

C.S.

TUSSAC

NAT/FLO/1#5

1921

No. 1026/21

J. H. Williams
R. S. Bailey

SUBJECT.

192 1

ROYALTY ON TUSSAC

21st October

Ask for consideration of question of:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Letter from Messrs. J. H. Williams and R. S. Bailey
21st October, 1921.....Encl.....(1)

Check and say in letter is under consideration

ttttt 27/10/21
Letter to Mr Bailey and Mr Williams 29th Oct, 1921, Encl

Mr Treasurer

*The present system is said
not to be very satisfactory owing to the
difficulty of checks. ~~It is~~*

*2. It can go say please
what the present value of the tussock
delivered to the Government is?*

*3. It would appear more
satisfactory to charge a fee - varying according
to the number of men employed.*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon:Col:Sec;

ttttt 31/10/21
No information is furnished to the Treasury with
regard to the supply or value of the Tussac supplied to Govt:
The Colonial Engineer & Chief Constable may be able to give you
the information asked for.

C.S.

Will you please give the information
stating quantities of tussock received in 1919,
1920 and to date this year

TTTTT 2/10/21

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I think the Chief Constable will be
able to give the necessary information, as I believe the
Cutter men report to the Police as to the amount of tussock
gathered on which Royalty has to be paid.

R. R. Basley.
Colonial Engineer.
7/II/21.

Chief Constable

~~Basley~~

Can you give the information
about? Is not the proportion of
tussock actually landed to the
Colonial Engineer?

TTTTT 10/10/21

Hon.
Col. Secretary.
-Sir.

The following is the
amount of Tussock grass landed,
and Royalty paid to The Gov.
for years of 1919 & 1920 and up to
Nov 12 1921

~~449~~ Bundles landed for sale

1919. - 10,070.
1920 - 6,540
1921 - 6,640

Royalty paid to Gov.

1,004
654
664

All Royalty Tussock is landed over
to Gov Carters at Town Pier, and
at times is landed at Gov Jetty

17/11/21

D. C. Sullivan
Chief Constable

Chief Constable

Thank you.

Will you now please let me know
how many men are normally engaged
in cutting Tussock and bringing it in,
giving if possible the employees names
and numbers working for them

~~11/11/21~~ 18/11/21

Y.S.
Submitted.

2. The minutes of the Minutes, C.S.

show that the system is not satisfactory from an accounting point of view at least. It is archaic but convenient in a loose sort of way.

3. If an alteration is made it could apparently be fairly done by charging a basic fee of £5 h.a. with an extra £1 per man h.a. now when employed in cutting turf and bringing it in.

~~11/12/21~~

H.C.S.

Under Notice of 14th Oct 1891 (para 2 of Gazette of 22 Oct 1891) no one is allowed to cut turf on Kidney Island without permission in writing from the Collector of Customs.

2. Arrangements regarding royalty of 10% was probably made at time of publication of that notice.

3. Correspondence shows that permission is not obtained as notice direct to the arrangements are not satisfactory.

4. The island was occupied for 21 years was offered in 1904 but evidently was not taken up.

5. Licence as proposed in para 3 may be paid: I suppose rate proposed allows full margin of profit. 12.604/24

Y.S.

Submitted.

2. Has Y.S. any objection to the press cutters being first informed that it is proposed that a licence fee shall be charged in future as in para 3 of my minute.

3. Some enquiries I have made a fair margin of profit will be left. Judging from the number of bundles that brought in in the past some £200 worth of press @ 6/- bundle is brought in yearly.

Y.S. will observe that Mr. Mills, the chief employer does not complain of any hardship or he would have signed the letter.

4. The royalty on press as press appears to have been first introduced required shortly after the notice which Y.S. refers. Please see Govt. notice of 4th November 1851 for Gazette of 12 November 1851 p. 3.

12/12/21

Para: 2. No objection it will be well when the news is.

