.

I suggest that the possibility of further deposits should be kept in mind and enquiries and notes made as opportunity offers.

Some of the farmers may know of other deposits, if any. The detection of a raised beach seems usually to be a matter for the geologist (see 13 (2) (a)). It is not in my line at all but I am prepared to do what I can of course when opportunity offers.

? What about lime for building from this source.

J. D. Hamilton
Government Naturalist.

15/X/42

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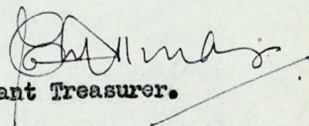
To Govt. Paleontologist

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From The Asst. Treasurer.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I would be grateful if you would kindly vet the enclosed proof of Estimate appertaining to your Department, and return as soon as possible.



Assistant Treasurer.

R. E. '47

10 ndr 8 for transfer.

R. E. '48

100 ndr 5 for over.

efl/jb.

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Naturalist's Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

2nd November, 1947.

D.F.I. 48/1.

Dear Dr. Kidd,

We are greatly indebted for the trouble you have taken to produce the most useful information in your letter of 22nd August and thank you for it. The series of queries and the "comments" are particularly valuable.

I need scarcely say that I am not in a position to write about prospects yet as this was a preliminary enquiry on my part but it would be a benefit to the islands if something could be done and unquestionably a benefit to consumers as even 1,000 tons is something nowadays.

The potential cost is pretty high and indeed might be prohibitive since our resources are really quite limited.

Very many thanks also for the separates. The drying of meat for food is a delicate operation.

I envy your address.

Yours sincerely,

Government Naturalist.

Dr. F. Kidd,
Director of Food Investigation,
Lloyds Bank Chambers,
Hobson Street,
Cambridge.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
70 79	Haslemere	24	22.23	15.11.47
To	NLT HAMILTON	NATURALISTS DEPARTMENT	STANLEY	FALKLANDS

AIRWAYS FORECAST FREIGHT COST TWENTY POUNDS STOP QUANTITY EGGS IMMATERIAL
 BOAT DECEMBER 24 APPEARS SUITABLE AIRMAIL FOLLOWS.

*This still holds
 Hide Young.
 16-XI-47*

LENEY

*G.N.
 Proceed accordingly
 2. Order 10,000 eggs
 Inc. 17/xi*

Time

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

17th. November 1947

To The Officer-in-Charge,

W/T Station,

Stanley.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I should be indebted if it could be brought to the notice of your men that all repeat all seals and birds in Stanley Harbour are protected by a special regulation. The shores of the Harbour are included in the protection.

J. D. Hamilton

Government Naturalist.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th November, 1947.

Dear Mr. Dore,

The attached is sent because I have heard rumours of
Logger Ducks being killed by W/T ratings and it is as well
to take action on such rumours.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Hamilton

Comm. Tel. F.R. Dore, R.N.+
W/T Station,
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th November, 1947.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to state that I have examined the sketch of the proposed coat of arms and would remark that it is parted per ~~fesse~~^{ssé}, displaying in base a sea, unduly proper charged with a ship.

In chief however the field is blank and one must conclude that it is argent. How then is a sheep proper to be displayed on it even if metal could be displayed on metal. Such an animal must be argent and therefore invisibly although probably armed or, or sable, and unguled sable.

But since the Rules prohibit metal on metal, I would suggest that the field should be vert as an (optimistic) reference to our pastures.

Further I think the sheep should be specifically hornless. As for its attitude, statant or courant - the latter is the more lively.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Jato

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at 18.XI-47 Date

To LENEY
SURREY TROUT FARM
HASLEMERE

PLEASE ARRANGE TEN THOUSAND EGGS TO COME BY BOAT LEAVING MONTEVIDEO
DECEMBER 24TH STOP SHALL CONFIRM DATE LATER

HAMILTON

sent 18/xl.
open
AM.
^

Time

NOTICE.

Penguin Egg Licences.

Under Section 2 of the Penguins Preservation Ordinance
the Governor is pleased to appoint the Government Naturalist,

The Honourable Dr. J.E. Hamilton

as an officer to grant licences to take penguin eggs.

Note. In future applications for licences should be made
to the Government Naturalist.

file (22)

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BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



The Governor General of the Falkland Islands
Government House
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

P. Atlantic

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Sender's name and address :-

F. V. L. JARVIS

21, SHIRLEY AVENUE

SUTTON, SURREY



← To open cut here

21, Shirley Avenue

Sutton

Surrey. England.

