

Sealing  
No. 686

1920

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SUBJECT.

1920

20 July.  
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Experimental killing of Seals and Disposal of products by Government

MINUTES.

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Y.I.  
Submitted.  
2. This is very unsatisfactory it would not appear worth send if more skins have. I have shown the report to Mr. Hamilton  
Please see ref. 569/21 attached 20/1/22  
H.H.H.

23 January 1922

Subsequent Paper.

609/20

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 85.

Downing Street,

20th July, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 61 of the 31st May, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of letters from the British Museum and the Department of Overseas Trade relative to the Sealing industry of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

2. You will observe that the Trustees of the British Museum express general concurrence in the measures proposed to be taken: and you will be aware from my despatch under reference that I am of opinion that any experimental killing of seals and the disposal of the products should be undertaken by the Government.

3. I should explain that the last paragraph of the letter from the Department of Overseas Trade was written under a misapprehension, but I understand that the Department is willing to advise the Crown Agents as to the arrangement of the sales of any consignments sent to this country by the Government for disposal. Such consignments should, therefore, be made to the Crown Agents, who have now been requested to deal with them in consultation with the Department of Overseas Trade. You will no doubt ensure that the skins are carefully identified.

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

4. I also enclose a copy of a memorandum from the Memorandum. Department of Overseas Trade as to the indentivity of the seals referred to in the letter from that Department, 17th July, 1920. together with a copy of a semi-official letter on the subject from Sr S.F. Harmer, the Director of the Natural History Departments of the British Museum.

I have etc.,

(Sgd.) Milner,

Stanley

28<sup>th</sup> April 1921.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that this day I have handed to the Falkland Islands Company a case addressed to the Crown Agents and bearing the mark N.D.1. (Naturalists' Department 1.)

2. The case contains six skins of Weddell seal and six of sea leopard seal, which I have collected and prepared for transmission to the Crown Agents in accordance with the verbal instructions which I received from His Excellency the Administrator just before leaving for South Shetland in November of 1920.

Each skin is labelled.

3. I understand that these skins are to be dealt with by the Crown Agents in consultation with

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the Department of Overseas Trade,  
as stated in Colonial Office Despatch  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1920, no. 85, Falkland  
Islands.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. E. Hamilton.

Government Naturalist.

The Honourable  
Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,  
AGENTS, Pacific Steam Navigation Co.  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
28th April, 1921.

RECEIVED in apparent good order and condition from Mr J.E.  
Hamilton, ONE BARREL of SEALSKINS

Marked N.D.I. Addressed:- O.H.M.S.

Crown Agents,  
4 Millbank,  
S.W.

for shipment per s.s. "Corcovado", bound for the  
United Kingdom.

Freight £2. 10. 0. payable by the Colonial Government,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*J. D. Creaves*



PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY  
Falkland  
Island  
Agency

ENCLOSURE TO LETTER (686/20) of the 29th April, 1921.

COPY.

Stanley,

23th April, 1921.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that this day I have handed to the Falkland Islands Company a cask addressed to the Crown Agents and bearing the mark N.D.I (Naturalist's Department).

2. The cask contains six skins of Weddell Seal and six of Sea leopard seal which I have collected and prepared for transmission to the Crown Agents in accordance with the verbal instructions which I received from His Excellency the Administrator just before leaving for the South Shetlands in November of 1920. Each skin is labelled.

3. I understand that these skins are to be dealt with by the Crown Agents in consultation with the Department of Overseas Trade, as stated in Colonial Office Despatch of the 20th of July, 1920, No: 85 Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J. E. Hamilton,

Government Naturalist.

The Honourable  
the Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

686/20.

20th April,

21.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to transmit  
herewith a copy of a letter received from  
Mr. J. H. Hamilton, Stipendiary Magistrate,  
South Shetlands, regarding a cask containing  
seal skins which is being forwarded to you  
by the s.s. "Corcovado".

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. THOMPSON.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,

4, Millbank,

London, S. W. 1.



MESSRS GOAD RIGG & CO, TO CROWN AGENTS.

10, Mark Lane,

E.C.3.

11th July 1921.

Report and Valuation of 1 Cask Hair Seal Skins ex steamer  
at Falkland Islands for account of:-

The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Value

1 Cask.

7/-	8/-	each	8	ex	large	average	32 $\frac{1}{8}$ lbs.	In good sound condition
6/-	7/-	"	4	"	"	"	20 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	fairly flayed, good
								stout Pelts.

With Goad Rigg & Co's Compliments.

MESSRS GOAD RIGG & CO, TO CROWN AGENTS.

(Shipping Office.)

10, Mark Lane,

S. PRODUCE 0368

E.C.3.

11th July 1921.

Gentlemen,

Referring to your favours of the 23rd June and 4th July, we now have pleasure in enclosing report and valuation on the 1 Cask Hair Sealskins.

These skins are quite alright of the sort, but at the present moment there is very little demand for these large skins and we think it will be difficult to sell them even at the low price that we have valued them. These skins are in good condition and it would probably be quite safe to keep them for six months even during the hot summer like this, but we should not recommend it, in fact our advice is to sell them and get them out of the way at once. Our brokerage for selling these skins is 1%, then of course there will be the wharf charges.

At the present moment we hardly think it is worth while your friends shipping these skins as it could not possibly pay. Before the war these skins would probably have fetched about £1. per skin, but we see no prospect of getting anything like this price for some time to come.

Awaiting your further instructions,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) GOAD RIGG & CO.

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Prod. 0368.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

4, MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON"  
TELEPHONE, 7730 VICTORIA

18th July 1921.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter No. 686/20 of the  
29th April 1921, I have the honour to enclose a copy  
of a letter from our brokers, together with their report  
and valuation, on the cask of hair seal skins shipped  
by s.s. "Corcovado". We are instructing our brokers to  
sell the consignment by public auction as soon as possible,  
and will forward a copy of the Account Sale in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Robert V. Smith*  
for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

10 Mark Lane,  
London

21st October 1921

Prompt 4th November 1921

The Crown Agents for the Colonies  
Cr. with Goad Rigg & Co.

Salted Hair Seal Skins Ex. L/C

Lot 49	8	Skins	Ex.	Ex.	Large	@	ea. 1/6	12.0
	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	6.0

O.H.M.

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18.0

Crown Agents  
Received  
4th November 1921  
Shipping Office

E.& O.E.

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Produce 0368

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CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
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TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE, 7730 VICTORIA.

4, MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

7th December 1921

Sir,

With further reference to your letter No. 686/20 of the 29th April 1921, and in continuation of our letter No. 81 K/Produce 0368 of the 13th July 1921, I have the honour to state that the hair seal skins ex s.s. "Corcovada" were offered in public auction by Messrs. Goad Rigg & Co., but no bid was made for them. The brokers subsequently arranged for their sale by private treaty at 1s. 6d per skin to avoid further charges.

2. A copy of the account sales is enclosed, and the proceeds, viz. 18/- will be found credited in our account for the month of November.

3. The following charges have been debited in our accounts for the months of September and November in respect of this consignment :-

Freight, dock charges etc. ....	£3. 6. 10
C.A. Shipping Office charge.....	1. 3
Warehousing, etc.....	1. 6. 4
C.A. Departmental charge.....	2
	<u>£4.14. 7</u>

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

for Crown Agents.

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