

SEALING

(Hair Seal)

C.S.

1925.

No. 73/25.

Mr. J. Davis

SUBJECT.

*This paper relates to Oil.
For Skins see H.P. 110/25.*

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19th January

Previous Paper.

Asks regarding killing of Hair Seal for purpose of obtaining oil and Skins.

Ref. 489/24 369/21 110/25.

MINUTES.

Letter from Mr. J. Davis of 19th January 1925 — Encl (1)

*Y.B.
Submitted
Under sec. 21 of the Land Ordinance (p 355) "the right to take kill and take seals is reserved to the Government of the Falkland Islands and such persons as are duly licensed by the Government"*

The above condition or restriction is binding as if forming part of any Game Grant or License

2. I imagine it is safe to assume that the right to take and kill includes the right to encroach or trespass in so far as necessary.

3. Y.B. might be prepared to grant a licence to Mr. Davis subject to a particular

Subsequent Paper.

- rookery or rookeries provided that it is a condition of such licence (a) that he will kill only such animals as may be specified e.g. seals of a certain age
- (b) that if required at any time he should take a Govt. representative with him and provide for his maintenance without cost to Govt. for the period of the voyage
- (c) that he should use up the whole amount and should make a return after each voyage of the numbers of seals killed
- (d) that he should commit no offences other than as strictly necessary for the purpose of killing and trying out
- (e) that the licence may be revoked at any time if in the opinion of the Governor it would be conditions of the licence are not being strictly observed.
- (f) That the killing shall be carried out in such humane lines as the Govt. may approve

H.H.H. 23 Jan. 25

H.P.S.

I granted permission to Dr. Hansen in 1921 to take a limited number of seals for experimental purposes & Dr. Hornell & Bredell. Since his son has died he can take a limited number of seals in order to make a trial shipment of oil.

2. There is power, I think, to grant such

Authority under section 22 of Ordinance No 8 of 1921 + there was a similar provision under the earlier ordinance which was repealed by No 8 of 1921.

3. If Mr. Davis wishes to undertake the production of oil on a large scale it will be necessary to refer his application for a licence to Sqs in view of para 4 of Sqs despatch No 61 of 31st May 1920 (G.O. 254/20)
4. If he wishes in first instance to take a limited number of seals ~~with~~ in order to enable him to come to a decision as to whether seal oil can be produced as a prospect he may have ~~the authority~~ ^{authority} to take a sufficient number of seals to produce 100 barrels of oil on the conditions proposed in your minutes of 23rd January. It will be well to avoid use of term "licence" in any communication that may be sent to him.

Sr.
29 January 1925.

J.P. Submitted

I ventured to hold up the letter of approval to Mr. Hamilton + pending your decision in the matter of Mr. Davis' application. As ^{practically} no issues are at issue I suggest that identical letters may be sent to both applicants in the form of the draft enclosed

x up 489/24

~~Handwritten scribble~~ 29 Jan. 25

~~Handwritten scribble~~ 30 January 1925.

Letter to Mr. J. Davis, 3rd Febry, 1925. (2)
Letter to Mr. J. Davis, 2nd April, 1925. (3)

Note: No acknowledgment of Encl 3 has been received. Mr. Davis left Stanley on the 10th June. From information received he is killing havi seal at barren Island and trying them out at San Carlos.

~~Handwritten scribble~~
10 Aug 1925.

J.P.
Mr. Davis returned to Stanley yesterday with 94 barrels of seal oil. He called at the office this afternoon with two sample bottles of the oil produced.

? asked Mr. Davis why he

had not replied to Encl 3 of this paper. He stated that he saw Mr. Henniker-Heaton just before Mr. Heaton left the Colony and explained to him where he intended to operate and the arrangements he had made with Mr. Anderson of San Carlos ^{for cooking} the carcasses. He did not think that a written reply would be expected under the circumstances.

3. I presume the oil will now be taken over by the Government and sent to the Imperial Institute to arrange sale as offered in Encl 13 & 14 of N.P. 369/21, Mr. Davis to pay freight charges for conveyance to England.

4. Mr. Davis wishes to discharge the oil from his vessel as soon as possible, but he has no place to store it pending shipment. As this is an experimental ~~and~~ shipment might it be stored in the Customs

shed free of charge to Mr. Davis?
I presume duty will have to be
paid on the oil when it is
exported.

of One sample of the oil is very
clear and has very little smell;
the other sample is much darker
and contains a good deal of
sediment. For each barrel obtained
14 seals were killed: the whole
carcass was cooked. I have
asked Mr. Davis to submit a
full report of his operations, stating
the cost of producing the oil.

W. H. J.
Director
24 Aug 1925.

O. J. C. / C. S. O.

All available space at low end of Customs shed will be
required for materials + stores which are being imposed by
the Government + it is undesirable to put it in the west
end where Customs work is carried on. In other circumstances
I regret that it is not possible to meet Mr. Davis's wish.

2. As this is an experimental shipment I propose
that duty should be remitted under Section 5 of Ordinance
No 1 of 1900 + concurrence of Ex. Co. should be sought. What is
capacity of a barrel?
3. I am not anxious that you should take on the oil if

Mr Davis can make his own arrangements for its disposal. The Imperial Institute evidently anticipates the Gov would itself make a trial shipment.

By

25 August 1925

C.E.

I have seen Mr Davis and explained the position to him as Your Excellency instructed. He states that he would be much obliged if the Government could assist him in marketing the oil, and that he will submit a complete statement of cost. He intends to make arrangements with I.L.C. for storage until an opportunity occurs to ship the oil by the direct route to England.

2. The oil is contained in wooden barrels of the usual 40 gallon capacity.

3. In the meantime to await full report from Mr Davis?

G.H.
Oil/sec

25 Aug 1925

Wk: Co: on question of Customs Duty.

By

26 August 1925

Hon. W. P. Thompson

Hon. M. C. Craigie - Halkett

W.P.T. 27.8.25

MCH

Circulated

GRH 13
or else

26 Aug 1925

O.I.C./C.S.O.

I regret that I have made an error in reporting
in para 2 of my minutes of 25th August to Section
5 of the Tariff Act. The former concerned by the
Section is an addition to import duties. There is
no specific provision in the Law with regard to assuming
export duties: minutes of Ex. Co. should not refer to
Section 5.

2. Draft despatch to S.S. is attached.

GRH

31 August 1925

Extract from minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council
held on the 28th August, 1925,

It was recommended that, subject to the approval of the
Secretary of State, the duty on the oil should be remitted.

GRH 13

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Despatch to Secretary of State No 102
of 1st September 1925.

(4)

Letter from Mr. J. Davis, 23rd Sept. 1925.

(5)

Letter from Mr. J. Davis 26th Oct 1925

(6)

Telegram from Messrs Messers & Co.

(6a)

Letter from Mr. J. Davis 27 Oct 1925

(7)

V.P. Submitted

GRH 13
or else

27 Oct 1925

I have seen Mr Davis & have told him that as soon as I am unable to give him a sealing licence.

2. It is desirable however the seal on islands in Port William & on Kidney Island should be reduced in number as they are spoiling the pupae & I have told Mr Davis that he will be given permission to take seal on these islands if he desires to do so.

Sr.

2 Nov 1925.

8. Lr. to Director, Industrial Institute.
4 Nov 1925

H.P.S.

We have discussed this matter with Mr Davis today.

2. He can have ^{special} permission to take hair seal ~~to take hair seal~~ on islands in Port William & on Kidney Island. This permission is given partly with object of improving pupae on the islands but also in order that a ^{small} trial shipment of skins of hair seal may be sent to U.S.A.

Su 110/25.

3. W. Davis is to have all the oil produced on which ordinary duty will be paid on export.
4. W. Davis is authorized to employ two men at rate of £10 a month for preparing the skins
5. A note is attached, a copy of which should be given to W. Davis, relative to method of removing skins, salting & packing them.
6. The Govt will pay for the saw used & also for the bands.

A.
2 Dec 1925

P.S. It was explained to W. Davis that shipment of skins was being made as an experiment in order to ascertain market value but that if a market was found there would be no obligation on part of the Govt to give him a sealing licence in view of fact that he would be responsible for any expenses incurred by him.

9-12. Letter to Mr. J. Davis, 2nd Dec. 1925.

Hon. Secy: To note letter to W. Davis of 2/11/25. Authority for the necessary disbursements will issue in due course

D. C. J.
3/11/25

To: Cl. Secy

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K. S. Thompson

J. XII. 25.

- 13. Letter from Mr J Davis of 23rd December 1925
- 14. Letter to Mr. J Davis 4th Jan 1926.
- 15. Letter fr Mr. J Davis. 6th Jan 1926.

H.P.
1. Submitted.

2. As to the oil Mr Davis informed this Office this morning that he was shipping 102 barrels by the s.s. "Losada" this week addressed to the Director of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London. He is also sending in a report on this oil, which he had asked should be sent on to the Director thro' this Office. This could quite conveniently be done in writing to the Institute in continuation of (B) and covering shipment — this should be done this mail.

3. As to the trade I presume that H.P. will communicate with Sir W. Allardye before despatch of the barrels. An opportunity may present itself for direct shipment to New York as in the case of the small consignment sent to the Governor Newfoundland previously (M.P. 110/25) Sir W. Allardye may consider it preferable that they should be consigned direct to the "buyer" in New York.

H.P.
6.1.26

H.P.S.

Para 1. will you please forward.

Para 2. Further information is expressed from Newfoundland + shipment should be deferred for present. As Mr Davis has now finished his work on islands in Pt William + on Newby Island
M. 7 Jan 1926

16. Letter from W. J. Davis 6th Jan. 1926⁶
 17-18. Letter to Imperial Institute, 8th Jan. 1926.
 19. Letter to W. J. Davis, 8th Jan. 1926.

Non Recenses:

To see as to this Shipment
 in connection with payment of Export
 duty cf. para 2 of (12)

D.C.I.
 11.1.26

Letter from Mr J. Davis, of 11 Jan. 1926.

(20)

Mr Davis called this morning and
 reported that the m.v. "Loada",
 could not take his oil being
 already full of cargo. The local agents
 had promised shipment next boat

D.C.I.
 12.1.26

Letter to Director of Imperial Institute 12 Jan. 1926. 21.

H.C.

1. With reference to the question asked
 in para. 2 of H.C.'s minute of 7th Jan.
 I saw Mr. Davis ~~at~~ yesterday. He informed
 me (a) That he has now completed his
 work on Kidney Island and the
 island in Port William. He was
 engaged there from 3rd Dec. to 5th Jan.
- (b) That there has been a clearance
 of seals from the Islands; on 1st and
 2nd Jan. he saw only two and three
 seals respectively there, and during the
 three subsequent days none at all.
- (c) That hussac was "coming on well"
 on what he called the "Upper" Island,
 and although it was not so good
 on the "Lower" Island, it should be
 in good condition by March.

(d) That early in December, he saw four elephant seals on the Islands, but on subsequent visits there was no trace of them.

