

C. S.

SCIENTIFIC
(Penguins)

NAT/PEN/1 # 23

19 46.

No. 268/46.

M. Alan Best

SUBJECT.

19 46

14th November

Previous Paper.

MR. ALAN BEST REQUESTS PERMISSION TO COLLECT
PENGUINS FROM THE FALKLANDS AND SOUTH
GEORGIA.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Mr. A. Best, Buenos Aires of 14. 11. 46

2.

HE.

① may be added. by him? There is a similar pen in 240/38 at 1. Last year penguins were added for the 200 by his best.

2. his Robert (F.I.C.) brought ① with him. He has met his Best - reports favorably on him. He is clear that he has a good connection.

3. I will inform him. AB
State S.G. 4.12.46

(3)
Abp
H.C. 5/11

Subsequent Paper.

4. Tel. to A. Best Eq. BA of 7.12.46.

Tel No. 161 to Mag. S. G., of 10. 12. 46. 5.

for 11/12

there are telegrams

Telegram from Revers London Zoo of 14. 2. 47 6.

Telegram from Secretary Zoological Edinburgh of 14. 2. 47 7.

Telegram from Treasurer Messrs Bros & Ward of 15. 2. 47. 8.

9

A.C.S.

Better ask Mr. B. to call.

2. When is (8) from?

Abel
10.2

10.

S.B.S.

Mr. B. will call today

2. (8) is from New York, pl.

Abel
19.2.47

11

T.Y.

2. Mr. Best is calling again ~ 21. 2. 47. Re.
B.C. accordingly, with Mr. Best CR. Lankin (?)
Mr. Gudwin (?) collecting birds.

240/38
Godard

Abel
19.2

Tel No 27 to Magistrate S. G. of 25. 2. 47. 12.
(copy to Mr. Best for info)

A.I.

12. correct cost of (13)

2. Mr. B. has been informed

for C.S.
26.2.47.

Hon. C.S.

Waked. thank you

for C.S.
27.2.47.

15

Tel. No. 35 from Magistrate, S. L. of 26.2.47

16

I show (15) to Mr. Best who is coming
to see me in a day ~ 2

B.

3/3

ABE
1/3

17

A.S.

Re. issue held by - about
charges.

2. Let me see reference in (15)

34. I think we have replied?

ABE

7.3.47

18.

Tel No 36 to mag. by of 10.3.47
(copy to Mr. Best fi)

19.

A.S.

Ref. 17 para 2. - pl. see foot of 3
in D/5/47 (below). for C.S.

20

Re. see that Mr. Best pays for items

- PA

ABE
12/3

15 one 2

Tel No 44 from Magistrate S.G. of 12.3.47 21
(long to Mr Best fi)

Tel No 111 to Mag. South Georgia of 9.8.47. 22

Tel No 123 from " " " of 11.8.47. 23

Tel No 113 to " " " " 13.8.47. 24

Tel No 122 to " " " " 1.9.47 25

Tel. No 131 " " " " 10.9.47. 26
1.9

27
SET

Re. charge all these items to Mr Best

28
CBL
11.5

Hon C.S.

August telegrams have already been paid.
Can a claim be made when Mr Best returns
and paid to the Treasury as a refund of telegram
costs pl.?

AM SET 20.9.47

Tel. No. 141 from Mag. S. Georgia of 19.9.47. 29

Telegram No. 140 to Magistrate South Georgia of 25.9.47. 30.

31.
A.I.

Re. collect costs of (21) - (26) + (29) - (30)

Hon C.S.

32.

Cost of Telegrams at 21-26 + 29-30 collected
on Treasury R.V. 12149 of 17/10/47, pl.

for C.S.
11.8.47

Mr. Morris
will pay for

to A.S.
20/10/47

KIV
for Mr Best's return

- 33 Telegram No. 173 from Magistrate, South Georgia of 6. 11. 47.
34 " No. 165 to Magistrate, South Georgia of 7. 11. 47.

35.

Y.E.

Will be interested to see (33) (34). Only 2 Kings and 1 Gentoo were lost.

(Intld) A.B.M.
7. 11.

36.

Very creditable to all concerned.

(Intld) M.C.
8/XI

PA
37
10/11
PA
38
12

Telegram from Mr. Best of 30. 1. 48

38 Extract from 31 in 141/45
(Specimens for Los. Caroline)

H.C.S.

38a We spoke of Mr. Curran's application. Copy of note attached, pl.

(Intld) J. E. H.
6. 11. 48

PA
39
40

copy of tel to J. Curran from Mr. Best of 24. 1. 48
" " " from J Curran to Mr Best of 2. 2. 48

41 letter from Maclean & Stapledon of 11. 1. 49

42 Tel. to Mr. A Best California of 3. 2. 49

Office R. act. (41) & say that matter has recd attention.

PA
43
4/2

3/2

A.D.

5.4.44

(42) Will you arrange to collect
a fee of 10/- for each penguin taken.

H.C.S.

H.C.S.
25.3.49

I will so arrange.

J.P.O. 24/10/49.

40.

46

A.T.

A. check re 10. is wrong.

L.H.

47

44.

Notes.

I have collected from Mr. Best £32.11.3
i.e. 63 Penguins @ 10/- = £31.10. - + cost of
telegram at 42 = £1.1.1.

B.
6/4

Telegram from Mr. Best of 28.3.52. 48.

Telegram to Governor, "John Biscoe" of 1.4.52. 49

50

H.C.S.

48 has been repeated to H.C. pl.

H.C.
1/4.

H.C.
2/4

Telegram MC/1/A to Admin. Officer, S. Georgia of 51

B.O.
7/5/52

OS

I relayed the

51

attached to Butler;

53

you might ask if he
has been able to do
anything about it and
if buses are to be
expected in Biscove.

W. J. J.

ACP FNA - I presume
from this that Biscove
is calling at S.G. after
signing - which I did not
before realize. Q

53 Telegram No 70. to Admin. Officer of 24.2.52.

Ref. J. J.

54 Telegram No 68 from ... of 25.4.52

55

45.

Ref (52)

I am afraid (54) wishes this out & I will reply
to (48) accordingly.

1) First however, it might be worth asking on them
Kerguelen Bay if they are prepared to help for my
trip to S. Georgia. One of the ratings might like to
earn a few honest bobbs looking after them.

56

Acay.

Mc. 20/11

29/4

- 57 Letter to Capt. H.M.S. Verran Bay of 30.4.52.
- 58 Unm. telegram to A.O. South Georgia of 5.5.52
- 59 Unm telegram from A.O. S. G. of 5.5.52.
- 60 Telegram No 81 to 10.5.52.
61

~~HEP~~ ^{early} Pie check L with
Captain Johnson & he
has got someone to
look after them.

10/5
Spoke Lee.

Dir for Kay's telegram

- 62 Telegram Unm. from A.O. South Georgia of 11.5.52.
- 63 .. to Mr. A. Best, Canada, of 12.5.52.
- 64 .. from H.E. the Governor of 12.5.52.
- 65 .. to A.O. S. Georgia of 14.5.52. No 82
- 66 Memo from S. of E. of 12.5.52.
- 67 Telegram from Mr. A. Best of 14.5.52
68

S/E

As at C on 66 ~ B on 67, pl

10/5.

69.

H.C.S.

A

Provided all time I suggest one of these the following as ways of disposing of the surplus twelve:

1. Send them to the London Zoo.
2. Release them at Con Bay where a pair lived in 1945, 1946. This is a remote area in North Camp, the Smiths of Johnson's Harbour would protect them, and we might re-establish the Falkland colony. It is significant that the penguin on the old map reproduced in the F.I.C. centenary calendar are all King Penguins. The bird must have been quite common in those days. as indeed it was.
3. Offer them to Edinburgh Zoo.

16. V. 52.

L.H.

