

WHALING & SEALING.

(Sealing.)

C.S.

193 6.

No. 89/36.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

193 6.

31st March.

Previous Paper.

PROPOSAL THAT FULLER RECORDS SHOULD BE OBTAINED OF ELEPHANT SEALS TAKEN IN THE FALKLAND IS. AND DEPENDENCIES.

MINUTES.

① S of S despatch no 51 of 31/3/36

W. Hamilton.

W. R. C. ① will you please submit draft rules for the maintenance of the records mentioned therein. Specimen forms for Returns & Registers should also be submitted. J. G. 1936

Hon. Col. Sec.

Draft rules and record form recommended please. I would suggest that the drafting of a register be put forward until there is a supply of completed returns when the requirements will be more obvious.

2. I would apologise for the delay in the drafts and would state that I am awaiting a return this paper in view of my immediate departure for Curadolphin.

J. G. Hamilton.

V.E.

Regarding Red ①.

Subsequent Paper.

I suggest approval of the forms submitted by Mr. Hamilton for issue to the Sealing Office for completion. All forms to be submitted to W. Hamilton for compilation of final returns for submission to the S. G. J. G. 25/3/36

Forms passed
to printer
26/5/36

Despatch to S. of S. no. 40 of 2/6/36 (2)



Y.E.
Despatch submitted for signature

J. E. C.
3/6/36

[Handwritten signature]
4/6

24
5/6/36

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 51.

Downing Street,

21
March, 1933.



Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that consideration has been given to a proposal that fuller records should be obtained of elephant seals taken in the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies.

A suggestion discussed with the Government Naturalist while in this country was that sealing companies might be required to keep a catch log book showing the length and sex of each seal taken. It was however agreed that there are difficulties in adopting forthwith the suggestion for formal log books, and that, since elephant seals are only taken under the supervision of a sealing officer, a check might be made with particular care to be collected by the officer.

I should be obliged if you would inform me whether this step can be taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS

BY ORDER

M. HANCOCK-LEAKE, Esq., C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

2nd June, 1936.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 70.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Thomas' despatch, No. 51 of the 31st of March, 1936, and to inform you that arrangements have been made for fuller records to be obtained of elephant seals taken in the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. G. ORMSBY-GORE, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.