

C.S.

LIVESTOCK

(Foxes)

1926.

No.

278/26

Mr. J. Hamilton.

SUBJECT.

1926.

6th April.

Previous Paper.

834/22

PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF THE PAMPA FOX
INTO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Replies from
Mr. J. Hamilton, Weddell Is.
Mr. R. C. Pole Evans, Port Howard.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Mr. J. Hamilton of 6. April. 1926.

Chief Inspector of Stock.

Referred to you for your observations.

G. R. B.

D. J. S.

29 May 1926

C. I. Ch. Sect.

I understand that the pampa fox is quite a small animal which lives mostly on small birds, lizard eggs & carrion.

I have spoken to Mr. Slaughter (Camp manager for F.I.C.) who has spent 12 years on the coast & he is very much in favour of the importation of this small fox. Both Mr. Slaughter & Mr. Hamilton have told me that on the coast the pampa fox does little or no damage to sheep.

Subsequent Paper.

but they destroy large numbers of
young geese & geese eggs. Farmers
in Patagonia have understood
asked the Govt. there to protect
the pampa fox.

On the other hand I
have it on good authority that
small birds & penguin rookeries
also suffer considerably.

The pampa fox is I believe
a slow breeder & would therefore
be easily exterminated if necessary.

From the farming point
of view only I am of the opinion
that if Mr. Hamilton would
guarantee to hold himself
responsible for all the foxes on
his islands or any that might
be brought off the islands I can
see no reason why the importation
to Blakes & Lee Islands should be
disallowed. also providing of course
that the Government could at any
time if it thought necessary call
upon Mr. Hamilton to destroy all the
foxes for which he was responsible.

I should like to suggest that
the Farmers Assn. be called upon for
its views before further action is taken
in the matter.

T. W. Carter

O. I. S.

1/6/26

Inside Minute Paper.

C.E. Submitted

2. I have spoken to Mr Carter on this matter and attach N.P. 834/22 relating to the importation of fowls by Mr Slaughter of Darwin in 1922, which Mr Carter has seen.

3. Proclamation No 2 of 1921 which prohibited the importation of all animals except horses and dogs was repealed by Proclamation No 1 of 1922 which was in turn repealed by Proclamation No 5 of 1923. Under the Live Stock (Consolidation) Regs. 1923 any animal may be imported provided due notification of the importation is given.

4. The importation of fowls to a single island would not seem to be open to grave objection but there is the question of the possibility of their ultimate introduction into the main islands to be considered. It might be found difficult to turn down any similar applications of permission were granted in this case. The Shepherd's views of the Shepherders Association would be of assistance in ascertaining

No - only those animals
enumerated in the
Schedule to the Regulations
g.v.

the opinions of the farmers generally on the question. The only disease communicable by foxes is, I understand, rabies.

5. Foxes might prove very useful in destroying the eggs of quail and birds of prey. On the other hand as Mr Carter points out they would be liable to do considerable damage to the protected birds. Subject to your Excellency's approval I propose to refer this aspect of the question to the Acting Government Naturalist before further action is taken in the matter.

W.H.B.

O/c Secy

4 June 1926

O/c Secy: Yes, I should be glad to have the views of the Acting Government Naturalist

2. As to getting the opinions of the members of the Sheep Breeders' Assn., useful as these would be, it would probably be months and months before we heard anything?

W.H.B.
4.6.26

Acting Government Naturalist.

Referred according to

W.H.B.

O/c Secy

4 June 1926

On C. Set.

Mr J. S. Hamilton (Discovery) & I have talked this matter over long ago.

One never knows what to expect from the introduction of any fresh thing into a country new to the species, the laws of natural selection operate severely.

Speaking generally an introduced species either dies out at once (not likely in this case) or multiplies most rapidly, always providing there is an abundance of food.

Foxes being dogs, should have two litters per year - up to 8 at a birth. The species may differ, due to long generations under different conditions than normal.

Unless hand fed on carrion they will punish the birds.

The proposed islands are remote ones & before expressing an opinion of on the probable results to bird life, I should like to see these islands about the end of December & spend some time on them, in order to determine the bird tenants. Being remote they may & possibly do contain the breeding places for some of the oceanic scarcely known birds. These would be missed by the casual observer, being generally nocturnal.

in their habits.

Anything that will increase the income of the Colony is to be welcomed,

Fur is a valuable item in many cold climates

They are not likely to prey upon the nests of "Hawks" the reverse is to be expected.

I also doubt their chances with a goose, for a domestic goose, certainly a larger bird, always wins in a fight with a good sized pig.

The two islands are but, ^{some} of many others in similar positions, & it might not be good for birds to occupy all with furs. The question is - are the birds even though protected, of more value to man than the animals proposed.

The Foxes might with great advantage be introduced to places like rat ridden New Island, there are millions there, still ground breeding birds (Petrels) are holding their own against these pests & I can scarcely think that the fox could do more damage.

ag Bennett
of Nat
5/6/26

J.B.
Submitted.

G.K.H.
Dir/Sec
7 June 1926.

Off Sec.

The question of introducing foxes into South Georgia was considered by the Inter-

Departmental Committee (vide p. 46 of Report)

It is true that the animal contemplated in that connection was the Arctic Fox - blue variety.

but as I have been unable to trace any detailed description of the "Pamper" Fox, it is not possible to say whether their habits etc. differ very much.

2. At any rate the Committee in its Report states :-

"The question of fox farms is a highly problematical one. x x x x x Of course, foxes and penguins could not live side by side. The penguins would need to be sacrificed in part or the whole of the island. The economic objections are two: firstly, the spread of foxes might injure any fur Seal workings established on the coast; secondly, the disturbance of the balance of life might, in ways not obvious, react on the whale fisheries. The problem, therefore, would need to be most carefully ~~thought~~ weighed, and a decision could not be reached without further study on the spot of the life habits of the animals of South Georgia and surrounding seas x x x"

3. Although the two economic objections instanced in the case of South Georgia do not apply to the case under review, considerations of a like nature in connection with the animal life existing on Stalks, Se., and surrounding neighbouring islands cannot be ignored.