13 Dec 21

Letter as in draft with copy to
Mr. Hills with reference to the petition
that has been received and with a request
for any observations he may wish to make

ttttt 16/1/21

Letter to Messrs J. H. Williams & R. S. Bailey 22nd Dec, 1921.

Copy of letter to Messrs J. H. Williams & R. S. Bailey, Encl. (4)
sent to Mr. S. Hills & Mr. J. Davis, 21st Dec, 1921

Letter from Mr. R. S. Bailey d. 11/1/22 Encl (5)

To await Mr. Hills

X

20 January 1922

Remind letter for reply

ttttt 21/1/22

Letters to Messrs Williams Davis & Hills.

Encl (7)

Letters to Messrs Williams Davis & Hills Encl (8)

Letter from Mr. J. Davis d 22 Feb 1922 — Encl (9)

Letter from Mr. J. Davis d 25/2/22 — Encl (10)

Y.S.

Submitted.

2. The cutter men are in favour of the change as proposed. I saw both Davis and Bailey.

3. It is necessary for the sake of the tussac & crop that the cutting should be regulated. The regular men are anxious about this and say that occasional parties go out from Stanley and cut indiscriminately and do not cut clean. It is possible that some of the regular workers are also not as careful as they should be. Davis told me that he had got 200 bundles of tussac recently cut of an area which was supposed to have been cut.

4. I submit a draft notice with reference to the new system of licences. I would suggest that it should come into force on the 1st April - and that as licences should expire on the 31st Dec. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the licence fee only should be charged this year.

H.H.H. 1/3/22

P.S. I send herewith the present licence book. The cutters have not been taking out permits finding the alteration in the system with the exception of Mr. Clarke 31/12 whose licence will be cancelled under circumstances. They have all been getting in payment. L.H.H.

H.C.S.

Proposals + issue of Notice appended Encl (1)

Am.

9th March 1922

Circular to Messrs J. H. Williams, J. Davis,
P. Hills, R. Bailey, and W. Clarke, 2nd March, 1922.
Encl. (2)

The Treasury receipts should be
filed here and the Police notified of issue
of licences. *W.H.* 17/4/22

Licence No. 1 of 12th April, issued to
Mr R. Bailey, ——— Encl. (13)

Licence No. 2 of 13th April, issued
to Mr. J. Davis, ——— Encl. (14)

Minute to Chief Constable, 13. 4. 22,
Encl. (15)

Mr Treasurer

Will you please give receipts for
these licences on advice from this
office. On the production of receipts
they will be filed here and the
licences issued.

2. These ^{licences} have now been issued and
you have facilitated the procedure
by giving receipts for any receipts. Full
receipts for Messrs Bailey and Davis
can now be sent here for this file

W.H. 19/4/22

Hon:Col:Sec;

Will you kindly let me know if receipts
for Licences are to be credited to Revenue under Head
III. INTERNAL REVENUE (Licences) under a New Sub-head ?

W.H.

24/4/22.

Y/S. I think it is Y/S wish that all revenue derived from Crown lands should come under the sub-head. —
 Grazing fees are paid in under VII 1 and Tunnage Licences might be credited to the same sub-head. ~~Whittaker~~

~~TTTTT~~ 26/4/22

H.C.S.

The revenue derived from lupae growing on Crown lands should be credited to head VII Item 1.

~~For~~

26 April 1922

P.S.

Owing to work at Cumber there is a great scarcity of labour for cutting lupae. I should like to propose to assist Bailey & Davis by allowing Penguin to buy their cuttings from the islands in Port William if such an arrangement was considered practical. J.D.

26 April 1922

H. Trear.

Please note the sub-head to which the fees are to be credited

~~TTTTT~~ 27/4/22

Hon: Col: Sec.

Noted.

Receipts for the amounts paid by Messrs
Davis and Bailey are enclosed herewith, viz:
Tr. Rec: 1130, £3.15/- ; Tr. Rec: 1131, £3.15/-

Bathory
Treasurer
28/4/22

Admitted from the Governor d 30th April 1922 - Encl (16)

Hon: Col: Sec.

