

C.S.

SCIENTIFIC.
MISCELLANEOUS.
No. 505/27.

1927.

Zoological Soc.	SUBJECT.
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21st June.

Previous Paper.

Application to take Penguins for private collection and for London Zoological Society.

MINUTES.

Letter from London Zoological Soc. of 21st July. 1927,

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*Letter to Zoological Socy. 15. Sept. 1927.*

~~by 30. 10. 27~~

~~by 30. 1. 28~~

~~by 15. 9. 27.~~

~~by 30. 10. 27.~~

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*Letter from Sec. Zoological Society of London, of 19/10/27.*

*Y. Schmitt*

*24. 11. 27.*

*the C.S.*

*Frank Jones*

*A.H.*

*(25/27)*  
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~~by 30. 1. 28~~  
~~by 25. 11. 27.~~

Subsequent Paper.

Dr from Manager. F. I. C. of 24. 11. 27 5.  
Lr to the Manager. F. I. C. of 7. 12. 27. 6.

Bf. 30. 1. 28.  
A. J. J. 7. 12. 27.

Ag. Jot. Leturdist

To see

J. J. J.

24. 1. 28.

Hon Col Secy.  
Seen. Thank you

ag Bennett  
as mat  
Letter from Mr Clarence Elliott of 14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1928. 7-9.

4 27. 2. 28.

1 27 \* 1. 28.

Ag. Jot. Let.

Please see. I understand

that you are arranging together with

Mr. A. J. J. for the collection

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of these penguins.

2. Please report what  
is actually done in the matter.

J. J. J.

29. 2. 28.

Hon. Col. Secy:

Mr Alex Greenshields has  
given Mr Jens Pedersen orders to proceed  
& secure as many as is possible of  
the penguins asked for in (8).

Permission appears to have been  
granted only for half this number (3).  
I presume that Dr Chalmers Mitchell  
failed to include those desired by  
Mr S Spedan Lewis which Mr C Elliott  
included in his letter to me, or it might  
be that Mr C Elliott anticipates losses  
in transit.

I would ask that permission might  
be granted to cover the larger number,  
if this is found possible to collect, in  
the time, please

A G Bennett  
as NKT  
29. 2. 28.

G. fed Lab.

Please record actual

number of penguins of each species

shipped by W. C. Abbott by L.V.

"Lobs".

2. The necessary covering authority

for the number in question to be

taken at reported is hereby recorded.

W. C. Abbott

7. 3. 28.

Hon. Col. Secy:

Penguins caught were

Jackass 35

Rock Hoppers 41  
76

Penguins delivered on board

Jackass 34

Rockhopper 38

Macaroni 1  
73

Three had escaped. One Macaroni was included  
as these birds are very like the Rock-hopper it was  
not at first noticed, being in heavy moult. Two  
died shortly after going on board. - the result of fighting

R. J. Bennett  
7. 3. 28.

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y.e.

Schedule for expenditure: 12

four papers which y.e. is sending

to the Journal which are included

in this number.

Jul

12, 3, 2 p.

14th c.s.

Send on.

12/5 20.

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13. 3. 2 p

10. Copy of Letter from Mr. G. Elliott of 20 April 1928

Mr. A.G. Bennett,

To see

G.H.B.

15. 01. 28 for C.S.

Very bad. See:

exceedingly bad. Thank you.

Al Bennett

Zoological Society of London.

SECRETARY,  
P. CHALMERS MITCHELL, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.

REGENT'S PARK,

London, N.W. 8

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
"ZOOLOGICAL-PHONE-LONDON"

TELEPHONE NO  
PRIMROSE HILL 2281 (2 LINES).

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:-  
"THE SECRETARY."

PLEASE QUOTE FOLLOWING REFERENCE

21st June 1927.

PCM/GG.

H.E. The Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

Mr. Clarence Elliott, a botanist and horticulturalist, proposes to visit S. America to collect plants, chiefly bulbs, and wishes also to visit the Falkland Islands for the same purpose. He is a responsible, well-educated man, who has been well known to us for several years.

He has offered, if permission is given him by you, to bring back Penguins for this Society and for Mr. J. Spedan Lewis, a Member of our Council and a frequent donor to our collections. Mr. Lewis has a large private collection, chiefly of Owls, but wishes to add Penguins to it, and never sells any of the birds he imports.

What we should like is four pairs of each species except the Gentoos for ourselves and for Mr. Spedan Lewis. If you feel able to give permission we shall be very grateful.

I may add that Gentoos for some reason do not seem to thrive in this country, but that the others do, and we are in hopes

of

H.E. The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

of establishing a breeding colony in the Gardens.

I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's very faithfully,

*P. Chalmers Mitchell*

Secretary Zool. Soc.

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505 /27.

15th September, 27.

