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NAVAL & MILITARY.
(Imperial Force)
LIVESTOCK.
(Misc.)

19 43.

No. 158/43.

Director of Agriculture.

SUBJECT.

19 43.

30th October.

APPLICATION TO IMPORT HAY FROM CHILE FOR THE
FEEDING OF ARMY HORSES.

Previous Paper.

Ref: 294/24

MINUTES.

1. Minute from D. of A. of 30/10/43.

(2).

D/Ag.

I discussed this with His Excellency & he is not in favour of relaxing restrictions. What about Tussac?

K.B.
2.11.43

- ③ Minute from Director of Agriculture 5th November 1943

(4).

G.K.

Tussac is apparently unpracticable. I have pointed out to D/Ag. that if the Army are allowed to import this hay, other people will also have to be given permits, but he insists that there is now no veterinary reason to withhold them so far as S. Chile is concerned.

The last public notice on this subject is dated 1924 & is at (5) on 294/24. The feed position is serious this year owing to the wreck of the Paloma.

K.B.
5.11.43

Subsequent Paper.

5.

Hay from Patagonia (Punta Arenas) comes from Buenos Ayres, don't we? Why not get

the M.T. Auth. to use their boats (has they any?)
to fetch tussock?

AS 5/11/43

What was the incident when hay was found
here when I was Col. Sec.?

We have discussed this.
I am not prepared to accept the responsibility
unless the D. of A. is more definite.
~~Either the M.T. Auth. can handle hay or not.~~

~~Star~~
I would suggest that St. Orde proceed by
the Fitzroy leaving here Dec 6 or thereabouts
for Montevideo, there buy & bring the vegetables
we require, enquiring on Fitzroy to Port
Arenas & satisfying himself of the origin &
composition of the hay, & supervising its
collection & shipping.

AS 6/11/43

* Suggestion cancelled as details altered.

AS 9/11/43

Record discussed again with H.K. & D.A. &
minutes to be sent as below. *KB*
9.11.43.

Minutes to the D. A. A and Q. M. G. Falkland Is. Force 10/11/43.

6. P.A.

SUBJECT:- Hay.

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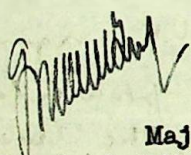
122/CR/35/3.

Director of Agriculture, ✓
Port Stanley.

It will be necessary for the Army to replenish their stocks of hay in the near future.

In order to save shipping space from the United Kingdom it is proposed to import 8 tons of hay from Punta Arenas in the near future. The hay will be kept on Army premises and fed only to Army horses.

Would you please say if there is any objection to this importation under Section 4.4 of The Live Stock Ordinance 1901.



Stanley.
30 Oct 43.
JB/JB.

Major,
D. A. A. & Q. M. G.,
Falkland Islands Force.

Copy to:-

O. C., R. A. S. C.

N.E.S. This will require H.E.'s approval & a certificate that for Punta Arenas that there has been no foot & mouth disease in the district of origin for a period of

Dec 7.

(Luis Stuck Keys (Cousin) 1923. Gay p 103.)

24 months. We get monthly reports
for the Consul at Punta Arenas
& know that there has been no
goat + wool there since 1923.

The hay should be perfectly safe
safer than that introduced from
the U.K. against which there is
no prohibition. I recommend
that the Governor be advised
to permit the entry of this
hay.

J.P.H.



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MINUTE

No. _____

5th November 19 43.

From

To The Honourable, _____

Director of Agriculture.
~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,~~

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

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In reply to your minute of the 2nd. inst.

Tussock would be suitable if it could be collected regularly and in sufficient quantity. Unfortunately there is no boat available at present to run tussock from the islands, and the plantations at Rookery Bay are in poor condition because stock have had access through broken fences and gateways. In any case it seems wise to keep the Rookery Bay plantation as a reserve in case of an emergency. During the past years, even though two ships were running tussock all that could be cut on the islands in Port William and Kidney Island was purchased by stock owners in Stanley, and we have not always been able to get the quantity of tussock required by the Department of Agriculture. I think there would be sufficient tussock on the islands for both the town and the 15 horses owned by the garrison, but to collect it would involve greater ^{portage} on the islands than has been customary and would definitely involve the provision of a suitable boat. There are, occasionally, periods of up to 2 weeks when tussock is impossible to cut or the sea too rough to enable it to be shipped. The use of the Foyder or Scoresby for tussock collection would appear uneconomic and I understand that the Fanny is fully occupied. If the Penguin can be made to go (which will take time) the supply of tussock for both the stock in Stanley and the garrison should be feasible. Even though tussock is available it would be wise for the military authorities to hold a reserve of hay to tide over the periods when shipping or cutting of tussock is impracticable.

Magellanes
Chiloe

I believe that New Zealand, Australia, the U.S.A. and possibly Canada are the only countries free from Foot and Mouth disease, but Anthrax is present in all countries. The southern provinces of Chile appear both in the reports of H.M. Consul and from my personal enquiries last December, to have been free from outbreaks of Foot and Mouth since 1924. There is no report of Anthrax from these districts during the last 7 years and the risk of introducing this disease on hay is therefore no greater than from U.K. or elsewhere. We at present import horses and sheep, both of which are very susceptible to Anthrax, from Punta Arenas and the danger of introducing any animal disease would appear much greater on these animals than on plants. I have looked into the literature of these diseases and consider that if oaten hay can be secured from Punta Arenas the risk of introducing animal diseases is no greater than through the importation of oat grain.

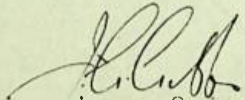
Actually the danger of introducing Foot and Mouth on hay should be very slight since the causative virus is destroyed by drying at room temperature in 24 hours or by exposure to daylight.

Therefore because of the freedom of the Magellanes province from Foot and Mouth disease and Anthrax or any other disease transmittable in hay, I can see no technical objection to the importation of hay that is the bona fida product of this province for either civilian or military purposes. Furthermore, because of the bulk

hay/

hay occupies, (from 7-8 cubic feet for each ton av.), the need to conserve shipping space from the U.K. and other parts of the Empire, and the difficulty of guaranteeing a regular supply of tussock, it would seem very desirable that if hay is procurable from the Magellanes province the opportunity should be taken to procure it.

Personally, I do not consider that there is any risk of introducing animal disease on fodder from Magellanes at the present time, but submit that if a remote risk did exist, we would be justified under the present stress of war conditions and restricted shipping space, in taking it.


Director of Agriculture.

MINUTE.No. ~~458/43.~~

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

10th November 1943. (6)

To The D.A.A. & C.M.G.

Falkland Islands Force.

Stanley.

Your minute 122/CR/35/5 of the 30th October addressed to the Director of Agriculture has been referred to me, and I am directed to inform you that the conditions which prompted the Order by the Governor in Council of the 26th of April, 1924, made with reference to Section 7 of the Regulation under the Live Stock Ordinance 1901 still obtains. In consequence it is regretted that it is not possible to grant the necessary permission.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.