Refused for report please

W.D. 2/8/22

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

In reply to His Excellency The Governor's
Minute of the 30th April.
I beg to submit.

1. The weather conditions govern the Towing
out to Port William of the Sanitary pumps.
The Towing of another Craft would have
to be a separate undertaking.
2. The power of the "Penguin" is not sufficient
to tow a heavy tow in anything but fine
weather.
3. Arrangements could be made for the
Keepers at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse to
keep the necessary "Look Out" when required.
4. There are 2 large boats in charge of the
Port & Marine Department.
 1. Square sterned ex "Helen Bloom"
 2. 25 ft. whale boat.

Both these boats are used in connection
with the transport of stores, materials etc.

The "Helen Bloom" is awaiting repairs, which
it was intended to have executed on the
completion of the work in connection

with William Point Light. This ^{boat} would, however, I consider, be too heavy for the work intended.

Three ^{might}, however, work the 25 ft whale boat from the beach of the West William Is to the Cutter at mooring.

5. Should His Excellency permit the using of one of these boats by Messrs Bailey & Davis a practical arrangement may be arrived at by which the supply of Succine Grass, during the winter, might be maintained.

Colin Mackay,
Harbour Master.
4/5/22

Ys.
Submitted

~~TTTTT~~ 8/5/22

H.P.S.

From H.M.S. report there is difficulty in getting any effective appearance.

2. On a previous occasion when there was a similar shortage of labour some special arrangements were made for maintaining the supply of labour. Can H.M. ascertain what these arrangements were.

By
8 May 1922

Hon.
Accordingly
tltlt 9/5/22

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

I have ascertained from Mr. Harding, the Manager of The Faeland Islands Coy, that at a previous time when labours was scarce & other conditions prevented the supply of Quasac being maintained for Stanley; that the Faeland Is. Coy. loaned to a number of their Employees their Steam Launch "Plym".

These men procured Quasac and brought it to Stanley for sale, allowing a percentage of bundles brought in, to the Faeland Is. Coy. for use in the Coy's Stables.

Mr. Graham stated that he did not consider this compensated for the cost of coal.

2. I would submit that the cost of coal at the present time is greatly below the cost of coal at the time in question.

Colin Estroedy.
Harbour Master.
10/5/22

Y. 1. Submitted
2. It is difficult to know what to advise but the Harbour Master might be authorized to lend the use of the wharfbrook on the Quasac men accepting responsibility for returning it in the same condition as lent.

tltlt 16/5/22

Para 2. approved.
H.
16 May 22

Am accordingly

17 May 1922

The Hon. Col. Secretary

I have interviewed Messers Bailey and Davis.

It would appear that it is not intended to use a boat, other than their own for the purpose of boating off the tussac, but to use such boat that the Government might loan to them to carry tussac into Stanley from the William Is.

2 I have, therefore, in order to take advantage of the present weather permitted them the use of the large boat (Helen Bloom) in charge of this Department, awaiting your further instructions.

3 Arrangements for signals to the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for towage, have I am given to understand, been arranged by Messers Bailey and Davis.

4 They appeared to understand their responsibility if damage is done to the boat.

Colin E. Stoddly
Harbour Master

28/5/22

y.f. submitted for info etc

17/1/22
31 May 1922

Additional Licence granted to Mr R Bailey - Encl (17)

Spoke J.H.S.

J.H.S. approves the grant

of a licence is specially approved

Cases at the half-rate of £2 10^s

p.c. to persons driving to cut

timber for their own use at not

for sale, on the condition that they

report, on each day that they so

cut timber, to the Chief Constable.

18/1/31

Licences issued in L.P. 4/28.

P.A.
12/2/31

(18.) Minute from Director of Agriculture of 5/7/40.
 Forth. Naturalist

— Please see (18) + comments.

[Signature] 9/11/40

H.C.S.

I entirely agree with the views in (18)

[Signature]
 9.11.40
 10.11.40

[Signature]

Is this an urgent matter? i.e. dogs & guns.
 As regards the period of licensing, don't you think that is this such as there we can as far as possible carry on as heretofore?

