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SCIENTIFIC  
(Penguins.)

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19 43.

No. 25/43.

Mr. A. H. Carleton.

SUBJECT.

19 43.

1st March.

MAKES APPLICATION TO TAKE TWO PENGUINS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Mr. A. H. Carleton of 1. 3. 43.

H.C.S., (3)

I regret that I am unable to support this application for the reasons annexed.

Gentoo Penguins have never been successfully landed in Europe even by professional live animal collectors. They always die en route.

I do not consider that in war conditions there are even reasonable prospects of getting any penguin to England alive. In any case they are quite unsuitable for "pets" for private persons, who cannot be expected to have even moderately suitable accomodation for the birds, in particular an unlimited water supply, or at present any chance at all of providing proper food.

Even large Zoological gardens have considerable difficulty in peace time in maintaining their penguins in good health and failures are very numerous.

Penguins have occasionally been kept in the Falklands in circumstances which permitted daily access to the sea and that they should continue to return to one place, even a house, is not surprising, having regard to the persistence with which penguins return to their familiar haunts. But it is obvious that one cannot argue from this - almost a normal life - that they have any chance of survival in England.

Finally, once permission had been given to one private person to take a couple of penguins on the off chance of their surviving the journey to England, as circumstances are at present, one must anticipate numbers of similar applications which could not well be refused.

Subsequent Paper.

*J. H. Hamilton*  
Gov. Naturalist.  
10.3.43.

4. Letter to A. H. Carleton, Esq., of 11. 3. 43.



STANLEY,

1st March, 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit that consideration may be given to this application to obtain from one of the local rookeries two penguins, either rocky or gentoo. My object is to train the birds as pets and to take them with me when I return to the United Kingdom as a present to my brother, who is keenly interested in Natural History.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*A. Carleton.*

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

P.T.O. /

25/43.

11th March,

43.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st March, I regret to have to inform you that no permits can be granted for the removal of live penguins from the rookeries for private purposes.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

A. H. Carleton, Esq.,  
STANLEY.