2. Mr. Davis has now submitted his account in respect of the 90 skins collected on behalf of the Govt - (20). He told me that he was surprised at the large amount of work that was required to carry out the preparation of the skins in accordance with the instructions he was given.

There is at present no financial provision to meet Mr. Davis' account, neither does there appear to be a suitable head in the Estimates to charge it to. I would suggest that a new sub-head under XV Miscellaneous be opened. "Expenses in connection with a trial shipment of Seal skins", and a special warrant issue accordingly. The amount of this S.W. might be fixed at, say £55 so as to cover eventual cost of freight etc. and such other expenses as may arise.

D.C.
13.1.26

H.P.S.

Special warrant may issue

M.

14 January 1926

22.23.

Special warrant No 126. 14 January 1926

£55 Submitted in favour of Signature

D.C.
15.1.26
M. 18 January 1926

skins of sea-lions

Despatch from Secretary of State, 2nd Nov. 1925. ^{No 162} 24.

Copy of Voucher for £44. 6/8 prepared
in favour of Mr. J. Davis.

25.

Hon Treasurer,

1. To note (74).

2. Will you also please withdraw
P.V. in duplicate in favour of Mr. J. Davis
for deposit action.

Del

25/1/26

Hon Col Secretary

(74) noted & vouchers withdrawn

R. Thompson
Treasurer

27/1/26

Note.

With reference to the Shipment of 103 barrels
of oil being made by Mr. Davis, Mr. Gresham
manager of the F. I. C. telephoned to me this
morning stating that Mr. Davis was away from
Stanley at present, and it was not possible to
communicate with him. Mr. Gresham also stated
that he understood that Mr. Davis was not in
a financial position to meet the cost of
freight etc. on this Shipment, as this Shipment
is in the nature of an Experiment - an
Experiment in which the Govt. is interested -
I spoke to Mr. G. who concurred that in the
special circumstances, the Govt. could guarantee
to the Coy. payment of expenses etc. in connection
with the Shipment. Informed Mr. G. accordingly by phone. He will write in on
the subject later.

Del
5/3/26

Letter from manager, F. I. Coy. 5/3/26.

26.

Letter to Imperial Institute, 6th March, 1926.

27-28.

Note to
B. as soon
as Mr Davis
returns to
B.
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- 29. Letter to manager, J. I. Coy. 6th March, 1926.
- 30. Letter from Manager F. I. Coy. of 12 March 1926.

~~Submitted~~

~~2. The assignment sent was slightly in excess of that for which the sanction of the S. of S. was sought and received - (11) & (14)~~

~~3. Authorise Mr. Deasars, to refund the Export Duty paid on the~~

Hon. Deasars,

(4) (224)

1. The Sanction of the Secy. of State was sought and received for the remission of Export duty on 94 barrels of Seal oil, and for clearance & transportation

2. The quantity in excess of this amount was apparently collected by Mr. Davis from the Island in Port William, and duty is payable by Mr. Davis on this excess - see para. 3 of H's minute of 2nd Dec. 1925.

3. I learn from the F. I. Coy. that they shipped 100 barrels only, & the other 2 were leaking badly.

4. Will you kindly advise as to refunding action?

D.
15/3/26

Hon:Col:Secretary,

My attention was draw by the Customs Officer to the fact that "Free Export Entries" had been delivered by the F. I. Co, in respect of the shipment by them of "Seal Oil",; good liable to Export Duty. I thereupon requested the Customs Officer to point this out to the Company, and asked him to inform them that the

the amount of Export Duty payable thereon would be
refund to them on Treasury Pay Vouchers, ^{when approved.} This is
I think in accordance with the Colonial Regulations
as well as the Tariff Ordinance, and Customs Ordinance,
please.

H. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer
15th March 1926

Minute from Hon Treasurer 16th March 1926. 31.

Hon Treasurer:

Will you be so good as to
make the necessary adjustment

H.
18/3/26

Hon:Col:Secretary,

Treasury Pay Voucher No.182 of March
1925 put up herein showing the adjustment made, please. (32)

H. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer
1st April 1926

Letter from the Imperial Institute 18 May 1926. (33) (34)

J.E.
Submitted.

2 To send a copy of Encls 33 & 34 to W. Davis?

M. G. G.
O.K. sent.
27 Aug. 1926.

H.
23 Aug. 1926

Letter to Mr. John Davis, dated 26. 8. 1926. 35.

Letter from Imperial Institute of 20 July 1926. 36-52.

Letter from C/As of 6. Aug. 1926. 53.

Inside Minute Paper.

4th Submitted. W. Davis' experiment has proved costly. He has sustained a net loss of £223 on the consignment. While failure is no doubt partly to be attributed to faulty preparation and packing of the oil, I fear that he may have been misled by the printed report of the Import Institute under Commercial Valuation to the effect that the price obtainable was £30 per ton, barrels included, ex quay, Liverpool, whereas I see from net 43 that the tare of the barrels and hoops has been deducted in the sales account of this consignment. Messrs Meade King's offer on net 6a is also barrels included. If the tare of the barrels had not been deducted W. Davis would have realized approximately £500 gross or a net loss of approximately £100.

2. Government has guaranteed freight and other charges amounting to £157 to the F.I. Coy, ex Pernambuco, and has in my opinion incurred some moral liability in regard to W. Davis if as appears more than probable he appeals for assistance.

3. In the first place I propose to send W. Davis a copy of nets 52-45 for his information and to tell him that the detailed accounts, nets 44-36, may be inspected on application at this office. I would not at this juncture pay over any money to W. Davis.

net 13 & M. P. 369/21
see also nets 12 and 12a
Romeo.

with
net 26.

fact more deeply on the financial side.

4. It will be necessary in due course to take up the matter of deduction of tax with the Imperial Institute.

5. With regard to red 53 I will let the Treasurer have a copy and request him to hold the sum of £356 6s on deposit pending instructions as to its final disposal.

Just

12.10.26.

M.H. I am very sorry to hear about the unsatisfactory result of this Experiment particularly so as it has involved Mr. Davis in financial loss.

2. This loss is attributable to

- (a) Faulty preparation and packing.
- (b) Deduction from prices realised of the tax of the barrels.

Much as I sympathise with Mr. Davis I hold that he is solely responsible for (a) as to (b) there may be some case for taking up the matter with the Imperial Institute, but I very much doubt whether any good would result. In any case we need not consider the financial aspect further at present.

3. Please proceed as you propose.

D.

12 Oct. 1926

Letter to Mr. Davis dated 14th Oct. 1926. 55.

Hon Treasurer

Please see and withdraw
the copy of red 53 put up loose
herein.

2. The sum of £356 should
remain on deposit pending further
instructions.

W. Miller

Cy. Col. Sec

14. 10. 26.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Copy of red 53 withdrawn.

2. Noted.

M. Brajnie Harker

As Secy

15. 10. 26

27. 10. 26

16. 10. 26

y.p. Schilled. There has been no further development
in this matter and it is perhaps unnecessary in
the circumstances to take any action in the absence
of further development.

2. The Manager of the F. & L. Coy. informs me
that Mr. Davis has paid the Company all charges
due on this account and that the Government's
guarantee is ^{no} longer liable to call. Mr. Davis may
be paid the £ 356 15^s 0^d realized from the
sale of the seed oil?

J.M.S.

26.10.26

M.S.

The absence of any development may
be attributable to the absence of Mr. Davis
from Stanley. I understand that he left for
the West Falkland some time ago, and is
not expected back for several weeks yet. The
sum of £ 356.15.0 may be paid over to
Mr. Davis on his return to Stanley.

J.M.S.

27 Oct. 1926

Inside Minute Paper.

To Treasurers.

For action accordingly, please.

Mullis

G. Col. Sec

28. 10. 26.

Gen. Col. Sec.

Vouchers for payment to Mr. John Davis of the sum of £356-15-0, have been prepared.

M. Brian Harder
Gy. Secs
1. 11. 26

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M

2. 11. 26.

48. I saw W. J. Jain this morning who asks

that his application re (7) may now be considered.

Despite the unfavorable result of his experimental

shipment he desires to make a further trial on

a larger scale.

2. The proposal either to purchase a

suitably mechanically-propelled vessel or to fit an

auxiliary engine in his present vessel and to

to his being done a grant.

3. The extra permission therefore to be allowed
to mill seals for the holder of such to extract
4 to 1,000 barrels of oil i.e. from 15,000 to 20,000
seals on the basis of 16 seals to a barrel of oil -
vide rule 5.

4. Is G.P. prepared to consider the application
at present? I am told that fair seals have multiplied
exceeding all want the Island.

Jud

10. 2. 27

H.C.

Can you please annex M.P. with L. of S.
despatch No. 61 of 3rd May 1920 - See
Para. 3 of Sir John Middleton's minute
of 29th Jan. 1925. Encl. of M.P. 254/20.

Jud
10 Feb. 1927

G.P. | atted H.P. S.O. 254/20.

Jud 12. 2. 27

W.C.P.

1. I notice that Mr Davis contemplates having to kill from 15,000 to 20,000 hair seals in order to get his required amount of oil. This is an exceedingly large number; it will be seen from sheet 3 on sub. 110/55 that Mr. Bennett, Ag. Govt. Naturalist, although stating that there was an enormous number of seals round these islands expressed the opinion that from 5000 to 6000 only could be killed annually without undue depletion of the herd.
2. In any case as Sir John Middleton has pointed out in para. 3 of his minute of 29 January 1927 hereon, it will be necessary to refer his application for a licence to the Secy. of State.
3. Mr. Davis should be informed accordingly and requested to furnish full particulars of his proposed scheme. At the same time he should be asked to state whether his intention is to kill the 15,000 to 20,000 seals in one season or whether his proposal extends over several years.

16 Febry. 1927

56. Letter to Mr. J. Davis - 17. 2. 1927.

12. 3. 27	24. 3. 27.
18. 2. 27.	14. 3. 27.

Hel.
No. 2/15/1927 deals with an application from Magnus Konow for a licence to take seals, other than fur seals, in the Dependencies. On the recommendation of Dr. Kemp, I have advised Secy. of State that permission should not be granted at present. The application has opened the question of the possibility of granting a permit to take hair seals off the Falklands, but I do not propose to move in the matter until a decision is arrived at in connection with Mr. Davis' application. I am anxious to encourage Mr. Davis as much as possible, but it will be necessary to insure that he proposes to carry out the business in a satisfactory and up-to-date manner.

2. Will you please send a rawinder to Mr. Davis. He has an aversion to letter writing so perhaps you would be good enough to suggest that he might come and see you on the matter.

D.
22 March, 1927

Letter from Mr. J. Davis. 10th March 1927 57.

y. s.
No. 57 has in the meantime been received from Mr. Davis and is settled.

J. D.
24. 3. 27

Met.

As already stated on this Mt. I am anxious to encourage Mr. Davis as far as possible. It is distinctly unfortunate therefore that reference to the Secretary of State is necessary for the sealing season has already commenced. If necessary I would be prepared to consider telegraphic reference.