[Signature] 11/11/40

H.C.S. I don't know — I fancy that if dogs are frequent visitors yes — he can judge better when we inspect the islands shortly.
 (3) I understand them that this period of licensing shall in the meantime come under the schedule of 'unwritten laws'. Propose to solve my course by terminating quarters as suggested (18) & charge accordingly.

[Signature]
 12/7/40

B.V. 22. VII. 40
 P.A.

S. J. A.

You have asked for this file.
 Para (ii) para. 2 of this m.p. makes the position quite clear with regard to the number of men allowed under the licence.

[Signature]
 20/11/40

[Signature] Many Thanks *[Signature]* 20/11/40

1A

Minute from Director of Agriculture of 1/9/41. (19.)

E.F. If the house is cut by Ag. Dept, could you arrange for Alert to tow it or bring it to Stanley?
C. J. Ford
17/9/41.

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

Subject to other calls on the Alert I shall be pleased to arrange to tow house in as necessary, but I must point out that I cannot accept responsibility for loading or unloading as Harbour staff are not available for this length of time.

C.S. HM.
8.18.41.

S. J. A.

To see. Will you make the necessary arrangements with the Harbour Master please?

C. J. Ford
8/9/41.

Letter from Mr. G. Hansen of 18/9/41.

(20.)

S. J. A.

Rea 20 referred to you for your observations please.

C. J. Ford
19/9/41.

W.C.S.

Mr. Hansen has ~~retained~~ dried off several cows recently because of inability to feed them. I have not visited the islands this year but I believe that there is ample ~~for~~ tussock on the three islands particularly on Kidney Is.

The difficulty has arisen as Mr. Hansen says through cessation of cutting by usual tussock men aggravated by the loss of two or more boats during the recent years & the preoccupation of the Danon on more profitable work.

The position is definitely serious & threatens to ruin the provisions made to provide milk & Stanley for local consumption.

The cost of ^{stock} food imported ^{by Dept} from Montevideo as compared with local prices are as follows per cwt.

	Ag. Dept	Comm. Retail
Barley	3/9 1/2	7/- ? sold out
Peas	4/5 1/2	6/6
Lime & Cake	4/6	5/6

We are building a portable hut 8ft. x 8ft. for erection on a Lussac island to house 1 or 2 men, & have a volunteer to take up this work @ £2-12-6 min per wk & maximum of 33% of revenue from Lussac cut, & he should be able to earn £4- a week provided transport for Lussac can be arranged. Owing to the variability of weather plans cannot be definitely made in advance to collect Lussac on specific days but if favourable opportunities of working the islands are taken as they occur a fairly steady supply should be available. The scheme depends on the availability of the Alert or other suitable boat. See H.M.'s Minute of 9/10/41.

Y/E, I understand Mr. Hansen saw Your Excellency in this connection on Saturday last. I propose to inform him in the sense of H. of A's minute above as to supply of fodder unless Y/E. otherwise direct.

2. There is a marked difference in the cost of fodder obtained by Ag. D. and sold by S. L. Co.,

C. J. P. 22/9/41. P.A.

Y/E. Imprest warrant submitted for signature.

C. J. P. 9/10/41.

21-22. Minute from Dir. of Agriculture of 20/10/41.

P.A.

(1)

Stanley,

21st October, 1921.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that, the local cutter-men are obliged to give 10% royalty, to the Government, for the privilege of getting tussac from "Kidney Island" and the Islands in "Port William".

This percentage, we feel, - and venture to state - is too high when the difficulties under which we work are taken into consideration. Owing to the damage done by sea-lions, we are obliged to carry tussac for a long distance; we work, at times, in the most severe weather, and carry our loads over land, the nature of which adds an extra burden to our task.

