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16th August.

NAMES IN THE ANTARCTIC.

Notes for the guidance of Explorers and Cartographers

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

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*Soft Despatch No. 99 16/8/34**Y.E. Submitted. A copy might be sent to the leader of the Lynell Expedition on arrival here.**met
as ch.
22.9.34.**C.C. Copy of red 1. might be prepared in readiness.**met
24.9.34.**21/10/34.
28.26/9/34*

Subsequent Paper.

4-5. S. of S. despatch no 127 of 14/9/34.

Yf.
Submitted.
2. of. in due course.

C. J. Jones
7/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.
Yrs. please.
mch
18. X. 34.

Yf.
Draft letter to Mr. Rymill.
submitted for approval.

C. J. Jones
30/11/34

Hon. Col. Sec.
Thank you - approved.
mch
30. X. 34.

Letter to J. Rymill, Esq. of 3/12/34. (6)

Yf. 30/10/34
C. J. Jones
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Yf. 26/11/34
C. J. Jones

Despatch No. 50 from S. L. S. of 20. 5. 38.

7-15.
P. H.
3/12/34.

Yh.
Submitted. Will Yh.
Agree to the proposals of the
Sub. Committee? met
cs.
21. 4. 38

Yes ~~pl. saying~~ for
reply pl. saying that I concur
in them

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Yh.
Draft Despatch Submitted
met
cs.
22. 6. 38

ttlll 22/6

(16) Despatch No. 106 to S. of S. of 23. 6. 38.

Yh.
Despatch submitted.
met
cs.
23. 6. 38

ttlll 23/6

P.A.
met 23/6



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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Downing Street,

NO. 99

16 August, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that attention was recently drawn by the Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society to the fact that, owing to overlapping and competing claims of explorers in the Antarctic, difficulties were being found by cartographers in preparing maps of this region. It was generally recognised that the ultimate acceptance of any particular name would rest with the administrative authority of the territory concerned; in the case of areas not under any administrative control or authority the matter would rest rather with the chart maker.

2. The matter was considered with great care by the Polar Committee and, as a result of discussions extending over a considerable period, a statement has now been drawn up in the form of Notes for the guidance of Explorers and Cartographers which has been approved by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and accepted by the Royal Geographical Society. A copy of the statement is enclosed for your information, and it is suggested that it should be communicated to explorers who are about

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

about to visit any of the regions in the Antarctic
under the control of the Government of the Falkland
Islands as an indication of the principles to be
observed by them in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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MEMORANDUM.

NAMES IN THE ANTARCTIC.

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF EXPLORERS AND CARTOGRAPHERS.

1. It is customary and natural for an explorer to suggest names for his discoveries, but in general an explorer should not suggest a name for a place hitherto unnamed unless it is an important geographical feature or unless it is necessary to refer to the place in the original reports, sailing directions, charts, or maps of the expedition. Features should, if possible, be fixed before they are named.

2. The choice of a name requires careful consideration, and due regard should be paid to the possible advantage of one which is descriptive rather than personal, particularly where such choice is likely to be of help to future voyagers. Well known names of territories, mountains, islands, etc., already in geographical use, should be avoided, even though qualified by adjectives such as new, north, little, etc.

3. The ultimate responsibility for the adoption of names of places suggested by an explorer should rest with the administrative authority of the territory in which the places are situated. The names suggested, together with the reasons for suggesting them, should be communicated to the administrative authority with a view to their official adoption, if approved.

4. As a general rule, new or altered names should not be suggested to take the place of names already in common use.

Should it be found on examination, subsequent to the original discovery, that a geographical feature differs materially from ~~that~~ first reported, and its name in consequence unsuitable, a new name, if necessary, should be submitted to the administrative authority together with a statement of the reasons for such action.

5. In the selection and final approval of names, regard should be paid to euphony, brevity, and appropriateness.

6. Where more than one name has been suggested by explorers for the same place or geographical feature, regard should be paid to authoritative priority of discovery.

7. It is desirable that a map or chart accompanying the first account of an exploration should bear a note "The new names on this map (or chart) are those suggested by "; and that other maps, or charts, compiled from various sources, should indicate the source of any recent names not yet approved by administrative authority.