70

70

Y.E. (69) is S.G.'s reply to 'what shall we do with the surplus penguins?'

2) May I pre have Y.E.'s instructions - I rather favour suggestion 2. - with Mr Best handling their maintenance here.

19/5

They are covered by the S.I. a day anyway? but not by Y.E.

71

I favour 2 myself so we have had no luck with the London Zoo; Edinburgh have some I believe.

Mr. Bennett and his friend told me recently that the Zoo have asked him for penguins of all kinds.

72

S.G.

(69) S.G.

M.C. 19/5

We spoke. But you for No strong views are held & the solution most convenient for you will be appd.

73

20/5

H.C.S.

T.Y.

F.H.

22.5.52

74 Memo from Mr. E.M. Baskell of 16.1.52

75 Telegram from A.O. South George of 19.1.52

S/E

76

Do note appl. of you 74 & see 75, pl.

[Signature]
12/5.

HCS

77

1.7.

File 26.5.52.

78

Memo from S.E. of 6.6.52.

S/E

79

As at 78 B pl,

[Signature]

for C.S.

9/6.

80
80a copy of

Memo from S. of E. of 10.6.52.
Memo to Seafids. of 10.6.52

81

Telegram to Allison, Montevideo of 11.6.52.

82

.. .. Best, Canada. of 11.6.52.

S/E

83

KIV 79 + 80

Do note appl. of you 78 & 80 pl.

HCS

84

Sum. 5.

13.6.52.

[Signature]
12/6

85

Telegram to Macstaple Montevideo of 13.6.52.

86

Memo from S.E. of 15.6.52.

87

S/E Do note appl. of you 86 & then pass to C.T. to see

HCS

Sum. File 17.6.52

[Signature]
17.6.

[Signature]
14/6

88.

C.I.

To see 86 & previous correspondence regarding payts. from Best's Advance Ac.

Hon^{co} 89

[Signature]
18/6/52

Seen h.y.

[Signature]
for C.I.
19/6.

90 copy of letter to Mr. A. Sporne of 12.6.52.

91

H.A.O.

244 Please collect cost of Penguins at 90 from Advance Account of Mr.

A. Best.

W.H.
for C.S. 19.6.52.

92

Hon^{co}

Mr. Sporne to Treasury by Agric Dept. payts to insurance is being arranged by H.V.

[Signature]
25/6.

[Signature]
25/6

93 Telegram from Mr. Best of 4.7.52.

[Signature]
6/7.

94 Letter from Board of Park Commissioners of 25.7.52

95. " " A. Best of 25.7.52.

Mail from

96.

G.S. - 95

I presume Sir Miles marginal note to last para on 95B. refers to any personal expense he may have incurred?

[Signature]
4/12

97.

CS. Yes - especially in view of (94) & (92). We should bill him for all expenses - S/E, to arrange with A.C.S.

- 1) S/E to see (94) & (95)
 - 2) Pre have a copy of (95) made which I will send to Dr. W.H.S. Vengam Bay. } done & copy. Handled to H.H.
- [Signature]*
4/12

98.

A.C.S. 97 of 2nd pt. *[Signature]*
4/12

99

Office
97-12. Prepare ~~of~~ a copy of (95) for H.S.
& pass file to S/E and.

[Signature]
5/12

100.

Record.

Copy of (95) made & sent to A.C.S. 5/12/52

101

S/E.

To see 94 & 95 pt.

W.H.S. 5/12/52

H.S.

Seen. We make potassium iodide to control mycosis. once apparently successfully.

noted P.A. *[Signature]*
11/12

File 9.X.152

W/T.

Please arrange collection from Best.
of all outstanding charges.

G.E.B.
13/10/53

Recalled from
C.T. 27/10/53.

103 Letter from M. A. Best of 5. 10. 53.

104

S/E

103 - can you advise on queries?

J.P.S.
27.x.

105

M.S.

Spoke S/E who says the school may be
closed at his house & that Mr. Best's
man can keep his boxes there also
one Miss Lane of course to look
after them himself.

~~See~~

See 108

P.
27.x

106

Off. Re. arrange letters to Mr. Best.

J.
27.x.

107

S/E

103 - we spoke.

Would you kindly confirm
arrangements to Mr. Bear.

\$
28/4.

108.

A.C.S.

Draft O.K. But I am unable to take the birds
themselves. I had forgotten that F.I.D.S. removed
my penguin pen a month ago and as we are
busy rearing birds and have other birds we
cannot have 150 or so penguins wandering about.
If the man likes to erect a pen, then we can
have his birds.

\$
28-X-13

109 Off. Issue cuts

\$
28/4

110 Letter to M.A. Bear of 3/11/53

III.

A.T.

102 - file returned

\$
112 11

Han C.S.

Expenses ~~was~~ incurred on behalf of
Mr. A. Bear. recharged with supporting
vouchers attached

\$
29/4/54

map.

268/46.

113

Letter to Crown Agents of 30/4/54.

BU 30/6/54
BU 113 31/7/54

114

C.A.D.

113. Has a/c been settled pt.?

Woffers 3/1/2.

Am. C.S.

No collection recorded up to 30. June 1954.

Why this file be b.d. on 30.9.54 p.2?

Ag. A.S.
3.2.54

BU 30/9
(A.T.)

Am C.S.

Recording effected two C/A's on RV 26 of 28.7.54.

Ag A.T.
30.9.54
P.A. 8
28/9

114.

Telegram from S of S No. 101 of the 22. 9. 59.

115

Y.H.

Alan Best has been here before & I see no objection to him coming again.

2. We may charge 10/- each for his last consignment of birds - fees have since been increased considerably & I think he shd. be told this as well as that the free co-operation of the whaler is essential if he collects from South Georgia.

3. Drags repay 8 p.c.

Q

24/9/59

See (41) in
0067)

Hlt. C.S.

he spoke. The policy is heavy fees for people making a profit. No fees for unrecognized zoos. The telegram states that he is collecting for the zoo - so I think we need only say no objections but we would like prior notice of when he is likely to arrive (A.O. South Georgia should be informed) - but certainly add the bit about the wignation of the whalers being essential

117 Telegram No 157 to S^{25.9.59} of S of 25.9.59.

118 Letter from Mr. A. Best of 4.9.59.

Y.E.

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~~114~~ Summary on file, PL.

Details on minutes 114-117 are relevant

120

Secfids.

118. Did any word of this reach you in London?

2. How are FISS ships' calls at S. Georgia planned at present?

DPA. 13.11.59

121.

Y.E.

I have sent Mr Best all the information he requires. After Biscoe's call en route to Halley Bay at the end of December. There are no visits planned but I expect Shackleton will call in February & again in March.

[Signature] 13.11.59

- 123 Letter to Mr. A. Best of. 24. 11. 59.
 122 Letter from Mr. A. Best of. 14. 9. 59.
 124 Telegram to Mr. A. Best of 1.2/59.

125

There are telegrams for this file

Be. 15.1.60
 2/1

126

Telegram to A.C., South Georgia of. 1. 1. 60.

127

Telegram No. 3 from South Georgia of 8/1/59.

128

Telegram No. 43 of 10th Feb. 60 to South Georgia.

H.C.S.

Ref 128.

129

I have spoken to Mr. Best and he is coming to see me and repay the £10. This transaction will have to be conducted on an advance account and I should be grateful, therefore, if H.E. would sanction this by signing the attached Advance (Imprest) warrant now submitted for his signature please.

act. 12)

130

To Adv. Imprest Warrant

15/2/60

18.2.60

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19.2.60

131

H.C.S. Imprest (Advance) Warrant with drawn

You may wish to know that Mr. Be repaid the £10 today.

19/2/60

132 Letter from A.O. S.G. of 29.1.60.

133 Memo. from Auditor of 22.2.60.

134 Memo. to Adminoff S.G. of 3.3.60.

135 Letter from J.E. Clifton of 14.12.60.

PA
8

136 Y.H.

Mr. Best is a director of a Vancouver Zoo that on several occasions collected specimens for this & other zoos.