2. Firstly, however, there are various points that require examination. Sealing licences are granted under Section 4 of Ordinance No. 8/1921 for such periods and on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Governor. That Ordinance (sect. 6) empowers the Governor in Council to make regulations for carrying out the provisions of the Ordinance, but I have failed to trace any such regulations made thereunder.

3. As to the number of seals that could be taken without undue depletion of herds, I have now had an opportunity of speaking to Captain D. Roberts of the S.S. Jackland who in his constant voyages round these coasts has had exceptional experience of forming a judgment. He tells me that they are to be found in countless numbers and is of opinion that the killing of 20,000 would have little adverse effect, and would involve no danger as to extermination of species. He further ventured the opinion that an enterprise attempting to make less than 1000 barrels of oil would

not be an economic proposition.

4. In South Georgia, a fee is paid for a sealing licence (see M.S. 15/17/1927 which contains copies of the licences issued to the *Compañía Argentina de Pesca*) but I do not know under what authority it is levied. Probably such payment is simply one of the conditions of licence?

[£50 for each licence]

5. In my opinion Mr. Davis might be granted a licence to seal off the following Falkland Islands on the following terms and conditions:—

- (a) That he pays a suitable fee for the licence
- (b) That the seals are killed in a humane fashion
- (c) That the whole carcass is used as far as possible, and that there is no undue waste
- (d) That if required at any time he should take a Govt. representative with him and provide for his maintenance without cost to Govt. for the period of the voyage.
- (e) That no pups and no females be killed
- (f) That a full return be made showing the no. of seals killed, the rookery from which taken, the amount of oil produced and such other further information as may be desired.
- (g) That the rookery or rookeries from which the seals are to be taken be approved in advance and that no trespass be committed on the land on which the rookery is other than is strictly necessary for the purpose of killing and trying out seals
- (h) That at least 10% of the adult males be left at each rookery
- (i) That the total number of seals to be taken under the licence should not exceed 15000.
- (j) That the licence be valid for one sealing season only and subject to cancellation at any time.

6. I should like the views of Hon. Treasurer and yourself on the question generally, and with particular reference to the amount of licence fee, if any, and also the number of seal to be killed.

H.
35 March, 1927

Hon. Treasurer.

referred to you accordingly

please

J. Walker
By Col. Sec

25 3. 27

Hon. Col. Sec,

No regulations have been made for carrying out the provisions of Ordinance No.8 of 1921.

2. From personal knowledge of the numbers of hair seal round the coasts, I agree with the opinion expressed by Captain Roberts to the effect that the killing of 20,000 would have little adverse effect, and would involve no danger as to extermination of the species. Hair seal breed in large numbers and the killing of such a number would make no difference.

3. I am of opinion that to make the scheme pay it would be necessary to permit the killing of say 15,000 or 20,000 seals, and further that the killing should be carried out in one season.

4. The fee of £50 for each licence paid by the Cia Argentina de Pesca was originally levied under the provisions of (2) of Sect.2 of Ord:6 of 1909, and the same fee has been levied since that Ordinance was repealed.

5. I concur with the terms and conditions set out in para: 5 of H.E.the Ag.Governor's minute of the 25th inst., but with reference to (g) there might be some difficulty in fixing the rookery or rookeries from which the seals are to be taken. Large numbers of hair seal are to be found on the South coast particularly between the Arch Islands and New Island W.F. Perhaps it would be possible to state an area as for example "On the coasts and Islands between the Arch Islands and New Island W.F."

6. The killing off of hair seal on Weddell, Beaver and New Is., would in my opinion benefit the Fur seal rookery at the Jasons.

7. 15,000 hair seal should produce 1,000 barrels or 166 tons of oil. If the trying out is carried out in a proper manner the oil should find a good market. I am of opinion that a fee of £50 should be charged for a licence.

M. Francis Walker
Treas.
28.3.27

*y. 2. Submitted. I respectfully agree with y. 1. 1
specie and proposed terms and conditions in regard
to the part of a licence to W. Davis for the 1927
season and part 1 by the Government.*

*2. I agree also with the Governor's suggestion
as to fixing the fee at £50, and to the restriction of
area for the taking of seals.*

3. I do not feel qualified, however, to express any opinion as to the extent to which the letting of lease lands at Geddelah Island and Moneimbah will be of benefit to the four seals at Elephant Jun.

4. The meeting between locally is presumably as in South Africa from 1st March to 31st October. In para 4 of vol 2 herein the view is expressed that early in September is perhaps the best time for obtaining a large production of oil.

5. I submit for consideration a draft telegram in
p. of 2.

Ynd
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30. 3. 27.

Act. Before the Secy. of State is approached on the matter it will be advisable to ascertain whether the proposed conditions are acceptable to Mr. Davis. In order to obviate delay perhaps you would be so good as to send for him and explain matters

A.
6 April, 1927

Y. S. I have seen H. J. Davis on 7. 4. 27. and explained matters to him. He is desirous of taking out a license on the conditions recited which he characterized as very fair.

2. He is, however, in no hurry to commence operations and prefers in fact to wait until the 1928 season. He is allowing himself more time in order to make preparations at the benefit of a full season.

3. In accordance with Y. S.'s verbal direction I submit a copy thereof for consideration.

4. I will confer with H. J. Davis with reference to rule 57 but it is now understood that he does not desire to commence operations, if a license to take seals is granted to him, until the 1928 season and that his application has been referred to the Secretary of State for his approval. I will submit a further communication with his approval to the Secretary of State.

J. S.

9. 4. 27

Met.

It is satisfactory to learn that Mr. Davis considers the conditions fair, and is prepared to accept them.

2. Draft despatch as amplified may be forwarded for signature.

3. Please inform Mr. Davis in the sense of your para. 4.

D.S.

9 April, 1927.

58-61. Despatch to S. of S. No. 73 of 12 April, 1927.

y.2.

Despatch forwarded and submitted for

reference.

2. I must regret the correction in the draft I have found it necessary to make on the despatch and copies as typed. I fear that time will not permit of their being retyped if they are to go by "train" mail today.

J.M.D.

13. 4. 27.

13 April, 1927

Letter to Mr. J. Davis, 21st April, 1927. 62.

Y.G.

Paper brought up as described. ^{by} 31. 5. 27

Off. Sec.

31 May 1927

31 May 1927

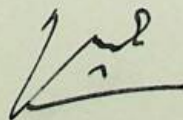
Off. Sec.

Please let Mr. J. Davis know

See this paper.

2. Does he think that the killing of hair seals in the area defined in paragraph 5 of rule 58 is likely to benefit the Fur Seal Breeding at Elephant Tarn Island?

3. Alternatively would he recommend the insertion of a clause in Mr. Davis' licence to the effect that of the total number of 15,000 hair seals to be killed a certain number should be killed at this locality?



31. 5. 27

Ag. Govt Naturalist

Referred.

S.K.P. 17

W. J. C. S. W.

1 June 1927

Oin to Seey

From the area specified to E Jason is a long distance. I cannot see direct benefits.

Sea lions wander long distances, possibly beyond the limits of the colony.

The area mentioned might do more good to Bird Isd - a fur seal island.

I see no real reason to make limits at all, to areas where seals are to be killed.

I agree with H.E. the ag Governor that some should be killed around here particularly the two Tussack Isds & Kidney might be again cleaned up.

Mr Davis might be permitted to go & take the dead lions when they are shot off ^{at Jasons,} but under no circumstances to be there alone, or near any other fur haunt.

Mr Davis might be asked to open stomachs & write down what they

contain. Not all, but some of them
+ the date.

I cannot agree with the season (58)
para 3, A Sea Lion is fattest just before
Xmas when breeding starts. + the nearer
before this time, the animal is killed the
better must be the results. I would propose
June or July as the earliest + December 26 as
the latest date, I submit it is better to take
the life for say $\frac{1}{2}$ a bob than in April for
perhaps two gallons.

W Bennett
ag rot
1/6/27

Y.G.
Submitted.
G.W. P. 1/6
D. J. C. S. C.
2nd June 1927.

Off. 1/6. Sect.

W Bennett's comments are most

interesting and instructive and will have to

be borne carefully in mind if at all the time

comes to grant V. D. C. & license.

2. D: Keep with them I have discussed

This question is of the opinion that fair seas

are in their present abundance to be killed

with complete freedom at discretion that
no more restrictions than necessary shall be
attached to any licence granted.

3. Hon. Treasurer should see at record
his operations in the light of W. Bennett's
the minute.

4. We may expect shortly to see a
telegram from S. J. S. in response to para 6
of vol 59.

J. J.

2. 6. 27

Hon. Treasurer.

Passat ~~to~~ now with reference to para
3 of His Excellency's minute above.

W. J. J.

W. J. J.

2nd June 1927

Hon. Col. Sec.

If killing is permitted during
the breeding season I fear that the
cockeries will become seriously affected.
I do not consider that killing should be
permitted when seals have hauled
for breeding.

2. Har Seal apparently pick up rapidly after the breeding season as I have seen specimens with quite as much blubber on them in April as at any other time of the year.

3. Before any alteration is made in the season for killing I think it would be preferable to obtain the view of some person who has killed large quantities of har seal.

4. I considered it preferable to state an area so that the effect of killing a large number could be noted. If killing is permitted anywhere then it will be difficult to ascertain whether the rookeries are likely to be seriously depleted.

M. Gray Barker
4.6.27.

Y.G.

Submitted.

M. Gray Barker

Officer

16th June 1927

16. 6. 27

16. 6. 27

Telegram from Secretary of State

11th June 1927

163.

y. 2.

Submitted. Learning Licence may be prepared in due course?

Jul

13.6.27

Hon C.S.

yes. It will be interesting to see if this undertaking is successful a financial success, or not.

13.7.

8.16

164-165 Letter to Mr. J. Davis, 5th July, 1927.

Spoke W. Jeni,
who had been about
for Stanley for some
weeks in his cabinet,
on 1.7.27

Jul
2.7.

Hon. Treasurer

To see

Widdie

G. G. Co.

7.7.27
Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

Mr. Craigie Hutchins

8.7.27

Hon C.S.

No reply has as yet been received
from Mr. Davis.

W.H.
cc
2nd July 1927

Letter from W. Davis 3. 8. 27 red 166

Licence may issue accordingly

Jud

3. 8. 27

Copy of Licence issued to W. Davis, 4/8/27 167-168

The fee of £50 should now be paid
into the Treasury.

Jud

13. 8. 27

Letter to W. J. Davis, 16 Aug. 1927. 169

Hr. Treasurer

To see at withdrawal

Copy of red 169 put up loose.

Judith

cs.

Hon. Sec.

16. 8. 27

Noted. I do not see the copy of
red 169 mentioned but the matter has
been noted.

Mr. Brian Harker

Copy of red 169 overlooked,
dully received.

17. 8. 27

McH

17. 8. 27

Hon. Treasurer

Has the fee of £50 now
been paid? If not please
report when it is paid.

J. J. J.
G

26. 8-27.

Hon. Sec.

The fee of £50 has not been paid.
I have spoken to Mr. Watson (agent for Mr.
Davis). Mr. Watson points out that
the license does not commence until
1st April 1928 and enquires whether
payment is required now.