Nov 20th 1947

The Governor General
of the Falkland Islands
Government House
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency.

I would be grateful if you could give me from your records the titles of any publications that have been made concerning the Lepidoptera (Butterflies & Moths) of the Falkland Islands. I would like this information, if it is available, for research purposes & find it exceedingly difficult over here to find anything of a detailed nature.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

F. V. L. Jarvis.

(F. V. L. JARVIS)

GN 111c

HAMILTON

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Graphed 21-2-37

To

LENEY SURREY TROUT FARM HASLEMERE

see (2)

PLEASE ARRANGE SHIP TEN THOUSAND EGGS BY AIR FOR OUR SHIP
LEAVING MONTE VIDEO DECEMBER ~~19th.~~ 24th. WILL ADVISE YOU
IF DATE ALTERED

HAMILTON

Time

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

4th December, 1947.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have spoken with the Executive Engineer about clearing the supply pipe to my hatchery and he very properly told me that there were many things of urgency for his Department. It is necessary that this pipe should be opened up before the next batch of eggs arrives (from U.K. by air) which are booked to sail from Montevideo on the 24th of this month. There will, as usual be holidays about Christmas.

Further. in order to ensure that the water is not polluted with oil &c. it should run through the pipe for several days before the eggs arrive.

I should be grateful therefore if this work be given the necessary priority.

The hatchery became free of fish only yesterday, the 3rd.

J. E. H.
Government Naturalist.

d. a. E. H.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				12.12.47.
To LENEY SURREY TROUT FARM HASTINGS.				

OUR SHIP EXPECTED LEAVE MONTVIDEO 27TH DECEMBER FOR STANLEY

HAMILTON

sent 12th Dec.

Time

MINUTE

From *The Asst. Treasurers* To *The Govt. Paymaster*
Stanley Falkland Is. *Stanley Falkland Is.*

(if any)
 Please note that Special Warrants covering excesses on votes of your Department for 1947 should be submitted to the Treasury before the 23rd December.

[Signature]
 Assistant Treasurer.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				24.12.47

LENEY
To SURREY TROUT FARM
HASLEMERE

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER NOVEMBER 15TH STOP OUR SHIP LEAVES MONTEVIDEO
JANUARY 8TH AND JANUARY 21ST AS WELL AS DECEMBER 27TH

HAMILTON.

GOVERNMENT NATURALIST,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				24.12.47.

To MACSTAPLE
MONTEVIDEO.

EXPECT TROUT EGGS ARRIVING MONTEVIDEO BY AIR FROM U.K. TO CATCH
THIS LAFONIA

NATURALIST.

GOVERNMENT NATURALIST,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

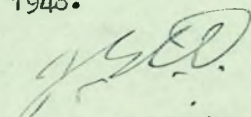
Time

Naturalist's Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

7th January, 1948.

Jason Hansen Esq.,

With reference to our recent conversations I am to inform you that your licence to take seal dated 14th November, 1947, is now valid as from January the 6th 1948.


Government Naturalist.

lic. recd.

Naturalist's Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th January, 1948.

Dear Mr. Jarvis,

Your letter to the Governor of 20th November has been passed on to me.

I do not know of any paper on our Lepidoptera but there is a contribution by E.B. Foulton on p.p. 368 - 370 of The Falkland Islands by F.V. Boyson, Clarendon Press, 1924. I have what might be termed a bowing acquaintance with these insects and am of the opinion that the list is incomplete.

It is certain that there are two Geometers and I have a plume moth which is going to W.H. Tams.

There is a persistent belief that a blue butterfly has been seen in certain localities. It is either excessively rare - I have never seen it - or a mis-identification of one of our geometers which flies freely by day and is quite common. It is a pale grey.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.E. Hamilton

(J.E. Hamilton, D.Sc.)

F.V.L. Jarvis, Esq.,
21, Shirley Avenue,
Sutton,
Surrey,
England.

Government Naturalist,
Stanley,
21-1-48.

May I request details of the expenses in Montevideo
please.

J. B. Hamilton
Government Naturalist.

The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.

No. _____

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

24th January, 19 48.

To The Naval Officer in Charge,

From

The Government Naturalist,

Stanley,

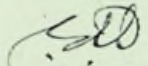
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands.