You will approve?

att'd

16/12/60

15/12/60

137 S/C

Please advise Mr. Clifton when pass file to Customs to make.

16.12.60

138

ACS

Draft a/c.

17.12.60

19.12.60

139 Letter to Mr. J.E. Clifton of 19.12.60.

145

co/c

to file 138 pl.

20.12.60

H.E.S.

Noted. Thank you

H/S

6/6.

20.12.60

For

20.12.60

c/o Senor G. Hill,
Viamonte 332,1°, Piso A,
Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

14th November 1946.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
The Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I have the honour to request permission to collect various species of Penguins in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

I am in South America collecting animals and birds for the London and Edinburgh Zoos, and the New York, Philadelphia and Washington Zoos in the United States. They have particularly asked me to obtain penguins for them as their pre-war collections have almost died out. The three species in which I am most interested are the Gentoo (*Pygoscelis Antarctica*), the Rock-hopper (*Eudyptes Chrysocome*), and the King Penguin (*Aptenodytes*), and I would like very much to be allowed to collect roughly 150 of each. For the first two I understand that I would require a permit to collect in the Falkland Islands, and for the last permission to have the birds collected for me in South Georgia.

I should be most grateful if you could grant me permission to make this collection before the arctic winter sets in; and I would very much appreciate it if you could give this matter your early attention in order that I may make any arrangements which may be necessary.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Reply at 4.

Alan Best.

Alan Best.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

(4)

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

7. 12. 46.

To

Alan Post c/o Senor G. Hill, Via Monte 332, Piso A, Buenos Aires.

Red 1

Your letter 14th November stop Penguins collection approved and
Magistrate South Georgia being informed stop Suggest you address him
direct from Buenos Aires.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 5.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(5)

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: December 10th 19 46 *Time:* 10.00.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 161. Mr. Alan Best at present in South America collecting animals and birds for British and American Zoos has been granted permission obtain fifty King Penguins from South Georgia and has been instructed to address you direct from Buenos Aires.

Redy.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

See 12

6
DECODE.

No. 64.

TELEGRAM.

From Vevers London Zoo.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 14th 19 47 *Time :* 10.45.

Received : February 15th 19 47 *Time :* 10.00

Zoological Society London will accept responsibility for expenses up to five hundred pounds for King Penguins up to ten in number.

VEVERS LONDON ZOO.

P/L.

7
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 63.

From Mr. Gillespie, Edinburgh.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 14th 19 47 *Time :* 11.02

Received : February 15th 19 47 *Time :* 10.00

Zoological Society accept responsibility all expenses incurred by Government collection King Penguins for Edinburgh from South Georgia.

GILLESPIE SECRETARY ZOOLOGICAL.

P/L.

8
DECODE.

No. 87.

TELEGRAM.

From E. S. Ward, Esq., New York.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: February 15th 19 47 Time:

Received: February 16th 19 47 Time: 10.00

As importing for American Zoological Gardens we hereby assume responsibility and guarantee all expenses incurred in the collection of thirty King Penguins by Alan Best in South Georgia.

E. S. Ward Treasurer Meens Bros.
and Ward.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
Copy to Mr. Best for information				25. 2. 47
To				
MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA				

25.2.47

- 5 No. 27 My telegram No. 161 of 1946 stop Best now here preferred to await arrival stop Can you obtain 50 King Penguins and send to Buenos Aires in two batches consigned to A.M. Byrne 25 de Mayo 294 for transshipment to New York notifying him of despatch by telegram stop He will handle and pay expenses stop Local expenses should be notified to MacLapple when Best is contacting stop paragraph
2. Person looking after birds on ship will be paid gratuity 10 pesos for each bird arriving Buenos Aires in good condition stop paragraph
3. Please confirm.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

COST: 103 words @ 1d. = 8s/7d.

See 18

Paid 14.3.47

DECODE.

(15)

TELEGRAM.

No. 441.

From The Magistrate South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 26th 19 47 Time : 13.40

Received : February 26th 19 47 Time : 15.30

12
No. 35. Your telegram No. 27. Can make all necessary arrangements subject to Pest obtaining permission from Pesca Head Office Buenos Aires ship Penguins by one of their vessels.

Charles
affected
2. Suggest total be shipped in one batch Montevideo and that should be condition permit number Kings also delivered British Zoological Society London/Pest if required in addition 25 referred to in my telegram No. 34.

1/5/47
3. Shipment will be effected end season and in event Montevideo please advise name of consignee.

School report
5 birds per group
4. Would appreciate confirmation suggestion made my telegram No.

P/L.

MAGISTRATE.

see 18

pp-
only
ABE
21

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

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Copy to Mr. Best for information.				10. 3. 47.

To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

15 No. 36 Your telegram 35 stop Am giving Best letter to Pesca to take by x
 next Lafonia about 18th March stop He will contact Ryan who as you know
 is visiting South Georgia end March stop paragraph 2 Your paragraph 2
 stop Best can only handle 25 at a time and now prefers leave remainder
 till next season when he will collect them instead stop paragraph 3
 Your paragraph 3 stop Montevideo would be preferable to Buenos Aires which
 12 was suggested in my telegram No. 27 as being more likely for Pesca stop
 12 But MacIsaac would handle as in my telegram No. 27 mutatis mutandis and
 I hope you can so arrange.

Reply at 21

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

COST: 115 words @ 1d = 9s/8d

Paid 14. 3. 47

Copy to Mr. Best for information, please.

21

DECODE.

No. 142.

TELEGRAM.

for C. S.
13. 3. 47.

From The Magistrate South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : March 12th 1947 Time : 12.00

Received : March 12th 1947 Time : 14.30

18 No. 44. Your telegram No. 36 Penguins. There are no
difficulties and I will be pleased to make all arrangements.

MAGISTRATE.

P/L.

See 27

1/11.

*Wm
1/2 Best to him
ABC
12/3*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

3/2.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				9. 8. 47.

To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

21

No. 111 Your telegram No. 44 should be grateful if you would collect eight King Penguins for Best to be sent to Stanley by Fitzroy September care Clifton stop inform me of all charges.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See 23

Time

3/2

LJH.

23
DECODE.

No. 107.

TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : August 11th 19 47 Time : 21.00

Received : August 12th 19 47 Time : 10.00.

22 No. 123. Your telegram No. 111. Should be glad to know by what date approximately in September penguins required for shipment Fitzroy.

Reply at 24

MAGISTRATE.

P/L.

LJH.

2/1

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				13. 8. 47.

To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

23

Number 113 Your telegram No. 123 stop About 14th September.

W H 25

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

me

6/2

JH.

252

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

1. 9. 47.

To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

24

No. 122 My telegram No. 113 stop Fitzroy delayed a week please arrange shipment approximately 21st September.

122 26

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

1/9

LJH.

26

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				10. 9. 47.

To

RAILWAY SOUTH GEORGIA.

25

No. 131 by telegram No. 122 Pitcairney now arriving South Georgia earlier probably
16th September.

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY.

Time

R/10

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
203	South Georgia	56	22.30	19.9.47

To

Secretary Stanley.

No 141 Fitzroy sailed 1330 GMT 19th Hooley and Mrs Hooley passengers ten King Penguins two cases news reels stop in view very limited supply fish obtainable here for feeding on voyage suggest arrangements made procure stock before birds arrive Stanley stop expenses if any will be notified after arrival season manager Pesca.

Magistrate.

Time Underlined extracted to P/18 "T.V. Hooley's File"

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

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To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

29

No. 140. Your telegram No. 141 stop Penguins arrived safely stop Very many thanks to you and all concerned.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

COST: 23 words @ 1d. = 1s/11d. ✓

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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130	South Georgia Etat	15	23.45	6.11.47
To Secretary Stanley				

29
No 173 my telegram no 141 King Penguins no repeat no expenses.

Magistrate.

