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Tussac Seed.



H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" as soon as practicable after return from Fox Bay and weather permitting, should proceed to Kidney Island for collection of seed heads of Tussac Grass. No additional labour is available as on former visit and work will have to be undertaken by the crew: sacks should be supplied for the purpose.

- 2. Owing to other work for which "Afterglow" is required
 I am anxious that not more than one day should be spent at Kidney
 Island, but if an early start is made this should be sufficient.
- 3. As large a quantity as possible of seed heads is required as requests have been received for seed for experimental purposes in England, Ireland, Newfoundland and Alaska.
- 4. I hope that the quantity of seed heads which can be collected in one day will be sufficient to meet these various demands the less stalk that is cut with the heads the better but quantity of well filled heads is the main object.

 J.M. 16 Nov 1925.

P.S. If there is favourable weather during the week and Penguin is available one day might be spent in collecting seed heads of tussac on islands in Port William. In that case two men could be employed for this work and wages paid from Head XIV.

Stock Department, Item 3. Planting of grass.

2. On reconsideration if these two men can be employed to bette advantage with "Afterglow" on Kidney Island the expenditure of their wages is authorized, but balance available under item mentioned is small. If they are so employed it would be unnecessary to send Penguin to islands in Port William, The matter is left to your discretion.

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Gathering of Tussac Seed.

Reference Numbers.

The Kon. Col. Secy.,

- i beg to submit herewith a copy of a minute received on the 17th of November from His Excellency, in respect of the gathering of tussac seed.
- 2. The Afterglow went to Kidney Island on the 19th of November and four bags of seed heads were gathered. On Monday the 23rd the seeds were taken to Sulivan House and placed in one of the outhouses.
- 3. Permission was given to employ two extra hands for the day; the expenditure to be charged to Head XIV. Stock Department, item 3, Planting of Grass.

The Chief Inspector of Stock is not at present in Stanley, and I should be much obliged if the attached vouchers for wages could be signed and returned to this office before 3 p.m. on the 27th, so that the men may be paid on the morning of the 28th November.

Colonial Engineer.

26th November, 1925.