I have heard that on the return of H.M.S. Snipe it is intended to throw the two 300 ft. masts at the Wireless Station.

2. Since there is a large number of newly hatched trout in my hatchery and they are extremely delicate at their present stage I am most apprehensive as to the results of such action. These creatures are little more than free swimming embryos and most susceptible to shock.

3. I should be grateful for confirmation or otherwise of the rumour in para. 1.


Government Naturalist.

SUBJECT : DEMOLITION OF 310' W/T. MASTS.

FROM.. THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

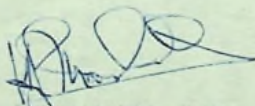
DATE..26th. January, 1948.

No. F.1/60/62.

TO.... THE GOVERNMENT NATURALIST.

(Copy to:- The Hon. Colonial Secretary.)

I have to confirm that it is intended to throw the two 310 foot masts at the W/T. Station by the Demolition Party of H.M.S. Snipe. I much regret that this should seem to involve risk to your trout hatcheries, but it is most undesirable that the masts should be left. I fear, therefore, that I can only agree to let them stand for the nonce if you will accept the responsibility of throwing them a less adolescent period in the life of your young trout.



COMMANDER, R.N.

No. _____

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

27th January, 1948.

To The Naval-Officer-in-Charge,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I thank you for your minute of 26th January and would inform you that I am taking steps, immediately on the return of His Excellency the Governor, to secure authority for throwing the masts at the earliest possible date after liberation of my alevins as fry. (c) 6 weeks from now.

J. D. Miller
Government Naturalist.

G. N. H. (37)

The Mess Secretary,
H.M.S. "Snipe"

The Government Naturalist presents his compliments and begs to say that under the laws of the Colony and Dependencies,

(a) all seals and whales of whatever sort are completely protected and may not be killed or molested without a ^{permit} licence and

(b) this applies to all species of penguins and

(c) the close season for ducks and snipe extends to February 29th. Geese, Upland and Brent, are not protected but the third species the Kelp Goose is permanently protected. The male Kelp Goose is white and the female black, immature males are partly black and partly white. There is no difficulty in distinguishing the Kelp from the Upland or the Brent.

A number of other birds are on the protected list, including the Black-necked Swan.

J. E. Hamilton

(J.E. Hamilton)
Government Naturalist.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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4th February, 1948.

Sir,

I beg to submit herewith for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies a claim for exemption from assessment for United Kingdom Income Tax which has arisen as a result of my being detained in the United Kingdom for a period exceeding six months in the Financial Year 1946/47.

I was granted 180 days leave (1946 Gazette p. 35) and arrived in England on June 19th 1946. No extension of leave was asked for or granted, my leave therefore expired on December 15th 1946.

2. In spite of repeated applications on my part before the last mentioned date no passage could be provided until January 21st 1947. The prolongation of my stay was therefore solely due to the impracticability of providing a passage.

The detention did not result in any reduction of my liability to Falkland Islands Income Tax.

In order to bring this statement into tabular form I append the points raised numbered as in paragraph 5 of the Secretary of State's Circular Despatch dated 27th January, 1944.

- (1) Date of arrival in United Kingdom on leave - 19th June, 1946.
- (2) Date of expiration of leave granted - 15th December, 1946.
- (3) Date of departure from United Kingdom on return from leave - 21st January, 1947.
- (4) Circumstances of officers detention in United Kingdom - Impracticability of provision of a passage.
- (5) Reduction in liability to Colonial Income Tax arising from detention - None.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J.E. Hamilton

(J.E. Hamilton)
Government Naturalist.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I certify that the statements set out in this letter are correct.

Assistant Treasurer.
(Officer in Charge, Treasury)

No.

MINUTE.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

4th February, 1948

To The Honourable _____

From The Government Naturalist,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

As is known to you the period of leave granted to me in 1946 was 180 days, excluding passages, and the prolongation of my stay was due entirely to the inability of the Colonial Office to find passages.

By a recent mail I received a letter from the Inland Revenue (Income Tax) Department in the United Kingdom asking for a return of my income during the period when I was in England with a view to assessment of my liability to taxation.

I observe from Red. 50 in 289/35 (attd.) that the concession (1944) regarding remission of United Kingdom income tax of officers on leave was extended to April 5th 1947. It therefore covers the period of my stay, June 19th 1946 to January 21st 1947, the dates of my arrival and departure.