See 34

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

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To

MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA.

33

Number 165 Your telegram No. 173 Please express most grateful thanks to Manager Posca and all concerned stop They will be glad to know that we have just heard that all but 2 Kings arrived safely New York stop Best most grateful.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

LJR.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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63	Oceanside	18		30.1.48
To				
MLT COLONIAL SECRETARY				
STANLEY				

ARRIVING FEB BOAT FOR PENGUINS IF PERMITTED LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

BEST

Time

Seen by MCS

6th February, 1948.

38a

Mr. J. Curran.

With reference to your verbal application on behalf of Mr. Best for 35 Jackass Penguins, I now inform you that permission has been granted to collect them.

J. E. H. Hamilton

Government Naturalist.

See 3940

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
74	Oceansider	26		24.1.48
To				
MT RP Dollars 2.50 Joe Curran Port Stanley FL.				

Arriving late February for Jackasses stop Can you start about 35 birds
February first cable reply Heemsward Oceanside New York.

Best

Reply at 40

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
218	164	18	1250	2/2/48
To	NLT	BEST	MEE MS WARD	OCEANSIDE NEW YORK

CAN OBTAIN JACKASSES ANYTIME SUGGEST
 MID FEBRUARY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPENSE
 MAINTENANCE =

CURRAN

See 39

*In hi Bank for
 WBR*

Time Paid in New York
 10/20/48. Less 2-50. of 2/2/48

After January 10th.

c/o Norman Best, Esq.,

5732 Clemson Street,

Los Angeles 16. Cal.

Ganges Harbour,

British Columbia.

4th January 1948.



The Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I would like to make a collection of birds in the Falkland Islands this spring, and would be most grateful if you would grant me a permit for the following birds:-

45 Jackass, 6 Rockhopper and 4 Gentoo penguins, 10 Steamer ducks, 10 Redeyed and 10 King shags, 14 Upland geese and 8 Kelp geese.

I am known in Port Stanley where I have made collections on two previous occasions; the last of which was the most successful I have ever made, as all the penguins survived the journey and have continued to do well in the zoos to which they went on arrival in America.

I hope to come to Port Stanley in the latter part of February and would very much appreciate an early reply to this request so that I may make my plans and arrange transport for the birds in advance. Any expenses for cables etc., which you may incur on my behalf I will gladly refund.

I remain, your obedient servant,

Alan Best.

Alan Best.

Reply at 42

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MACLEAN & STAPLEDON S.A.

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BENTLEY'S

CASILLA DE CORREO 193

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO
TELEPHONES 86382
85042



January 11th. 1949

Sir:-

Hla

We beg to enclose herewith a letter we have received at this Office, addressed to your goodself, from A.T.Best, c/o H.F.Best Esq. 5732 Clemon Street, Los Angeles 16, California, and should be very much obliged if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of same in due course.

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S. A.

Colonial Secretary
PORT STANLEY

Encl.
JHD/vd.

AccPd. 3/1/49

*Ref. containing
instructions re
revenue for
language of
revenue
0667
below*

*App - but this is becoming a habit;
the trade is lucrative and the Colony shd. get
something out of it. Please consider accy.*

*McC. 21
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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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3. 2. 49.

To

A. Best C/O Norman Best 5732 Clemons Street Los Angeles 16 California.

4/12
Your letter 4th January stop permission granted stop licence fee
penguins ten shillings each.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

25 Jan. 1949. 96. 5. 8. 11 - 12. 08.

Nota.

*Case of 42 noted for collection from
Mr. Bird*

Time

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

48

From Alan Best, Vancouver, B.C.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 28th March, 19 52 *Time :* NIL

Received : 30th March, 19 52 *Time :* 0845

Would appreciate your help in obtaining twelve King Penguins for Vancouver Zoo via Biscoe this trip if possible. Have contacted Clifton of Fitzroy regarding care birds to Montevideo expenses gratuities our responsibility address Best, Curator Stanley Park Zoo, Vancouver, Canada.

ALAN BEST.

ACS

Wire on to H.E.?

(Intld)C.C.

29/3/52

P/L.
S.S.

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1.4.52.

To

GOVERNOR "JOHN BLOOM"

HCA/1

FOLLOWING FROM ALAN BENT FOR YOU BENTING WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
HELP IN OBTAINING ^{TWENTY} ~~TWENTY~~ KING PENGUINS FOR VANCOUVER ZOO VIA
BLOOM THIS TRIP IS POSSIBLE STEP HAVE CONTACTED CLIFTON OF
PETERBOY REGARDING GART BIRDS TO MONTREAL EXPENSES GRATUITIES
OUR RESPONSIBILITY ADDRESS BEAT CURATOR STANLEY PARK ZOO VANCOUVER
CANADA STEP ENDS.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

Time

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The acceptance of this Marconigram is subject to the conditions printed on the back hereof.

To

MC/1/A Administrative B.P. in South Georgia.
BEST and enroute Stationery 300 Victoria Island
12 King Penguins this trip Riscoe Bay you
arrange? all expenses postal etc etc reasonable
Riscoe

208/46.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				24.4.52

To

ADMIN. OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

51 NO 70. REFERENCE GOVERNOR'S MC/1/A STOP KING PEROWINS STOP
HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE AND IF SO CAN BIRDS BE EXPECTED
IN BASKET.

W. W. W. W. W.
COL. SEC.

Time

33

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

54

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 25th April, 19 52 *Time :* 1200

Received : 25th April, 19 52 *Time :* 1400

53

No 68. Your No 70. Had arranged with Leith Harbour to collect penguins from St. Andrews Bay on 23rd April but Johnston asked me to cancel arrangements in view of BISCOE's short stay here and fact that he had no facilities for keeping live penguins on board he will no doubt further explain on his return to Stanley.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

268/46.

30th April 52

Sir,

I am directed to state that a request has been received from Mr. Alan Best, Curator, Stanley Park Zoo, Vancouver, Canada, for help in obtaining 12 King Penguins for his Zoo.

2. It was hoped to bring these from South Georgia in the "John Biscoe", but it was not possible owing to lack of facilities.

3. I have to enquire, therefore, whether you would feel prepared to assist on any voyage you may undertake to South Georgia.

4. Any expenses, gratuities, etc., would be paid by Mr. Best and some ornithophil on board might like to earn some honest pennies as custodian.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sdg)

C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Commanding Officer,

H.M.S. Veryan Bay,

Stanley.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number

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Handed in at

Date

5.5.52.

To

ADMIN. OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

0324/C.

UNRECORDED. YOUR TELEGRAM 68 JAN 1952 HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND YOURS
ABOUT 10TH MAY PREPARED TO BE SENT BACK TWELVE HOURS PROVIDED
THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND FOR ALL DAYS STOP PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN
IF THIS IS POSSIBLE SO THAT I CAN HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM THIS
END.

COLONEL GREGORY

Time

COPIED VERY COPY. ONE H.A. PUBLISHED ON 1/7/52 TATUCH 0010/5th

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59

TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 5th May, 1952 *Time :* 1800

Received : 6th May, 1952 *Time :* 0845

58

Unnumbered. Your unnumbered telegram of 5th. Am attempting to obtain penguins by 10th. Provided "Veryan Bay" returning direct to Stanley they will probably survive without feeding on voyage.

ADMIN.OFFICER.

File pl.,

(Intld)J.B.

P/L.
SS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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10.5.52.

To

ADM IN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

59 NO 84. YOUR UNNUMBERED TELEGRAM 5th MAY STOP GRATEFUL.

EARLY INFORMATION WHETHER OR NOT VERNAN BAY BRINGING PRISONERS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

55

DECODE.

62

TELEGRAM.