We would be grateful if the Government would give this matter their sympathetic consideration, and if, as a result, the cutter-men are allowed to bring tussac from these Islands, either free, - or at a nominal charge, per annum, we assure you that, they would greatly appreciate such a measure, as being a step towards making their means of a livelihood more agreeable.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient servants

The Hon.,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

John Henry Williams
Robert J. Bailey

No. 1026/21

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

22th October. 1921.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and to inform you in reply that the matter is receiving consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Williams,
Stanley,

Mr. R. S. Bailey,
Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From

Date

To

SUBJECT.

Reference
Numbers. }

Hon Secy

there are seven men
usually employed cutting
Lusac, and bringing it in.

Cutter
"Indiana"

Owner

John Davis, employs one man

Cutter
"Alma"

Owner

R. Bailey. employs one man

Cutter
"Breeze"

Owner

P. Hills. employs three men.

The owners, Davis, & Bailey, work on
cutters themselves. Hills does not work
on the cutter

R/S Sullivan
Chief Constable

28/11/21

1026/21

22nd December,

21.

Gentlemen,

With further reference to your letter of the 29th of October on the subject of the royalty now being given for the tussac cut on Government lands, I am directed to inform you that the Governor proposes to alter the present system by substituting a licence fee for the royalty.

2. It is intended that the amount of the fee should be £5 per annum with an additional charge of £1 per annum in respect of each person in excess of two employed under the licence in cutting and transporting the grass. The revenue so derived would be, it appears, materially less than the value of the grass at 6d a bundle now received annually by the Government as royalty. It is however anticipated that the system would be more satisfactory than the present one to yourselves and others now engaged in taking tussac as well as to the Government.

Messrs J.H. Williams & R.S. Bailey,
Stanley.

B./

2.

3. I am to add that His Excellency is prepared to consider any further representations you may wish to make on the subject of the proposed alteration before bringing it into force. It is not considered probable that the licence fee can be fixed at any lower figure than that stated.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H.Henniker Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

22nd December, 1921.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to attach herewith a copy of a letter, relating to the tussac royalty, which has been addressed to Messrs J. H. Williams & R. S. Pailey.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) H. Henniker Heaton.
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. P. Hills,
Mr. J. Davis,
Stanley.



Stanley,

11th. January, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd. ult., regarding the royalty on tussac cut on Government lands and beg to inform you that the system, as suggested in your letter, is most satisfactory.

I shall be grateful if you will convey to His Excellency the Governor my appreciation of the sympathetic manner in which he proposes to deal with this difficulty of the Cuttermen.

With reference to the latter part of your letter I have at present no further representations to make.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. Bailey.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

1026/21

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M.P. 1026/21.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,

23rd January, 1922.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to you on the 22nd December, with reference to the royalty now being given for the tussac cut on Government lands, and to request an early reply as to your views regarding the proposed alterations in the present system.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Williams,
Mr. J. Davis,
Mr. P. Hills,
Stanley.

No 1026/21

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

THE OFFICE OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

18th February, 1922

SIR,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that you have not yet replied to my letter of 23rd January, 1922 and to request that you will do so at your early convenience.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Henrikker Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Williams

Mr. J. Davis

Mr. P. Hills

Stanley.

Port Stanley



22nd. Feby. 1922

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th. inst, in reference to your letter of 23rd. January I would be pleased if you will grant me an interview dealing with the alterations in the present system of the tussock royalty.

I am,

Sir.

yours obediently.

J Davis

The Honble.

The Colonial Secretary.



Port Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

25th. Feby. 1922

Sir,

I beg to thank you for the interview granted me, and to inform you that I agree with the proposed alteration in the system of royalty quoted in your letter of 22nd Decr.

I should like to suggest that the attention of the Tussack cutters ^{be drawn} to the fact that patches should not be selected from place to place for cutting, but that all Tussack should be cut in rotation having no waste.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently.

John Davis

The Honble,

The Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
1st March, 1922.

His Excellency the Governor, having taken into consideration representations made by the local owners of cutters on the subject of the royalty of 10% of each cargo of tussock required to be delivered to Government, has been pleased to order as follows:-

From and after the 1st of April next royalties will not be required.