The concession originally dealt with in a despatch of 27th January, 1944 (Red 21 in 289/35) which states that if an officer's detention was due solely to the impracticability of providing a passage he will be refunded any income tax to which he may have become liable. As this applies precisely to myself I beg to submit herewith for your approval, the statement of claim for exemption to the Officer in Charge Treasury drawn up in the manner set forth in the despatch of 1944.

According to the said despatch claims should be transmitted to the Secretary of State, I propose therefore to submit the statement to you for this purpose on its completion by the Officer in Charge Treasury.

J. S. Milton
Government Naturalist.

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It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

MEMORANDUM.

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12th February, 1948.

To Dr. J. E. Hamilton, D.Sc., J.P.,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

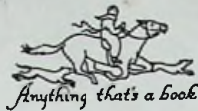
Exemption from U.K. Income Tax.

With reference to your Memorandum of the 4th of February, 1948, on the subject of your claim for exemption from assessment for United Kingdom Income Tax, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the claim is being forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies under cover of a Despatch dated the 10th of February, 1948.

A. B. Waters.

Colonial Secretary.

Charles E. Goodspeed
President



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Goodspeed's Book Shop

(INCORPORATED)

N^o. 18 BEACON STREET, BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

March 9, 1948

Secretary to the Government
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

Sir:

I am engaged in research which calls for information concerning the derivation of the word "diddle-dee", the name applied in the Falklands to the crowberry, Empetrum rubrum.

I find several references to the word, mostly however, modern. I wish to discover:

- (a.) The word's meaning and its significance in association with the crowberry.
- (b.) When, and by whom, the word was first used in the Falklands.

If you can put me in communication with any person who can answer these questions I shall much appreciate the courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Goodspeed

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30.3.48.
To	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA			

YOUR MARK DOES NOT SEEM LIKE A DISCOVERY ONE STOP SUGGEST YOU SEND
IT UP FOR VERIFICATION EITHER THROUGH ME OR DIRECT TO DISCOVERY
COMMITTEE STOP I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE IT STOP DISCOVERY USED 12 BORES
AND YOUR MARK IS TOO SMALL STOP I DO NOT KNOW OF ANYONE ELSE MARKING
UNLESS THE NORWEGIANS DID IT THIS YEAR FROM BRATEEG STOP

NATURALIST

Time

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

6th April, 1948.

To The Commissioner-Elect
Revision of the Laws,
Stanley.

From The Government Naturalist,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Penguin Egg Ordinance is now nearly 53 years old and may well be reconsidered.

I therefore submit a draft.

The principal alteration is the inclusion of the district of Lafonia which was deliberately excluded from the Ordinance of 1914. As section 2 shows. (Bill att: to Despatch to S.O.S. 105:1913)

p. 4.9

It was also excluded from an ordinance of 1867 which controlled the killing of penguins for oil, on what grounds I am unable to state but I would advert to p 5 in Governor Allardyce's despatch to the S.O.S. of 18th July, 1913, attached, wherein he makes the extraordinary statement that these wild birds are not the property of the Crown, in Lafonia, on the basis of the 1867 Ordinance.

Further discussion is unnecessary since Penguins were added to the Schedule of Wild Birds Protection Ordinance of 1913 by an O.I.C. of 12th December, 1914 as a result of which Governor Allardyce's argument is contravened by his own deed.

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Government Naturalist.

Naturalist's Department, 45
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

21st April, 1948.

Sir,

Your letter of March 9th concerning Empetrum rubrum has been handed to me.

The association of this word with the crowberry is quite obscure. I have a rather vague recollection of seeing or hearing of a reference to "dildo" or "dildo" bushes in one of the very early accounts but there is no series of Voyages here.

According to the Shorter Oxford Dictionary "dildo" has been applied to the cactus Cereus ! (1689.) It gives "diddle-dee" simply as "the shrub Empetrum rubrum."

I am not being offensive, but may I suggest that the Oxford Dictionary itself might help you.

Murphy (R.C.) in his Oceanic Birds of South America p. 205 states that the word "was long ago transplanted to Nantucket, Massachusetts, if indeed the whalers and sealers from that island did not originally introduce the name into the Falklands." 100 - 150 years ago the islands were visited a good deal by these men, but there are no proper records, I think many ships are quite unrecorded, so Murphy's idea has a good deal to be said for it. There has been continuous settlement since those days so the word could easily be perpetuated. Perhaps you will find the answer near home.