Mr. Brajji Khatwa

~~B.F. 8. 10. 27~~

~~S. 10. 27.~~

~~Trans.
31. 8-27~~

Spoke Mr. Watson and informed him

that there is no immediate necessity

for the payment of the sum of

but that Mr. Davis must decide

at a reasonable period whether to do

Take up the licence or not.

12.10.27

Hon. Treasurer.

Please see.

12.10.27
G.

Hon. Col. Sec.

13.10.27

Noted.

Mr. Smiti Kulkarni

Treasurer

13.10.27

B.F. 31/10/27

14/10/27

Softs despatch to 16 27/10/27

Transferred to A.P. 589/27
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17/10

11.4.29

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Stanley

Falkland Islands.

Jan. 29th. 1925

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Sir,

Following the interview kindly granted this morning I beg to ask on what condition the Government would grant me permission to kill hare seal for the purpose of boiling down for oil, and saving the skins if a market can be obtained. I submit my ideas for the carrying on of this work for your consideration.

For the first season I would carry on, on a small scale using two portable boilers of about 100 gallons each, either boiling down on board schooner or on shore as may prove most convenient. The Schooner I have will carry about 100 barrels and would be anchored at the nearest suitable anchorage to a rooker

If the work proves profitable I am prepared to undertake the work on a larger scale for next season. I have had big expence in buying the schooner, and not having sufficient work for same, up to the present I am rely out of pocket in meeting expences.

I have the honour,

To be Sir,

Yours obediently.

John Davis

73/25.

3rd February, 25.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your application of 13th of January 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

Mr. J. Davis,
Stanley.

(5)/

(5) That the rookery or rookeries from which you take the seal be approved in advance and that you commit no trespass on the land on which the rookery is other than is strictly necessary for the purpose of killing and trying out seals.

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.

23/25.

2nd April,

25

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the special permission to kill and try out hair seal granted under authority of my letter of the 3rd of February, will lapse this year. As no acknowledgment of my letter has been received I am to enquire therefore whether you propose to proceed with the operations.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. Davis,
Stanley.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 102.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

1st September, 1925.

Sir,

From Secretary
of State No. 80
of 16th
October, 1923.

In a report, dated the 5th of October, 1923, which was made by the Imperial Institute on samples of seal oil from the Falkland Islands it was stated that oil of the same quality would be readily saleable in the United Kingdom and that if it was possible to forward a trial shipment of 100 to 200 barrels the Institute would be glad to arrange for the sale of the oil.

2. An enquiry was subsequently received from the Institute as to the possibility of a trial shipment being made and I granted permission recently to Mr. J. Hamilton, the owner of Weddell Island and to Mr. J. Davis, a resident in Stanley to take a sufficient number of sea lions to enable each of them to make a trial shipment of 100 barrels of oil.

3. Mr. Hamilton has not been able, up to the present time, to avail himself of the permission granted to him but Mr. Davis, making use of the tallow-rendering plant on one of the farms, produced 94 barrels of oil which will be shipped by the first vessel proceeding direct to England.

4. The oil will be consigned to the Director of the Imperial Institute who will be asked to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

arrang

arrange for its sale and as the shipment is being made for the purpose of ascertaining the commercial value of the oil and its suitability for manufacturing purposes, I have the honour, after consulting the Executive Council, to recommend for your approval that the export duty should be remitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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Stanley.

Falkland Islands.



23rd. September 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following particulars in reference to trial shipment of seal oil. I left Stanley on the 12th, June for Barren Island and returned to Stanley on the 25th, August, with a cargo of 94 barrels Oil. The blubber was taken to San Carlos in barrels and bulk and there boiled down in the digesters. The seal were killed on Barren Island 1504, averaging 16 to the barrel of oil. Instructions regarding killing were carried out.

I have ,

the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant.

John Davis

Master Perfecto Garcia.

The Hon,
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

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I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the above Conditions, by which I agree to abide

Signature of Sender _____ Address _____

Head Office:—"ELECTRA HOUSE," FINSBURY PAVEMENT, LONDON,

(6)

Stanley.

Falkland Islands

26th. October 1925.

The Hon.
Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit as requested for your information a detailed report of the expences of sealing cruise and also particulars of killing etc.

1. The method of killing was shooting using .303 and Winchester.
2. The seals were all killed on one small Island and I would estimate roughly there was double as many left on the Island as the number I killed.
3. If I can obtain permission to seal in the coming sea-son, I propose to use the same digesters at San Carlos and same schooner, employing extra labour ashore and afloat. I consider that I would be able to get 1000 barrels in the season.
4. Detailed expences of the three months trip are as follows.

Barrels	£ 30
Schooner	40
Wages for three men	1008
Wages Captain	48
Wages at San Carlos	20
Coal & Digesters	50
Stores Including ammunition	57
Stowage & freight	70

Total expences.	£. 4 2 3

*17th. 1000 barrels
25th. 1000 barrels*

contd.

I am forwarding you cable received from
Meade King Robinson & Co in reply to sample
of oil sent.

I am Sir,

yours obediently,

John Davis

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

27th. October 1925.



The Hon.

Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Sir,

I hereby beg to apply for a Licence to kill hare seal in the coming season to the amount of 1000 barrels of oil. I propose to carry out the work on the same lines as last season but employing more labour.

If permission is granted I will require to make arrangements for importing barrels as small quantity can only be procured locally.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

yours obediently.

John Davis

73/25.

4th November, 25

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1814 of the 1st of May, 1924, I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you that a trial consignment of 94 barrels of oil produced from Falkland Islands hair seals is being forwarded by the first opportunity for direct shipment which it is believed will occur by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's "Losada" early in January.

2. The oil is the property of Mr. John Davis, a resident of Stanley, who was given permission to kill a sufficient number of seals for the purpose of providing this shipment. According to the detailed statement furnished by Mr. Davis of the cost of producing the oil, a small profit would be realized if the oil were sold at £30 a ton, but Mr. Davis hopes that a higher price will be obtained.

3. A further communication will be addressed to you when the oil is shipped. The barrels will be addressed to the Imperial Institute and will be landed at Liverpool, where I am to request that arrangements may be made to take delivery of the oil, and for its sale with a view to ascertaining its actual commercial value and its suitability for manufacturing purposes.

It/

The Director,

The Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S.W. 7.

It is believed that the quality of the oil compares favourably with seal oil produced in the Dependencies and that if it were placed on the open market it would realize approximately the same price.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

73/25.

2nd December, 25.

Sir,

With reference to your interview with the Governor this morning when you made verbal application for permission to take seals off the islands in Port William and off Kidney Island, I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that as a special case, and particularly in view of certain circumstances which were explained to you, permission is granted to you to take hair seals from the islands mentioned above in the present instance.

2. You will be permitted to retain all the oil produced, but if this is exported the ordinary duty will be payable by you.

3. The skins of the seals taken will remain the property of the Government and are required to enable a trial shipment to be made to the United States of America. Instructions to be observed in preparing and packing these skins are enclosed. In view of the extra labour this work will entail, you are hereby authorized to engage two men at the rate of £10 a month and to claim the expenditure from the Government in due course. The Government will also accept liability for the cost of the salt required in the preparation of the skins, together with the cost of the necessary barrels

2 copies.

Mr. John Davis,
Stanley.

for/

for packing.

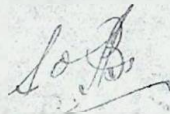
4. You are to understand that in contracting with you regarding this trial shipment of seal skins, the Government places itself under no obligation to grant to you a sealing licence on any future occasion.

5. I am to ask you to acknowledge the receipt of this letter and its enclosure.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN PREPARING SEAL SKINS FOR EXPORT.

The skin should be removed by a slit from tail to chin, another on the short hair round the fore flippers and another round the nose behind the whiskers.

The result is an oval skin with two holes where the front flippers were.

Salting.

Spread a thick layer of salt on the floor, on this a skin, then another layer of salt and so alternately until the pile has reached a convenient height.

The salt should be used with a lavish hand: it is not possible to use too much.

The pile of skins will throw out a good deal of liquid which will run down to the floor. Arrangements for drainage should be made; for instance the pile might well be made on a false floor with some $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes bored in it, but in that case some fabric, e.g. muslin should be laid over the holes to prevent loss of salt.

The skins should be looked over and fresh salt put on on the first, second and fourth days or until such times as all excess of moisture has drained off and the salt appears dry and the skins perfectly salted. They may then be packed in barrels for transport.

When looking over and re-salting the skins the whole pile should be taken down and rebuilt with fresh salt. It will probably be found in practice that it will not be necessary to use entirely fresh salt each time, but the wettest part should be discarded.

This salt may be replaced in the original sacks and hung up to drain when it will again be fit to use. If it is very dirty and bloody it may be washed in sea water before

being/

being hung up. The washing will naturally entail a certain amount of loss of salt, but less than if the whole were discarded.

Packing.

A layer of salt, say 2 inches, should be put in the bottom of the barrel, then each skin should be covered with salt on the flesh side, the flanks folded, hair out, and then, rolled up tightly, placed in the barrel with a layer of salt between each layer of skins, finishing up with a covering of salt on top. Each barrel is to be tightly fitted. Skins should at all times be kept in a cool place.

PORT STANLEY.

December 23rd. 1925

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The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd, December date with enclosures enclosed of instructions to be observed in preparing seal skins for export.

I am pleased to accept the terms as laid down in your letter in par.2 and 3, and to assure you that every precaution will be taken in preparing the skins for export,

I have the honour,

to be,

Sir,

yours obediently,

John Davis

urgent

73/25.

4th January,

26

Sir,

With reference to the shipment of seal oil which you are forwarding to the Imperial Institute by the m.v. "Losada", I am directed by the Governor to request you to inform me as soon as possible of the number of barrels being shipped and the mark by which the barrels are distinguished.

2. I am also to request that you will state the quantity of oil which it is understood is being forwarded in addition to the oil obtained from Barren Island.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. Beattie.

Colonial Secretary.

Mr J. Davis,
Stanley.

Port Stanley.

January 6th 1925.



The Hon,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have stored in the Great Briton the following quantities of seal oil :- 94 Barrels from Barren Island
8 Do. from Tussac Islands
these barrels are all marked J.D. and are ready for shipment.

I ~~am~~ have also stored in the Great Briton - 9 barrels of Hides containing 90 skins in all, will you kindly inform me the mark that I am to put on these barrels in order that they will be ready for shipment.

I have the honour
to be Sir,

yours obediently.

John Davis

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Stanley

Falkland Islands.



6th. January 1925.

The Hon,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to inform you of the following particulars in reference to trial shipment of seal oil.

90 barrels are 40 galls ea, this oil was boiled down in steam digesters and all of the same quality.

12 barrels are 54 galls ea, this was boiled down in tanks.

I have the honour,

to be Sir,

yours Obediently,

John Davis

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72/25.

8th January, 26.

Sir,

With reference to your two letters of the 6th of January, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Director of the Imperial Institute is being advised of the consignment of 102 barrels of seal oil which you are shipping per the "Losada." A copy of your letter giving particulars of the consignment is being forwarded to him.