From Adm. Officer. South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 11th May, 1952 *Time :* 2230

Received : 12th May, 1952 *Time :* 0845

60

Unnumbered your No. 81. Vervan Bay bringing Penguins

ADM OFFICER.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To	BNST, CURATOR, STANLEY PARK ZOO, VANCOUVER, CANADA.			HOA/C

TWELVE KING PENGUINS ARRIVING STANLEY TOMORROW STOP AN SHIPPING
ON BIGGEE DUE MONTVIDEO APPROXIMATELY MAY 28TH STOP PLEASE ADVISE
WHO WILL RECEIVE THEM THERE.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

Time

DECODE.

64

TELEGRAM.

From H.E.the Governor, H.M.S.Veryan Bay.

To Governor's Deputy.

Despatched : 12th May, 19 52 *Time :* 2203

Received : 13th May, 19 52 *Time :* 0845

MC/6. Returning tomorrow forenoon. Have onboard twenty King Penguins for Best and one gilt in pig for Agricultural Officer. Please get Clifton to provide fresh fish for penguins.

GOVERNOR.

P/L.

SS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Handed in at

Date

14.5.52.

To

ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

DEPA/C

NO 82. GLAD TO KNOW YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EXPENSES
AND GRATUITIES PAYABLE SOUTH GEORGIA IN CONNECTION KING PENGUINS
STOP THESE ARE RECOVERABLE FROM ALAN BYST.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

MEMORANDUM

E.M. Cawkell

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

12.5.52.

A

King Penguins for Mr. Best

1. The following is a record of our conversation this morning and this afternoon:
2. The birds to be looked after by myself, and I will make arrangements for collecting them from the warship.
3. I am to make arrangements for crating and feeding (the price of fish has been settled already with Mr. Bowles)
4. Mr. Bowles to be asked to make the crates.
5. Mr. Elliott tells me that a member of FIDS will feed the birds on the Biscoe.
6. Whilst the birds are in my possession I am to receive £1 per day out of which I meet the expenses of two assistants (older children), and miscellaneous expenses - as tea for the children, extra laundry, wire for strengthening the pen and so on. But NOT the cost of fish, or any transport or the crates. This sum to be paid whether the birds all live or not.
7. It is understood that Mr. Best will make arrangements for onward transmission of the birds from M.V.

E.M. Cawkell

B

* Mr. Bowles has just told me that his quotation for fish at 4s per lb. does not include delivery. If it is sent to my house it is 5s per lb. as I have no intention of carrying 50 lbs. of fish daily from the public jetty we shall have to agree to this price.

C

S.E. (66) Confirmed.

15/5

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B.V. on file.
14/5

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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38	VancouverBC	22	1051	14.5.52
To	THE GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS		STANLEY	

A

CONSIGNED TO ALLISON MCLEAN AND STAPLETON MONTEVIDEO STOP
APPRECIATE TREMENDOUSLY YOUR KINDNESS

ALLEN BEST

B

S/E

to see. What
are your suggestions re
surplus penguins?
1875

TimePGS

MEMORANDUM



74

E.M. Cawkell

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.
16.v.52.

The injured penguin has been examined by a board consisting of Drs. Glessor, Hillenbrand and Watson. It has also been examined by Dr. Hamilton.

2. Their recommendation is that it be destroyed.

3. I therefore propose to chloroform it. I understand that the Vervan Bay would like the skin in order to have it stuffed for the ward-room. I have no doubt that I can persuade Dr. Hamilton to skin it for them, they can send it to London to be set up. As the ship brought the birds here I suggest we ~~xx~~ hand the ~~kind~~ skin to them.

yes | 4. I have asked several people if they can make crates for the penguins but they are unable to do so. Is it therefore in order to ask the PWD to make them? They will not be elaborate.
The cages which have been made for the geese by the PWD are quite excellent.

E.M. Cawkell

Appd.

20/5

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TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

<i>Despatched :</i>	19th May,	1952	<i>Time :</i>	1200
<i>Received :</i>	19th May,	19 52	<i>Time :</i>	1415

65
No 82. Your telegram No 82. Recommend no repeat no
expenses or gratuities.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

P/L.
SS

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MEMORANDUM

E. M. Cawkell

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

6.6.52.

A

Feeding of Penguins

66
My footnote to 66 in this file.

Mr. Bowles tells me that he has had several complete days fishing without any catch - which I know only too well to be true. This is putting him out of pocket as he has other jobs as well which he leaves to go fishing (e.g. he makes picture frames, makes lead-headed nails for which there is a big local demand and so on).

I don't want him to stop fishing and told him that we would pay him a penny a pound more. He ~~xxxxxx~~ was satisfied.

S/E B

Appd.
9/8

Eric Cawell

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MEMORANDUM

E.M. Cawkell

Secfids,
Stanley.

10.v1.52.

Birds on "John Biscoe"

1. Reference our conversation of yesterday concerning the passage of various birds to M.V. for onward despatch by Macstaple. The following details of cases, etc. are given for your information:

Penguins: 3 cases each marked: Alan Best,
Curator, Stanley Park Zoo, Vancouver,
Canada. Each measuring 50" x 36" x 36"

Geese: 2 cases each marked: Severn Wildfowl
Trust, Slimbridge, Gos., England.
Each measuring: 59" x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Caracara: One case marked: Dierenpark Wassenaar,
The Hague, Holland. Measuring: 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x
21" x 15"

2. I have made all arrangements about feeding on the voyage.

3. A copy of this memorandum is being sent to the Secretariat for file 268/46.

E.M. Cawkell

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MEMORANDUM

E.M. Cawkell

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

10.vi.52.

Penguins on "John Biscoe"

1. Following our conversation this morning I saw Capt. Johnson.
2. It was agreed that Mr. Spawn and his helper (possibly P/O Hill) should receive ~~25~~^{25/-} for their trouble in looking after the penguins and other birds as far as Montevideo and receive in addition 12/- for each penguin reaching there alive. This sum to be divided between them.
3. Capt. Johnson agreed to make the necessary payments and claim from Alan Best's Advance Acct. at the Treasury.
4. I agreed to get in touch with Macstaple and order fish to be fed on arrival. I also agreed to see that food for the birds goes on the ship - fish for the penguins, grass and cabbage for the geese and meat for the caracara.
5. A copy of this memorandum has been sent to the Master of the "John Biscoe."

The. J. Biscoe
seen 10/11/52
12/6

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				11/6/52.
To ALLISON MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO				
PLEASE ARRANGE ONWARD AIR PASSAGE TO ALAN BEST THREE CASES PENGUINS LEAVING ON BISCOE ^{SEVENTEENTH} FIFTEENTH (.) EACH CASE FIFTY BY THIRTY SIX BY THIRTY SIX INCHES (.) PLEASE PURCHASE FIFTY POUNDS FRESH FISH REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY BISCOE ARRIVES (.) INFORM BEST YOUR ARRANGEMENTS (.)				
(Of Aerial Base)				
COLONIAL SECRETARY				
Time				

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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11/12/52

To

ALAN BEST CURATOR STANLEY PARK ZOO VANCOUVER CANADA

(9/12 Advances Absent)

TWELVE KING PENGUINS CONSIGNED ALLISON MACSTAPLE LEAVING HERE
N BISCOE ^{SEVENTEENTH} ~~FIFTEENTH~~ (.) MACSTAPLE INFORMED

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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To

MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO

(Advances A. Best).

PENGUINS TWO CASES ONLY

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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MEMORANDUM

E.M. Cawkell

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

15.6.52.

Remuneration for Penguins

Reference our telephone conversation last evening.

yes.

2. I spoke later to Capt. Johnson who tells me that the original offer was £5 each for looking after the birds plus an additional £1 per bird reaching Montevideo alive. But this was when it was anticipated that the birds would be here only a short while and these men would look after them ashore as well.