Clayton (Phil. Trans. 1776. vol. LXVI) merely mentions a ".....small shrub with the pale red berries like a cranberry but smaller than a currant,..." but does not use the name Diddle-dee.

The principal, some say the only difference between the diddle-dee and the crowberry is that the former has red and the latter black berries.

I should be greatly interested to hear your final conclusions.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. E. Hamilton

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

Charles E. Goodspeed,
18 Beacon Street,
Boston 8,

Draft.

A BILL

for

An Ordinance

for the preservation of Penguins.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Enacting Clause.

This Ordinance may be cited as the Penguins Preservation Ordinance, 1948, and shall be in force in the Dependencies.

Short title.

It shall not be lawful for any person to take or destroy penguins' eggs in the Colony of the Falkland Islands or in any Dependency of the Colony, unless he shall first have been duly licensed.

Unlawful to take penguins' eggs without a licence.

Such officer or officers as the Governor may appoint for the purpose, may grant licenses to take penguins' eggs to such persons as may apply for them for such periods, and on such terms and conditions in respect of the number and description of eggs to be taken, the places where they may be taken, ~~under such licenses~~, and the payment to be made in respect thereof, as may be approved by the Governor.

Granting of licence.

The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, and the ~~intent~~^{intent} purpose and ~~object~~ thereof, and may impose penalties not exceeding ten pounds for the breach of such regulations.

Governor in Council may make regulations.

All regulations made in pursuance of this Ordinance shall be published in the Government "Gazette".

Regulations to be published in the Gazette.

Any person who, after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, shall, without a license or contrary to the terms and conditions of any license which may have been granted to him under this Ordinance, take or destroy, or incite any other person to take or destroy any penguins' eggs shall, on conviction before a Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay for every egg so taken or destroyed a sum not exceeding five shillings.

Penalty for taking penguins' eggs without a license.

Any owner or master or other person in charge of any vessel, who shall permit such vessel, or any boat or canoe belonging to such vessel, to be employed in taking or destroying penguins' eggs, or who shall permit or negligently suffer any person belonging to such vessel to be employed in taking or destroying penguins' eggs, contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, shall forfeit any eggs so taken and any eggs found in his possession, and in addition thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for each offence.

Liability of an owner or master of a vessel.

Offences ~~under~~ ^{against provisions of} this Ordinance or ~~under~~ any regulations made thereunder, may be prosecuted, and any penalties and forfeitures ~~under this Ordinance, or any regulations thereunder,~~ may be recovered before a Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace in a summary manner.

Prosecution of offences.

For all purposes of and incidental to the trial and punishment of any person accused of any offence under this Ordinance, and the proceedings and matters preliminary and incidental to and consequential on his trial and punishment, and for all purposes of and incidental to the jurisdiction of any Court, or of any Constable or Officer with reference to such offence, the offence shall be deemed to have been committed either in the place in which it was actually committed or in any place in which the offender may for the time being be found.

Any penalty adjudged under this Ordinance to be paid by the owner or master, or other person in charge of a vessel, may be recovered in the ordinary way, or, if the Court think fit so to order, by distress or arrest and sale of the vessel to which the offender belongs, and her tackle, apparel, and furniture, and any property on board thereof or belonging thereto, or any part thereof.

Recovery of penalties.

Service of any summons or other matter in any legal proceedings under this Ordinance shall be good service if ~~made personally on the person to be served,~~ or at his last place of abode, or if made by leaving such summons

Service of summons.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

25th June, 1948.

To The Government Naturalist,

From Assistant Treasurer,

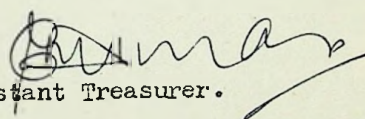
STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to request that you furnish this Department with certificates to the effect that your motor cycle was employed on Government duties during the period 14th August to 30th November, 1947 and each month thereafter to 31st June, 1948.

2. These certificates are required by Audit and should accompany all subsequent vouchers in this connection.

3. A draft certificate is enclosed herewith.


Assistant Treasurer.

To Hon. Col. Sec.

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Messrs Salvesen's communications are of great interest.

Since the carcasses contain practically half a barrel of oil each it is clear that they should be used, especially when it is remembered that March bulls, although killable are not the best; one would expect a higher production later in the winter. In addition the meal produced 1625 kg, equals 203 kg. for each of the eight seals, or 446.6 lbs.