2. With regard to the seal skins which you have prepared for shipment, these should in the meantime remain stored in the hulk 'Great Britain.'

3. I should be glad if you would take an early opportunity to call at this office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Mr. John Davis,
Stanley.

COPY.

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Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

6th January, 1926.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to inform you of the following particulars in reference to trial shipment of seal oil.

90 barrels are 40 galls ea, this oil was boiled down in steam digesters and all of the same quality.

12 barrels are 54 galls ea, this was boiled down in tanks.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) John Davis.

73/25.

8th January, 26.

Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this office of the 4th November, 1925, I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you that a consignment of 102 barrels of seal oil marked J.D. is being forwarded to you by Mr. J. Davis per the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's motor vessel "Losada" which is expected to arrive at London about the middle of February.

2. The consignment consists of 8 barrels of oil in addition to the quantity regarding which you have already been advised. A copy of a letter from Mr. Davis giving particulars of the shipment is enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Director,
The Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S. W. 7.

GLOBE STORE.

PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

..... *21 Jan* 1926.

Mr J Davis

Dr to

Estate Louis Williams.

<i>7</i> <i>10</i>				
<i>9</i>	<i>Empty</i>	<i>Hogsheads.</i>	<i>@ 12/-</i>	<i>£ 5 8 -</i>
<i>3H</i>	<i>bags</i>	<i>Salt</i>	<i>@ 1/-</i>	<i>17 -</i>
				<hr/>
				<i>£ 22 8 -</i>
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Stanley

11th. January 1926.



The Hon,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you in reference to your letter No 73/25, that the following expences have been incurred in obtaining the seal skins for the Government.

	Wages of two men from 3rd Decr to	
	5th January @ £10 per month.	21 - 6 - 8
{	34 bags of salt @ 10/- bag.	17 - 0 - 0
	9 casks @ 12/- ea,	5 - 8 - 0
		£ 43 - 14 - 8
		h4 6

Vouchers attached

I am Sir,

yours obediently,

John Davis

Handwritten notes:
The balance to Govt
to Sir's - 11/10/25
to the salt pack

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73/25.

12th January,

26

Sir,

With reference to the letter of even No. from this office, dated the 4th of November, 1925, I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you that Mr. J. Davis has not found it possible to arrange shipment of his consignment of seal oil by the "Losada" but that he is endeavouring to arrange for shipment of the oil by the next homeward bound vessel proceeding direct. An opportunity for shipment will probably occur by the "Magellan" about the beginning of March, in which case you will be duly advised.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. Beattie,

Colonial Secretary.

The Director of the
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S. W. 7.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

19 26.

No. 1 of 1926

SPECIAL WARRANT.

(Sgt) J. Middleton.

Governor.

Date 18 January, 19 26.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE TREASURER.

Whereas it has become necessary, in the interests of the Public service, to incur certain Expenditure, not sufficiently^a provided for in the Estimates, as set forth in the subjoined Schedule,^b in anticipation^c of a vote of the Legislature^d and of the approval of the Secretary of State:—

a. to remain only in case of an excess on a vote.

b. to be struck out if complete authority has been obtained c or d if either partial authority has been obtained.

You are hereby, on my personal responsibility, authorized and required to pay from the Treasury the sum of ~~FIFTY-FIVE~~ Pounds ~~-----~~ Shillings and ~~-----~~ Pence and to charge it to the Heads and Sub-heads of the Expenditure specified in the Schedule.

And for so doing, this, together with the proper Accounts, Certificates and Acquittances, shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge.

Schedule.

Particulars of Service.	To be charged to		£	s.	d.
	Head.	Sub-Head.			
To cover cost of obtaining, salting and packing of and freight on 9 cases of skins of sea lions for exportation to the United States as a trial shipment.	XV. MISCELLANEOUS.	23. (New item) Skins of sea lions.	35	0	0

M. P. 73/26.

Signature of the Officer submitting the Schedule for Warrant.

(Sgd) A. L. Beattie. Colonial Secretary.

Date 14th January, 19 26.

(Special warrants are to be prepared in triplicate. One copy to be filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, one in the Treasury, and one to be furnished to the Audit).

Colonial Secretary's Department.

Date...14th January, 1926.

To

THE HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

I have the honour to apply for a Special Warrant for £.....
on Head..... Subhead.....

The present state of the Vote is as follows :-

	£
Amount provided in Estimates	
Special Warrant already issued No.	
" " " " " "	
Actual Expenditure to date	
Outstanding Liabilities incurred.....	
Balance remaining on vote	
Estimated Expenditure to 31st December	

.....
Head of Department

Comments of }
Treasurer. }

EXPLANATIONS.

(If general authority has been given for the Expenditure the number of the Minute Paper and the Secretary of State's despatch, if any, should be quoted).

M. P. 73/25.

15th January, 19 26

To

THE HONOURABLE TREASURER,

Special Warrant No. 1/26 attached herewith for necessary action.

.....
Colonial Secretary.

DUPLICATE.

24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 162



Downing Street,

2 November, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.102 of the 1st of September and to convey to you my approval of your proposal to remit the export duty on the trial shipment of 94 barrels of seal oil which will be consigned to the Director of the Imperial Institute for sale in this country.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

GOVERNOR

SIR J. MIDDLETON, K.B.E., C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

P No. _____

HEAD OF SERVICE } XV. MISCELLANEOUS. (Other Charges).
(or A/c.) }

SUB-HEAD 23. (New Item) Trial Shipment of skins of
Sea lions.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, 23rd January, 1926

Dr. to Mr. John Davis.

in the sum of **Forty-four Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence.**

being **expenses** incurred by Mr. Davis in obtaining, salting and packing for the Government nine casks of skins of sea lions for exportation to the United States as a trial shipment, detailed as follows:

Wages of two men from 3rd Dec. 1925 to 5th Jan. 1926 @ £10 a month.....	221	18s	8d.
24 bags of salt @ 10/- a bag.....	17	0s	0d.
9 casks @ 12/- each.....	5	8s	0d.
		<hr/>	
	£ 44	6s	8d.

Authority for Expenditure

Special Warrant No. 1/26.

I CERTIFY that the above account is correct, the expenditure incurred under the authority quoted, and that the rate charged is fair and reasonable.

£ 44 6s 8d.

[Signature]
Colonial Secretary. *Head of Department.*

192

Received from the Colonial Treasury the amount specified in the foregoing warrant; to the correctness of which I hereby certify.

Witness.

26

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.



Stanley. 5th March, 1926.

Sir,

We beg to advise you that some time ago Mr. J. Davis of Stanley requested us to ship 102 barrels of seal oil by the s.s. "Magellan", now in port. Before he left Stanley he stated that he was unable to pay our charges for storing and shipping, and, also the P.S.N.C. freight.

2. We understand that the Government are interested in this consignment, which is being sent to the Imperial Institute, and beg to ask whether the Government will guarantee payment of the charges set out below.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. B. Gresham

Manager.

P.S.N.C. freight to England on 102 barrels seal oil.

T.22.9.0.10 @ £5 per ton £112.5.5.

Storing and shipping charges 44.18.2.

£157. 5.7.

THE HONOURABLE
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.
STANLEY.

*Note: * 100 barrels only were shipped at a cost of £110. 2. 98*

73/25.

6th March, 26

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th of March, enquiring whether the Government will guarantee payment of the storage charges and the freight to England on the seal oil consigned to the Imperial Institute by Mr. J. Davis I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in the special circumstances of the case the Government is prepared to guarantee the payment of your expenses in this connection.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
Stanley.

73/25.

6th March,

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Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 12th January, I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you that a consignment of 102 barrels of seal oil marked J.D. is being forwarded to you by Mr. J. Davis per the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer "Magellan" expected to arrive at London about the 8th of April.

2. The consignment consists of 8 barrels of oil in addition to the quantity regarding which you have already been advised. A copy of a letter from Mr. Davis giving particulars of the shipment is enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Director,
The Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S.W. 7.

C O P Y.

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

6th January, 1926.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to inform you of the following particulars in reference to trial shipment of seal oil.

90 barrels are 40 galls. each: this oil was boiled down in steam digesters and all of the same quality.

12 barrels are 54 gallons each: this was boiled down in tanks.

I have, &c.

(sgd) John Davis.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.



Stanley. 12th March, 1926.

73/26

Sir,

I beg to advise you that we have this day, at the request of the Collector of Customs, drawn a cheque for the sum of £25.0.0., being ~~Export~~ Duty on 100 barrels of Seal Oil shipped by Mr J. Davis to the consignment of the Imperial Institute.

2. In conversation with your Office we understand that either the Duty will be remitted or that the Government will guarantee us this amount in the same manner as for freight and charges.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. Graham
Manager.

THE HONOURABLE
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.
STANLEY.



The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,

With reference to the correspondence filed in M.P.73/25, I beg to report that I am informed by the Customs Officer that the two leaking barrels of Seal oil remaining unshipped at this port, contain approximately 40 gallons each. It would therefore appear that 12 barrels containing approximately 54 gallons, and 88 barrels containing approximately 40 gallons each, have been shipped by the s.s. "Magellan", in respect of which the Falkland Islands Company have passed export entries and have paid duty amounting to £25.

2. On the other hand, I beg to point out that 12 barrels @ 54, gallons and 88 barrels @ 40 gallons, makes a total of 4,168 gallons on which export duty is payable, amounting to £26. 1/s, -(duty short paid thereon 21/s).

3. According to Secretary of State's despatch No.162 of the 2nd November 1925, the refund of export duty on 94 barrels of 40 gallons each, has been authorized, and amounts to a sum of £23. 10/s.

4. In view of the correspondence between your office, the Falkland Islands Company, and Mr.J.Davis, I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know whether I shall adjust this matter in the Treasury or will you write and explain the position to the Company as well as to Mr.J.Davis, please.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. W. Thompson".

Colonial Treasurer
16th March 1926

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

P No. 182

HEAD OF SERVICE } IV. Treasury & Customs (Other Charges).
(or A/c.) }

SUB-HEAD 2. Drawbacks & Refunds.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, 29th March, 1926

Dr. to Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

in the sum of Twenty Two Pounds, nine shillings.....

being Refund of Export Duty ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ paid on shipment of seal oil consigned to Imperial Institute.

Refund on 94 barrels @ 5/- as authorised by S. of S. despatch 162 of 2/11/25. £27. 10s. 0d.

Duty payable on actual amount shipped (4168 gals). £26. 1s. 0d.

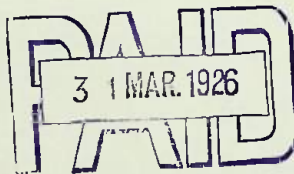
Duty paid (Dec. 732) 25. 0s. 0d.

Amount short paid 1. 1s. 0d.

22. 9s. 0d.

Authority for Expenditure

General Warrant



I CERTIFY that the above account is correct, the expenditure incurred under the authority quoted, and that the rate prices charged is are fair and reasonable.

£ 22. 9s. 0d.

[Signature]

Colonial Treasurer. Head of Department.

