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Mrs. A. M. Williams

SUBJECT.

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MUSEUM

7th August

Whaling Gun and shells presented to:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Letter from Mrs A. M. Williams of 7th Aug: 1923 - Encl (1)

*PA
30/8/23*

*Y.P.
Submitted
G.W. B.
O'Casey
10 August 1923*

I have written to Mrs Williams thanking her. This gun and the tances should be sent to the Empire Exhibition for comparison with present day weapons, if it is a good specimen. Please refer to the Govt. Naturalist.

W.L.S. 11 Aug. '23

Government Naturalist.

Deferred accordingly.

*G.W. B.
O'Casey
13 Aug 1923*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted please.

2. ? It will probably be necessary to unload the shells for safe transit.

It so may I have one or two for experiment.

J. S. Hamilton.

Govt. Naturalist

14/8/23

J. S. Submitted

G. R. B.

DiCsee

14 Aug 1923

Very well. The experiment had better take place in the quarry I think

Government Naturalist.

To note

G. R. B.

DiCsee

15 Aug 1923

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted please.

2. I have received two shells and will report on the result of the experiment.

I note H. E.'s recommendation of a suitable site for the operations

J. S. Hamilton

Govt. Naturalist

16/8/23

Government Naturalist

Are you yet in a position to furnish a report?

W.A. 18
Di'c/sec
26 Oct 1923

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have now 6 bombs completely unloaded, which are being cleaned of rust.

? might two of these be placed in the local museum?

J.H. Hamilton
Gov. Naturalist
29/10/23

Y.P. Submitted.

W.A. 18
Di'c/sec
29 Oct 1923

Ys please with a descriptive note.

W.A. 18 30 Oct: 23

Government Naturalist

Referred
W.A. 18
Di'c/sec
30 Oct 1923

Hon. Col. Sec.

The bombs were returned yesterday
I attach a copy of the proposed label please.

J.H. Hamilton
Gov. Naturalist.

Encl (3)

I have on charge in my
Department four harpoon
"iron", relics of the former
whaling, like the bomb lances.

? Should one of these be sent
with the gun and bombs, and if
so may it be written off please.

These harpoons were procured
for collecting dolphins but
have not proved very satisfactory

J. B. Amilton

Fort. Naturalist.

4/11/23

J. B. Amilton
Submitted.

G. H. B.
Dir. Sec.
5 Nov 1923

The proposed notice will do very
well with the date of the work or
patent added

One of the harpoon iron sh^d. be sent

~~ttttt~~ 5 Nov 23

Fort Naturalist

For info
G. H. B.
Dir. Sec.
6 Nov 1923

Hon. Col. Sec.

Amended draft herewith
please.

3. A harpoon is now in
process of being cleared. I shall
make a note as to its removal
on my inventory.

J. H. Hamilton

Govr. Naturalist

8/11/23

Notes printed and displayed
in Museum

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WAVERLEY HOUSE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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August 7th 1923

To His Excellency the Acting Governor
Leas for Leaswick Station

I am taking the
liberty of sending you
an old Whaling gun
with several bomb
shells which have been
unwanted, & which
you will doubtless

find interesting for
the museum, ^{the Governor's house}

I might add, the
shells are evidently
loaded, & maybe
dangerous. but they
are at least fifty
years old.

Yours Sincerely

A. H. Williams

BOMB-LANCES WITH SHOULDER GUN FROM WHICH THEY
WERE FIRED.

These projectiles were used at the time when whaling was carried on with open boats.

They were intended for killing whales which had previously been struck with a hand harpoon, and as an improvement on the hand lance.

The shaft to which the rubber "feathers" are attached contained a time-fuse, which having been ignited by the flash of the propelling charge of the gun in turn set fire to the black powder with which the body of the bomb was filled.

The Bomb-Lances are labelled :

"C. C. Brand's
Improved Bomb-Lance.
Patented June 22 1852."