4. Incidentally, the fox has been known in the Falkland before, and on page 215 et seq. of Boyson's "The Falkland Islands" will be found an interesting account of the now extinct "Canis antarcticus". According to Miss Boyson the Falkland Island fox also figured in Darwin's "Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle" to which Mr. Hamilton refers as for the

Zoological name of the pampa fox. I have not been able to get hold of a copy of this book yet.

5. The Falkland fox was a bigger type, and a terror to sheep, but Mr. Hamilton refers to the pampa fox as a small animal which does comparatively little harm to sheep. Mr. Slaughter tells me that it is no larger than a small fox terrier, and that to the best of his knowledge it will not attack sheep.

6. Since writing above I have found a copy of Darwin's book, but the sole reference to the Patagonian fox I can trace is very brief and does not give the scientific name. It refers to it as a small and delicately-shaped fox which is abundant and probably derives its entire support from a peculiar species of mice.

7. You are making inquiries as to whether Mr. John Hamilton is likely to be in Stanley in the near future. If he is I will take the opportunity of discussing the matter further with him then.

D.

10.VI.26

78.

A telegram has been received from Mr. Robertson, Port Stephens, stating that Mr. Hamilton will not be in Stanley for some time.

G.H. 13

D. Esut.

15 June 1926.

Of Sec.

From the information at our disposal so far it appears extremely unlikely that there would be any danger in allowing an Experimental importation and the Experiment might prove of great future value.

2. To be absolutely on the safe side however, it might be as well to accept the suggestion of the Chief Inspector of Stock and Consult the Sheep Breeders Assn.

3. Will you please write to the Secretary and state ^{that an} ~~the~~ application has been received for permission to introduce the ~~Pampa~~ Patagonian Fox to Straits and Islands of the Beavers Group and ~~that~~ ^{say} that I would be glad to have any observations the Association may care to offer as to the advisability or otherwise of allowing such an importation. It should be explained that as far as is known this small type of Fox will not attack Sheep, whilst as a means of keeping down Geese it has proved of the greatest use in Patagonia.

4. In the meantime Mr. Hamilton's letter should be acknowledged. He should be informed that I am in full sympathy with the object of his application, but that ~~the~~ the question of the introduction of a new species of animal requires careful consideration from all points of view, and that before any decision can be arrived at, it has been considered advisable

to make inspection etc. I had
that a further communication will be sent
to him in due course.

D.

15/11/26.
Letter to the Falkland Islands Sheep Breeders Assoc. 2.
16 June 1926.

Letter to Mr. J. Hamilton 16th June 1926 3.

Letter from Secretary Sheep Breeders Assoc.
of 4 Sept. 1926. 4.

V.E.

Submitted.

5th Nov.

Off Sect.

9 Sept 1926.

Off Sect.

Mr. Hamilton is expected at Stanley
by the s.s. "Falkland" on her return from
her present trip to the West Falkland.
Bf. 20th Sept.

D.

9 Sept. 1926

Letter from Mr. R. Pol Evans Port Howard. 5.
22nd Sept 1926.

Note. Mr. J. Hamilton arrived in Stanley by
s.s. "Falkland" on 16th Nov.
Bf.

H.C.

Mr. Evans has advised that
the regulations in force in respect
of the introduction of these animals

As far as I can ascertain the only
authority under which the introduction of these
animals could be prohibited is that contained
in Sect. 9 (1) of the Live Stock Regulations (Consolidation)
1923 which gives the Inspector of Stock power
to prohibit the landing of any animal which

in his opinion would be a source of danger to other animals in the Colony.

2. In their letter of 4th Sept. (4) the Sheep Breeders Association see no objection to the introduction of the Patagonian Pampa Fox provided that an Ordinance is passed to prevent any being let loose on the main island under the penalty of a heavy fine. I hardly see any necessity to introduce new legislation to meet this case, particularly in the present purely Experimental stage of the venture. The animals are to be kept on ^{small} isolated islands, and the danger of their getting on to the main island is extremely remote. Both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Slaughter have informed me that if necessity should arise these animals are easily exterminated.

3. Permission may be granted to Mr. Hamilton and to Mr. Pole Evans to introduce not more than 3 pairs of Patagonian Pampa Fox on to the islands mentioned on the distinct understanding that they will take every precaution to prevent the animals from reaching the main island. At the same time they should be requested to prepare a report say in 12 months time as to the result of the Experiment.

20 Nov. 1926

6. Letter to Mr. J. Hamilton Weddell Island
23 Nov. 1926
7. Letter to Mr. R. C. Pole Evans Pt. Howard
23 Nov. 1926

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23 Dec. 1926

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23. 12. 26.

G. P.

Before W. Hammond's departure for
Patagonia on "Ordinac" on 4. 2. 27. he
came to see me personally with reference
to sub 6 and explained that he has
been so unfortunate as to lose two of
not all of the female penguin flocks
imported by him, and wanted to know whether
he might be allowed on his return to the
Colony to bring with him a similar number
of female penguins in replacement of those lost.

2. I informed him that if he could bring the matter up again at the time I was sure that there could be no objection to the ~~to~~^{to} grant to him of a permit according to the ~~line~~^{line} of act 6.

3. Will you kindly confirm?

Jul

14. 2. 27.

Confirmed. *J.*

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9. Letter to Mr. Hamilton - 19. 2. 1927.

Chief Inspector of Work

To all

Miller

G. L. L. L.

19. 2. 27

The Hon
Coal Sec

Thank you - seen

Rev Carter
C. L. S.

3/3/27.

N Hamilton correctly reported about 20. 2. 27.

2 further truck pumps for Peloponnes

4. 2. 12. 27.

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10. Extract from letter from Mr. J. Hamilton of 22 Mar. 1928.

C. J. Submitted.

G.R. 1/3
4/4/28 A.C.S.