Persons desirous of cutting tussock on Crown Lands may be granted a licence, which will expire on the 31st of December in each year.

A fee of \$5 will be paid for each such licence with an additional fee of \$1 per annum in respect of each person employed under the licence in cutting or transporting tussock grass. For the year 1922 the fee payable shall be \$5 25/- and 15/- respectively.

The conditions of the licence are:

- (1) That every bundle of tussock grass shall weigh not less than 20 lbs and shall be sold at not more than 6d a bundle.
- (2) That the tussock shall be cut clean and areas shall be cut in rotation leaving no waste.
- (3) That no birds or animals in the locality shall be molested, provided that special permission may be granted to kill animals if seriously damaging the tussock.
- (4) That the licence shall be forfeited without compensation if any breach of the above named conditions is committed.
- (5) If a breach of the second condition of the licence is committed and it is not found possible to fix responsibility, all the licences issued for the place where the breach occurs may be cancelled on a proportionate amount of the licence fee for the balance of the year for which the licence has been granted being remitted to the licence holders.

Persons found on Tussock Islands or cutting tussock grass without a licence will be prosecuted according to law for trespass and damage.

By Command,

H. Mannikor-Menton,

Colonial Secretary

CIRCULAR.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
2nd March, 1922.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to attach a copy of a notice setting forth the conditions on which tussock grass may be cut from and after the 1st of April. All licences issued for the current year on the old conditions will cease to have effect on the 31st March.

2. It is the duty of all tussock cutters to report immediately when any breach of condition (2) of the enclosure comes under their notice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Williams,
Mr. J. Davis,
Mr. P. Hills,
Mr. R. Bailey,
Mr. W. Clarke,
Stanley.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 1.

Fee Paid £3. 15s. 0d.

MR ROBERT BAILEY, with one assistant, is hereby permitted to cut Tussock-grass on Kidney Island and the islands in Port William during the period 1st April to 31st December, 1922, on the following conditions :-

- (1) That every bundle of tussock grass shall weigh not less than 20 lbs and shall be sold at not more than 6d a bundle.
- (2) That the tussock shall be cut clean and areas shall be cut in rotation leaving no waste.
- (3) That no birds or animals in the locality shall be molested, provided that special permission may be granted to kill animals if seriously damaging the tussock.
- (4) That the licence shall be forfeited without compensation if any breach of the above named conditions is committed.
- (5) If a breach of the second condition of the licence is committed and it is not found possible to fix responsibility, all the licences issued for the place where the breach occurs may be cancelled, on a proportionate amount of the licence fee for the balance of the year for which the licence has been granted being remitted to the licence holders.

H. H. H. H. H.

Colonial Secretary.

12th April, 1922.

(14)

FAKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 2.

Fee Paid £3. 15s. 0d.

MR JOHN DAVIS, with one assistant, is hereby permitted to cut Tussock-grass on Kidney Island and the islands in Port William during the period 1st April to 31st December, 1922, on the following conditions :-

- (1) That every bundle of tussock grass shall weigh not less than 20 lbs and shall be sold at not more than 6d a bundle.
- (2) That the tussock shall be cut clean and areas shall be cut in rotation leaving no waste.
- (3) That no birds or animals in the locality shall be molested, provided that special permission may be granted to kill animals if seriously damaging the tussock.
- (4) That the licence shall be forfeited without compensation if any breach of the above named conditions is committed.
- (5) If a breach of the second condition of the licence is committed and it is not found possible to fix responsibility, all the licences issued for the place where the breach occurs may be cancelled, on a proportionate amount of the licence fee for the balance of the year for which the licence has been granted being remitted to the licence holders.

H. Henniker-Heaton,
Colonial Secretary.

13th April, 1922.

No. 1026/21.

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

MINUTE.

13th April, 1922.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Chief Constable,

Stanley.

I have the honour to inform you that licences to cut Tussock grass on Kidney Island and the islands in Port William have been issued to Messrs Robert Bailey and John Davis, for the period 1st April to 31st December, 1922.

