

Whaling
Guano.

1920

C.S.

No. 537

S.M. So Georgia

SUBJECT.

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3rd May
Previous Paper.

Reports on the waste on the use of whale
carcasses in the manufacture of Guano
at So Georgia.

MINUTES.

1. The So Georgia companies are not licensed in
the same way as those fishing in the to Shetland
but operate in accordance with the terms
of their leases which are, I believe, on file
at Government House. The employment of
a third catcher may be licensed under the
terms of the whale fishery Ordinance No
5 of 1908

2. The magistrate's suggestion is that a
license for a 3rd catcher should be
with held unless full utilization is made
of the whale carcass. Paper 370/19 attached
containing Mr Bennett's to Shetland report,
in which he also deals with the waste
occasioned by the methods adopted by
the whaling companies.

Regulations of
28.7.1913.

Subsequent Paper.

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for C.S.
24.7.20

.S.G. No. 60/20.

The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia,

3rd. May 1920.

Sir,

With reference to the remark in my whaling report for the past season regarding the Manufacture of Guano by the whaling companies in South Georgia.

2. From the returns it is very noticeable, that every effort was not made in that direction, and the refuse from the pressure boilers was not all used as in my opinion it should be.

3. The THOMSON SANDERSON and PESCA contracts, leases do not bind them to utilize the whole of the whale carcass, in the same way as CANTON, SOUTH GEORGIA, and SOUTHERN WHALING & Sealing Co. I take it that the word "utilization" in respect of whaling means to use the whole of the whale carcass to the best advantage; first by extracting all oil from the blubber and meat and bones, and after, drying the refuse to make Guano. The Companies appear to think that once the oil is extracted from the whole of the carcass they are not bound to make Guano with the refuse (at least all of it). The latter I conjecture from the small quantities shown in the returns from the companies in question. I would like His Excellency's opinion on this subject in order to make arrangements for the coming season, and would suggest that the third whale catcher only be permitted on condition that every part of the whale is used both for oil and

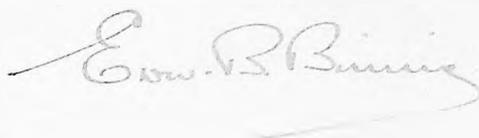
Honble.
The Colonial Secretary
Jacksons Island

and Guano, that no refuse from the Pressure boilers should
be thrown away or used for any other purpose than making
Guano.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. B. Binning". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name.

Magistrate.