2 trays

In the absence of data as to cost one must conclude that the whole carcass ought to be used.

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To Hon. Col. Sec.

From Government Naturalist.

Date 30th July, 1948.

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HARES.

H.C.S.

I would address you on the subject of the European Hare in the Colony.

These animals were introduced to East Falkland many years ago, I think by the late Vere Packe, and have never established themselves generally, only in a very few well known localities, the restriction of distribution may very reasonably be attributed to the wet nature of our ground.

The known localities are (1) Sparrow Cove to Mangera Point (2) Stanley Common, the eastern, drier part in particular (3) Darwin, (4) North Arm, (5) Rincon del Moro.

I consider there is no prospect of them spreading over the Island.

2. For a number of years past the hares in the neighbourhood of Stanley have been consistently shot, by means of a row of guns walking up. When this method is used it is particularly lethal if the animals can be driven into a narrow area such as the end of Mangera Point.

5. Many perhaps most of these shoots took place during the summer when the hares breed and pregnant does are killed, in fact the slowness which presumably arises from their condition would make the does easier targets than the unweighted stags.

3. The hare is the only animal which can provide any sport in the neighbourhood of Stanley and the recent constant shooting must have (a) reduced the numbers quite substantially and (b) simultaneously diminished the replacements by reason of the number of unborn animals destroyed.

3. Since shooting is one of the few outdoor recreations in the Colony I would propose that the close season be restored to the hares from the first of September to the last day of February.

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My observations herewith please.

Section 2. Definition of "fish".

The definition as it stands conveys the precise meaning which is required and I do not consider it requires alteration.

Section 3. (g) as I see it "allowing" is not synonymous with "regulating" since the first is general and the second particular. I consider both should stand.

Section 5. (1) As rearranged, omits "fail to comply with any lawful order etc." which might well be necessary and should stand. Also omits "boat or gear" both of which I am sure should be retained since there might be a doubt as to whether a boat is a vessel and the ^{potential} offender would know that a penalty can include and is aimed at the gear used.

? ? If the present Ordinance, with my small amendment of 17-v-45, were used as it stands it should be an economy in time and almost certain money. To serve those ends I would withdraw the amendment if necessary, although I should prefer it to be retained as its inclusion categorically states the intention of para 4.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To	First Secretary Commercial, British Embassy, Santiago, Chile.			3. VIII. 45

Reference my letter of 5th July Our ship expected arrive
Monte Video 20th August and leave 23rd or 24th

Hamilton

Time

Naturalist Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11th August, 1948.

My Dear James,

I enclose a note intended for " Nature " but it cannot be sent until you have a letter of consent from Chr. Salvesen, 29 Bernard Street, Leith, as the figures are theirs. Would you mind holding on to the m.s. until then? It might be a good idea to jog them if they do not write fairly soon. ? Do you mind.

Yours sincerely,

Jo.

Naturalist Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11th August, 1948.

Messrs Christian Salvesen & Co.,
29 Bernard Street,
Leith.

Dear Sirs,

The figures relating to your Elephant Seal experiment in South Georgia are of such scientific interest that I am very desirous of publishing them.

I would therefore be very grateful for your kind permission to do so.

If you are willing to assent I would be indebted if you would send a note to that effect to Dr. F.C.Fraser, British Museum, (Natural History) Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7 who will then send a copy of the typescript which he will have, to "Nature" which is as you know a most reputable periodical.

Captain E.K.Salvesen and Mr. C.G.Marshall will I hope remember various agreeable meetings here.

With sincere thanks in anticipation of your assent,

I am,
Yours faithfully,

(Dr. J.E.Hamilton,
Government Naturalist,
Falkland Islands.

Weight etc. of Elephant Seal.

There were regently killed in South Georgia twenty Elephant seals for special examination as to production of oil and meat and bone meal. By the courtesy of Messrs Christian Salvesen and Co. of Leith I am able to publish the following figures relating to the experiment.

Of special interest was the weighing of an entire animal in pieces. The total weight was 4357 lbs. and the blood, much of which would be lost, was estimated at 218 lbs. almost exactly 5%.

Length: 13 ' 4 " . presumably nose to tail.