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

DATE.....



From Governor to Colonial Secretary.

I have referred in another paper to the difficulty of keeping up the supply of kypae, during the winter, for Stanley owing to the scarcity of labour. The men employed on administratively work are kept ~~working~~ and men who usually cut kypae + help to run the cutters are working as oil fuel installation. It is important that a supply of kypae should be maintained for milking cows + for kypae in Stanley.

2. Last week I required a supply of kypae for kypae sent in by Mr. Fulton to drag timber out to Murrell's wharf for a bridge. Bailey went out to Kidney Island to get it but could only find a way to go with him: weather conditions were bad + he did not get back until end of the week so that no kypae was available.

3. I saw Bailey + Davis on 29th April: they are prepared to work together + to cut kypae on islands in Port William: they will lay down a mooring off the "Up Island": only Davis's cutter

is suitable for the work & they need a large boat to transport kypae: if Harbour Master sees no objection I should be prepared to encourage them being allowed to use one of large boats belonging to Port Dept on payment of a small charge: if the boat was requisitioned they would have to return it.

4. If weather conditions are favourable the cutter can tow the boat but there are times when this is not possible. The Penguin takes the samurai boats one to Port William on Tuesdays & Fridays: will the Harbour Master please consider whether arrangements can be made to tow the cutter & boat from the "Top Island" if necessary: it would be possible to be signal to the lighthouse from the island when a tow is required.

5. If any arrangements are practicable it must be clearly understood that no guarantee can be given that the assistance will be given on the day or which signal is made & that it would only be on first convenient opportunity when Penguin had to go on to Port William, in other cases.

Yrs.

30 April 1912

(17)

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

LICENCE No. 1. (Additional)

Fee ... 5s. 0d.

MR ROBERT BAILEY is hereby permitted to engage
one additional person to assist him in cutting and
transporting tussock-grass from the present date to
the 31st of December, 1922.

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley,
12th October, 1922.

No.

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MINUTE.

5th July, 1940.

From The Director of Agriculture To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

The presentation to me for signature of a renewal license to cut tussac has brought up the following points which I submit for your consideration.

(1) The license is granted subject to conditions gazetted in 1922 (April 1st, page 43). Condition 3 aims to protect bird and seal life which is believed to be essential to the best growth of the tussac. I am told that fire arms are taken to the islands and to my own knowledge dogs also. The islands are so distant that it is very difficult to prove a charge of molestation of bird or seal life or that rifles were used on the islands.

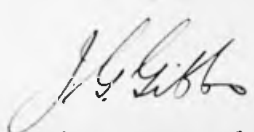
- (2) I would suggest the alteration of the conditions -
- (a) To prohibit fire arms being taken on board vessels whose object it was to visit or cut tussac on the islands.
 - (b) To prohibit the embarkation of dogs on boats bound for the tussac islands.
 - (c) To make the Licensee responsible for any infringement of these conditions.

Such regulations could be enforced at the jetty before departure or immediately on arrival of the vessel from the islands.

(3) There seems no advantage in granting "special permission" to the Licensee "to kill animals that are damaging the tussac." It would be better perhaps, if any case of damage by animals were reported to the licensing authority which could then take necessary action.

(4) The Gazette states that the license will expire on the 31st December in each year. There appears to be no provision for quarterly licenses although it has been the custom to issue licenses for 3 monthly periods, or occasionally less.

- (a) Is this in order?
- (b) If issued quarterly should the licenses expire at the end of March, June, September and December, or may licenses be valid for periods overlapping the quarters?


Director of Agriculture.

J. G. G.

No.

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MINUTE.

1st September, 1941.