11. Telegram to Magistrate, S. Georgia, of 4.4.28

12. " From " " " " 5.4.28

13. Extract of letter to Mr. J. Hamilton, of 7.4.28

Chief Inspector of Stocks.

Do you see any objection
to the carrying over the proposed
experiment on fox farming at South
Georgia?

G.R. 1/3
10.4.28 for C.S.

The Hon
Col Sec

I inspected the two
foxes when on board the "Celia" at
Beamer Island & was informed
by Mr Hamilton that he wished
to present them to the Government
for experimental purposes at South
Georgia.

I discussed the
matter with Mr Hamilton
who was of the opinion that

if fampa foxes could be
satisfactorily established
at South Georgia they would
produce a very valuable
fur. I quite agree with ^{Mr}
Hamilton & furthermore I
~~will~~ believe that at some future
time experiments could be
carried out by crossing the
fampa fox with the valuable
black fox such as have
recently been introduced into
Norway.

3 From my recent observations
when on St. Paul Island I do
not think the fampa foxes
there are molesting the penguin
rookeries. I observed many
fox tracks all about the
rookeries but could obtain
no evidence of the foxes having
interfered with the penguins
in any way.

I understand from Mr.
Hamilton that the fampa fox lives
mostly on old carcasses of mutton
& shellfish & small animals
(mice & rats). On St. Paul Island
they appear to have been living
on old carcasses of mutton which
were placed there for them & I believe
they would do equally well on
whale meat. Also observed on
St. Paul Is. the remains of several
geese & 2 turkey buzzards but
I do not know if the foxes caused
the death of these birds or not
although there were numbers
of fox tracks near the carcasses.

as far as I can see there is
no reason why this interesting
experiment should not be
carried out. The flies could
very easily be exterminated
if it was found that they
were interfering with the
bird life in any way in
South Georgia

The carrier
C.L.S.
10/4/28

14. Telegram to Mr. J. Robertson, of 16. 4. 28
15. Telegram from Mr. J. Robertson, of 17. 4. 28
16. Telegram to Mr. J. Robertson, of 18. 4. 28
 B.B. 26/4/28
 B.B. 19/4/28
17. Memo from Magistrate, South Georgia, of 16. 4. 28.
18. Extract from Letter from Mr. J. Hamilton
 of 28. 4. 28
19. Telegram from Mr. J. Robertson of. 13. 5. 28
20. " " " " 14. 5. 28
- 21-22. Despatch to S.O.S No 183 of 28th May. 1928
 B.B. 31. V. 28
 B.B. 31. V. 28.

W. Faithful to see and then
b.f. 3. 11. 28
b. 3. 9. 28. (for report in progress on
foxes on Staats Island).

The Hon
Col. Sec.

I shall be seeing Mr. J. Robertson, Port Stephens during
my visit to the West, this month, and hope to be able to report
on foxes on Staats Island upon my return.

W. Faithful
14 Sept. 1928.

S. & S. Despatch No. 152 of 28th Aug. 1928 23.

Off^{ce}. Sec.

Copy of recd 23 to
Mag., South Georgia, for information
at necessary action, please, with
reference to recd 17 and to
previous correspondence in this connection
and for further report in due
course.

2. The please b.f. 9. 3. 29.
p.d. 9. 10. 28.

Minute to the Magistrate, South Georgia of 17th Oct. 1928 24.

bf. 9/3/29.
A.D. 17/10/28

28. Extract of letter dated 10/11/28 from
Mr. J. Robertson to acting Governor.

J. of S.
and A.,

To see.

A.D.
for 4
29/11/28.

Mr. Colonial Secretary

Seen, thank you. Ref: my minute of 4th Sept. I had
was unable to go to Port Stephens during my visit to the
West in September, but I phoned Mr. Robertson from
Hell Cove, and he told me then that he had not been
to Staats Island for a long time so could not tell
me how they were doing

Y Faithful
28/12/28

Y/E. Submitted -

A.D.
for 4
21/1/29

Off 42 Port.

See back you

please continue to

bf. 9. 3. 29.

put 1. 1. 29.

4. 9. 7. 29. (Nashy off! v. o. to see
6. 12. 3. 29. on arrival. for
12/3)

46 Telegram from Mr. Hamilton. 12/3/29

G.R. Schmitt for approval on
the same conditions as formerly -
please see recs 6 at 9 herein.

just 15. 3. 29.

Hn. C.S

approved.

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27 Telegram to Mr. Hamilton. 18/3/29

1/2 of stock at liquidation.

To see.

Julius

18. 3. 29

Hon. Sec. Sec. Sec.

M^r Hamilton & myself went to Staats Island on Monday
25th March and released the 4 foxes mentioned in Feb. 26.
they were allowed a run in an old shanty and we left
food & water for them. M^r Hamilton intended to give one
pair to the Government, but as two of the foxes had
been slightly affected in the legs during their captivity he
decided not to do so. We had a good search around
and saw numerous tracks but of course did not
actually see any of the foxes that had been released
previously. On Wednesday 27th March we returned to
Staats Island; one of the ^{two} foxes mentioned above was
much improved, we took with us carcasses of mutton
& plenty geese. During both visits we saw only
1 pair of geese, but I do not think that the foxes are
molesting the penguins. I think the foxes are breeding
because on our second visit we discovered small
impressions, which we concluded were made by cubs.

W. Faithful.
12/4/29.

G. E.

S. H. H.

Jul

15. 4. 28.

14th C.S.

Let new V.O. see on wire. 3
since like further reports in the
course.

14.

(15/29)

H. 31/5/29. 25.

28. Telegram from Mr Robertson. For Day
20/4/29

y. e.

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might be but

" It is not proposed at

" present after consultation with

" Mr Hamilton that to present

" should take over any for "

ful

23. 4. 28

John C. S.

Please.

M.

23. 27

29. Telegram to Mr Robertson 24/4/29

PA. 23
24. 11. 29

30-31 Letter from J Hamilton Esq 7/3/30

Telegram to Mr. J. Hamilton, Magellan's. 12/3/30.

32.

