

C.S.

SEALING	
(Hair Seal)	
No.	489/24

1924.

C. S. O.	SUBJECT.
192 4	<u>HAIR SEAL (Sea Lions)</u>
29th July,	Applications to kill or drive off
Previous Paper.	1924.
586/23	

MINUTES.

*application from Mr J Hamilton of 14<sup>th</sup> July 1924 — Encl (1)*

*PA 5/2/25*  
*27/7/24*  
*J. G. P. 25*  
*PA 14/7/27*

*Y.S.*  
 Submitted  
 The permission applied for might be granted if in view of the correspondence in 359/21, from 100 to 200 barrels being asked for by the Imperial Institute; if Mr. Hamilton will ship these barrels as a trial consignment the result should be of benefit to the Colony?

*1 Sept. 24*

Subsequent Paper.

300/26

~~H.E.S.~~ H.E.S.  
 Mr Hamilton evidently comprises establishing an industry on a large scale  
 Mr. Hanson's experimental killing specially



propose to have a special report.

2. I am anxious that he should be afforded facilities for establishing a small industry: it is possible that he may be able to develop it. I ~~should~~<sup>am</sup> prepared to consider an application for permission to kill hair slabs and I should be glad to have further information with regard to Mr Hamilton's proposals and especially with regard to type of vessel which he proposes to employ. If Mr Hamilton is likely to be in Stanley I shall be glad to discuss the matter with him.

4. In (922/?) Mr Gnr Rasmussen has forwarded proposals for advertising leases of hair slabs & prepared forms for a patent factory: will you please let me see these papers.

296/22  
attached  
19/24  
see

Sr.  
4 Sept 1924.

Y.B. Submitted with ref 296/22 r

11 Sept '24

H.C.S.

I should like to have further information from Mr Hamilton with regard to his proposals before any decision is arrived at. From 296/22 visiting down of sea lions <sup>at my time carried on 3/24</sup> at Brown Island which Mr Hamilton has purchased as well as Weddell Island. Communication with Mr Hamilton by letter is very difficult. In order that he may go into the matter further will you please send a telegram in following sense: (I understand the telegrams for Weddell Island are prepared by Mr Robinson or Pat Stephens)



Government will be glad to discuss with you when you visit Stanley proposal referred to in your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> July and also to place at your disposal all information which is available on the subject.

2. There is information in 296/22 which may be of great assistance to Mr Hamilton. I should like to have drawing of TRY works which Mr Bentley prepared see his minute of 30/10/22 in 296/22

By  
24 Sept 1924

Telegram to Mr J Hamilton Weddell  
23 Sept 1924 (2)

Encl. (2) and (3) fr. Lt. 1962/22 Cont

Returned  
12/12/24

to Mr Hamilton for return

10/12/24

Note. I have spoken to Mr Hamilton and given him all the information available. He will write  
12 Dec. 24

Letter from Mr Hamilton of 12<sup>th</sup> December 1924. Encl (3)



Y.S.

Submitted

③ is intended as an application  
to kill sufficient hair-seal to  
produce 100 barrels of oil as a  
trial shipment

~~11 Jan. 25~~ 12 Jan. 25

H.P.S.

From ⑥ in 369/21 41 hair seal killed  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1921 produced 71 gallons  
of oil or 1.73 galls per seal but  
Mr Hansen thought that if the seal had  
been killed early in September production  
would have been higher.

2. There is no information as to cost of  
production of oil + presumably this  
is what Mr Hamilton wants to ascertain.  
The market is apured at a price approximately  
that of 1<sup>st</sup> grade whale oil.

3. Mr Hamilton may have some proposition to  
kill a sufficient number of males to  
produce 100 barrels of oil. He might be  
told of Mr Hansen's experience in 1921 + his view  
that if seal had been killed early in September production would have been  
higher.  
19 Jan 1925 H.P.S.



Withdrawn

Letter to Mr. J. Hamilton, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan'y, 1925. (4.)

Letter to Mrs. J. Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1925. (5.)

H.C.

Submitted

The enclosed letter from Mr. Hamilton has just been received by me. Under the circumstances it is not necessary to send the letter (5). Mr. Hamilton is clearly going to see the matter through.

