

C.S.

WHALING & SEALING.  
(Hair Seals).

NAT/SEA/3 # 6

1928.

No.

414/28.

Ag.  
H.E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

1928.

8th October.

KILLING OF HAIR SEAL IN STANLEY HARBOUR AND  
PORT WILLIAM AS WELL AS ON THE ISLANDS IN PORT  
WILLIAM.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1 Minute from the Acting Governor, 8th October, 1928.

2 Letter from Mr. J. D. Creamer, 10th October, 1928.

*Y/E. Submitted.*

*Red ② will not state it, affect  
Red ①.*

*C. D. G.  
for S.  
12/10/28.*

*Off 1/2 Sub.*

*No : sub 1 refers*

*Merch to Casual seals such*

*as those which destroyed*

*Thence. Randolph's fishing net*

*Long since.*

Subsequent Paper.



2. Draft letter & reply to vol 2

humble for fairing, please.

3. Harbour Master at H. for. Nat.

for note.

Yours

12. 10. 28.

Letter to the Secty. Falk. Is. & Depend. Seal Office of 16. 10. 28.  
Harbour Master,  
To see Red ①

A. I. J.  
for  
17/10/28.

24. 10. 28. Ld. Master. H. Is.

Letter from Gaekwad Islands & D. Sealing  
co. Seal. 18/10/28

ag. Govt. Naturalist,  
To note.

A. I. J.  
for  
24/10/28.

Hon. Col. Secy.  
notes

ag. Nat.  
27. 10. 28.



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~~Dear~~ Letter from Mr. J. W. Barnes 9/10/35

By. Naturalist

For your observation  
 please. This seems a new  
 view. I have understood from  
 farmers that Seal spoil the  
 tussock. In any case no  
 protection is needed as Seal  
 cannot be taken without a  
 licence.

MCH  
 — CS

10, 10, 35

Hon. Col. Secy:

Tussock cannot thrive without  
 Seals, and/or penguin. Seals do much  
temporary damage to tussock when in  
 great numbers as sometimes happens.

Again many people are afraid of  
 them; they are certainly not pleasant  
 beasts when encountered in tussock in  
 any numbers.

Ag. B. Smith  
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Letter to Mr. H. W. Barnes, 14/10/35.

P. A.  
 MCH



Off 1/2 Sect.



In accordance with the  
provisions of the Seal Fishing  
(Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921, No. 8  
of 1921, sects 4 and 5, I  
authorize hereby the Harbour Master  
at the Engineer and Two Deck  
Hatch of S/L "Penguin" to shoot  
and to kill any seal in  
the Stanley Harbour or in Port  
Bottle.

2. The object of this  
authority is to improve the  
catch and supply of fish to  
Stanley.

3. Ht & later date 1

perhaps to note & systematic

clearance of all seals on

the Tamarac Island & Port Ullian

and on the Seal Rocks at the

entrance to Port Ullian, at,

perhaps, also on Kidney Island.

Just.

8. 10. 28.



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The Falkland Islands & Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd,

Stanley, F.I.

10th October, 1928.



Sir,

I understand from "The Penguin" of 9th October that the Colonial Government is contemplating taking steps to deal with the occurrence of seal in Port William and Stanley Harbour, and beg to enquire whether this Company may be allotted the work of destroying the seals on the Tussac Islands in Port William and on Kidney Island.

2. Undoubtedly ridding these islands of seal would go far to effect the purpose of the Government in clearing the waters named, and this Company has facilities for making the suggested extermination a reasonable business proposition.

3. The sealing vessel "Bellville" returns to Stanley from the West Falklands at the end of this year, and unless an immediate killing-off is desired I beg to request that sanction may be granted for this vessel to operate at the Islands named in the early part of January 1929.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Creavey", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

for Secretary.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

414/28.

16th October, 28.

Sir,

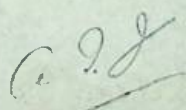
In reply to your letter of the 10th of October, 1928, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency will be glad to grant to your Company permission to kill off all seals on the Tussac Islands in Port William, on the Seal Rocks as the entrance to Port William, and on Kidney Island, irrespective of age and sex and without special conditions, in the early part of January, 1929, as requested by you.

2. I am to add that His Excellency would also be prepared to grant to your Company similar permission in regard to the killing of hair seals on the Volunteer Rocks at the northern entrance to Berkley Sound, provided in this case, however, that the killing is done under the supervision of a responsible officer of this Government and without damage to the herd of fur seal believed to frequent the locality in question.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
The Falkland Islands &  
Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd.,  
STANLEY.





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The Falkland Is. & Dependencies Sealing Co. Ltd,  
Stanley, F.I.

18th October, 1928.



414/28.

Sir,

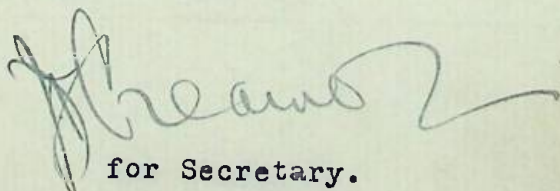
I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 16th October, informing me that permission is granted to this Company to kill off all seals on the Tussac Islands in Port William, the Seal Rocks at the entrance to Port William, and Kidney Island, and, further, under supervision of an official of the Colonial Government to kill off hair seal on the Volunteer Rocks, these operations to commence and to continue in the early part of January, 1929.

2. The situation has been communicated fully to Mr M.Peterzens, now at Port Albemarle, who is in charge of the actual sealing operations of this Company, and I have no doubt that he will take full advantage of the permission so kindly given.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Secretary.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.



Stanley Dec 9/1935

Dear

I beg to ask if the seal on Sydney Island could be protected after six years in the turroch trade. I am of the opinion that seal do more good than harm to turroch Islands. It may be said that the seal flatten out some bogs and this is quite true, but never the less the spoor they leave behind is the only means of fertilising the ground out side of the Penguin. In future it would be a great mistake to adopt the same policy as in 1922 when permission was granted to destroy the seal the opinion then was that seal destroyed the turroch. But it has been proved that turroch growing on the flat in the interior of the Island which became useless after the destroying of the seal, has greatly improved since their return.

Yours Respectfully

F W Barnes

Stanley

Colonial Secretary ..

Stanley



414/28.

14th October,

35.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 9th of October, 1935, I have to inform you that the hair seal on the tussock Islands adjacent to Stanley cannot be taken except under licence.

2. It is not proposed to authorise the killing of hair seal on the Islands in question and the need for protection does not therefore arise.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*McH*

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. F.W. Barnes,  
STANLEY.

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