

1923.

Tussac.

No. 428/23

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SUBJECT.

1923.

7th June.

Previous Paper.

Application by horses owners to cut tussac on account of temporary scarcity.

MINUTES.

1. Messrs J Hardy, Aldridge & Miller called this morning on behalf of the owners of horses in Stanley and represented that there was a great scarcity of tussac in the town, the licensed tussac-men being at present employed in running sand for the Government. They asked permission to bring in, from the islands in Port William, enough feed for one week.

2. I understand the hay obtainable in the town is of very inferior quality and under the circumstances Your Excellency might be pleased to grant permission for each man to cut 70 bds (300 bds in all) during this

Subsequent Paper.

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quantity being delivered to the Govern-
ment, as in the past. If permission
is granted I understand the men
can arrange with the 7 Lloy for
use of their launch for the purpose.

2. I have spoken to the C.E. regarding
this and he informs me that the
30 bds which the Government would
get would be a considerable help.

G. Ch. 23
D. C. 150.
7 June 1923

If the operation of bringing in
sand can be postponed without ~~delaying~~
delaying the housebuilding, the licenses
should go out for horse. Will you
please ascertain the position.

On a previous similar occasion I
told the licensees that if they could
not get the horse required by
the town I would ^{obtain} ~~get~~ general permission
to cut. This had the desired effect.

There are good reasons for restricting
the cutting. If it is found impossible
on this occasion Messrs Hardy Aldridge
and Miller can be granted special
permission but they would have to be
warned to (a) cut close (b) cut in regular
line with present cutting

ttttt 7/6/23

The Colonial Engineer has informed me that the sand is not immediately required. I have spoken to Mr. Barker and he has promised to bring in tussac as soon as weather moderates. Messrs Hardy, Aldridge & Miller have been so informed.

E.H.B.
D. Esq.
17 June 1923

Thank you

17 June 1923

Minute from H.E. the Acting Governor

of 19th June 1923 — Encl (1)

Colonial Engineer.

So Mr. Tussac cutters have been informed and they will call and make arrangements with you.

E.H.B.
D. Esq.
19th June 1923

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I have seen Messrs Hardy, Miller and Aldridge and arrangements have been made for the towing of a large boat to the Tussac Island when the weather is suitable. The tussac cutters will arrange for the boat, also cut the tussac and load same.

A.B. Baseley.
Colonial Engineer.
19/6/23

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At the beginning of last week the same people asked that permission ^{might} be given them to bring in a further load of tussac from the islands. I spoke to Bailey and he went out the following day and brought in about 200 bds - this is now all used up and the situation is as bad as ever.

Hardy has informed me that on this occasion several people were unable to obtain tussac for their animals. Today Williams called with the same tale.

I would respectfully submit that until the weather abates some other arrangements for supplying the town seem urgently necessary. I believe Messrs Hardy, Aldridge & Miller can be relied upon to see that the conditions regarding cutting are observed and would suggest that for this month they be allowed to bring in tussac on the old conditions of 100% to Government, the cutters to make their own arrangements regarding transport.

3. The permission given on last occasion was greatly appreciated by the cattle owners and the Colonial Engineer informs me it was also of considerable benefit to the Government.

R.H.B.
O.C.E.
16 July 1923

App.

17 July 1923

Colonial Eng.

Letter to Messrs Miller Hardy, Albridge & Williams
17 July 1923 (2)

Colonial Engineer
Chief Constable

To order
R.H.B.
O.C.E.
17 July 1923

The Hon; Colonial Secretary.

Thank you.

Noted and returned.

R.H. Basely.
Colonial Engineer.

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The Chief Constable.

To you accordingly.

R.H. Basely.
Colonial Engineer.

19/7/23.

Hon Col Secretary

Noted.

800 bundles were
landed by cattle owners.

600 bundles landed by Bailey

28/7/23 Ch Constable

The cattle owners have reported that they intended going out yesterday for a 2nd load before the expiration of their permit but the weather was not favourable. May they be granted permission to make other two trips, if possible this week, this permission to be the last given during the present winter. Bailey should be able to supply the town when the good weather sets in.

W. B.
Di/Sec
30 July 1923

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Colonel Engineer
Chief Constable

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W. B.
Di/Sec
31 July 1923

The Hon; Colonial Secretary.

Noted and returned.

R. B. Aschley.
Colonial Engineer.

1/8/23.

The Chief Constable.

To you accordingly.

R. B. Aschley.
Colonial Engineer.
10/9/23
~~5/9/23.~~

Hon^r Col Sect

Noted & returned

D. J. Sullivan

18/9/23

Chf Const

*Chief Constable }
Colonial Engineer }*

Please note that His Excellency has given permission to Mr. C. Miller to bring in one load of tussac from islands in Port William on the basis of 10% of the tussac. condition that 1/10th of the tussac cut is delivered to the Government.

