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WATERING RIGHTS AT SOUTH SHETLANDS

19th October

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MINUTES.

*Minute from the Govt. Naturalist of 19<sup>th</sup> October 1922 with Enclosure "A" - Encl ①*

*G.P.  
Submitted for approval*

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*Govt. Naturalist  
accordingly  
ttlll 24/10/22*

*Hon. Col. Sec.  
Noted and returned please.  
2. I shall inform the Whaling  
Office accordingly.*

*J.H. Hamilton  
Govt. Naturalist*

*24/10/22.*

Subsequent Paper.

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(1)

Stanley.

19th. October 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a minute on the question of watering rights in South Shetland, and also suggested Instructions to the Whaling Officer for South Shetland for the coming season.

2. May I suggest that the managers be informed at Stanley of the necessity of making report to the Whaling Officer immediately on arrival in South Shetland.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J.E. Hamilton*

(J.E. Hamilton.)

Stipendiary Magistrate,

South Shetlands.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley

(A)

Minute.

During the season 1920/21 a few of the whaling managers in South Shetland applied for and were granted by the magistrate temporary permits to use certain watering places.

The idea of making such application apparently originated from the temporary permit for the use of Sobraon (Guvernøren) Harbour which was issued to Norge Company (Solstreif).

2. None of the managers made any further move in the matter last season.

Having regard to the fact that 9 factories have been licensed for the coming season, in addition to the two of the Hektor-Hvalen Companies it seems possible that there may be disputes as to watering rights.

A good supply of fresh water is essential to the working of the factories and in past years some companies have erected rough dams on Crown Land in Deception Island; it is possible that claims might be based on the presence of these.

3. I would submit that watering rights should be treated in the same way as harbour rights. That is to say that all companies should have equal rights to all watering places outside Hektor Company's lease hold, and that in any season the first user should have prior claim subject to the proviso in paragraph 4, second part.

4. I would further submit that no company using a watering place should be permitted to prevent or attempt to prevent any other company using the surplus from the same source, and that in the event of a company abandoning a watering place (for instance, on the removal of its  
factory

factory to another harbour) any other company may make use of it on application to the Whaling Officer.

5. I would suggest that the Whaling Officer might be instructed to the above effect and be given discretionary powers to deal with these and any other aspects of the matter which may appear, in the event of disputes being submitted to him for settlement.

*J. E. Hamilton*

(J. E. Hamilton)

Magistrate,

South Shetland.

19th. October 1922.