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WHALING AND SEALING. (Sealing)

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Hon. H. H. R. Gresham.

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IIth July, 1927.

APPLICATION TO KILL HAIR SEAL ON BLIND AND URCHIN ISLANDS.

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Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Stanley. 11th July, 1927.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that hair seals are doing considable damage to our Islands Blind and Urchin. The former is in Eagle Passage opposite Speedwell Island and the latter (unnamed on Chart) is situated near Adventure Harbour opposite Bleaker Island.

2 The damage to these Islands is considerable as the seals haul up and lie on the tussac grass thereby killing it by the weight of their bodies and urine. We have previously obtained permission from the Government to destroy seals on Islands in the Choiseul Sound and we shall be obliged if we can have permission to do the same on the two Islands mentioned. I may add that these Islands are very valuable to us for grazing horses on in the winter months.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Manager.

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

STANLEY.

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15th July,

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th of July, 1927, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted you permission as a temporary measure for the protection of tussac, to kill or drive off the hair seals which frequent Blind Island and Urchin Island.

2. I am to add that it should be clearly understood that all unnecessary killing of the seals should be avoided and that the permission now granted will expire on the 30th of June, 1928.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE MANAGER.

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LIMITED, STANLEY.