	Ibs.	Percentage of Total.
Skin	265	6.10
Blubber	1469	33.70
Meat	923	21.19
Bone	688	15.79
Flipper fore	174	3.98
" hind	70	1.61
Head	114	2.62
Heart	20	.46
Liver	110	2.53
Spleen	25	.58
Lungs	90	2.06
Kidneys	14	.32
Stomach	72	1.65
Intestines	90	2.06
Tongue	15	.35
Blood (Calculated)	218	5.00
	<u>4357</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The fore flippers include shoulder blade. Stomach and intestines were quite empty.

Composition of tissues.

	<u>Blubber.</u>	<u>Meat.</u>	<u>Bone.</u>	<u>Stomach.</u>	<u>Intestin</u>
Moisture	13.0%	71.2%	43.2%	79.8%	80.1%
Oil	84.0%	2.4%	19.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Solids	3.0%	26.7%	37.3%	20.0%	19.0%

	<u>Lungs.</u>	<u>Heart.</u>	<u>Kidneys.</u>	<u>Tongue.</u>	<u>Liver.</u>
Moisture	80.3%	73.8%	77.8%	60.5%	72.0%
Oil	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	21.8%	1.4%
Solids	19.0%	25.7%	21.9%	17.7%	26.6%

The 20 animals produced averages of 1.8 barrels of oil from the blubber and .45 barrels from the carcasses 2.25 or 90 gallons (1 barrel = 40 gallons).

Meat and bone meal from the residues amounted to 1625 kg. Analysis of this product gave the following result

Moisture	4.7%
Oil	18.6%
Protein	58.8%
Tri-calcium	17.1%
Phosphate	99.2%

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Date

To

Hansen, Carcass Island.

21/8/48

Many thanks your letter stop Can you get any parts
of skull and lower jaw to settlement and send in some
time stop flipper if possible stop suspect black fish stop
grateful for photograph of whole animal if possible

Cheero ~~Hamilton~~

Time

16th September,

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All Heads of Departments,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Notes for Annual Report & Legislative Council Address

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the preparation of notes on your Department's activities during 1948 should now commence. These notes will be required in connexion with His Excellency's address to the Legislative Council in October and for the compilation of the Colony's Annual Report, at the end of the year.

2. For the former purpose they should be submitted before the 25th of September.

(Sgd) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

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ANNUAL REPORT.
NATURALIST DEPARTMENT.

Apart from various matters referring to sealing and whaling the most important work of this department was the continuation of the hatching and distribution of trout eggs.

A consignment by air from England arrived on December 31st.1947. The resulting fry were distributed in the Moody Brook, the lower Murrell River and the Pasa Manaes stream, a tributary of the Arroya Malo in Teal Inlet camp. The last was an important liberation as, with the invaluable help of Mr.A. G.Barton, the fry were taken in a Bren-gun carrier a distance of some thirty miles over rough country without losing one fish.

It is almost certain that by the same means fry can be taken anywhere in the Falklands.

The number liberated in the 1947-48 season was, in

round figures 1947 (Oct.24th - Nov. 27th)	4500
1948 (Feb. - March)	<u>2400</u>
	Total <u>6900</u>

A further consignment of eggs from Chile is now in the Hatchery.

J.E.O.

To Hon. Col. Sec.
From Gov. Naturalist.
Date 21st September, 1948.

According to my calculations, when I take leave prior to retirement there are 352 days due. This number is computed in the following manner.

I returned to the Colony approximately on the 14th July, 1939.

14th July 1939 to 31st December 1948 $113\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Rate, 5 days per month of service $113\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 567.5$ say 567 days.

Amount granted in 1946 180 days, 567 less 180 equals 387 days.

By reason of the inability of the H.W.F. to provide a passage I was delayed in the United Kingdom for a further period of 35 days, beginning on the 19th of December, 1946, the 180 days leave having terminated on the 18th, If this period is deducted from the figure 387 the net leave due to me in 1949 is 352 days.

As is well known there was no leave during the war, which accounts for the accumulation.

I should be grateful for your approval of these figures.

J.R. Hamilton

To EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

Naturalistic Quarters (56)

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Please arrange for the following minor works to be executed at ^(this building*) these quarters.

The work is ~~not urgent*~~
~~urgent~~
very urgent.

* Delete words not required.

Room or department.	Nature of work required.
Hall Kitchen Dining Sitting Room	} <u>all</u> leaking from roof

Date.. 2-18-48

Signed... J. D. Amittos

Seen and approved.	Referred to.	Work completed.
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21-10-48
To LENEX, Surrey Trout Farm, Haslemere.				
<p>Your letter of September 3rd stop Agree 15,000 brownies for January stop Approximate date for ship leaving Monte Video is January 18th. stop letter follows.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hamilton.</p>				
Time				

21-10-48

To **LENEX,** Surrey Trout Farm,
Haslemere.

