

C.S.

SEALING	
No.	116/26

1926.

Manager, F.I.Co., Ltd.

SUBJECT.

1926.

18th Februry.

REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING THE
RENDERING DOWN OF SEALS.

Previous Paper.

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Letter from Manager, F.I.Co. Ltd. of 18th Feby. 1926.

V.G. Submitted.

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H.P.S.

Draft of reply attached

*J.M.
25 Feb 1926*

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Letter to Manager, Jacksons Islands Coy. 25/2/26.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
Stanley,

18th February, 1926.

Sir,

I beg to advise you that I have received a cable from our London Office asking me to furnish them by the "Magellan" with information as regards the rendering down of seals.

2. I shall be extremely obliged if the Government will give me any details of experiments which have been carried out in this connection in order to enable me to supply the information required.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "W. H. R. Graham".

Manager.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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Institute, has been collected and is at present awaiting shipment to the United Kingdom.

5. The seals, from which this trial shipment of oil was produced, were taken between the middle of June and the end of August and the average production of oil was 2.5 gallons per seal but no information is available as to the ages of the seals taken.

6. Endeavour has also been made both in England and the United States of America to find a market for the pelts of the sea lion but, so far, without success.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

116/26.

25th February,

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th of February, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that this Government has had under consideration the question of undertaking the production of oil from sea lions on a commercial scale but that no decision has yet been taken in the matter.

2. With the object of ascertaining the value of the oil for commercial purposes samples were sent to the Imperial Institute for examination and the report on them is published at page 2 of the Gazette for 1924.

Copy annexed.

3. The seals, from which these samples of oil were produced, were taken in October; the seals were males under one year old and the average production of oil was 1.83 gallons per seal. At the time the seals were taken the opinion was expressed that if the seals were taken earlier in the year the average production of oil would be greater.

4. A trial consignment of 100 barrels of oil, as suggested in the report from the Imperial

Institute;

The Manager,

Falkland Islands Company, Limited,

Stanley.