

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Governor's Office.



From		SUBJECT.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.		GUANO DEPOSITS ON COCHON & KIDNEY ISLANDS. Agreement with Dr. Newton lapsed. Application by Jenkins.
No.	Date.	
Telegram.	22nd Novr., 1916	

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Honourable Colonial Secretary,

I annex copy of a telegram I have received from the Secretary of State with regard to concession to work guano deposits on Cochon and Kidney Islands being granted to Jenkins, concession to Newton having lapsed and no work undertaken.

I am not in favour of making a further concession, but as the last one was made on the advice of the Executive Council (2nd October, 1914) I will consult Executive Council again.

Your 379/380/13 bears on the subject.
Please let me see papers.

(It'd) D.Y.

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Secretary of State to Governor.

Dated 22nd Nov., 1916 Recd. 22nd Nov., 1916.

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Governor to Secretary of State.

Sent 25th November, 1916.

UNWAVERING GUANO CONCESSION ERECTABLE RARITOAD

GRACING ALLUSTRATE DERNFUL YOUNG

In reply to your telegram 22nd November Guano concession
Executive Council do not recommend grant of any such
despatch follows by mail

Young.

PATKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 19.5 .

Government House, Stanley.

9th December, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 22nd November of your telegram,

"With reference to my despatch 24th November last years No. 127 agreement with Newton has lapsed Jenkins applies for concession on same terms do you recommend grant of application subject to applicant being found of satisfactory financial standing"

2. The proposed concession to Dr. W.B. Newton, to search for, dig, win and work all deposits of penguin guano on Cochon and Kidney Islands, at the outer entrance to Port William, had been recommended by the Executive Council, at a meeting held on the 2nd October, 1914, and I thought it right to consult the Council on the subject of your telegram of the 22nd November.

3. The Council were glad of the opportunity to consider the matter further, and unaniscously advised that no concession with respect to these small Islands should be granted. The sites of the guano deposits on Cochon and Kidney Islands are, as far as is known, of no great extent, and they form part of the existing rookeries of the penguins and seals on those Islands. The Council were not sorry therefore in the interests of the penguins and the seals that the proposed concession to Dr Newton had failed through.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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4. After the Meeting of the Council I telegraphed to you on the 25th November,

"In reply to your telegram 23rd November guano concession Executive Council do not recommend grant of any such despatch follows by mail"

5. Turning to the financial aspect of the matter, it will be seen on reference to the report of the Imperial Institute, copy of which was forwarded to this Colony under cover of Mr Secretary Harcourt's despatch No. 22 of the 16th March, 1914, that samples of penguin guano from Ceehon and Kidney Islands were valued at from 17/- to 32/- a ton delivered in the United Kingdom. At this figure I am afraid, with the high wage for local labour, and freight alone from Stanley to the United Kingdom quoted before the war at 45/- a ton, it is very questionable whether any Company would be able to work deposits in this Colony and prepare, compress and ship the guano to the United Kingdom and realize a profit on the undertaking.

6. It appears to me that any British capital available for embarkation in any such undertaking as a penguin guano concession in this Colony, could, at the present time, be invested to far better advantage in Imperial War Loans.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas James
Governor.