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SUBJECT.

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GUARD ON ELEPHANT JASON.

Observations desired from:

Restriction as to killing of birds by:

MINUTES.

*Minute from Govt Naturalist d 20/2/22 — Encl (1)*  
*Directions for Guard ————— Encl (1a)*

*PA 26/11/26*

*Y.B.*  
*Submitted*  
*2. Will Y.B. be pleased to approve of the*  
*view of the directions proposed?*  
*3. The Guard in Charge should keep a*  
*diary or log in which in addition to*  
*recording the observations required any*  
*matters of interest should be entered.*

*H.H.H.H. 20/2/22*  
*H.H.*  
*20 Feb 1922*

*Minute to Harbour Master d 21/2/22 — Encl (2)*

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*Govt. Naturalist*

*Phanwati*

*H.H.H.H. 21/2/22*

*Hon. Sec. Sec.*  
*notes & returned please*  
*20/2/22*

*P.A.*



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MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From Government Naturalist

Date 20th Feb. 1922.

To Honourable Colonial Secretary.

SUBJECT.

Observations desired from the Guard on Elephant Jason.  
and restriction of birds which may be killed by them.

Reference  
Numbers. }

I beg to submit suggested directions as to observations which I consider might advantageously be made by the armed guard which is about to be established on the Elephant Jason.

2. It is of importance that all possible observations be recorded, and that if there is any connection between the behaviour of the seal and the weather conditions they may be correlated.

3. With reference to para 3, I would suggest that this island might be considered as a reserve for the wild birds which occur on it, more particularly for the Jack Rook and the Carancha the extermination of which is pursued on the inhabited islands on the grounds that they kill sheep, but the Elephant Jason is 15 miles by water from the nearest grazing lands.

It does not appear desirable to extirpate any member of the local fauna, and the Jack Rook is peculiar to the islands which may also be the case with the Carancha, but that species has not been thoroughly investigated.

*J. B. Hamilton*

(J. B. Hamilton)

Government Naturalist.

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Directions for the Guard on Elephant Jason.

1. The guard should make every effort to make observations on the following points:

— relative abundance of seal on the rock at different times of the day and night, the latter could only be observed with bright moonlight:

— extent to which seal come up on Elephant Jason itself, and at what times:

— date on which pups are first observed in the water:

— date on which the hares break up and the bulls take freely to the water:

— if sea lions disturb the fur seal:

— relative abundance of fur seal a. on the land, b. in the water in good and bad weather.

2. A diary of observations and weather conditions should be kept.

3. Do not hunt.

3. The guard should not kill any birds other than Upland and Brent Geese and Shags.



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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

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.....21st February, 19 22

To....The Harbour Master,

From

.....Stanley.

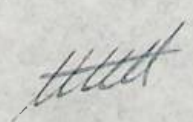
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Guard-in-charge of the Armed Guard at Elephant Jason will be required to keep a log or diary which will contain the following records:-

- (1) Daily weather conditions
- (2) Relative abundance of seal on the rock at different times of the day and - when the light of the moon is sufficiently strong - at night
- (3) Extent to which seal come on Elephant Jason and at what times.
- (4) Date on which pups are first observed in the water.
- (5) Date on which the harems break up and the bulls take freely to the water.
- (6) Whether Sea Lions Disturb the Fur Seal.
- (7) Relative abundance of the Fur Seal (a) on land (b) in the water, in good and bad weather.
- (8) General notes of interest, expenditure of ammunition, etc.,

2. I am to request you to provide the Guard-in-charge with the stationery required for the above.

3. His Excellency further directs that the Guard shall not kill any birds on Elephant Jason other than Upland and Brent Geese and Shags.

  
Colonial Secretary.