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COLLECTION OF BIRDS FOR 1908.

Miami Rare Bird Form for American 1908.

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ALTON V. FREEMAN
PRESIDENT

MIAMI RARE BIRD FARM, INC.

P. O. BOX 100
KENDALL, FLORIDA

July 11, 1954

Mr. C. Campbell
Colonial Secretary
Government House
Port Stanley, Falklands

BUP

Dear Mr. Campbell;

His Excellency, Roger Makins, Ambassador of the British Embassy to Washington, D.C. has suggested I write you in reference to the possibility of my being able to go to the Falklands to obtain a number of penguins and waterfowl for exhibition in America's zoological gardens.

I understand that the Emperor Penguins as well as the Rockhoppers, Jackass, Crested and others are obtainable in your locality and that it is not too difficult to catch them. I am also unofficially advised that October would be the best month to attempt to go there to do this.

- No

As I know nothing of conditions or of transportation I am wondering if you could be of assistance to me by advising in the following respects:

1. Is there plane transportation to Port Stanley from Argentina or Chile, and if only government plane are they permitted to carry a passenger?

2. Could you advise as to any schedule of the boats from Montevideo or Punta Arenas, the length of time for the trip to and from Port Stanley?

3. Are penguins available close by the town and if not is there means of transportation to their location? I am wondering if there is someone in the town to whom I might refer the matter and who would be willing to catch, pack and have the birds ready for shipment in order that as quick a turn-around as possible could be made after my arrival in the Falklands. As a matter of fact, the ideal plan would be to fly in, buy the birds already packed, and fly out again, but as this is probably not feasible the next best thing would have to be arranged.

4. I might add that all of these birds

See 4

Reply at 9.

would be for exhibition in America's municipally-owned zoos such as the St. Louis Zoo, the national zoo in Washington, D.C., San Diego, Cal. zoo, etc. Because of this I am wondering if any problem would be involved in carrying them through Argentina?

5. If the birds could be purchased we would, of course, like to know the purchase price. We are assuming also that there is crating material available and fish for feeding on the return trip by boat (if plane is not available). If crating and feed are not available it would probably be necessary to bring this with me.

6. The Panamerican Airways is interested in sending a photographer with me to obtain photos for publicity purposes of the catching and carrying-back of these birds. We assume that there is housing or hotel accommodations available for us if we made the trip.

Any information whatever you can give me would certainly be appreciated. I imagine about 25 assorted penguins would be sufficient, but possibly as many as 50 could be handled...with a like number of waterfowl such as Upland Geese, etc.

Very truly yours,

Alton V. Freeman
Miami Rare Bird Farm, Inc.
Alton V. Freeman, Pres.

AVF:F

ACB
where is our policy laid
down - eg. Alan Best? What
are our normal export
charges?
Q 378
Diles per.

YK
Briefly 1 this fellow is a dealer. Export of birds
is permitted by Governor's license and we charge
a fee of 10/- which perhaps errs on the reasonable
side.
2) Messrs Cawthell & H. Bennett who collect are keen
ornithologists collect for Holland & London zoos but
on a non-profit basis.
3) I propose obtaining Dr. Hammon's advice on quantities we

should allow & from which location or will see
if anyone wants to ride on the agency. otherwise
the F will have to come himself.

JS
JRS
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9th August, 1954.

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter I have received from an American bird fancier and would be very grateful for your advice on the following points:-

- (a) What types of penguins could be obtained in the Colony?
- (b) What are the most suitable places from which to take the various types?
- (c) What quantitative limitations should be imposed?
- (d) What is the best time of the year to catch them?
- (e) Who might be interested in taking on the agency?
- (f) Is it advisable for him to bring or send crating and feeding material?
- (g) We are in the habit of charging a 10/- export fee. Do you think this is on the low side where dealers are involved?

I can supply the rest of the information and propose putting him in touch with Pettingill.

I hope you will excuse my bothering you with this matter.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) C. Campbell

BU 15/8

Dr. J. E. Hamilton, D. Sc., I. S. O.,
STANLEY.

CC/VP

Reply at 5

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Stanley
August 14? 1954

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See 4. Dear Mr. Campbell

In the first place allow me to assure you that I never regard matters which concern the care of our fauna as troublesome.

