

MISCELLANEOUS

NAT/PEN/1 # 1

(Penguins)

1921

No. 901/21

Mr. A. F. Cobb.

SUBJECT.

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JACKASS PENGUINS

16th August

Asks for permission to be allowed to kill:

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MINUTES.

Letter from Mr. A. F. Cobb, 16th August, 1921.....Encl..(1)

Govt. Secretary

Refused

Tell 26/8/21

Mr. Cobb.

During the last journey of Ed. Falkland I had a conversation with Mr. Cobb on this subject.

He informed me that the number of Jackass penguins on Bleaker I^d was very great and made more complaints which he has put in writing, stating also that ground which was occupied by Jackass penguins was dangerous for riding over, which I believe to be correct; and birds were in burrows like rabbits, which they make themselves.

2. I consider that this permit might be granted for Bleaker island, not for any of those by the way which may be included in Mr. Cobb's holding.

3. It is not unlikely that a market might be found for Penguin skins, which are not readily available to fetch, as regards value. Mr. Cobb might be asked to transmit to me a list of all skins for experiment at all. I do not think there would be much value in the skins and it would be a pity to waste the

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the birds altogether.

While I was in Monte Video I was asked if there was any possibility of penguins being retained in Falkland and spoke of the matter to Col. R. T. Dr. Johnston but nothing further was done. I still have the address of my engineer.

4. I consider that Mr. Cobb is not likely to take any action which would be likely to endanger the existence of any species of the native fauna, he being a keen naturalist.

J. B. Hamilton.

F. O. S. Naturalist

30th Sept 1921.

Yr.
Submitted for favor of his tracks

W. H. H. H.

H.C.S.

Penguins on Blake's Island as per letter by
Ordinance No 1 of 1913 (Wild animals & Birds Protection)

2. Ordinance No 9 of 1914 (Penguins preservation)
which prohibits taking of eggs except under license
does not apply to Blake's Island.

3. Permission may be granted to kill Scaup
Penguins on Blake's Island in respect of

and finally with a view to restricting
 the areas ^{to which the} used by the birds as breeding
 grounds & which are under some title consideration.

on Bluebird Island.

4. The permission shall remain in force until
 the 1st of October 1922.

5. Mr. Cobb should be asked to send 20 bird
 skins of Sooty Puffin: the body skins
 without head, ^{the skin being opened down the side} flippers a few are desired, the
 breast & back being left intact.

OK.

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Letter to Mr. Cobb dated 5th Oct. 1921.

Encl (2)



Bleaker Island
East Falklands.

16/8/21.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask permission to kill Jacksass Penguins that destroy tussac paddocks by pulling up young plants, & undermine the ground in the paddocks & elsewhere by burrowing, and thus make the ground unsafe for stock, besides ruining many acres of good grass land & decreasing the carrying capacity of this farm.

If it was a case of exterminating them, or if they were made use of in any way, it would be a different matter.

yours faithfully
Arthur J. Cobb.

To
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

901/21

5th October, 21.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th of August, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that permission is granted to you to kill Jackass Penguins in the tussock paddocks on Bleaker Island up to the 1st of October, 1922, with a view to restricting the areas on Bleaker Island which are used by these birds as breeding grounds.

2. It should be clearly understood that:

- (a) All unnecessary killing of the birds must be avoided.
- (b) The permission now granted may be withdrawn at any time.

3. I am to request that you will be so good as to send into Stanley 20 dried skins of Jackass Penguins. The body skins, without head flippers or feet are desired, the skins being opened down the side and the breast and back left intact.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker Heaton
Colonial Secretary.

A. F. Cobb, Esq.,
Bleaker Island,
East Falkland.