~~W.H.~~ 6 April 25

H.C.S.

In view of Mr. Hamilton's letter it is not necessary to send (5)

H.H.

7 April 1925

H.C.S.

I saw Mr. Hamilton today & he will write on this matter. H.H.

15 January 1926

7. Letter from Mr. Hamilton, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1926.
8. Minute from Ctg. Governor 23 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1926.
9. Letter to Mrs. J. Hamilton 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1926.



g. 2.

With reference to nos 7 and 4-3 I have

seen W. Hamilton who does not desire, at present at any rate, to extract more than the 11 barrels of oil already extracted, on this permission.

2. He has enquired as to his position in regard to the permit and I

have assured him that it is permissive not

mandatory and that there is no obligation on him

to extract more than the 11 barrels.

3. I understand that in due course Mr.

Hamilton will wish that Government should restrict

the oil for him in England through the

Imperial Institute.

4. W. Hamilton has expressed the

opinion that the selling of whale seals alone

for the extraction of oil cannot be profitable



and that if such an experiment is to  
be given a fair chance of success permission  
to both females also should be given.

jud

27. 11. 26

H.L. Thank you for the return letters. We can  
await developments.

J.  
27 Nov. 1926

G.  
17. 12. 26.

Le 29. 11. 26.

10. Letter from Mr. J. Hamilton, 30 Nov. 1926.

J.P. Red 10 submitted for information.

jud 9. 12. 26

J.  
9 Dec. 1926

G.  
19. 1. 27

Le 9. 12. 26.

G. 19. 1. 27 G. 19. 3. 27  
Le 10. 12. 26 Le 19. 1. 27.

4. 19. 6. 27

6. 19. 3. 27.

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H.C.S.

I regret this paper was not  
brought up on date directed,

McLiz  
cc.  
29/6/27

P. A. J. M.

30 6 27.

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Weddell Island  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1924.

The Honorable

H. Kemmiker Keaton Esq.,  
Colonial Secretary  
Government House  
Stanley.

Sir, I am writing to ask if I  
may apply for a licence to  
kill hair seals in this locality  
with the view of establishing a  
small industry on this Island  
in the form of a boiling down Plant  
along with a suitable vessel and  
other requisite utensils for such work.

Have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant

Solutbaccina



(2)

TELEGRAM.

From: The Colonial Secretary.

To: Mr. J. Hamilton, Weddell Island.

Dispatched :	25th September.....	192	4	Time.
Received :	.....	192	..	10 a.m. Time.

HAMILTON

WEDDELL ISLAND

GOVERNOR WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS WITH YOU WHEN YOU VISIT STANLEY PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER OF 14th JULY AND ALSO TO PLACE AT YOUR DISPOSAL ALL INFORMATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE SUBJECT

SECRETARY



Stanley  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 1924.

The Honorable  
H. Hensler Neaton Esq.  
Colonial Secretary  
Government House  
Stanley.

Sir.

With reference to previous  
correspondence with regard  
to permission to kill hair  
seals with the view of sending  
to the United Kingdom a  
trial shipment of 100 barrels  
of oil the number suggested



By the Imperial Institute's  
report of 5<sup>th</sup> October 1923.

If the shipment proves  
a success I have every  
intention of establishing  
the industry.

I have the honor  
to be

Yours obediently,  
John Burmeister.



489/24.

22nd January,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your application of the 12th of December, 1924, for permission to kill hair seals for the purpose of trying out and selling the oil. In reply I am to inform you that although no licences can at present be issued His Excellency is prepared to grant permission to you to kill a sufficient number of hair seal to enable you to make a trial shipment of 100 barrels of oil to the United Kingdom.

2. I am to state that the Imperial Institute has undertaken to arrange for the marketing and sale of a limited supply. After obtaining a commercial valuation of a small quantity sent to England in 1923, the Institute reported that the seal oils were of suitable quality and that consignments would be readily saleable.

3. The Governor therefore grants permission on the following conditions :-

- (1) That the seal are killed in a humane fashion
- (2) That the whole carcass of the seal be used up as far as possible
- (3) That no pups and no females be killed
- (4) That a full return be made at the end of the experiment giving the number of seal killed the rookery from which they were taken, and such further information as may be required.