3. Capt. Johnson thinks the present rate of remuneration quite adequate (so do I considering that we are caging them, putting food aboard, and have had all the worry) and he told me to leave it to him. His statement being that if they won't feed them for that sum then the crew will do it for nothing.

4. Actually anyone with any conscience would object to being paid for getting the birds there alive, its their job to if they've taken the feeding on. But that's another matter.

5. As regards my own remuneration, £1 per day, out of this I propose to pay the two girls £5 each. The balance will just about cover the cost of the corduroys, flannels and overcoat ruined. These girls, though, have had a tough time. They have come every night, every Saturday and Sunday afternoon for five weeks and have worked in bitter cold and icy water. I feel that their remuneration is insufficient. I ~~would~~ ask you to approve an extra £5 between them. I have said nothing to them and if you think it a breach of an agreement the money will not be paid and they will be none the wiser, only the poorer. But I do recommend it. They deserve every penny.

6. I have sent a copy of this to Capt. Johnson.

Apprs in ltr.

16/6

L.M. Cawkell

HCS

Seen.

Shl 18.6.

4/10/52

Copy 5:

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Ross Road West,
Stanley.

12.6.52.

(Dear Mr. Sporne)

1. The birds travelling to Montevideo, all of which will be taken over by someone from Maclean and Stapledon, comprise: 12 King Penguins, 6 Upland Geese and 1 Forster's Caracara.

2. I will provide: a. Fish (fresh or tinned) for the King Penguins, and ~~if tinned fish cod-liver oil as well.~~

b. Grass, pollard and cabbage for the geese.

c. Fresh meat for the caracara.

3. Feeding instructions and general notes are

Please see that the sacks are kept in the bottom of the Penguin cages, even if they have to be turned over or washed - as may be necessary. The gaps between the wood will cause bumble-foot unless the sacks are there to prevent it.

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iii. The food should either be fresh fish or tinned fish and cod-liver oil.

a. If fresh fish is fed the bird will take mullet type of fish three-quarters the length of this sheet and longer with ease. Any fish more than two days old must be gutted - this will be done for you before the fish leaves Stanley. If the fish are large they must be cut into pieces about 7 inches long and not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. They must be put into the birds' mouths so that the fins and scales and tails slide down with the lie of the fins, etc. Not against them. This is very important. Do not feed great lumps of bone, but some bone and fin is necessary. Force feeding is NOT now necessary, the birds, once the beak is opened, readily gulp down the food. It is best for one to hold the right-hand flipper and the head whilst the other opens the beak and puts in the food. If it is thrown out try again - if necessary with another piece of fish. Feed until the bird seems satisfied - about three pounds of fish. When really full the tail is left showing in the throat, but this may be cleared and another....



Ross Road West,
Stanley.

12.6.52.

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3. Feeding instructions and general notes are below:

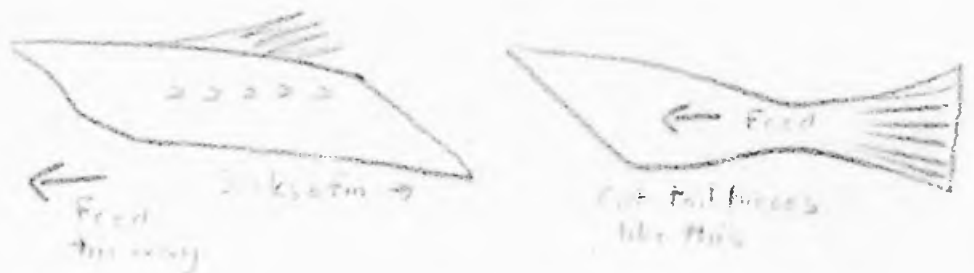
A. King Penguins: i. These birds are travelling on the Biscoe in three crates. On arrival they should be put into two crates - six in each. The third crate is not required and you may dispose of it how you wish - but not in Montevideo in case the address on it causes confusion. Maclean and Stapledon have been told to expect two cases only.

ii. On NO ACCOUNT should these birds be lifted by the neck. Grasp one flipper, they are used to their right-hand one being handled, as close to the body as possible and steady the head and keep the bird from pecking you with the other hand. The peck does not hurt. Striking of birds because they peck at one causes bruising and death.

iii. The food should either be fresh fish or tinned fish and ~~cod-liver oil.~~

a. If fresh fish is fed the bird will take mullet type of fish three-quarters the length of this sheet and longer with ease. Any fish more than two days old must be gutted - this will be done for you before the fish leaves Stanley. If the fish are large they must be cut into pieces about 7 inches long and not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. They must be put into the birds' mouths so that the fins and scales and tails slide down with the lie of the fins, etc. Not against them. This is very important. Do not feed great lumps of bone, but some bone and fin is necessary. Force feeding is NOT now necessary, the birds, once the beak is opened, readily gulp down the food. It is best for one to hold the right-hand flipper and the head whilst the other opens the beak and puts in the food. If it is thrown out try again - if necessary with another ~~piece~~ ^{piece} of fish. Feed until the bird seems satisfied - about three pounds of fish. When really full the tail is left showing in the throat, but this may be cleared and another....

fish, or piece of fish, taken after a good gulp. The fish, immediately before feeding, must be dipped in pure salt water. It is best to have a bucket handy. Any oil, grit or sand will cause stomach trouble and death. The birds do not like water from a gutted fish running out of the fish's mouth down their throats - just shake the fish dry. Provided that the 50 lb. of fish coming on board at Montevideo is fresh it can be fed ungutted, but do ascertain that it is. The birds must have a good feed here. Water from M.V. harbour is not suitable for dipping fish in and you should collect some at sea in advance.



- b. Tinned fish. Feed two tins per day per bird. ~~and with it cod-liver oil. First give each bird two doses of oil. Fill the glass tube, put the rubber tube well down the bird's throat, see it does not bite on it, and blow it down by putting the mouth over the tube. Leave the rubber tube in the stomach whilst the glass tube is re-filled. After this feed fish. It is best to oil and fish the birds at once, that is oil for the bird and then fish and then deal with the next bird.~~

The tinned fish must be washed in salt water. Open the tins, take each fish out as far as possible whole and wash off all tomato sauce etc. A tray is useful for this. The fish are then best fed in halves to prevent waste and "mush" can be squeezed into shape and fed. You must have all ready before you start.

When feeding the oil stop blowing as soon as the oil has disappeared from the glass. ON NO ACCOUNT must air be blown into the bird.

- c. Do not give the King Penguins water. If very hot - which is unlikely and they are panting - play a hose on them. Feeding is best done at 3 p.m. each day.

A good feed before leaving the Biscoe is essential.

- B. Upland Geese: Each morning fill the trough with grass, well heaped up. At lunch-time clear any left and fill troughs with water. After feeding penguins give geese pollard mixed with water, but still crumbly and ~~very~~ fairly dry (as one does hens). Then later give grass. Towards the end of the voyage when the grass becomes musty feed finely shredded cabbage. On NO ACCOUNT feed warm grass which has begun to rot.

See that when leaving the ship the birds have water and shredded cabbage in the cages with them. Clear out bottom of cage before it leaves.

When feeding let down cover to save frightening birds, it must be raised for feeding and can be kept up with a piece of wood. But it must be down when the birds leave.

Birds too have a very good meal on last day.

- C. Caracara: Give at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb of meat daily, not bone. Water daily. When leaving ship give water and good supply of meat. See cover is down most of the time, otherwise the bird will beat itself and break plumage.

4. These birds have taken a lot of our time over the past five weeks - the geese and caracara longer. I ~~may say~~ I know that you will treat them well and do all you can to get them through.

5. Remuneration You will be paid \$5 for looking after the birds and in addition 12/- for each King Penguin alive at Montevideo. A possible total of \$12 - 4 - 0, which you should share with your helper. Capt. Johnson, to whom a copy of this letter is being sent, has agreed to pay you at M.V.