Vietnamian Officer.

Please see sub 32

at this O.D. generally with reference
to this "Gally's" month of 15-4-28.
On the volume of sheet 11.

Trully.

12.3.30.

Hon. Col. Leary.

Dear Sir,

This experiment of Mr. Hamilton's should
be interesting.

As the Foxes will be introduced to
a comparatively small island, and
should they become a danger to the sheep
their numbers could be controlled.

I do not expect trouble will arise, Mr.
Hamilton has had experience of these
animals in South America, and would
not import any animal that would
decrease the sheep percentages.

J.H.

V.O.

13.3.30.

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Submitted.

J. A. J.

13. 3. 30

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4. ~~20. 10. 30~~

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P. A. J.

17. 9. 30

33. Letter from Adelaide Evans Esq 4/12/30.

y. 8.

Submitted with ref. to

rel 7: The permission may be

regarded as still valid.

2. In view of the casualties

which have been sustained in the

case of similar importation by

W. J. Hamilton of Waddell Is. 1

see no reason why the limit

should not be raised to, say, 12

pairs.

jud

9.12.30.

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Spoke H.E. approved.

jud

9.12.30

all
9/12/30

Letter to R. L. Cole-Grans, Esq., 11.12.30.

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ff. 31/12/31.
a. 8.17/17/30

Extract from letter from Mr. J. Hamilton. 7/7/31.

35.

Vet. Off. Please see at

report progress of his experiment

in due course.

J. M. H.

13.7.31.

Hon. Col. Secy.

Seen Thank You.
Report will be submitted in due
course.

J. Hamilton.

15. 7. 31.

y. 2. Schol for information.

Mr. J. Hamilton of Wellbelle Is.

is endeavoring to introduce

the Petaynia pampa for.

Seen

J. H.
15. 7. 31J. H.
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b. f. 23. 3. 32.

ls 29. 1. 32

b. f. 7. 7. 32.

J. H. 23. 3. 32.

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pub 24. 1. 33

b.f.

2. 5. 33.

pub 4. 3. 33.

Letter from Mr. Robertson 11/3/33 (36)
Extract from S.S. despatch, no. 136. 37-39.
of 15 October 1932.
Ver. Office

Ag. for let.

Ref 36.

For your observations,

please.

Presumably it is the

introduction of the "pamphlet"

which is contemplated.

2. Re 39-37 hear on
the question.

1 m. 11.15
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3, 4, 35.

Hon. Col. Secy.

I see no objection to
foxes being introduced on Weddell Island.
I presume that the foxes will be
taken from sea or Statts Island.

J. Hunt.

3. 4. 35.

Hon. Col. Secy:

Mr John Hamilton has had a life
experience with the smaller fox in Patagonia,
in a wild state, and on his own farms. It
seems clear that if this animal was
of the slightest danger to stock he would
not desire to place them on Weddell Id.

(Red 35 & 36) does not state if the
foxes are to be liberated, & thus find their
own food, or whether they are to be
confined & fed; if so, on what food? If the
former method is to be adopted there is
reason to believe that bird life will be
quickly reduced, for there is little or nothing
else for foxes to secure.

The "Monte" fox, mentioned in, (Red 38)
is, I understand, a native of Terra del Fuego,
From the single skin seen, it appears to be as
large as a Collie dog, while the small pampa fox
is scarcely as large as a small cat in the body.

A. J. Bennett
25. Nov.
5.4.33

G. P. Schmitt. 1 2e 40

objection to the front of

the report made by vol 36.

Ind

6.4.33.

Hon C. S.

I do not see any
objection either.

J. G.
6.4.33

Letter to Mr. J. Robertson. 8/4/33. 40.

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Sheet No. 16.

Vet. Off.

J. Hunter
V.O. 10/4/33

By post Vet. agB as Not. 11.4.33

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8. 4. 33.

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H. 1/8/33.
Vet. 1/5/33.
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(41) Letter from J. Robertson. Esq. 18/5/33

P. A. Mich
7. 6. 33

(42) Telegram from Mr. Miller 6/6/33

Y.H.
Submitted. I see no objection
to the placing of 16 fowls on
Sedge Island, provided care is taken
to see they do not reach the main
Islands.

2. I notice that Mr Hamilton
has been given permission to place
fowls on Weddell Is., but I should
think they will become a danger
to the Penguin rookeries on that
Island. Penguins are protected by
law and I think care should be
taken to prevent fowls being released
at any place where there are Penguin
rookeries. It is important that
Penguins and particularly the Gentoo
Species should be protected in every
way.

3. Before replying to recd
42, I will endeavour to ascertain
whether there are any Penguins on
Sedge Is.

M. Frazer Hamilton
A.C.S.
12. VI. 33

Hon Atty. C.S.

I agree that every case of
should be exercised, but I
would not like it to be said
that there was discrimination in
the matter of applicants

J.G.
12.6.33

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Sheet No. 17.

(43) Telegram to Mr. J. Miller. 12/6/33

P. A.
M. C. H.
12. 6. 33

44. Telegram from Mr. J. Miller. Magallanes. 4/12/33.

YH.

Submitted

Mr. Miller has already landed 16
boxes on Sedge Island.

? no objection to application.

O. J. Forres.
9/12/33

Hon. Col. Sec.

Approved.

M. C. H.
9. 12. 33

45. Telegram to Mr. Miller. Magallanes. 11/12/33.

Stock Inspector
Ag. Govt. Naturalist,

to see.

G. J. Forres.
11/12/33

Hon. Col. Secy.

Seen, thank you.

DH. Clement.

14/12/33

Hon. Col. Secy.

Seen, thank you.

Ag. Secy.
as Mat

15/12/33

P.A.

15/12/33

Letter from Mr. J. Hamilton 13/8/34

(46)

P.E. Submitted. Permission granted?

I fear that the bird life on the
Islands mentioned will soon disappear.
I drew attention to the question of
Penguins in my minutes of 12th
June, 1933, Levee.

MCH

as C.S.

28.8.34.