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Received from the Colonial Treasury the amount specified in the foregoing warrant; to the correctness of which I hereby certify.

FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CO., LTD

[Signature]

Witness.

COPY OF ACCOUNT.

(Paid 20.5.26).

COAST LINES LTD.

1, SEETHING LANE,
LONDON, E.C.3.

April 14th 1926.

For freight per "Eastern Coast" to
Liverpool: 100 Barrels of Seal Oil
19 Tons 5 Cwts. 2 Qrs. 9 Lbs.

16. 17. 5.

Customs Entry.

5. -.

Insurance.

15. -.

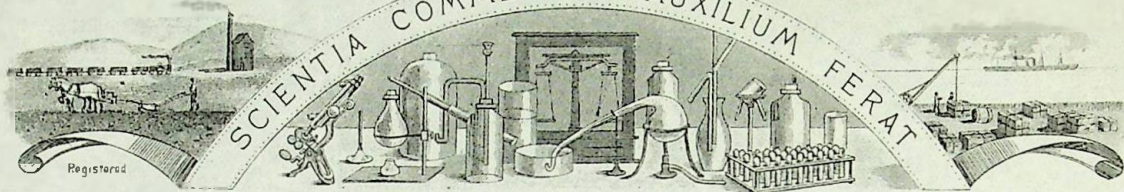
London Lighterage.

4. 8. -.

£22. 5. 5.

Telephone
235 CENTRAL.

Registered Telegraphic Address:-
"NORMAN TATE," LIVERPOOL.



A. NORMAN TATE & CO.
Analytical & Consulting Chemists
and Samplers.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

58, 9 & 11, HACKINS HEY,
LIVERPOOL.

June 8th, 1926.

We hereby certify that we have examined the undermentioned Sample of
OIL.

marked 88 Barrels Seal Oil ex "EASTERN COAST" & "MAGELLAN" 4/6/26.

from Messrs Job Ivory & Co., Ltd.

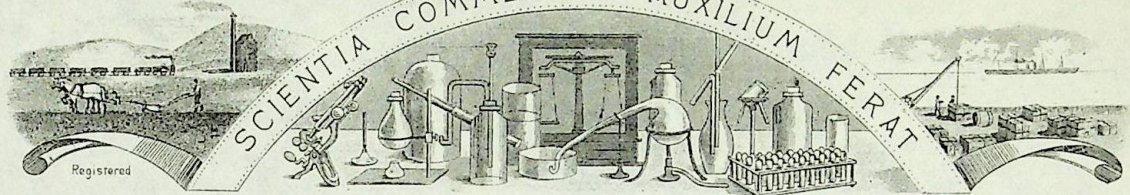
and find it to contain

3.40	%	Water
0.26	%	Dirt (Mineral & other matters free from fat)
<u>3.66</u>	%	

Norman Tate

Telephone
235 CENTRAL.

Registered Telegraphic Address
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A. NORMAN TATE & CO.
Analytical & Consulting Chemists
and Samplers.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

5, 8, 9 & 11, HACKINS HEY,
LIVERPOOL.

June 8th, 1926.

We hereby certify that we have examined the undermentioned Sample of
OIL.

marked 12 Hogsheads Seal Oil. ex "EASTERN COAST" & "MAGELLAN" 4/6/26

from Messrs Job Ivory & Co., Ltd.

and find it to contain

16.40	% Water
1.84	% Dirt (Mineral & other matters free from fat)
<u>18.24</u>	%

Norman Tate

CALEB BRET'T & SON, LTD.,

11, RUMFORD PLACE,

LIVERPOOL.

(41)

TARING
TARALC

Cargo Superintendents and Weighers.

SPECIFICATION OF WEIGHTS.

21st June 1926

Ex By Store

Ex 88 Bales (Empty)

Account Messrs. John Jacob & Co Ltd

Marks	Nos.	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Tare	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
JD	5		3	9	34		3	5
	64		3	12	81		3	12
	59		3	7	15		3	7
	62		3	14	83		3	4
	82		3	10	2		3	10
	82		3	10	60		3	11
	85		3	5	11		3	12
	21		3	1	35		3	5
	48		3	8	38		3	12
	49		3	3	100		3	9
		8	.	33	10	8	1	5
	12		3	16	30	24	2	6
	37		3	5				
	9		3	13				
	36		3	6	40	32	3	11
	98		3	11				
	13		3	9				
	21		3	8				
	86		3	6				
	40		3	5				
	16		3	1				
		8	.	24				
	1		3	9				
	42		3	6				
	25		3	11				
	50		3	9				
	39		3	2				
	x		2	26				
	27		3	7				
	28		3	13				
	31		3	7				
	49		3	9				
		8	.	15				
30		24	2	6				

CALEB BRETT & SON, LTD.

DIRECTORS:
CALEB BRETT.
CALEB ARTHUR BRETT.

CARGO SUPERINTENDENTS, SAMPLERS, ETC.

SUGAR, HEMP, COPRA, OILS, SEEDS AND GENERAL PRODUCE.

SHIPPING, FORWARDING AND WAREHOUSING AGENTS.

BULK OIL SPECIALISTS.

TELEPHONE: 813 CENTRAL. (42)
TELEGRAMS: "BRETTALCA." LIVERPOOL.
CODE A.B.C. 5TH EDITION.

11, RUMFORD PLACE,

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday, 22 June '6 192...

Messrs. Job Ivory & Co., Ltd., LIVERPOOL

Outturn S.S. STORE at L'POOL

Ex 88 Barrels (Empties)

J D

19/6/26 - We visited the above store and supervised weighing
of 40 empty barrels part of the above.

Packages were inspected by us and found to be clean and dry
and in a fit condition for taring.

For CALEB BRETT & SON, LTD.

C. McGarrigle

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Account Sales of 88 Barrels.
 12 HOGSHEADS. Seal Oil per "Eastern Coast" from
 x "Magellan" to Liverpool sold for account & risk of IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.
 London.

		cwts.	q.	lbs.					
88 Brls.		338	2	9	gross				
tare 40 Brls.									
	3679lb.								
88Brls.-		72	1	2	tare				
		266	1	7	Nett.				
266	1	7	@ 28/6	per cwt.	379	9	11		
less Mstre&imp.	3.16%				11	19	10		
						367	10	1	
12 Hogshds.		47	0	0	G.				
		14	1	21	T.				
		32	2	7	N.				
32	2	7	@ 25/6	per cwt.	41	10	4		
Less M.& I.	17.74%				7	7	4		
						34	3	-	
							401	13	1

Charges.

Master Potrage & Coopering on Quay.		3	19	7	
W.housing.storing & redlvrng from W.house.	@ 5/-per ton.	2	17	11	
Cartage to store @ 2/6 per ton.		2	8	3	
W.house.rent 27/4/26/16/6/26p.tn.p.week.	7 weeks @ 5d	2	16	7	
Liverpool dues		3	6	3	
fire insurance £450 @ 2/6%			11	3	
A Norman Tates Analysis rees		2	2	-	
Caleb Bretts fee for taring.			10	6	
To 1% Brokerage.		4	-	4	
			22	12	8
water dirt total.					
Test 88 Brls.	3.40	0.26	3.66%		
" 12 Hgshds	16.40	1.84	18.24%		
Basis $\frac{1}{2}$ %.					
					Nett £ 379 - 5

E.&O.E.

JOB. MORY & CO. LTD.
John Mory

CALEB BRETT & SON, LTD.

GH

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TELEGRAMS: "BRETTALCA" LIVERPOOL.
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BULK OIL SPECIALISTS.

11, RUMFORD PLACE,

LIVERPOOL, TH¹day, 24 June, 1926

Messrs. Job Ivory & Co., Ltd., LIVERPOOL

Outturn S.S. "STORE" at L'POOL

Ex 12 empty Hogsheads.

J D

23/6/26 - We have to-day supervised taring of the above
12 packages and found them to weigh in accordance
with detailed list attached.
The packages were cleaned and dried and in our
opinion fit for taring.

For CALEB BRETT & SON, LTD.
Edwards

WALEB BRETT & SON, LTD.,

11, RUMFORD PLACE,
LIVERPOOL.

TARING

Cargo Superintendents and Weighers.

SPECIFICATION OF WEIGHTS.

24th June 1926

Ex Store

Ex 12 Empty Dogleads

Account Messrs. Robt. Irving & Co. Ltd.

Marks	Nos.	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Tare	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
JD	94	1	1	6				
	96	1	.	19				
	95	1	.	22				
	91	1	.	26				
	93	1	.	20				
	99	1	.	25				
	89	1	.	16				
	97	1	.	13				
	84	1	.	16				
	88	1	.	22				
	92	1	1	.				
	90	1	1	4				
		<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>				

COAST LINES. LIMITED.

LANDING ACCOUNT.

Ex. "Eastern Coast" S. @ "London"

" Arrived 19-4-26

Mark	No.	Packages	Contents	T.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Measurement	Remarks
JD	100	Bpls	Seal Oil		385	2	9	g.	

of Messrs Job Ivory Co Ltd

WILLIAM BANKS,
MASTER PORTER

PER _____

Ex S.S. Eastern Coast A/c Joe Lurry 100 Boils Seal Oil **A 2739**
 Date 22/4/86 J.D. Cart No. 100

1	4	-	27	21	4	-	3	41	4	-	14
2	4	1	9	2	4	-	12	2	4	-	15
3	4	-	8	3	3	1	26	3	3	2	11
4	4	-	18	4	4	-	7	4	4	1	3
5	3	3	18	5	4	-	20	5	4	-	26
6	3	3	21	4	3	3	19	6	4	-	27
7	4	-	14	7	4	-	7	7	4	-	12
8	3	2	24	8	4	-	11	8	4	-	7
9	4	-	6	9	4	-	17	9	4	-	9
10	3	3	15	30	3	3	2	50	3	1	2
10	40	1	20	10	39	3	12	10	40	-	14
11	3	2	21	31	4	-	26	51	4	-	10
2	4	1	-	2	4	-	1	2	4	-	26
3	3	3	27	3	4	-	-	3	4	1	-
4	4	-	21	4	3	-	3	4	3	3	22
5	4	-	5	5	3	3	2	5	3	2	18
6	4	-	26	6	4	-	12	6	4	-	4
7	4	-	27	7	3	3	1	7	3	2	11
8	4	-	24	8	4	-	18	8	3	3	24
9	3	3	11	9	4	-	24	9	3	3	18
20	3	3	25	40	4	-	24	60	3	2	12
10	40	2	19	10	39	1	27	10	39	1	5
20	31	-	11	29	79	1	11	29	79	1	19
								42	160	1	22
								60	239	3	13

Checker

J.M.A.

Ex S.S.

Eastern Coast

A/c

Joe. Long, No. 2740

Date

22/4/26

J D

100

Cart No.

