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THE SECRETARIAT,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

1 October 1975.

Dear Mr. Monk

Could you please advise me of the procedure for application of a licence to use poisonous bait to control the foxes on Weddell and Beaver Islands.

I have written to John Harvathine asking his advice regarding poison.

On these islands the fox has got completely out of control and one instance quoted to me was of 900 ewes on one camp producing only 3 lambs at marking. If one had forgotten to put the rams out one would still expect more lambs than this!

Kind regards

Campbell D. K.

27th October,

75.

From: Chief Secretary

To: Mr C. Kerr,

Stanley

FOXES

Please refer to your memo of 1st October.

2. Provision exists under the Wild Animals and Birds Protection Ordinance for the Killing of foxes, rats, mice, rabbits, caranchos and turkey vultures by any means.
3. You should agree arrangements for destruction with the Owner/Manager.

(D R Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

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28th April, 1977

Dear Steve,

Referring to your letter of the 25th April 1977, no matter how the foxes arrived at Weddell and Beaver Islands they are animals *ferae naturae* and are therefore fair game for anyone.

2. The late John Hamilton, the owner of the islands at the time, caused the foxes to be released on the island with the approval of Government. At a later date my father the late Arthur George Bennett a civil servant and naturalist successfully opposed permission to release foxes on New Island.

3. You are correct in thinking that there are no local laws protecting foxes.

4. I think it was originally, quite incorrectly, believed that Government could prevent foxes being moved from one island to another. This belief probably stems from the fact that, in the first place Government must have authorised the importation of the foxes from South America.

5. At the moment there is little you can do to prevent the "exporting" of foxes from one island to another, except gentle persuasion.

6. It is extremely unlikely that any farmer would permit any person to introduce foxes to his land, but they could be brought to Stanley and spread from there to the whole of the East Falkland.

Yours sincerely,

(H. Bennett)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

R. S. Whitley, M.R.C.V.S.,
Veterinary Officer,
Grasslands Trials Unit,
Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

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n.s.o.o. Copy to Chief Secretary

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Pl. speak - note 'nsoo' pl.
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3rd May,

77.

R. Pitaluga Esq.,
Chairman SOA,
Salvador.

Dear Robin,

Last summer, the Feltons on Beaver Island acquired a couple of fox cubs which were about 3 to 4 weeks old.

On a visit to the Island, I put down one of the cubs because of "unreliable temperament".

However, it appears that the remaining cub is fit and healthy - although I understand that it's temper is a wee bit unpredictable - but that's their problem!

Our problem is that there is some talk of fox cubs being sent, as pets, to other parts of the Islands. I have informed the Feltons of their foolishness in the past and I shall do so again when I visit there in the near future - in fact, this time, I shall be in a good bargaining position.

However, the potential threat remains, not so much to farms, but very definitely to East Falkland because of the presence of Stanley.

6. There are two ways of attempting to make sure that no fox leaves (alive) its existing habitat:-

1. Enact legislation forbidding such a move;
2. Forbid any vessel in Government service to any such animals and put strong pressure (which shouldn't really be required) on the owners of other vessels.

Personally, I don't think that anyone would bring a fox to the East without permission because there is an impression that Government must authorise all such movements (this is not so). But you never know.....

Needless to say, I can operate on any fox - dog or vixen - to render it sterile, but I, somehow, do not see that this is the real reason for the UK Government sending me out here!

I would be interested to hear of any future developments on this subject, and if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

This letter is addressed to you with a copy to the C.S. because it is really an SOA matter with the "non Government" owners (outlined in (2) above) being SOA members.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

c.c Chief Secretary.
Mr. C. Robertson.

R.S. WHITLEY.

The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association Limited

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PORTSTANLEY

Your Ref.

Our Ref. RMP/JEP.....



BARTON HOUSE

ROSS ROAD

STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS

23rd May 1977.

The Chief Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

Dear Arthur

MOVEMENT OF FOX CUBS

I refer to Mr. R.S. Whitley's letter of the 3rd May,
a copy of which has been sent to you.

As I am sure you will readily appreciate the seriousness
of this matter, I would ask on behalf of our Association, that
you kindly take the steps suggested in para 6 (2). (1) would
seem a good idea but will take time which should be used to make
sure it is comprehensive in respect of animals which are pests.

We will circulate our members advising them to beware of
the importation of fox cubs etc. as pets by farm residents.

Yours sincerely

R.S.

c.c. R.S. Whitley, Esq.
All Farm Owners and
Managers.

Ref: FIS/1/1

1 June 1977

Captain J Sollis DEM

cc Harbourmaster

R M Fitaluga Esq OBE

The Veterinary Officer, with the support of the SOA, has advised Government that no foxes are allowed to travel between islands on any vessel.

2. I am sure that you are aware of the danger of transporting foxes and would not even consider such a proposal if made to you, but I bring the matter to your attention as it is so important a one in our fight against hydatidosis.

3. Apparently the threat arises from the fact that some people have spoken to the vet about fox cubs being sent as pets.

A J P Monk
Chief Secretary

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R.S.C.,

① Would you advise pl?

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c.s.

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C.S.,

Section 5(3) of the Wild Animals and Birds Protection Ordinance 1965 provides that "nothing in this Ordinance shall make unlawful the killing of foxes, rats, mice, rabbits, carachos and turkey vultures by any means."

J.P.B.

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DCS

2 Pl. to advise C.D. Kerr. He should agree arrangements w. the owner/manager.

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C.S.

⑤ If the recommendations of the V/O are accepted, para 6(2) could be implemented by administrative instruction, and d/o approach to private ship-owners? The Legal Adviser could comment on 6(1). I wouldn't have thought that legislation of this sort would take too long to enact.

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29.5.77.