Hon. C. S.

Approved.

[Signature]

29.8.34

Letter to Mr. Hamilton Purdie Doyle 47.

Gov. Naturalist.

To see

MCH
by C.S.
31. 8. 34.

Hon. Col. Secy:

Seen, thank you

Ag. Nat.
1/9. 34

3/9/34

(48)

Telegram from Mr. Miller, Magallanes, of 3/3/36.

Submitted. I see no objection to permission being granted. In 436/30 attached sheet 8, Mr. Miller was given permission to land on Sledge Is. Guanaco and Skunks - about 15 of the former were put on the Island also a number of the latter. The Island has not since been visited so no information is available as to how the animals are progressing.

MCH
C.S.

5. 5. 36

Grant then let
me see what conditions
5/3/36

As. Ent. Naturalist,
Inspector of Stock,

to note Red. (49)

C. J. Smith
6/3/36

Telegram from Miller, Rio Gallegos, of 27/3/36. (50)

Inform Deputy Collector Fox Bay.
MCH
28.3.36.

Telegram to Deputy Collector, Fox Bay of 28/3/36. (51)

Hon. Treasurer
& Collector of Customs,

to note.

C. J. Smith
30/3/36.

Hon. Col. Sec.

notes handed on
for Treas.
C. J. S.
30.3.36

P. A.
31/3/36



Weddell Island

6th April 1926.

Sir,

I am writing to ask if His Excellency the Governor would be disposed to grant me permission to introduce the Patagonian Pampa fox to Staats and Te Islands in the Beaver group situated at a considerable distance from the mainland.

My idea is to establish a fox farm in conjunction with the usual number of sheep and cattle which these two Islands carry at present.

The skin of the pampa fox is worth over £1:- selling locally; but in London their value must be very much more. These small foxes do comparatively little harm to sheep, and if necessary are easily exterminated, and more especially on Islands. I am unable to give their technical name, but I think this can be found in "Darwins Voyage of the Beagle".

The range of the pampa fox extends from the Straits of Magellan to the warm climate of the Province of Buenos Aires, but the fur is only valuable in the colder regions of the South in the same latitude as these Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

John Hamilton

Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley...

278/26.

16th June,

26.

Sir,

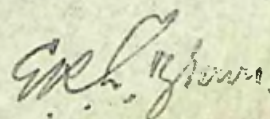
I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that an application has been received for permission to introduce the Patagonian Pampa fox to Staats and Te Islands of the Beaver Group, and to say that His Excellency would be glad to have any observations the Falkland Islands Sheep Breeders Association cares to offer as to the advisability or otherwise of allowing such an importation.

2. I am to explain that, as far as is known this small type of fox will not attack sheep, which as a means of keeping down geese, it has proved to be the greatest use in Patagonia.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary

G. I. Turner, Esq.,

Secretary of

The Falkland Islands Sheep Breeders Association,

STANLEY.

278/26.

16th June, 26.

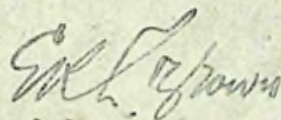
Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th of April requesting permission to introduce the Patagonian Pampa fox to Staats and Te Islands of the Beaver Group.

2. I am to inform you that His Excellency is in full sympathy with the object of your application but that the question of the introduction of a new species of animal requires careful consideration from all points of view, and that before any decision can be arrived at, it has been considered advisable to make comprehensive enquiries.

3. I am to add that a further communication will be sent to you in due course.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

J. Hamilton, Esq.,
WEDDELL ISLAND,
WEST FALKLAND.

Falkland Islands Sheep Breeders Association.



Port Stanley

September 4th 1926.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter No 278/26 of the 16th June regarding the importation of Patagonian Pampa fox.

2. The Falkland Islands Sheep Breeders Association see no objection to anyone importing this type of fox on to the Islands, providing an Ordinance is passed to prevent any being let loose on the two main Islands under the penalty of a heavy fine.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. J. Curran".

Secretary.

Hon

Colonial Secretary
Stanley.



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Port Howard
West Falklands

Sept 22nd 1926.

Sir

I have the honour to ask for permission to import ^{some} ~~the~~ Patagonian Pampa Foxes on to River Island (off River Harbour)

I may state we have for years been endeavouring to improve this Island, but have been greatly handicapped by the Geese, we have spent hundreds of pounds, & planted thousands of Tussock plants, the past winter alone we put in 111,400 plants, we have also tried English grass seeds, which the Geese eat as soon as they appear, at present we are sowing a lot of New Zealand grass seeds, which we have lately imported, but unless we can find something to keep the Geese down on this Island our experiments are only a waste of money.

I beg to mention this Island carried on an average 500 Sheep until 1917, since when we have had no sheep on it, for 3 years we had nothing on it & then put a few horses on it, & fenced the Tussock out.

Trusting you will grant the permission asked for.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

R. B. Pole Evans.

Manager for J. L. Waldron Ltd

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary
Stanley

278/26.

25rd November,

26.

Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this Department of the 16th of June, on the subject of your application for permission to introduce the Patagonian pampa fox on to Staats and Te Islands of the Beaver Group, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to grant you the permission sought on the distinct understanding that the number of foxes introduced does not exceed three pairs, and that you will take every precaution to prevent the animals from reaching the main islands.

2. I am to request that you will report in due course, say at the end of twelve months, as to the result of the experiment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. Hamilton, Esq.,

Weddell Island,

West Falkland.

278/26.

23rd November,

26.

Sir,

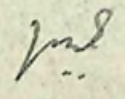
I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd of September, requesting permission to introduce the Patagonian pampa fox on to River Island (off River Harbour), and to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to grant you the permission sought on the distinct understanding that the number of foxes introduced does not exceed three pairs, and that you will take every precaution to prevent the animals from reaching the main islands.

2. I am to request that you will report in due course, say at the end of twelve months, as to the result of the experiment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Acting Colonial Secretary.

R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., *J.P.*

Port Howard,

West Falkland.



Port Howard.