Sir,

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I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. PQM/GG of the 21st of June, 1927, asking that permission may be given to a Mr. Clarence Elliott to take four pairs of each species of Penguins found in the Falkland Islands except the Gentoo for your Society and for Mr. Spedan Lewis, and to say that His Excellency will be pleased to grant the desired permission to Mr. Clarence Elliott on his application.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

ARY,  
AL SOCIETY OF LONDON,  
REGENT'S PARK,  
LONDON, N.W. 8.



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PCM/GG.

19th October 1927.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

red 3 → I am obliged to you for your letter (No. 505/27) of  
15th September.

Would you please be so kind as to convey to His  
Excellency the Governor our grateful thanks for the  
permission that he has given.

I am, Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

*P. Chalmers Mitchell*

Secretary Zool. Soc.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.

REGISTERED 1902.

*Stanley*

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS, "FLEETWING PORT STANLEY" VIA RADIO.

24th November, 1927. / 9

Sir,

I beg to advise you that I have received a letter from a Mr. Clarence Elliott who states that he has been requested to obtain penguins and owls for the Zoological Society of London, and, that Dr Chambers Mitchell has written to His Excellency the Governor asking for permission for the birds to be captured.

2. I have replied that I will communicate with you in matter and have referred him for the present to Mr A.G. Bennett, who will no doubt be able to give good advice as regards the capture and shipment of these birds.

3. King Penguins could not be obtained from the Colony proper and there is very little likelihood of the owls being obtained.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. A. B. Gresham*  
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

505/27.

7th December, 27.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of November, 1927, relative to the collection of penguins and owls in the Falkland Islands and to inform you that in accordance with the wishes of the Zoological Society of London, permission has already been granted to Mr. Clarence Elliot to collect two pairs of each species of penguins except the Gentoo for the above Society and for Mr. Spedan Lewis.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*C.S.S.*  
*for* Colonial Secretary.

THE MANAGER OF THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,  
STANLEY.

This is my permanent address in Chile, & letters will be forwarded. c.c.

C/o Messrs Williamson Balfour & Co  
Valparaiso. Chile.

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Nov 17 - 29.

A. G. Burns II Esq

Dear Sir

I have just received a letter from my friend Dr Peters of the London Soc. & he tells me that he has told you of my projected visit to Port Stanley to try to get some Penguins for the Soc & for one of the members of the Council of the Soc.

I found on enquiry that boats to the Falklands are from 4 days between, but the P.S.M. inform me they will have a boat, the Lobos, calling at Port Stanley about the end of Feb or beginning of March. She stops three days at Stanley & I shall have time for me to collect penguins & make all arrangements. So I write to the managers of the Falklands

Wardle Co. asking him if he could arrange  
for someone to collect the penguins for me.

I asked him to write to Mr. C. Williamson  
Balfour & Co. Southampton to let me know  
if this could be arranged.

Needless to say I should be most grateful  
for anything you can do to further the project.  
The you want eight pairs each of any species  
of penguins except Gentoo, & the Lewis the  
you consider want the same. I also want  
to take home any species of birds.

I am hoping to hear from the manager of the  
Falkland Islands Co. as to what arrangements  
he can make for me, & if you can drop me  
a line on the prospects I should be very  
grateful. There will be the question of fish  
for feeding the penguins, & I do not know  
if it will be possible to get enough at  
Port Stanley. Anyway, I propose coming home  
via the Falklands & shall hope for the best.

I shall of course be prepared to repay any  
expense that may occur in connection with  
the birds.

I particularly want to get King Penguins  
and I gather from your interesting book on  
the birds of the Falklands, which Mr. Brewer has  
sent me, that they are not very plentiful there.

I visited Stanley some years before the war  
to collect the Scurvy Grass (*Cochlosoma cuneifolium*).  
I much look forward to paying another visit,  
though it must of necessity be a short one.

I have with me by the way, a number of packets  
of New Zealand seeds which I obtained from  
New Zealand - from some of the smaller  
wind swept islands - as likely to be useful in  
the Falklands, & I should like, during my  
visit, to put them in the hands of the person  
most likely to be interested in trying them  
out: I should think probably the Gardener  
at Government House.

I have just heard from England to the effect  
that the Government have granted permission  
for my taking the Penguins.

Looking forward to making your acquaintance

Believe me Yours truly,

Caroline Elmhurst

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MR. CLARENCE ELLIOTT OF 20th APRIL 1928. ORIGINAL FILED AS REDS 3 & 4 IN H. P. 240/28.

His Excellency the Governor of  
the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

20th April 1928.

Dear Governor,

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I am sorry to tell you that I had terribly bad luck with the penguins and lost every one on the voyage home. I cannot think why this should have been, as we had plenty of excellent fish, a large rosbay run for the birds, and a swimming bath with running water, and I got quite a lot through the Tropics. I think perhaps it was through the birds from Punta Arenas being in the middle of their molt and those from Stanley just through it. I wrote to Brigadier General Sir Samuel Wilson explaining how it was I was unable to send him the promised birds.

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Believe me,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Clarence Elliott.