8. It is desirable to avoid inserting new names, other than British, on charts or maps of newly explored British territory, but circumstances may arise when an exception to this rule may be made.

9. It is desirable, in the interests of uniformity, that before any suggestions for new names are finally approved for places and geographical features, the administrative authority should obtain the views of recognized scientific and geographical authorities within the Empire, and should consult the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty, regarding suitability and prior claims.

193/34.

3rd December,

34.

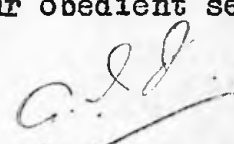
Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to transmit to you, for your information and guidance, two copies of a Memorandum drawn up in the form of "Notes for the guidance of Explorers and Cartographers", which has been approved by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and accepted by the Royal Geographical Society.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

J. Rymill, Esq.,
British Grahamland Expedition,
STANLEY.

ANTARCTIC NAMES SUB-COMMITTEE

1st Meeting.

7th April, 1938.

Present:-

Chairman	Rear-Admiral J. A. Edgell, C.B., O.B.E.
Foreign Office	Mr. G. G. Fitzmaurice.
Dominions Office	Mr. R. R. Sedgwick.
Colonial Office	Mr. A. Bevir.
Australia	Mr. J. D. L. Hood.
New Zealand	Sir Cecil Day, C.M.G., C.B.E.
R.G.S.	Mr. A. Hinks.
Secretary	Captain C. A. G. Hutchison, R.N.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

Agenda:-

- (1) Which of the names proposed by Mr. John Rymill, of the British Graham Land Expedition, shall be accepted for putting on charts and maps.
- (2) Whether any alterations or additions are necessary.
- (3) What names previously given by Charcot 1908-10, or Wilkins 1929-30, in this area shall be accepted.

2. The Chairman requested the Secretary to read to the Committee "Notes for the guidance of explorers and cartographers". (See Enclosure No. 1).

3. Mr. Rymill's names (See Enclosure No. 2) and Maps Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were then examined critically; the names given in this Enclosure were accepted with the following exceptions:-

Map 2. Stella Creek to be called Stella Inlet.
The Sound to be omitted.

Map 3.

Map 3. Pillar Peak. See paragraph 4.b.iv.
Markham I. See paragraph 4.c.ii.

Proposed map of King George VI Sound. These names were not discussed.

4. The Committee also reached the following decisions with regard to existing names on the charts, about which some doubt existed.

(a) Chart No. 5. (names taken from N. to S.)

<u>Old Name.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>	<u>Decisions.</u>
Dannebrog Is.		To be called Dannebrog Is.
Booth I.		To be written on charts Booth I. (Wandel I.)
Hovgaard I.		To be called Hovgaard I.
Wedel I.		To be spelt Vedel.
Girard Bay	Omitted by Rymill	To be inserted as in Chart 5175.
Port Circoncision	Small harbour on S.E. side of Petermann I.	To be inserted on large scale charts.
Vieugue I.		The final "e" to have an acute accent.
Grandidier Channel		To be the name given to the coastal channel between 65° 15' S. and 66° 10' S.
Perin Head		Accepted.

(b) The Committee considered that Cape Waldeck-Rousseau, Evensen Bay and Cape Evensen as shown by Rymill did not conform to the positions which these names occupy on the existing charts and they therefore decided that:-

- (i) Cape Waldeck-Rousseau (Lat. 66° 10' S.) should be called Cape Evensen.
- (ii) Evensen Bay should be called Auvert Bay.
- (iii) Cape Evensen (Lat. 66° 30' S.) should be Cape Bellue.
- (iv) As it is undesirable that Charcot's name "Waldeck-Rousseau" should disappear, the peak called by Rymill "Pillar Peak" should be renamed Waldeck Rousseau Peak.

(c) The Committee decided that the naming of the Biscoe Islands should be as follows:-

- (i) The group of small islands in Lat. $65^{\circ} 28' S.$ to be called the Martin Islands.
- (ii) Names otherwise as shown on Map No. 3 except that the name Markham I. is to be omitted except on large scale charts where it may be retained in order to be uniform with the Sailing Directions.

Chart No. 4.