What I write will not, I hope, seem too abrupt in form but I am sure you agree with the Mayor of Brighton.

The initial brackets are the same as yours.

(a) Penguins which might be found in the Colony are Jackass; Rockhopper; Gentoo; Macaroni (very scarce); King (even more so); Emperor (extremely rare).

Permits should be restricted to the three first - Jackass, Rockhopper, Gentoo and all other species should be explicitly and comprehensively excluded.

(b) Menguin Point (Jackasses); Kidney Island (Rockhopper) and Sparrow Cove (Gentoo) are the most convenient places

(c) Not more than 8 of each.

So far no one has had much success with Gentoo's. They die very easily.

Is it known whether collections of recent years have affected the population of the places named in (b)?

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- (d) I should say before the breeding season - probably late October.
- (e) I doubt if any one who is fit to do the job would take it on long and I expect you would get offers from several people who are not fit.
- (f) Trapping material is readily available, it is wood and wire netting, but I believe the latter is occasionally not to be had.
Risk for the journey should be brought.
- (g) Very difficult to say, since we do not know the prices received. The fee may be low but it is the principle which ~~is~~ that matters.

As for the waterfowl, about which I am writing a short paragraph.

It should be possible to acquire Wigeon and Brent Geese and Lesser Ducks, all from flocks, i.e. non-breeding birds.

Freeman should on no account be allowed to take any bird in Stanley Harbour; they are sufficiently harassed and are all here in to enliven the view and I incline to the view that he presence might be undesirable.

I would suggest that no matter what bird is "picked up by accident" there should be no relenting and that any such ought to be released forthwith. ~~There~~

Kay Perry at Fox Bay might be willing to set hold of some Brews and Upland Geese and look after them until they might be required.

but they must be from flocks, i.e. non-breeding birds. K. Perry should be told that she must not try any other species and that the birds must be full grown, that is to say that there should be no playing about trying to rear chicks.

Alternatively it should be possible to get the three species of water fowl from Berkeley Sound (? Johnson's Harbour) on short notice.

I consider that Freeman should be told that hauls are protected at all times.

Police and Customs to be told to see there is no dodging?

Mr. Harold Bennett has had a good deal of experience taking penguins etc. to London. He can tell you much more about birds in captivity than can I. I am sure he will be helpful.

Yours sincerely
J. Hamilton

Honourable
Colin Campbell
Stanley

LSC

(1) to (7)

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Have you any comment, from the
ornithological point of view.



Hon. Col. Sec.,

The smaller species of penguins are very
spiteful and trying to handle and the
person engaged to care for them should be
very even tempered.

R. B.
Registrar
23.viii.54.

26th August, 54.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 11th of July, 1954, and to furnish the following information.

Your paragraph 2. The types of penguins found in the Falkland Islands are Jackass, Rockhopper, Gentoo, Macaroni (rare), King (very rare), and Emperor (extremely rare). You would only be permitted to take the first three types. The best time to take these birds is late October.

Your paragraph 3.

1 & 2 . There is no plane transportation to the Colony. The only method is by the Falkland Islands Company's steamer "Fitzroy" which sails from Montevideo approximately once a month. Passages out and back should be booked well in advance.

The voyage takes about 5 days. The "Fitzroy" visits Punta Arenas only very infrequently.

3. The penguins are all comparatively close to the town and can be reached by small coasting vessels. I do not think that any suitable person in the town would be interested in catching them on your behalf though you could obtain assistance on arrival.

4. Once you had taken the birds to Montevideo you should not experience difficulty in transporting them through Argentina but the best method would probably be to fly them direct from Montevideo if the airlines would accept such freight.

5. There is an export tax of 10/- per bird but no purchase tax. Crating material is available locally but the supply of fresh fish is so uncertain that you would be well advised to bring your own feeding stuff.

6. Hotel accommodation is difficult but could be obtained if you gave sufficient notice.

The President,
Miami Rare Bird Farm, Inc.,
P.O. Box 100,
Kendall,
FLORIDA.

Your paragraph 4. Not more than 8 of each type of penguin may be taken. Any amount of Upland and Brent Geese could be taken and some Logger Ducks. Sympathetic consideration would also be given to an application to take small numbers of other species.