6. Do not hesitate to ask for a message to be sent to Stanley for advice should anything go wrong.

Best wishes for your voyage, and that of the birds,

Yours sincerely,

Copies to: Capt. Johnson, "John Biscoe."
H.C.S. for Alan Best's file.

If the ducks are as hungry for more than one day see that a second supply of fish is given to them.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From Mr. A. Best, Canada.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 4th July, 19 52 *Time :* 1320

Received : 5th July, 19 52 *Time :* 0845

Twelve King Penguins arrived safely. Delighted and
most grateful. Writing.

A. BEST.

File & p. a.
(Intld) J. E. B.

P/L.
SS

94.

BUDA H. BROWN
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TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 1141

STANLEY PARK,
VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

July 25th, 1952.



Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., O.B.E., C.M.G., Ed.,
Governor,
Falkland Islands Dependencies,
Falkland Islands, South America.

Sir:

The twelve penguins which you graciously arranged to have supplied to us recently arrived in Vancouver in excellent shape.

You may be assured that these birds, being quite out of the ordinary as far as this particular locality is concerned, have aroused a tremendous amount of interest among our citizens.

At the last meeting of the Board I was instructed, on behalf of the Commissioners and the citizens of Vancouver, to extend their most grateful appreciation for your public spirited gesture.

Yours Obedient Servant,

P. B. Stroyan

Superintendent.

PBS:MB

See 148.

OAG

File & P.A. please. No action required.

*CS Have we received all the 12/1x
on expenses & licence fees?
26 "*

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July 25th, 1952.

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Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., O.B.E., C.M.G., ED.,
Governor,
Falkland Islands Dependencies,
Falkland Islands, South America.

Sir:

See 148
Well, well!
The twelve King penguins which you so kindly arranged to have sent to us arrived in beautiful condition in spite of our being forced to make the shipment at the worst possible time of year. The effect on the people of Vancouver has been electric. Nothing has created such a stir since the visit of the Royal couple and nothing we could have done could have given a greater boost to the development of the zoo which needs, above all, public interest to back its development.

The background to the zoo picture is roughly this. There has been a small menagerie in the lovely park for many years, but the animal side has slowly deteriorated through lack of interest in some of the administrators and bad management by some of the zoo people. Last year I was given the job of trying to make the zoo worthy of the park. Progress is naturally slow, but with each good exhibit we get it will become easier. It is for that reason that I am so deeply grateful to you for getting me these beautiful King penguins.

There is another personal angle too.
There is another personal angle too. Ever since I collected penguins and saw them go into various of the larger U. S. zoos, I have been convinced that with a little careful study the life span of these birds in captivity could be greatly increased. Here, with salt water available and a mild climate, I feel that we have an unusual opportunity to make the necessary studies and really test my theories.

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Already, as the enclosed cutting shows, they are planning a penguin pond, and when that is built I hope that I may be allowed to get representatives of other kinds of penguins to study and to show in our zoo.

Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., O.B.E., C.M.G., ED..

July 25th, 1952.

~~95B~~

I would be most interested to hear whether the suggestions I made with regard to the shipping of Gentoos have been useful in later shipments to the U.K. They are undoubtedly a difficult bird to keep but I found them one of the easiest to transport without loss. There is a chance that salt water may be one of the chief factors in controlling the mycosis which is so often the cause of their deaths. I found that the fungus could be killed immediately in their mouths by direct application of salt and fish slime. Of course the air sacs present another problem. We made one tragic mistake a few days after the Kings arrived, when we fed some smelt which was somehow poisonous. It cost us three birds. I have not had the pathologists report from the university, but botulism is suspected and we were lucky not to lose more. It was a sad anti-climax after bringing them all so far through such heat and landing them all alive. The remaining nine are looking really wonderful now that they have made up the weight lost in transit.

Passed to Capt. Linto 300 f.i.

There are undoubtedly a number of expenses which were incurred by you for the collecting, feeding and transporting of the penguins to Montivideo. Please have your secretary send us a bill for everything that we owe, and please accept my most sincere thanks for your kindness in getting us these beautiful birds.

NFA

I am,

Your Obediant Servant,

Alan Best

Alan Best
Curator.

AB:lm
Encl.

18*** THE VANCOUVER SUN: Thurs., July 24, 1952

Penguin Pool to Be Constructed in Park

Salt Water to Be Piped In From Vancouver Harbor

Vancouver's King Penguins from the Antarctic will have a permanent home in Stanley Park by December.

A Park Board official said today plans for a penguin pool, east of the Monkey Island, are being drawn up and will be completed in about six weeks.

Construction, he said, would begin in September and would take about two months.

The proposed plans call for engineers to pipe salt water into the pool from Vancouver harbor.

The pool itself will be 20 or 30 feet in diameter, and the enclosure will contain inside quarters for the penguins, concrete runways and a "rock island" on which the rare birds will be able to roost.

Although estimated cost of the pool was not revealed, the plan is part of the \$100,000 building project in the park this summer, which also calls for a new "birds and small animals" building.

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TELEPHONE: PACIFIC 1141

STANLEY PARK,
VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

October 5th, 1953.

A

Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., C.B.E., C.M.G., Ed.,
Governor,
Falkland Islands Dependencies,
Falkland Islands, South America.

Sir:

95.

A good idea.

Don't
ask

Shortly after my last letter to you was posted I had an opportunity to ship half a ton of tinned salmon to the Falkland Islands, and as it is very difficult to obtain direct transport between here and Montivideo I seized the opportunity to send it off. This salmon should reach Montivideo and be trans-shipped to the Falkland Islands on the November boat. It is, as I explained, for penguin feeding only and is consigned to me at Port Stanley and I would be most grateful if you could facilitate the landing of this fish as far as possible, although if necessary, we will pay import duty on it.

I have hopes of sending a man from here to Port Stanley in November to bring back a collection of the local penguins. To reduce expenses of the trip I am trying to combine with three or four other large zoos who also want birds from there, and by using the salmon I feel that we should be able to get birds in almost perfect condition, but in any case I will be writing to you more fully about this when my plans are complete.

I wish that I could go myself, but this is impossible, and I hope to send my Head Keeper, who is really an animal man and penguin enthusiast.

If the shipment of fish can be landed without unnecessary additional cost I feel that we probably will have solved one of the most serious problems in penguin shipping, which is that of starting the birds on their journey in really good condition.

Who is to look after it though?

Yours obedient servant,

Alan Best.

Alan Best.
Curator.

AB:lhs

Reply at 110

ACP has he an agent?
23/10

3rd November,

53.

Sir,

102 I am directed to refer to your letter of the 5th of October, 1953, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and to inform you that Mr. E.M. Cawkell, the Government Superintendent of Education and an ornithologist who sent you the King Penguins two years ago, has kindly consented to store your salmon.

2. Import duty is not payable on tinned salmon.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

 (Sgd) J.M. Briscoe

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. A. Best,
Stanley Park,
VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

Schedule of amounts to be recovered by the Crown Agents for the

Colonies in respect of advances made by the Falkland Islands Government

~~for the period from 1st January 1919 to 31st December 1919~~

Recover from.	Service.	Voucher No.		Amount.			Total.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr A. Best, Stanley Park, VANCOUVER 5, B.C.	Gratuity paid for care of Penguins on voyage from South Georgia to Stanley.	MAY	150	1	-	-			
	Public Works - Labour Charge	"	259	3	4	-			
	" " " "	JUN	35	1	14	4			
	Payment to Mr. Cawthell for care of Penguins.	"	154	36	-	-			
	Penguin Food	"	173		17	4			
	" "	"	174	1	13	4			
	Additional payment for care of Penguins.	"	204	2	10	-			
	" " " "	"	216	2	10	-			
	Penguin Food	"	213	9	1	6			
	" "	"	214	27	5	8			
	" "	"	252	8	17	6			
	" "	"	393	6	1	7			
	" "	"	394	1	19	11			
	Transport of Penguin Food	JUL	60		8	-			
	Uruguayan Consular Fees	"	125	2	1	8			
	Wood, etc.	AUG	A.V. 1	9	3	4			
	Export Licences for Penguins	"	22	6	-	-			
	Telegram charges	MAR	76	2	5	10			
	" "	"	75	4	-	10	£ 126	14	

1st May,

54.