West Falkland Island.

Decr. 18th 26.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 278/26. relating to the importation of the Pampa Fox. I am grateful for the permission granted, and will get two pairs over by the first direct chance here, and shall be pleased to report to you the result of the experiment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. B. Roberts

The Honourable

Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

278/26.

19th February,

27.

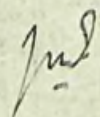
Sir,

With reference to your verbal application for permission to import two further female pampa foxes to replace two of the animals lost from the number imported under the permission conveyed in my letter of the 23rd of November, 1926, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you in confirmation of our conversation on the subject that there will be no objection to the further importation desired, provided that as stipulated in the previous instance, you will take every precaution to prevent the animals from reaching the main islands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. Hamilton, Esq.,

WEDDELL ISLAND.

Weddell Island.

22nd March. 1928.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I landed seven foxes in Staats Island one pair of which I am holding in captivity in order to present them to the Government as a trial in fur-bearing in South Georgia. That is to say if His Excellency the Governor finds it convenient to accept them. At present the foxes are being fed in a shed in Staat's Island. Awaiting your reply which if you kindly forward to Mr. Robertson of Port Stephens he will send the communication to Weddell Island.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Colonial Secretary,.....*To* The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 4th April, 1928; *Time*: 17.00.*Received*: 192 *Time*:MAGISTRATE,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

With reference to the suggestion made by you recently that the Government should consider the possibilities of fox-farming at South Georgia. His Excellency would be glad to learn if there are islands or localities on mainland in which animals could be segregated pending investigation of their effect on other forms of wild life. What is it proposed that the foxes should feed on and may it be assumed that they could be introduced without detriment to penguins. The latter consideration is most important.

SECRETARY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From.....The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To.....The Colonial Secretary,

Despatched: 5th April, 1928. 1928 Time: 1600

Received: 6th April, 1928 Time: 1145

SECRETARY,

PORTSTANLEY.

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Your telegram of 4th April suggested that experimental farming is on Multon Island in Stromness Bay and few acres adjoining on mainland well fenced. Main food of foxes whale meat. There are no penguin rookeries in the vicinity of island.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO MR. J. HAMILTON
of 7th April, 1928. (Original filed in
M.P. 112/28.)

...His Excellency will be glad to accept on behalf of the Government two foxes for experiments in fur bearing at South Georgia. I am to thank you for this very kind offer and to say that the necessary arrangements for the transport of the animals will be made through Mr. Robertson of Port Stephens as you suggest.

CODE.

278/26.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Mr. J. Robertson, Port Stephens.

Despatched: 16th April, 1928. *Time*: 19.10.

Received: 192 *Time*:

ROBERTSON,

PORT STEPHENS,

WEST FALKLAND.

Reference two foxes presented by Hamilton.
Afterglow will visit West probably next week. Please
telegraph arrangements most suitable for collecting
animals.

SECRETARY.

DECODE.

278/26.

TELEGRAM.

From.....Mr. J. Robertson.....

To.....The Colonial Secretary.....

Despatched: 17th April, 1928. *Time:* 13.30.

Received: 18th April, 1928. *Time:* 11.45.

SECRETARY,

PORTSTANLEY.

Foxes housed on Staats Island Afterglow should
proceed Weddell first to get men to help catch and
deliver them.

ROBERTSON.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Colonial Secretary,*To* Mr. J. Robertson, Port Stephens.*Despatched:* 18th April, 1928. *Time:* 16.00.*Received:* 192 *Time:*

ROBERTSON,

PORT STEPHENS,

WEST FALKLAND.

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Your telegram of 17th regret it is not possible
for Afterglow to collect foxes this voyage but will
communicate arrangements made later

MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From...Magistrate, South Georgia.

S.G.No. 99/28

Date...16th April, 1928

To...Hon.Col.Sec., Stanley.

Reference
Numbers.

Res 11

— With reference to your telegram of the 4th inst., and my reply of the following day regarding fox farming.

2. I have been approached by several of the whaling managers and asked to obtain the Government's views on the subject of the establishment of a fur fox industry in this Island.

3. Subject to expert opinion, in Norway, where the silver fox is now extensively farmed it was proposed to bring out a few pairs next season and breed them under control in this Dependency.

4. The proposed company had wished to rent Mutton Island in Stromness Bay and some acres of ground adjacent thereto, and to fence this ground off from the remainder of the Island.

5. The only information required was as to whether the Government would have objected to renting the ground for this purpose, if required, at a nominal rental, as if the industry proved successful an adequate revenue would be derived from a duty on the skins.

6. As, unfortunately, many of the managers have sailed before you have been able to reply to my telegram I fear the matter will now have to be held in abeyance.

Fredrick Bellison
Magistrate.

Extract from letter from Mr. J. Hamilton, of
28th April, 1928. (Original filed in H.P. 102/27.)

The receipt of your letter No. 112/28 of the 7th of April in which I am informed of His Excellency the Governor's acceptance of the two foxes for South Georgia affords me much pleasure and satisfaction and I am still further gratified by His Excellency's words of kindness and encouragement in the latter part of the above communication.

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. J. Robertson, Port Stephens.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th May, 1928. *Time:* 13.20.

Received: 14th May, 1928. *Time:* 10.17.

SECRETARY,

PORTSTANLEY.

Impossible retain foxes indefinitely in
captivity please reply when same can be removed.

ROBERTSON.

TELEGRAM.

From.....The Colonial Secretary.

To.....Mr. J. Robertson. Port Stephens.

Despatched : 14th May 1928. 192 Time : 1200

Received : 192 Time :

ROBERTSON,

PORT STEPHENS.

Ref 19- Many thanks for your telegram but regret
under present circumstances unable to make use of
foxes and in view of difficulties of collection
and transport suggest that you release them.

SECRETARY.

M.P. 278/26

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

28th May, 1928.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 183.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have had under consideration the question of the introduction into South Georgia of the silver fox with the view to the possible establishment in that Dependency of the fox fur industry.