Your letter of September 3rd stop Agree 15,000 brownies
for January stop Approximate date for ship leaving Monte
Video is January 18th. stop letter follows.

Hamilton.

Time

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Hon. Col. Sec.,

Since this Colony could not afford work, so far as can be seen, for a geologist sine die any such officer would be appointed from the Pool, as is recommended for the Falklands in Red (16) p. 13 herein.

2. I was in the Colony at the time of Baker's tour and was rather surprised at the comparative shortness of the time spent in the field work (16 months). ~~Whether~~ whether this species inherent in geological work or not I cannot say as geologists belong to a profession other than my own. Perhaps incorrectly, I inclined to the view that he dismissed "Bitumen" somewhat too hastily.

3. As for oil, what is known is somewhat discouraging. Baker did suggest bores (his Report p. 36) and one can reasonably expect that there have been great advances in this geological field since 1922. It might well be necessary to have a survey made by an oil geologist.

4. It is quite certain that any geologist working here should be of a particularly hardy and athletic type, since we also need a man of first class scientific ability and knowledge if follows that the greatest care must be taken when one is appointed. We do not want a new graduate who is merely working for a Ph.D. (cf para 17. p. 12 Red (16))

as maps/
5. It is a matter for consideration whether a geologist would be satisfied with the charts numbered 1354 A and B which are all we can offer at the moment/ and advice should be taken on this point.

The Introduction to Baker's report sets out the difficulties he encountered and in many ways there has been little change in the last 25 years.

6. It may be I am running a serious risk of creating a chimera but I should record that over 20 years ago I examined a very thin black stratum in the Devonian near Chartres. With extremely crude apparatus I distilled from a small sample a minute amount of what appeared to me to be light mineral oil.

It is possible that this commercially useless strata are well known and that I attached a quite exaggerated interest to an unimportant phenomenon.

7. I would make the suggestion that the first call should be for an oil geologist who could make reasonably conclusive report on the matter of oil in the Falklands.

8. Whether the existing surveys i.e. Baker and Halle, are adequate foundation for work by a specialist a zoologist cannot say, but as they are printed an opinion could readily be formed by the specialist. We would then know if the oil geologist should be preceded by someone who would fill in enough general detail to enable the specialist to proceed without waste of his time.

J. D. Amittore

Government Naturalist.

11.11.48.

10th December, 1948.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

As you are aware my tenancy, as Government Naturalist, of my present quarters expires on January 1st. 1949. when I retire from the office.

Since I am desirous of continuing in the Falklands for a time thereafter I would enquire if it is possible that I should continue to occupy the said Quarters by payment of a monthly rental.

J. R. Hamilton

Government Naturalist

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				18-12-48
To	LONEY. SURREY TROUT FARM HASTEMERE.			

Our ship expected leave Montevideo January 16th confirmation later.

Hamilton.

Time

- 18 Egg Trays.
- 3 Troughs for fish rearing, lacquered with lids.
- 1 Trough for Sediment. and overflows from trough to trough.
- 1 Barrel.
- 1 Pinch bar.
- 1 Broom.
- 1 Length of hose.
- 2 Scrubbing brushes.
- 1 Hand axe.
- 1 Syringe.
- 1 Tilly radiator (not working).
- 1 Overall.
- 2 Pairs of Forceps.
- 1 Temperature and mortality record book.
- 1 Bottle paraffin.
- 1 Paint brush.
- 1 Glass tube (bare $\frac{3}{8}$).
- 2 Spare overflow flumes.

John P. Blair.

ISSUE VOUCHER.

No.....

To the Storekeeper.....Department.

Please issue the following articles.

Issue to.....

(Above line only to be filled in when the issue is for a subordinate employee of the Department requisitioning.)

Officer or Charge Hand requisitioning.

Ledge Folio.	Articles.	Quantity.	Rate. †	‡ Amount.			Remarks.
				£	s.	d.	

Date.....19...

Received the above mentioned stores.

Entered.....
Storekeeper.

Recipient. (Officer requisitioning)

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† The third and fourth columns to be filled in by Storekeeper.

Department.	Item No.	Post.	Name of Holder.	Grade.	Salary.
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