In conclusion it is suggested that owing to our infrequent mail service you may like to seek further information about local conditions and birds from Dr. O.S. Pettingill, Jnr., c/o Walt Disney Productions, Burbank, California, who recently spent some months in the Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) G. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

BU 3019 PAH 3019

0657/-

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"Hambledon"

Ross Road,
Stanley.

16th September 1955.

Dear Sir,
On behalf of a Bird Farm in the United States I hereby request permission to export twelve King and twelve Emperor Penguins providing arrangements can be made to collect them.

If caught the birds will be shipped to Montevideo and immediately transhipped and transported thereon by plane in the special care of Pan American Airways. The birds to be collected at the receiving end by a refrigerated van and then distributed to the various Zoos who require them.

@ £232 per
bird

Yours faithfully,

D. J. Clark
(D. J. Clark.)

The Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Port Stanley.

Reply at 15

See

The Bird Farm mentioned on resale is the Miami Lake Bird Farm - I gathered this in discussion with Mr. Clark prior to his application.

2. Mr's reply on applications to take birds is at 41 in 0667 attached

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7. H.

The consignees will make a nice profit on these penguins judging by the prices quoted at l.c. of 0667

to charge fees as listed at 41 in 0667, i.e. £10 for each penguin?

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See. - a. the following conditions:-

(1) To go on bird

(2) The experts will satisfy the A.O. as to the conditions under which the birds are dispatched and as to the arrangements made for their care and feeding in transit. A.O. should be asked to inspect their "quarters" and feed and dispatch will be within his discretion.

A. J. J. J.
21.9.

Mrs.

There is a small colony
of King penguins in Falkland
Islands & I don't think
they shd. be collected.

Mr. B. may not know
of this but I suggest
that one of the conditions
of the lease should be
that the birds are
collected in the Dependencies.

22/9.

By. I have answered
reply.

22/9

24th September, 55.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of 16th September, 1955, and to inform you that His Honour the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to grant you a licence, under Section 5 of the Wild Animals and Birds Protection Ordinance, to export from the Dependencies, twelve King Penguins and twelve Emperor Penguins upon payment of a fee of £10 for each Penguin exported.

2. The licence is granted subject to your satisfying the Agricultural Officer as to the conditions under which the Penguins are despatched and as to the arrangements made for their care and feeding in transit.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) S. G. Trees

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. D. J. Clark,
STANLEY.

Part

today

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"Hemledon"

8th October 1958

Ross Road,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

In confirmation of my conversation with Mr J. Bound I have been asked by a Bird Farm in America to make inquiries regarding the possibility of arranging a shipment of Logger Ducks, Black necked Swans and Penguins from the Falklands. The people concerned are considering the possibility of sending a person either to Montevideo or to the Falklands to accompany such a shipment.

Could you please advise me what permits are necessary and whether any Licence fee would be payable. I imagine the birds are required for breeding and for resale to Zoos.

I would be grateful for an early reply which would enable me to take action by the next outgoing mail.

Yours faithfully,

S. Crane
(D. J. Clark)

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

Reply at 31.

~~S.S.~~

17.

16. This is the Miami Sea Bird Farm again. They were told at 9-10 that they would not be permitted to take more than eight of each type of penguin & some loggus ducks; also that sympathetic consideration would be given to take small numbers of other species. All at 10/- each. This was four years ago.

2. I think we shd. stick to eight penguins of each of the smaller species common here & say up to five pairs of loggus ducks.

3. I am however strongly opposed to the application to take black necked swans - they are magnificent birds & not very plentiful. I do feel they should not be molested.

4. The question of licence fees is vested in S.E. (see H2 in 0067 att.). A guidance scale of fees is set out at H1 on the same file.

£4 for the smaller penguins appears reasonable but as this is a highly remunerative business I feel in this case that 10/- is too low for the loggus ducks - say £4 for them also would be nearer the mark?

5. I would further suggest that unless an air passage from Montevideo for the birds is guaranteed in advance, permission to export will not be forthcoming - KLM or SAS will not carry to Europe (see 28 in 0067 att.). We should also require to be satisfied as to their care and feeding arrangements from Stanley to destination.