Bala Seal Oil

61	3	3	20	81	1	1	6
2	3	-	2	2	2	-	2
3	4	-	4	3	2	2	10
4	3	3	20	4	1	3	4
5	4	1	-	5	2	1	16
6	4	1	-	6	4	-	5
7	4	-	11	7	5	-	25
8	4	-	5	8	5	-	25
9	3	3	24	9	4	2	18
70	4	-	11	90	5	1	25
10	39	2	13	10	34	2	24
71	4	-	23	91	3	2	2
2	3	3	9	2	3	2	10
3	4	-	4	3	1	3	4
4	3	1	16	4	1	2	21
5	4	1	10	5	2	3	17
6	4	-	24	6	5	-	27
7	4	1	4	7	5	1	21
8	4	-	18	8	3	2	3
9	2	2	19	9	2	1	1
80	2	2	9	100	3	3	-
10	37	2	21	10	33	2	22
20	77	1	6	20	68	1	18
				20	77	1	6
				20	145	2	24

2739 - 60 Bala Seal Oil - 239 - 3 - 13
 - 2740 - 40 - 145 - 2 - 24
 100 - 385 - 2 - 9

Checker

J D

WILLIAM BANKS.
 MASTER PORTER

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No
Correspondence to be addressed—
"THE DIRECTOR,
IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,
SOUTH KENSINGTON,
LONDON, S.W. 7."
and the above number quoted.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

REPORT ON

SEAL OIL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The two samples of seal oil which are the subject of this report were drawn from a trial shipment of the oil which was forwarded to the Imperial Institute by the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, and is referred to in his letters No. 73/25 of the 4th November, 1925, and 12th January and 6th March, 1926.

It was stated that the oil had been prepared from Falkland Islands hair seals, and it was desired to ascertain its actual commercial value by sale on the open market and also its suitability for manufacturing purposes.

Description.

The shipment included 88 barrels and 12 hogsheads of the oil.

Sample No. 1. which represented the 88 barrels, was a golden-yellow limpid liquid oil from which a small quantity of stearins had separated. It had a rancid odour.

Sample No. 2. which represented the 12 hogsheads, consisted of a golden-brown limpid liquid oil with a very rancid odour. An aqueous layer containing a small amount of emulsified stearins had separated from the oil; a little dirt was also present.

Results of Examination.

The oils, after being freed from water and filtered to remove dirt, were examined chemically and the results are

given in the following table, which includes for comparison the figures furnished by the samples described in Imperial Institute Report of the 5th October, 1923, and also the range of corresponding constants for commercial seal oils of all grades:-

(Table)

Seal Oil from the Falkland Islands.

	<u>Present Samples.</u>		<u>Previous Samples.</u>		<u>Range of Constants for commercial seal oils of all grades.</u>
	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	
Specific gravity at 15/15°C	0.9261	0.9224	0.9274	0.8717 *	0.9244 - 0.9261
Acid Value	14.0	41.8	1.2	1.4	0.4 - 40.0
Free Fatty Acids, as oleic acid, per cent	7.0	21.0	0.6	0.7	0.2 - 20.0
Saponification Value	190.6	188.0	189.7	190.3	189 - 193
Iodine Value, per cent (Hübl, 17 hrs.)	151.5	143.1	156.0	148.9	130 - 147
Unsaponifiable matter, per cent	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4 - 1.0
Refractive index at 40°C	1.473	1.469	1.471	1.469	1.4685 - 1.4691

* At 100°/15°C.

These results show that both the present samples, but particularly No. 2, contain a high proportion of free fatty acids, much in excess of the quantities present in the previous samples examined in 1923. In other respects the present and the previous samples are similar in composition.

Both the samples are of darker colour than commercial sweet pale seal oil from Newfoundland, but No. 1 is rather paler than No. 1 quality of Norwegian seal oil.

Commercial Value.

The brokers who undertook the disposal of the consignment reported that the oil was of inferior and irregular quality, possessing a much stronger odour than is usual for seal oil, and that portions of the consignment contained considerable quantities of moisture and impurities which would have to be eliminated before the oil could be used. In these circumstances they had difficulty in obtaining reasonable offers for the consignment but finally it was disposed of at 28s 6d per cwt. ex store, Liverpool, for the 88 barrels and 25s 6d per cwt. for the 12 hogsheads, subject to a proportionate allowance for water and impurities in excess of 0.5 per cent.

For comparison with these prices the following table shows the current market values of the commercial grades of seal oil and also the maximum amount of free fatty acid permitted in the several grades:-

<u>Grade.</u>	<u>Maximum amount of free fatty acids.</u>	<u>Present market value (nominal).</u>
	per cent	£
No. 1. Sweet Pale Oil	2	34
No. 2. Quality	6	31
No. 3. "	15	27
No. 4. "	30	24

Remarks.

This consignment of seal oil was greatly inferior to the preliminary samples which were forwarded to the Imperial Institute in 1923 on account of its rancid odour, the high acidity, and the presence of excessive quantities of

of moisture and impurities.

As already stated the percentage of free fatty acids in the oil from the barrels was 7 per cent and in that from the hogsheads 21 per cent, whereas the previous samples contained less than 1 per cent.

The amounts of water and dirt present in the oil were also excessive, the figures as certified by the recognised analysts in Liverpool being as follows:-

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Dirt</u>	<u>Total</u>
	per cent	per cent	per cent
No. 1 from barrels	3.40	0.26	3.66
No. 2 from hogsheads	16.40	1.84	18.24

It will be seen that these figures, particularly those for No. 2, are greatly in excess of the usual allowance of 0.5 per cent of water and impurities and the value of the oil is correspondingly diminished. The average percentage of water and dirt in good quality seal oil from well-known fisheries is stated to rarely exceed 0.5 per cent.

In view of these facts the consignment only realised a comparatively low price, whereas if the quality had been equal to that of the earlier samples the oil would have been worth 33s to 34s per cwt.

The brokers who sold the consignment have supplied specimens of seal oils produced in Norway and Newfoundland with a view to showing the quality of the oils exported from these countries. These samples, which are being forwarded under separate cover, are as follows:-

No. 1 quality Norwegian sweet pale seal oil, containing about 1 per cent of free fatty acids.

Newfoundland sweet pale seal oil, containing about 1 per cent of free fatty acids.

Newfoundland Finest quality, nearly white seal oil, containing about 0.5 per cent of free fatty acids.

The first two of these oils represent the usual standard of No. 1 quality oil made from fresh seal blubber. If oil of this quality could be shipped from the Falkland Islands it would realise much better prices than those obtained for the present consignment.

20 July, 1926.



20 July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a report on the consignment of seal oil which was forwarded to the Imperial Institute for sale in accordance with the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 73/25 of the 6th March, 1926.

As previously stated in Imperial Institute letter of the 18th May last, the consignment did not arrive in very good condition and considerable leakage had apparently taken place in transit. Moreover the oil was much inferior in quality to the samples forwarded to the Imperial Institute in 1923, in regard to which the suggestion was made that a trial shipment should be sent; it contained a much higher percentage of free fatty acids and also considerable amounts of water and dirt. For these reasons the consignment only realised a comparatively low price.

The sale of the consignment was placed in the hands of Messrs. Job, Ivory and Co. Ltd. of Liverpool, and the best price obtainable was 28s 6d per cwt. for the oil in the 88 barrels and 25s 6d per cwt. for that in the 12 hogsheads, less 1 per cent brokerage, ex store Liverpool, a deduction being made for moisture and impurities in excess of 0.5 per cent. The value of the best grade of seal oil at the time was 34s per cwt.

The Account Sales, Certificates of Weighing, Details of the tares, Landing Account and Certificate of Analyses are sent herewith. The nett proceeds of the sale (after deducting the cost of transshipment from London to Liverpool, £22 5s 5d) amount to £356 15s 0d, and this sum has been paid to the Crown Agents for the credit of the account of the Government of the

His Excellency

Falkland

The Governor,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Falkland Islands.

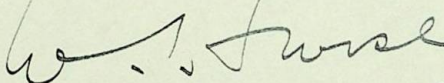
It is unfortunate that this consignment of seal oil was much inferior to the earlier samples, and in any further attempts in the Falkland Islands to prepare the oil for export particular attention should be given to improving the quality of the oil. Only fresh blubber should be used, great care should be taken in the preparation, and all water and dirt should be removed from the oil before shipment. The samples of Newfoundland and Norwegian seal oil, referred to in the report, are being forwarded under separate cover in order to indicate the quality of the best commercial grades of the oil.

In forwarding any further consignments of the oil it would be desirable to ship them by a steamer proceeding to Liverpool, as this port is a much better centre for the sale of seal oil than London.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Director.
(Lieut.-General Sir William Furse).



ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED,
AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: 103 P/Misc.Falk.Is.1
TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE, 7730 VICTORIA.

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



6th August, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that we have received the sum of £356. 15. 0. from the Imperial Institute stated to be the amount due to the Government of the Falkland Islands in respect of the sale of a consignment of seal oil. The sum represents the net proceeds of the sale (£379.0.5.) less £22. 5. 5. for transhipment to Liverpool.

The amount will be found credited in our Falkland Islands account for the month of July 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

J. S. Broadbent

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

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This statement was sent to the Imperial Institute for marketing as the result of the offer made in the report on oil samples sent to the Institute in 1922 for examination - vide Encl 13 of M. P. 369/21.

The expenses incurred by W. Davis in connection with the shipment are as follows:

Cost of collection	£ 4 23		Encl 6.
Export Duty	2	11/-	" 32
Freight on 100 barrels	110	2/9	" 26
Storing & shipping chgs.	44	18/2	
Cost of transshipment to Liverpool	22	5/5	" 53
	£	602	17/4
Net sum realized.		379	0 5
Loss	£	223	16 11

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26th August, 26.

Sir,

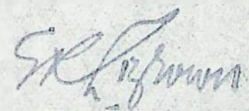
With reference to your letter of the 6th of January, I am directed by the Acting Governor to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Imperial Institute relative to your shipment of seal oil by the s.s. "WAGMILAN" in March last.

18th May, 1926.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Mr. John Davis,
STANLEY.

Tel. KENSINGTON 3798
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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE DIRECTOR.

REF. No. O/1528

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IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,
SOUTH KENSINGTON,
LONDON, S.W. 7.

18 May, 1926.



Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 73/25 of the 6th March, I have to inform you that the barrels of seal oil forwarded by s.s. "Magellan" duly arrived in London.

Your letter advised the despatch of 102 barrels of oil but the advice from the local shippers was for 100 barrels, and the Bill of Lading has been altered to this figure. It was stated on the Bill of Lading that the casks were in oily condition and the gross weight was given as 22 tons 1 qr. 14 lb.

Arrangements for the disposal of the oil had been made in advance by the Institute with the firm who were consulted regarding the previous sample, and who had suggested the forwarding of a trial shipment. At their urgent request the consignment was transhipped for sale to Liverpool where there is a much better market for seal oil than in London. The firm who arranged the transhipment reported that the casks on arrival in London were dirty, several were ullaged and one was empty, whilst at Liverpool a number had to receive attention from coopers in order to render them fit for removal.

Information has now been received that the gross landing weight in Liverpool was only 19 tons 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lb., and, if the weight recorded at Port Stanley was correct, considerable loss by leakage must have occurred during transit.