2. I have come to the conclusion that it is not desirable that this Government should itself actively participate in such an undertaking but I think that it can well encourage private enterprise in this direction.

3. I would explain that the Magistrate, South Georgia, has been approached on this subject by several of the whaling managers who propose to obtain expert advice in Norway, where the silver fox is now extensively farmed, and to bring out a few pairs next season for breeding under supervision.

4. I have to ask therefore for your approval in principle to the proposed establishment of the industry and to the grant by this Government of reasonable facilities to those concerned. Such facilities would take the form primarily of the lease of suitable areas of land, for example Mutton /Island

RIGHT HONOURABLE

C.M.S. HARRY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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ad in Stromness Bay, at a small rental.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON



IVY

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 152

Downing Street,

28 August, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Gordon's despatch No. 183 of the 28th of May regarding the proposed introduction into South Georgia of the silver fox with the view to the establishment in that Dependency of the fox fur industry.

2. I have to inform you that I do not view with favour the proposal to introduce foxes unless the strictest supervision is to be exercised. I fear that if enlarged on the main island they would exterminate penguins and other birds. If the foxes were turned adrift on say, Gutton Island they would devour such birds as exist there and then starve.

3. I think, however, that an experiment might be made on a small island if regular supplies of food can be assured. During the whaling season whale meat could be given and possibly elephant or other seal meat in the off season, but it is essential that the animals should be properly looked after as a whole-time occupation by one who understands them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
Russian servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

Recd. 21-22.

23.
27 SEP 1928
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No. 278/26

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

MINUTE.

17th October, 1928.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Magistrate,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

With reference to Lt.-Commr. Alison's Memo No. 99/28 of the 16th of April, 1928, and to previous correspondence in connection with fox farming at South Georgia, I am directed by the Acting Governor to transmit to you a copy of a despatch, No. 152 of the 28th of August, 1928, which has been received from the Secretary of State, for your information and necessary action and to request that you will report further on this matter in due course.

C. D. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MR. J. ROBERTSON TO THE
ACTING GOVERNOR DATED 10th November, 1928.

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The Foxes are doing well on Staats island and increasing.
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TELEGRAM.

From - HAMILTON. MAGALLANES.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY. STANLEY.

Despatched: 12th March.

192 9. *Time* 1800.

Received: 15th March.

192 9. *Time*: Not stated.
Received C.S.O.
1200.

Will you grant permit importation four foxes telegraph
reply respect(s)

HAMILTON.

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary. Stanley

To Mr. Hamilton. Magallanes.

Despatched : 18th March. 192 9. Time : 1045.

Received : 192 Time :

Your telegram March 18th Foxes permission granted on same conditions as previously.

SECRETARY.

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From.....MR. ROBERTSON. FOX BAY.

To.....H.E. THE GOVERNOR. STANLEY.

Despatched: 20th April. 192 9. *Time:* 2000.

Received: ~~10~~ 21st April. 192 9. *Time:* 1030.

Regarding foxes in captivity Statts Islands have any
any arrangements been made with Mr. Hamilton for collectionxfo
for transport to South Georgia or elsewhere.

ROBERTSON.

Hon. C.S.

Please put up with papers.
A.H.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

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24/4/29

To

ROBERTSON
FOX BAY

It is not proposed at present after consultation with
Mr Hamilton that the Government should take over any
foxes

SECRETARY

Time

Mayall & Co
7th March 1930.

J.E.
Schottland? want
pension as before.

1/11. 3.50.

1/11. 3.50.
J.E. 11/30

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Sir, I beg to thank you for your letter referring
to a Commission appointed directed by me to
Mr Ellis in London through my Agent in
Scotland. It was very kind of you to
offer to assist me in the matter in question.
At present I beg to request permission
to introduce six horses and eight
Faxes to Weddell Island, the latter to
be forwarded later to Stuart Island.

The Chilean Government have placed
a ban on the exportation of other seals,
Otters, & other wild animals for a period
of three years, but as my faxes are not being
very well on the above Island I am anxious
to increase their numbers before another
new law is put in force.

I shall be very grateful for a telegraphic reply
shortly after receipt of this letter. A steamer
will be leaving here with other horses about
the end of this month. I cannot find myself
to carry this project through satisfactorily.

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satisfactorily, even if the permit is
favourably received and granted within
a short period. The power might disappear
or be lost in the inland journey, or some
other unforeseen difficulty present
itself at any time.

While thanking you in anticipation,
I have the honour to be
your obedient servant
John Hamilton.

Telegraphic address
Sheepfold

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Mr. J. Hamilton, Magellanes.

Despatched: 12th March, 192 30. *Time:*

Received: 192 *Time:*

Permission granted import six horses and eighteen
foxes subject usual conditions.

Secretary.

PORT HOWARD;

WEST FALKLAND ISLAND,

December 4th 1930



Sir,

IMPORTATION OF FOXES.

We, have up to the present been unable to get these
Foxes, and are still endeavouring to do so.

We would be glad to know if the permission given
Red
7 on November 23rd 1926 Reference No 278/26 still holds good,
and also if the rule regarding number imported still
stands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. B. Roberts

The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley.

278/26.

11th December, 30.

Sir,

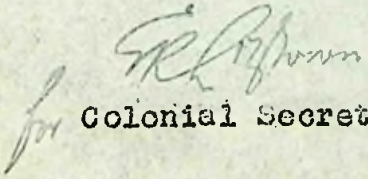
With reference to your letter of the 4th of December, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the permission contained in Mr. Ellis' letter of the 25rd of November, 1926, to import foxes from Patagonia on to River Island (off River Harbour) is still valid on the understanding that the number of foxes introduced is limited to twelve pairs instead of three as previously stated.

2. I am to request as in the former case that you will report in due course, say at the end of twelve months, as to the result of the experiment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Colonial Secretary.

R. C. Pole Evans, Esq., J.P.,
Port Howard,
WEST FALKLAND.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MR. J. HAMILTON.

Magallanes. July 7th, 1931.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

.....

