

C.S.

SCIENTIFIC

(Naturalist)

1922

NAT/SEA/2 # 8

No. 164/22

Govt. Naturalist

SUBJECT.

192 2

20th February

Previous Paper.

Government Naturalist notifies forwarding of cases of specimens to British Museum.

886/19

MINUTES.

PA, 17/11/26

*Letter from Govt Naturalist dated 20th Feb 1922 - Encl (1)*

*Y.B. Submitted for information. When the cost is known the C.A. will be instructed to collect it from the Trustees of the British Museum*

*TTTTT 24/2/22*  
*27 Nov 1922*

*Letter to the Director British Museum, 1st March, 1922, Encl (2)*

*Letter from British Museum of 29th Aug: 1922 ———— Encl (3)*

*Y.B. Submitted*

*2. The charge of generosity cannot I suppose be disputed now but it was intended to collect all costs from the museum. The position could be made clear in the matter of further specimens sent if necessary.*

*3. The Govt. Naturalist to see?*

*TTTTT 14/10/22*

Subsequent Paper.



H.P.S.

~~Memorandum~~ <sup>Frighs on</sup> future arrangements can be made payable or delivery of P.S. N. Co. a year if paid here should be covered. There is no provision in estimate for such expenditure. Papers to Govt Naturalist B.S.

Am.

14 August 1922

Govt Naturalist,

Accordingly

to Dallas,

for C.S. 15.8.22.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted and returned please.

J.B. Hamilton.

Govt. Naturalist

15/8/22



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Naturalist's Office.

Stanley.

20th. February 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have this day handed over to the Public Works Department two cases of seals skeletons for transmission to the British Museum.

There will be another consignment to be sent in a short time. 2. All these seals were collected in South Shetland by me last season, and will include six whole skeletons of Weddell's Seal, ~~and~~ parts of four others, two skeletons of the Sea Leopard and two of the Crab eating Seal, and some additional skulls.

3. I shall inform you when the next consignment has been prepared.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. E. Hamilton*

(J. E. Hamilton)

Government Naturalist.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

*J/E*



164/22

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1st March,

22.

Sir,

With reference to your letter to the Colonial Office, No.1370/19 of the 18th June 1919, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that two cases containing seal skeletons have been forwarded to you by Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Government Naturalist. A further consignment will follow when the specimens have been prepared for transmission.

2. All the specimens were collected by Mr. Hamilton at the South Shetlands during his visit last season and will include six whole skeletons of Weddell's seal, parts of four others, two skeletons of the sea leopard, two of the crab eating seal and some additional skulls.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

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## BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

LONDON: S.W.



29 June, 1922.

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Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.164/22 of 1st March, referring to Seal-skeletons collected by Mr. J.E. Hamilton at the South Shetland Islands. The six skeletons of Weddell's Seal, with parts of other specimens, have duly arrived, in good order; but from information received from Mr. Hamilton, it appears that the skeletons of Sea Leopard and Crab-eating Seal referred to in your letter are to follow later.

2. I have had the pleasure of reporting these gifts to the Trustees of the British Museum, and I am to send you their special thanks for the assistance which has thus been given by the Colonial Government to the National Museum. I am to acknowledge in particular the generosity which has been shown by the Colonial Government in paying the freight of specimens which have been sent to the Museum.

3. The specimens which have been obtained by Mr. Hamilton, thanks to the facilities which have been given him, are of real value and interest. A black and white Porpoise, obtained by him at the Falkland Islands and recently received at the Museum, proves to be specially important. It has enabled us to elucidate a description which though published in 1804 has hitherto remained unintelligible owing to the want of specimens with which to compare it. The species had not previously been represented in the British Museum, nor, so far as I am aware, in any other Museum except that at La Plata.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*S.F. Harmer*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.