The brokers are endeavouring to obtain offers for the consignment, but they report that the oil is of

The Colonial Secretary,

inferior

Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

inferior quality, that in the hogsheads being particularly poor and irregular. Samples are being examined at the Imperial Institute and a full report, including the results of the sale, will be forwarded in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Harold Brown.
for the Director.

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73/25.

14th October, 26.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 26th of August, I am directed by the Acting Governor to attach for your information a copy of a further letter with enclosure which has been received from the Imperial Institute on the subject of the consignment of seal oil marketed on your behalf.

2. I am to add that the detailed accounts in respect of this shipment may be inspected on application at this Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Ag. Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. Davis,
STANLEY.

73/25.

17th February, 27.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to refer to your letter of the 27th of October, 1925, and to your conversation with me at this Office on the subject of your application for a licence to kill hair seals in sufficient number to enable you to extract up to 1,000 barrels of oil.

2. I am to inform you that it will be necessary in any case to refer your application for a licence to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and I am to request you to furnish me with full particulars of your proposed scheme.

3. I am to ask you at the same time whether it is your intention to kill the entire quantity of hair seals required, estimated at from 15,000 to 20,000, in one season or whether your proposal extends over several years.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. Davis,
STANLEY.

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Stanley, 10th March 1927.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S
21 MAR 1927

The Honble the Colonial Secretary.
Stanley.

Sir,

With reference to your letter 73/25 dated 17th Febry last on the subject of my application to kill hair seals, I beg to inform you that if a licence is granted I propose to carry out the following scheme:-

1. To kill hair seal at rookeries round the coast of the Falklands where the hair seal are in large numbers.
2. To remove the blubber and any other oil producing matter and to try same out on board my vessel.
3. That I will instal on my vessel a portable boiler &c for the purpose of more effectually dealing with the blubber.
4. I propose to continue killing the entire quantity of hair seal required during one season and not to extend same over several years. If extended over several years the scheme would not pay.

On the last occasion I was permitted to kill hair seal I was badly handicapped as I had to convey the blubber to San Carlos before it could be dealt with as I was then unable to try it out on my vessel. I might mention that with the large quantities of hair seal on the Islands and around the coasts the killing of say 20,000 would make no appreciable difference in the numbers.

I do not propose to take the skins as they are practically of no commercial value. If a licence is granted to me I will endeavour to get the assistance of a person experienced in dealing with oil and oil refining, I am now in communication^{on} with such a person at S. Georgia who has offered to come into the scheme with me.

I am, Sir,
Faithfully yours.

John Davis

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
12th April, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 73.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the late Viscount Milner's despatch, No. 61 of the 31st of May, 1925, and to request your sanction to the issue of a licence under the provisions of Ordinance No. 8 of 1921 to Mr. J. Davis of Stanley to take sea lions in the Falkland Islands for the purpose of the extraction of seal oil.

2. I would explain that as reported in Sir John Middleton's despatch, No. 102 of the 1st of September, 1925, Mr. Davis has already been authorized to take sea lions in a sufficient number to enable him to make a trial shipment of 100 barrels of seal oil for sale in England through the agency of the Imperial Institute. In consequence of the result of this trial shipment Mr. Davis has now applied for a licence to take sea lions in a sufficient number to enable him to extract 1,000 barrels of seal oil for sale commercially.

3. Mr. Davis states that he proposes to install in the vessel owned by him a portable boiler which will permit of his dealing more effectually with the carcasses of the seals

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

than on the first occasion when he made use of the tallow-rendering plant on one of the farms and that he is endeavouring to obtain the assistant ^{area} of a person from South Georgia who is experienced in dealing in oil and oil refining and who has offered to join him in the undertaking.

4. I would add that sea lions are to be found in almost countless numbers round the coasts of the Falkland Islands, more particularly on the south and south-west shores, and that in the opinion of those qualified to judge, the taking of, say, 20,000 sea lions would have no untoward effect and would involve absolutely no danger of the extermination of the species. In fact the killing off of a proportion of these animals, which do incalculable damage to tussock grass, would be of material benefit to sheep farmers, many of whom have made representations to me on the matter. It is further suggested that the killing of hair seals on Weddell, Beaver, and New Islands at the south-west extremity of the West Falkland might be of benefit to the fur seal rookery at Elephant Jason Island where it appears from a recent visit of inspection, that hair seals are ^{en} encroaching to an appreciable extent. In any case every possible precaution will be taken to ensure that no undue destruction is done.

5. I am, moreover, anxious to encourage local enterprise and I consider that Mr. Davis is deserving of all proper support in his

proposed/

In duplicate.

proposed venture. I should be glad therefore to receive your approval of the issue of a licence to Mr. Davis and I attach for your consideration a copy of the conditions on which it is contemplated that the licence would be dependent.

6. In the event of your approval of a licence being issued I would ask that I may be informed by telegram so as to afford Mr. Davis suitable opportunity to complete the necessary preparations for the enterprise before the commencement of the 1928 sealing season.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. BEATTIE.

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73/25.

21st April, 27.

Sir,


With reference to your letter of the 10th of March, 1927, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that it is now understood that you do not desire to commence sealing operations, if a licence to take seals is granted to you, until the 1928 season and that your application for a licence has been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. I am to add that a further communication on the subject will be addressed to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

MR. J. DAVIS,
STANLEY.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 11th June, 1927. *Time* : 8.20.

Received : 13th June, 1927. *Time* : ---

GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Your despatch of 12th April No. 73 issue of sealing licence to Davis approved. He should be given clearly to understand licence is experimental only and that he will have no grounds for claiming its renewal in a subsequent season.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 73
of the 12th of April, 1927.

CONDITIONS PROPOSED FOR SEALING LICENCE
TO MR. J. DAVIS OF STANLEY.

1. That he pays a fee of £50 on issue of the licence.
2. That he pays the usual duty on the export of seal oil.
3. That the licence is for one season only from the 1st April to the 31st October, 1928.
4. That not more than 15,000 seals are killed.
5. That the seals are all killed within a specified area, viz: on the coasts and islands between the Arch Islands and New Island off the south and south-west extremity of the West Falkland.
6. That the seals are killed in a humane fashion.
7. That no pups nor females are killed.
8. That at least 10% of the adult males are left at each rookery.
9. That the whole carcass of each seal killed is utilized as far as possible for the extraction of oil and that there is no undue waste.
10. That a full return is made shewing the number of seals killed, the rookery from which taken, the amount of oil produced and such other information as may be desired.
11. That if required at any time he shall take a Government representative with him and provide for his maintenance without cost to the Government for the period of the voyage.
12. That no trespass is committed on private land where seal rookeries are situated other than is strictly necessary for the purpose of killing and trying out seals.
13. That the licence is subject to cancellation at any time.

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73/25.

5th July,

27

Sir,

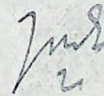
In continuation of the letter from this office dated the 21st of April, 1927, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Secretary of State has approved the grant to you of a sealing licence on the conditions detailed on the accompanying sheet, on the express understanding that such licence is experimental only and that you will have no grounds for claiming its renewal in any subsequent season.

2. I am to request that you will inform me at an early date whether you are desirous that a licence should be issued to you on the conditions stipulated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

MR. J. DAVIS,
STANLEY.

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Enclosure to Colonial Secretary's letter, No.
73/25 of the 5th of July, 1927.

1. That a fee of £50 is paid on the issue of the licence.
2. That the usual duty on the export of seal oil is paid.
3. That the licence is for one season only from the 1st April to the 31st October, 1928.
4. That not more than 15,000 seals are killed.
5. That the seals are all killed within a specified area, viz: on the coasts and islands between the Arch Islands and New Island off the south and south-west extremity of the West Falkland.
6. That the seals are killed in a humane fashion.
7. That no pups nor females are killed.
8. That at least 10% of the adult males are left at each rookery.
9. That the whole carcass of each seal killed is utilized as far as possible for the extraction of oil and that there is no undue waste.
10. That a full return is made shewing the number of seals killed, the rookery from which taken, the amount of oil produced and such other information as may be desired.
11. That if required at any time a Government representative shall be taken on the voyage and his maintenance provided for without cost to the Government.
12. That no trespass is committed on private land where seal rookeries are situated other than is strictly necessary for the purpose of killing and trying out seals.
13. That the licence is subject to cancellation at any time.

KELVIN STORE,

PORT STANLEY.

August 3rd, 1927.

The Hon,
The Colonial Secretary,

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter
No.73/25 of the 5th, July date, and to inform you
that I am pleased to accept a licence on the
conditions stipulated in enclosure with letter
No.73/25.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John Davis

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SEALING LICENCE.

The Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance 1921.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,

~~4th August, 1927.~~

14 May, 1928.

Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, a licence is hereby granted to

The Falkland Islands and Dependencies Sealing Coy., Limited,

*in the Dependencies
of the South Shetlands
and the South Orkneys*

to take seals in the Colony of the Falkland Islands *and* subject to the terms and conditions specified in the schedule annexed hereto, ~~within the limits~~ and during the period therein prescribed.

J. M. Ellis.

~~Acting~~ Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Conditions under which licence is granted.

£100

1. That a fee of ~~250~~ *£100* is paid on the issue of the licence. ✓

2. That the usual duty on the export of seal oil is paid. ✓

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3. That the licence is for ~~one~~ *three* seasons only from the 1st April to the 31st October ~~in each~~ *of the years 1928, 1929, and 1930.*

4. That not more than ~~15,000~~ *30,000* seals are killed in any one season *in either the colony or the Dependencies for which this licence is valid*

5. ~~That the seals are all killed within a specified area, viz: on the coasts and islands between the Arch Islands and New Island off the south and south west extremity of the West Falkland~~

provided that a total number of 60,000 seals may be killed in any one season in both the colony and the Dependencies for which this licence is valid

6. That the seals are killed in a humane fashion.

7. That no pups nor females are killed.

8. That at least 10% of the adult males are left at each rookery.

9. That the whole carcass of each seal killed is utilized as far as possible for the extraction of oil and that there is no undue waste.

10. That a full return is made shewing the number of seals killed, the rookery from which taken, the amount of oil produced and such other information as may be desired.

at all operations under this licence shall be subject

11. ~~That if required at any time a Government representative shall be taken on the voyage and his maintenance provided for without cost to the Government.~~

if required, to the supervision of a seal officer appointed by the Governor who shall be maintained permanently on board the vessel or vessel employed by the licensee with cost whatever to the Government.

12. That no trespass is committed on private land where seal rookeries are situated other than is strictly necessary for the purpose of killing and trying out seals.

13. That the licence is subject to cancellation at any time.

14. *Not* The licensee shall *be* the option of a renewal of this licence at the end of the approved period of three years provided always that the Government reserves the right to re-examine all any of the foregoing conditions at the end of each period.

73/25.

16th August,

27

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd of August, 1927, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that a sealing licence on the conditions stipulated in the enclosure to my letter of the 5th of July, 1927, will be issued to you at this office on presentation of a Treasury Receipt for the sum of £50 in respect of the licence fee payable.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M.
Colonial Secretary.

MR. J. DAVIS,
STANLEY.