I am glad to say the Chilean Government by decree have again allowed the free exportation of foxes and those which I had in keeping are now being sent in the "Morven" under the permit obtained from Stanley on a previous occasion. The "Morven" goes direct to Fox Bay and afterwards to Staat Island and Weddell.

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I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) J. Hamilton.

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Port Stephens Station

West Falkland Islands.

22nd March, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring before His Excellency's notice. That I have been instructed by Mr. John Hamilton to ask if he would kindly grant permission to allow him to put Foxes on Weddell Island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Robertson

A/c. WEDDELL ISLAND

The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

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Extract from Secretary of State's despatch, No. 136
of the 18th of October, 1932, - Original filed in M.P.
181/32.

Note - 10/10/32.

I enclose in this connection a copy of a note which has been prepared by one of the officers of the "Discovery" Committee which will be of assistance to you in considering further the question of the introduction of foxes into the Colony.

I have, etc.,

(SGD.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

GOVERNOR,

SIR JAMES O'GRADY, K.C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

Two species of fox are commonly spoken of as inhabiting Patagonia,

1. The "Little Fox" or perhaps "The Fox"
2. The "Monte Fox", that is "Hill Fox".

The nomenclature of the South American foxes is in some confusion but so far as I can make out the following species are those named above.

1. The "Little" Fox is Pseudalopex griseus
length, head and body, 550mm.
do. skull..... 125mm.
2. The "Monte" Fox is Pseudalopex culpaeus
length, head and body, 700mm
do. skull..... 165mm.

P. culpaeus has a skull considerably more strongly developed than that of P. griseus and is obviously a much more powerful animal, as is suggested by the statement which I have often heard that the "Little" Fox will not attack sheep while the "Monte" Fox will attack lambs at anyrate if not adult sheep.

The Common Fox and the Silver Fox are intermediate in size between the two species named above.

On Silver Fox farms the animals are contained by a fence 6 ft. 6in. high with an additional 3 ft. overhang on the inside and the methods of farming entail constant supervision.

It may be that Mr. Evans intends to put foxes on the island and to let them fend for themselves, a visit being made from time to time for the purpose of killing off superfluous stock; he may have the hope that this procedure would produce a little profit from an island which is at present non-productive.

I do not consider that such a method would succeed unless steps were taken to ensure an adequate food supply for the animals.

Hutton/

Mutton is a good food for foxes and could easily be procured since cast sheep are abundant in the Falklands. The provision of a food supply would probably also minimise any inclination to wander.

There would be little fear of the foxes spreading to other islands in Falkland Sound since the tides run strongly in that channel.

So far as the introduction of Silver Foxes is concerned, it might be advisable to inform Mr. Evans that there is no chance of their succeeding without constant attention and the provision of suitable enclosures.

I can see no objection to the introduction of the "Little" Fox (P. griseus) if steps are taken to provide the animals with sufficient food.

(Signed) J. E. Hamilton,

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278/26.

8th April,

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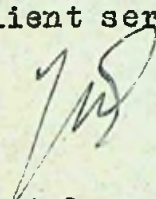
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd of March, 1933, I am directed to inform you that Mr. John Hamilton's application to put foxes on Weddell Island is granted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Colonial Secretary.

No, 278/26.

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Port Stephens Station

West Falkland Islands.

18th May, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to thank His Excellency the
Governor for granting Mr. John Hamilton's application
to put Foxes on Weddell Island.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Robertson

The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Miller. Magallanes.

To The Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 6th June, 19 33. *Time :* 1820.

Received : 12th June, 1933. *Time :* 1100.

Please telegraph care of Sheepfold I can obtain permission take
Sedge Island 16 foxes

MILLER.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Mr. J. Miller, Magallanes.

Despatched : 13th June, 19 33. *Time :* 14.30.

Received : ... 19 *Time :*

Permission granted to put 16 foxes on Sedge Island provided precaution taken to prevent them reaching East and West Falkland.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. James Miller.

To The Colonial Secretary. Stanley.

Despatched: 4th December, 19 33. *Time:* 16.00

Received: 7th December, 19 33. *Time:* 11.00

Wish to obtain permission to land 50 foxes more on Sedge Island.

James Miller.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To MILLER. SHEEPFOLD. MAGALLANES.

Despatched: 11th December, 19 33. *Time:* 15.00

Received: 19 *Time:*

Red 44. Your telegram of 4th December permission granted to put 50
Foxes on Sedge Island on same conditions as previously.

Secretary.

478/76
Punta Loyola,
13th, August-1934

Sir,
I have the honour to request permission to land foxes on the following Islands,

GOVERNOR ISLAND,

BEAVER ISLAND,

QUAKER ISLAND,

PASSAGE ISLANDS,

SPLIT ISLAND.

All of which are my own property,

Trusting the above application will meet with the approval of the Government,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant.

John Hamilton

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

Stanley.

278/26

30th August, 34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th August, 1934, and to inform you that permission is granted you to land Foxes on Governor, Beaver, Quaker, Passage and Split Islands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WCH

Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. Hamilton, Esq.,
C/o. Hamilton & Saunders, Limited,
Punta Loyola,
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MR. MILLER, MAGALLANES.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 5th March, 19 36. *Time :* 1215.

Received : 4th " 19 " *Time :* 1130.

Will you give permission to land 20 Guanacos and 4 pairs
Blue Foxes on Sedge Island.

Miller.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Mr. Miller, C/O Sheepfold, Magallanes.

Despatched: 6th March, 19 36. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Permission is granted to land on Sedge Island 20 Guanacos
and 4 pairs Blue Foxes.

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Miller, Rio Gallegos.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 27th March, 19 26. *Time* : 1000.

Received : 28th " 19 " *Time* : 1045.

Steamer Patagonia leaving for Fox Bay tonight.

Miller.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				28/3/36.

To DEPUTY COLLECTOR,
FOX BAY.

Steamer Patagonia sailed from Magallanes for Fox Bay 27th March.

Colonial Secretary.

Time