(d) Two questions were left outstanding for the Chairman to discuss with Mr. Rymill and the following decisions have been taken:-

Cape Lainez. Position assigned by Rymill is incorrect. The Cape next to the northward in Lat. $67^{\circ} 42' S.$ to be called Cape Lainez.

Henry Fjord. Charcot's Henry Fjord is really a glaciated valley, there is therefore no appropriate fjord in the exact position; in order, however, to keep the name given by Charcot, the fjord to the southward shall be called Henry Fjord as arranged by Rymill and the name Square Bay shall be retained.

Chart No. 1.

- (e) (i) Antwerp Island to be called Anvers Island.
- (ii) Matha Bay to be called Matha Strait comparable to Pendeton Strait.
- (iii) Fullieres Coast and Loubet Coast shown on Admiralty Charts to be expunged.
- (iv) Schokalsky St., Gordon Bennett Island, Quernsey Island and all Wilkins names south of $69^{\circ} S.$ to be expunged.
- (v) Other names on Admiralty Charts south of $65^{\circ} S.$ to be retained.

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LIST OF NEW NAMES SUGGESTED BY
THE BRITISH GRAHAM LAND EXPEDITION 1934-37.

New names appearing on Map No. 2. THE ARGENTINE ISLANDS.

Meek Channel	The Buttons
Stella Creek	Anvil Rock
Winter Island	The Three Little Pigs
Skua Island	Channel Rock
Indicator Island	Leopard Island
Horseshoe Islands	Finger Point
Grotto Island	Black Island
Corner Islands	Black Island Channel
Thumb Island	The Sound
Shelter Islands	Corner Rock

Map No. 3. Showing portion of Graham Land Coast.

Moltedahl Bay	Sharp Peak
Sphinx Island	Round Island
Fish Islands	Mummock Island
Jagged Island	Runnelstone Rock
Mutton Cove	Cat Island
Penola Strait	Lizard Island
French Passage	Grim Rock
Pillar Peak	Geddes Reef
Turnabout Island	Lunnaus Reef
Turtle Island	Black Rock
Trump Islands	Woolpack Island
Extension Reef	Black Head
Dodman Island	Bigo Bay

Map No. 4. The Southern Base.

*Debenham Islands	Refuge Islands
Neny Island	Pourquoi Pas Island
Square Bay	Ridge Island
Centre Island	Dog's Leg Fjord
Broken Island	Camp Point
Horschsee Island	Black Thumb Mountain
The Narrows	
*Red Rock Ridge	

Proposed Map of King George VI Sound.

*Cape Jeremy	*Margaret Goodenough Glacier
*Mount Edgell	*Seaward Mountains
Courtauld Glacier	*Cape Nicholas
Depot Point	Schmidt Glacier
Survey Mountain	*Douglas Range
Salvesen Glacier	Breach Glacier
Black Cape	Pyramid Cape
Kinnear Glacier	Bagshawe Glacier
Spiky Range	Cape Ablation
Bongrain Glacier	Lester Glacier
Kenyon Range	Lecointe Point
Arctowski Glacier	Fossil Camp
Prickly Range	Spiral Glacier
Wilkins Glacier	Junction Glacier
*Batterbee Mountains	Kemp Glacier
Gourdon Peaks	

Map No. 1. GENERAL MAP OF GRAHAM LAND.

Mushroom Island Windy Valley
Wordie Shelf Ice Terra Firma Island
Mount Wakefield.

Those names marked with an asterisk in the
other lists also appear on this map.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 50.



Downing Street,

20 May, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Lord Seinton's despatch No. 99 of the 16th of August, 1934 regarding the naming of geographical features in the Antarctic, and to transmit to you a copy of a note of a meeting of the Antarctic Names Sub-Committee held on the 7th April to consider the acceptance of certain names in the Falkland Islands Sector. I also enclose copies of the maps referred to in the minutes of the meeting.

B. As the administrative authority for the territory concerned, it is for the Falkland Islands Government to consider whether the names which have been accepted as suitable by the Sub-Committee should be approved. I shall accordingly be obliged if you will consider the proposals of the Sub-Committee and inform me whether you agree to their adoption.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

GOVERNOR

SIR HUMPHREY HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

No., St., St.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd June, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 106.

Sir,

Recd 15.

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2. I have considered the proposals to the Sub-Committee and concur in their adoption.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sd) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.