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Y.E.

I agree entirely with Mr. Bond.


9/10/58.


9.10.58
6.4.15
10/10/58

11th October,

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SIR,

16 I am directed to refer to your letter of the 8th October, 1958, and to grant you a licence to export:-

- 8 Gentoo Penguins
- 8 Jackass Penguins
- 8 Rockhopper Penguins
- 5 pairs Logger Ducks

upon payment of the fee of \$4 for each bird exported.

2. The licence is granted on the strict understanding that

- (a) the birds are properly cared for and fed in transit and that you satisfy the Officer-in-Charge of the Agricultural Department in this respect before the birds are shipped;
- (b) the birds must travel by air from Montevideo to their destination.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

D. J. Clark, Esq., J.F.,
"Hambledon",
STANLEY

Copies to: O.i.c. Ag. Dept.
Chief Constable.

JB/MF

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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W. & S. LTD.

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

ADMINISTRATIVE SOUTH GEORGIA

No. 313. Have copy of letter addressed to you from DUISBERG COMMUNITY
 Zoological Garden requesting permission send a representative
 to South Georgia to collect elephant seal penguins and cormorants
 stop The collector named Greber is said to be in contact with
 Whaling Companies stop Have you any objections or comments?

Time AGDS/IN

Copy filed in 0560/A/18
 Reply at 73
 SECRETARY
 Copy 250 for here

DECODE.

COPY

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched . 26th November, 19 58 *Time* : 1800.

Received : 27th November, 19 58 *Time* : 0900.

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No. 302/660. Your telegram 318 Otto Grabber. No objection. Oi/c referred him to Whaling Companies. If Salvesen is prepared to help him I expect he has checked his credentials because Salvesens have closest association with Edinburgh Zoo and through them doubtless all well known European Zoos.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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Early.
(Intld) A.G.D.T.

Original filed in 0560/4/IV.

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13/12/58

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. P. S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
Original filed in 0560/A/10				11.12.58.
To	BRITISH VISA SECTION, DUESSELDORF, GERMANY.			Hoq/c

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in 0560/A/10

Your D 1730 October 28th No objection visa for GRABER stop He should be warned possible difficulties arranging collection and shipment stop Full cooperation of Whaling Companies and airlines essential.

SECRETARY.

Time JB/FH

Hoq/c
13/12/58

9th January, 1960

My dear Don,

Would you please refer to our recent discussion about licence fees in the case of birds and penguins collected for the Miami Rare Bird Farm.

We have gone into the question of reducing the fees now being charged in the case of commercial collectors, but I am afraid that we do not feel that there is sufficient justification for doing so. I would point out for instance that we are charging a licence fee of approximately thirty dollars (in round figures) for an Emperor, whereas the Rare Bird Farm was in 1954 asking 750 dollars. We are charging about ten dollars for the Gentoo, but the firm will ask 275 dollars. Even taking into account the substantial cost of getting the birds, our licence fees are not out of proportion to their "end" cost.

What we do propose to do, however, is to tighten up in the case of birds collected ostensibly for sale to zoos so that in such cases something more in the way of fees will accrue to Government.

Yours sincerely,

A.G. Denton - Thompson.

D. Clark, Esq., J.P.,
STAFFORD.

Copy in 0667

AGDT/IM

Reply at 27

16

"Hambleton"
Ross Road,
Stanley.

11th January 1960.

Mr. Teasdale,

26.

Many thanks for your letter dated the 9th inst. on the subject of Penguins.

The figures you have quoted are quite interesting although it should be noted that, in addition to the very high cost of getting Birds to their destination by air, losses could well be numerous. However I quite agree that if others are benefiting financially in any way so also should the Government and the only reason I raised the matter was that there appeared to be a certain amount of injustice in varying rates of Licence Fees when the ultimate aim of practically all consignees is financial gain in some form or other whether they call themselves Nature Parks, Bird Farms or Zoos.

If the Emperors for which I hold a licence are caught and exported I shall arrange for the requisite fees to be paid to the Agricultural Department. You did not mention the Licence for the Kings, Rockhoppers and Gentoos which I asked you about. Can authority please be given for the export of two of each.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Clark

A.G.Denton Thompson Esq., O.B.E. M.C.
The Secretariat,
Stanley.