*G. L. O'Connell
Chief Sec
19 Oct 1923*

*To The
Col Engineer*

noted & passed to you

D. J. Sullivan

19.10.23

Ch Const.

The Hon: Lt. Secretary.

Noted & returned.

Mr. Basely.

Lt. Engineer.

19/10/23.

Letter from Mr. J. Wabstner of Oct 18th 1923 - Encl (3)

Letter from Mr. J. Sellman of 30th Oct. 1923 — " (4)



From His Excellency the Acting Governor

to The Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat.

I hear that Bailey bought a
very little ~~tin~~ last week and the
situation is serious. The system of
licences was incorporated to meet conditions
which no longer exist as there is now only
one licence and owing to other work he
is unable to keep up the supply.

Arrangements can be made for the Peapack
to tow one or two suitable boats out with
power cutters. No charge will be made for the
travelling but $\frac{1}{10}$ of the tussac will be
taken by Government.

This is a special arrangement covering the
occasion only.

It is essential
that the cutters cut
close and in regular lines



Stanley,

July 12th 1927.

Sir,

We have the honour to request that the following may be submitted for the consideration of His Excellency the Acting Governor:

Several local residents - owners of cattle and horses, faced with the impossibility of purchasing green fodder for their animals are desirous of obtaining permission to visit the islands in Port William with a view to cutting the tussac themselves.

As the result of interviews granted to certain members of the public, relative to this matter, we understand that this permission can only be obtained by taking out an annual license at a cost of five pounds - said license covering only two persons.

Presumably it is thought that the offer of any other terms would be conferring a privilege upon certain members of the community to the detriment of those permanently engaged in the work of tussac cutting. To remove any such misapprehension we would point out that at present there is only one boat employed in the work, and that even working at top pressure this boat could not cope with the demand. Then, to one permanently engaged in the business, the present terms (£5 per annum) are distinctly more favourable than the former levy (10% of the cargo) which on a very low estimate might mean £30 per annum.

Under the old regime, anyone was permitted to cut tussac either for his own use or for sale on the understanding that he handed over to the government the royalty as stated.

Ten per cent is undoubtedly a high levy, but it was paid, more or less cheerfully, for many years; and those engaged in the business for profit contrived to comply with the regulations determining the price and the weight of the bundle.

During the last few years, however, the workers seem to be actuated //

actuated by an entirely different spirit; their sole concern being the accumulation of profits with a minimum of labour. The regulation as to weight (though the standard has been reduced recently at the instance of the public) is deliberately evaded - the bundles being about half the prescribed weight. Whilst this spirit is abroad it is most undesirable that anything in the nature of a monopoly should be granted to an individual.

The manager of the F. I. Co., Ltd. has generously offered to place his launch at the service of the public at a charge covering the bare cost of the trip, and is prepared to accept payment in kind. If His Excellency, after a consideration of the case, will grant the necessary permission, subject to the payment of a royalty - preferably in kind - several persons who are in a position to leave their work will, when the opportunity offers, make an effort to secure a load of tussac.

An occasional trip in this way would relieve the pressure upon the present inadequate supply, and would indirectly benefit even those who are unable to participate in the venture. Further, it is observed that any activity in this direction has a stimulating effect upon the cutter men - an effect which is appreciated by the general public.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servants,

J. D. Hardy.
E. J. Aldridge
J. Miller

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted permission to you to bring in tussac from the islands in Port William until the 31st of July on the following conditions:

- (a) that you will deliver to the Government one-tenth of the tussac brought to Stanley,
- (b) that the conditions set forth in Government Notice No. 20 of the 1st of March, 1922 shall be observed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown,

for Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. Miller,
Mr. T. Hardy,
Mr. E. Aldridge,
Mr. J. H. Williams,
Stanley.



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Stanley,
Cctr 18th, 1923.

Sir,

Being the owner of a small pleasure boat, that would carry from 60 to 80 bundles of tussack, I have been asked by various owners of animals if I were going to bring tussack in, my answer was, if I can get a permit I would make weekend trips occasionally, weather permitting. I am not prepared to pay the twelve months licence of five pounds, but would pay in proportion monthly, providing I went down to the Island that month, or I would be glad to know if you had any proposals to meet my case.

I would respectfully point out that the material gain to me does not count, but in case of a refusal it would be a portion of the public, and the animals that would loose.

I would also like a permit for 1000 Penguin eggs from Kidney Island, for which I enclose five shillings.

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain,

yours respectfully.

John Walsh Junr

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Stanley
Falkland Islands
30 Oct. 1923

Sir,

I beg to apply for permission to cut a small quantity of tussac in the tussac plantation, for a cow which is very sick. I am unable to obtain any food for her,

Waiting a reply,

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
F. J. Lellman.

To the
Colonial Secretary.