From Director of Agriculture,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

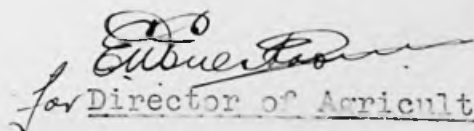
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Mr Wm. Miller advised me on Friday morning that he would not be cutting tussock in future, chiefly because it did not pay him, and also because he believed he could find more remunerative work elsewhere in the Islands. This makes the position as regards tussock for stock rather serious as only the Indians, which carries comparatively small loads, is in operation. The Government plantations should not be cut this year and supposing they were would provide tussock for only a short time.

Could any regular arrangement be made whereby Government or Military boats could be used to gather tussock. I believe that if transport could be arranged it might be possible to secure two men who would be willing to camp in the shack on Kidney Island.

I am informed privately that if Miller's partner MacLeod could be bought out for £200 Miller would be able to run the boat to greater public advantage.


for Director of Agriculture.

"HANSSEN'S DAIRY"

George Hansen
Stanley.



(20)

Stanley
Falkland Islands,
18th September 1941.

Sir,

I regret having to engage your attention with the matter of tussock supplies.

For the past two years or so I have been gradually building up a dairy business in order to supply fresh milk to the inhabitants of Stanley.

When I commenced this business it was always possible to get fairly abundant supplies of tussock grass - and the sale of milk is mainly based on the fact that tussock grass at convenient prices could be obtained locally - and that the rations of imported foodstuffs such as pollard, oil-cake, maize-meal, bone-meal etc. were limited to minimum quantities - just sufficient to improve the yield and the quality of the milk.

But at the present moment the supply of tussock grass has entirely disappeared - those men who normally earned a living from cutting and selling tussock having found more profitable employment elsewhere or given up their old trade due to other reasons. (For instance, two of them have lost their boats).

Owing to the increased cost of imported tinned milks the demand for fresh milk from my dairy is very considerable. I have standing orders at present for 128 pints per day, and a further 26 pints per day could be sold if I had the production.

I cannot continue selling fresh milk at the present price of 4s. per pint if I have to feed my cows entirely on imported foodstuffs.

This price compares with 11d. per tin for Evaporated x milk - which also produce, when watered, one pint of milk.

Under these circumstances I must plead assistance from the Colonial Government and that some means be found quickly to supply me with a sufficient quantity of tussock grass in order to enable me to keep my herd of cows properly fed, to keep the supply of milk up, and to keep the price within reason.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Georg Hansen.

AGREEMENT WITH OWNERS OF "PORVENIR"

- (1) The Government is prepared to charter the schooner "Porvenir" and accessories (pram etc.) @ £2. 15. 0d per week for a period of six months.
- (2) The Government having agreed to pay £2.-15/- per week as above accepts no responsibility for any damage that may occur to the 'Povernir' its gear and accessories, whatever may be the cause thereof.
- (3) The Government will appoint the Captain who will select his mate and deck hand.
- (4) The wages of the Captain, Mate and Deck-hand will be respectively £3. 0. 0d, £2. 15/-, and £2. 12. 6d per week which will include payment for cutting a minimum of 365 bundles of tussock per week.
- (5) The Captain and Crew will be required to find themselves in food etc.
- (6) The Captain agrees to deliver to the Public Jetty Stanley an average of at least 680 bundles of tussock of 21 lbs weight, each week. If for any reason the average of 680 is not attained over a period of three weeks the Government may remove the Captain from command and appoint another Captain in his stead.
- (7) The Government does not wish to make revenue from this transaction and will distribute among those cutting and freighting tussock half the revenue produced from the sale of any tussock in excess of the 680 bundles that is delivered on the jetty.
- (8) The tussock must be cut clean and according to the usual terms of licenses.
- (9) Should the tussock be not forthcoming or a suitable captain not available the agreement becomes null and void.

(Sgd) J. G. GIBBS

Wm MILLER

D. J. McLEOD.

15 OCT 1941.

(Sgd) E. W. ENESTROM. Witness.
15 OCT, 1941.

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MINUTE.

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20th October, 1944.

From Director of Agriculture.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

Herewith copy of Agreement with owners of "Povernir".

I regret not having submitted this earlier owing to it having been overlooked.


Director of Agriculture.