Reply of 28

A.P. 11/1/60

19th January, 1960.

My dear Don,

~~28~~ 21 / Would you please refer to your letter of the 11th
January about the taking of Penguins.

21 I note that you have a licence for Emperors. You
also have a licence for Rockhoppers and Gentoos (the
Colonial Secretary's letter 0667/N of the 11th October
refers). We are also prepared to licence you, and you
can take this letter as the necessary authority, to take
8 Kings for which the fee is \$10 each.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A.G. Denton-Thompson.

Copy to o.i.c. Agric. Department. / LA

D. Clark, Esq., J.P.,
STANLEY.

AGDT/LH

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"Hambledon"
Ross Road,
Stanley.

19th February 1960.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with arrangements made I enclose herewith my cheque for £216 in respect of licence fees for the following Penguins which will be exported on the R.M.S. Darwin on Monday next on behalf of the Miami Bird Farm.

12 Emperors	@ £10	120
8 Kings	@ £10	80
2 Rockhoppers	@ 4	8
2 Gents	@ 4	8
		<u>£216</u>

Yours faithfully,

(D.J.Clark.)

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

30.

s/c
Check amount & then correct
January to pay into J. League
to revenue

£
20/2/60.

Acknowledged

20/2/60.

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JCS

30. Amount correct and cheque
acceptable by Treasury. Payable by
Ag. Dept. *JCS*

32. 23.2.60

Arrange accy. pl.

JCS

23.2.60

O.K. Ag. Dept.

29-32 He withdraw cheque
for licence fees for penguins
exported by Mr. Clark

JCS
24.2.60

B.A.

34.

Receipts enclosed. Simpson and
Kings came from the Dependencies and
revenue has been paid to Agency Officer

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L.C.

Get hold of Mr. Blaris 29/2/60

address report the receipts to him - *the BA*

JCS

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Receipts ready for despatch this morn to Mr. Clarke.
2/3/60
1/3/60

COPY

RARE BIRD FARM, INC.
BOX 100,
KENDALL, FLORIDA.

December 11th, 1954.

RARE PENGUIN IMPORTATION from Antarctica

KING PENGUINS	§ 750	Each Bird
RING PENGUINS	750	" "
EMPERORS	750	" "
MACARONIS	600	" "
ROCKHOPPERS	250	" "
GENTOOS	275	" "
JACKASS	275	" "

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For several years we have been attempting to obtain these rare Penguins but as only one boat in several years leaves the Falkland Islands for the South Georgia Islands, it has been nearly impossible. Now we are advised that in January one of these most unusual trips will be made and it is hoped that some of the Rarer Penguins will be obtained.

We at first thought a co-operative deal might be arranged with several zoos, but there are so many complications involved with advance payments, insurance, delay etc. that the above prices are FOB Miami and enough profit included (I hope) to allow for the hazardous negotiation. If, on the other hand, any group of zoos wished to import on a co-operative basis, taking the risks and advancing the initial costs, guaranteeing freight etc. I would handle the deal for 10% of cost, and the quoted prices of the Penguins FOB Montevideo, Uruguay plane would be, as follows:

KINGS, RINGS, EMPERORS	§500	Each Bird
MACARONIS	400	" "
ROCKHOPPERS	65	" " (<i>22-15 approx</i>)
GENTOOS, JACKASS PENGUINS	75	" " (<i>26-5 - "</i>)

To work such a co-operative deal advance payment would have to be made to me or placed in escrow; air freight, feeding, handling, en route would be borne on a per bird basis all of which could be worked out, and my 10% (not included in above costs) paid after delivery of the birds.

Time is essential as the expedition leaves in early January and cable order must be placed before that time.

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I believe this is a most unusual opportunity to obtain such rare birds as the above and might add that two years ago we were instrumental in getting 12 of the Kings through to Vancouver during a July heat wave, with 100% live arrival, most of which remain alive today.

Please answer immediately if interested in either arrangement details can be worked out later.

MIAMI RARE BIRD FARM, INC.

Leon V. Freeman, Pres.