J. Hamilton, Esq.,  
Weddell Island.

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4. I am to add for your information that Mr. Hansen of Carcass Island killed 41 hair seal on the 3rd of October, 1921, from which 71 gallons of oil were produced. In Mr. Hansen's view the production would have been greater if the seals had been killed early in September.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.







I would suggest however that only the best quality sheep should be sent here for freezing & they must be in good condition - not close condition - when shipped.

The old idea of clearing off all the rubbish on a farm at all cost is a wrong policy to-day & will not hold in any country where animals are reared for freezing purposes.

This is especially so in case of sheep. I trust you are quite well & with very best respects

Yours faithfully,  
John Hume

The Hon.  
A. Kinnaird Esq  
Stamps  
Facultatis Edmuds.

24  
I am glad to hear that the "Lagarto" and "Trust" will now be in Stanley along with 100 oak barrels in chests purchased by me from the Swift Co. in Montevideo. So far I do not know the exact price; the age evidently having been delayed. To begin with I fear the barrels will be a heavy item. These require to be of oak and especially well constructed to contain oil.

I had rather an unpleasant report respecting the condition and quality of the sheep brought in the schooner "Emma" from Weddell Island. The first lot



III.  
were driven to camp to fatten  
before being used. At present  
I am waiting to hear better  
results - I believe something  
can be done by bringing over  
sheep of better quality than  
I possess on Weddell.

Although I asked the best to  
be sent. The butchers in Punta  
Arenas persist in saying that  
the sheep were very unsatisfactory  
& did not see them any more.  
and so far have refused to  
entertain these tales.

It is reported that the Port  
Howard sheep proved quite  
satisfactory although they were  
graded mostly as 2<sup>nd</sup> class.  
A great many of our sheep  
here are placed in this grade.



Weddell Island

6th April 1926.



Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence and to your letter No489/24. dated 22nd January 1925, I beg to communicate the following:

I employed the schooner "Prefecto Garcia" to kill hair seals with 4 men at £5- per day in the neighbourhood of Weddell and Beaver Islands. A small boiling down Plant was put on board the Schooner which came expressly from the United States, but the boiler and digester worked so unsatisfactory that it had to be put on shore and ordinary tanks used as a substitute. This was the cause of much delay and disappointment.

Mr Davis the master of the schooner killed altogether 384 seals which only produced 11 barrels of clear oil, or 616 gallons. The seals were killed on several Islands as follows;

On Quaker Island	130
" Pitt Island	225
" Small Isd. near Staats Island	21
And on Circum Isd near Gull harbour	8
total	<u>384</u>

I know the above result will be extremely disappointing to His Excellency the governor, but the male seals were so low in condition that it seemed a useless destruction of life to continue any longer. Twenty five days were employed in the work at a cost of £125: <sup>without</sup> other capital outlays.

I have the honour to be  
Your obedient servant,.

*Colin A. ...*

Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.



489/24.

25th November,

26.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that it is understood that you are interested in the question of the possibility of obtaining a profitable market for hair seal oil, and that you have at present awaiting shipment a small consignment of this oil obtained on your behalf by Mr. J. Davis.

2. As you will no doubt be interested to learn the results of the sale of a similar consignment which Mr. J. Davis shipped to the United Kingdom in the early part of this year on his own behalf, I am to send you, for your confidential information and return, a copy of a report in this connection received from the Director of the Imperial Institute, who arranged for the sale of the oil, together with the accounts relating to the shipment.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*J. H.*  
2.  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. Hamilton, Esq.,

S T A N L E Y.





Stanley  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Sir,  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> inst N<sup>o</sup> 489/24 in which you kindly enclosed a statement of accounts, expenses, etc. in connection with a consignment of Seal Oil placed on the market in London on behalf of a resident of this district.

I am very grateful indeed to his Excellency the Governor & to yourself for kindly placing this information at my disposal, particularly in view of the fact that I have a small consignment of Seal Oil in Buenos Aires waiting for an early opportunity of shipment. While again thanking you,  
I am the better,

Yours,

Your obedient servant.

John Cunningham