Gentlemen,

113 a. I am directed to enclose herewith a
~~Schedule~~, with supporting vouchers, of advances
made to Mr. A. Best, Stanley Park, Vancouver 5,
B.C., and to ask you to be good enough to arrange
the collection of the amount due to this
Administration.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Crown Agents For Oversea Governments & Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

114
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 23.9.59 Time : 1200 Received : 23.9.59 Time : 1545

No. 161. Have you any objections Alas Best Zoo Curator Stanley Park Vancouver visiting Colony and South Georgia early in New Year to collect penguins for Zoo? He says he has collected in Falkland Islands before.

Secretary of State.

Reply at 117.

G.T.C. : IM
Typed : IM

117
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 25.9.59 Time : 1215 Received : Time :

114 No. 157. Your telegram No. 101.

Alan Best.

No objection but would appreciate prior notice of when he is likely to arrive. He should be warned that full co-operation of whalers is essential in collecting birds at South Georgia.

Officer Administering the Government.

W. G. CALDER
IRIS DOWICK

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TELEPHONE: MUTUAL 1-1141

STANLEY PARK,
VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

Rec'd. 11-11-59

September 4th, 1959.

His Excellency, the Governor,
Port Stanley, Falkland Island,
South Atlantic.

Sir:

I would like to obtain your permission to go to the Falkland Islands in South Georgia to collect Penguins for our Zoo here in Stanley Park. It is important that I time this expedition so that it will coincide with the sailing of some ship for South Georgia as King Penguins head the list of those species which I hope to get.

At the suggestion of Dr. Sladen, who has recently been here in Vancouver, I am writing a letter to the London office of F.I.D.S. to ask for their co-operation in getting me to and from South Georgia and until I get some information from them it will be impossible for me to say when I will be able to go on this proposed expedition, however, I hope that it may be in January or February.

I have collected Penguins before in the Falklands Islands and some Kings, which I got nearly eight years ago with the kind assistance of Sir Myles Clifford, made a North American record by being the first to re-produce on this continent. Two of these are still living.

Con't...

Reply at 124

Secretariat

Reply at 123

For filing a return. Early. H

RA 11-11-59

119 A

2.

I had planned to ship half a ton of canned Salmon to the Falkland Islands as an emergency food supply for the birds. This Salmon has been condemned for human consumption, therefore I wonder if there is any local regulation prohibiting the import of fish of this grade. If there is, I would be most grateful if you would have someone from the department responsible, cable me collect, so that I can block the shipment.

I have very pleasant memories of my time in Port Stanley and of the delightful people there. I hope very much that this planned expedition may become a reality.

I am, your obedient servant,

Alan Best

Alan Best,
Zoo Curator.

AB/lt

No local
regs.
13/11/69

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S. S. LEFEAUX, M.E.I.C.
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT AND ENGINEER

STANLEY PARK,
VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

September 14th, 1959.

Mr. John Green,
F.I.D.S. Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Mr. Green:

I am hoping to make an expedition to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia early in the New Year with the object of collecting Penguins for our Zoo here in Vancouver. King Penguins are the most important species which I hope to bring back and this necessitates transportation to South Georgia.

Dr. Bill Sladen was in Vancouver recently and he gave me your name as the person to whom I should make my official request for permission to travel South with the John Biscoe from Port Stanley.

The whole timing of my expedition will of necessity depend on the schedule of boats going to and from South Georgia and therefore, I would be most grateful if you could give me as full a picture as possible of the rather sporadic sailings of various vessels between Monte, Stanley and South Georgia.

I have collected Penguins before in the Falklands and that part should not present any serious problems, but the final leg of the journey is difficult to cope with from so far away.

Bill Sladen asked me to send you his regards.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Best
Alan Best,
Zoo Director.

AB/lt

P.S. Please reply by Air Mail
for the sake of speed.

*for C.S.O. file
New in London*

117 123 117
27th November 1959

Dear Mr. Best,

118
Your letter of the 4th September only arrived here on the 11th November, and the mail which leaves here on the 30th is the first opportunity I have had to answer you.

John Green tells me he wrote to you from London, giving you an indication of likely sailings to South Georgia this season. Up to the present time, the only firm sailing we have for South Georgia is the 'John Biscoe' on 29th December. In order to connect with her, you would have to be in Montevideo in time to catch the 'Darwin', which is due to sail from there to Stanley on 18th December. If you were to do this, it is probable that there would be an opportunity to return to Stanley to connect with the 'Darwin' sailing from Stanley on 22nd February, but it is unlikely that you would be able to return in time to catch the 'Darwin' sailing on 22nd January.

Another possibility would be for you to arrive in Montevideo in time to catch the 'Kista Dan' there on or about 13th January. After a few days in Stanley, the 'Kista Dan' will leave for Deception Island where she will meet the 'Shackleton'. From there, the 'Shackleton' may go direct to South Georgia, and return to Stanley in time to connect with the 22nd February 'Darwin', but I am afraid I can give no guarantee of this at this stage.

There is a 'Darwin' sailing from Montevideo on 30th January, arriving Stanley 4th February, and towards the end of the year I might be able to indicate whether this would connect with a sailing for South Georgia.

I am very sorry to be so vague about our sailings at the moment, but I am sure you will understand that they depend on ice conditions in the Antarctic and how our work progresses there. I suggest you should telegraph me to let me know which sailing from Montevideo would suit you best, and also give me a time limit indicating how long notice you must have before leaving Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) E. P. Aaronsmith.

GOVERNOR

A. Best Esq.,
Board of Parks & Public Recreation,
Stanley Park,
VANCOUVER 5, B.C.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. A. S. LTD.

Number

Office of Origin

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Handed in at

Date

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1.12.99

To

Best Stanley Park Zoo Vancouver 5

(A/c Advances A. Rest.)

118 Yourlet 4th September stop No objection shipment salmon stop Letter
from Governor regarding shipping opportunities is on its way

Colonial Secretary

Time JB/TH

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
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To	Adminoff South Georgia (Conf. copy - Phoned W/t Station 2345/1st)			(Deps A/c)

Following for Coleman from Denton Thompson begins grateful if you would give all possible assistance and facilities Allen Best curator of Vancouver Zoo who is arriving on Biscoe returning on Shackleton stop He is collecting penguins and we are giving him all possible assistance

Secretary

Time AGDT/IM

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DECODE.

No. 91.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th January, 1960. Time : 1730.

Received : 9th January, 1960. Time : 1100.

Alan
No. 5. ~~Allen~~ Best.

Owing to "Shackleton" going South Best staying at Point until "Biscoe's" return. Housed in Discovery for few days but now with Bonner Bird Island. Will accommodate him at Point until "Biscoe's" return.

Administrative Officer.

P/L : IM

DECODE.No. 219.TELEGRAM.*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*Despatched :* 10th February, 19 60. *Time :* 1930.*Received :* 11th February, 19 60. *Time :* 1015.

No. 43. Have advanced Alan Best £10. 0s. 0d.
on receipt voucher. Request you collect.

Administrative Officer.

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A.O., F.I.D.

O.K?
(Intld.)
JB.

P/L : IM



King Edward Point,
South Georgia.

29th January 1960.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

Mr. Best arrived at King Edward Point on 4th January 1960. He was accommodated in Discovery House until the 6th when he left with Mr. Bonner for Bird Island. I understand from Mr. Bonner that he gave valuable assistance with fur seal tagging and he also collected nine Macaroni, two Chinstrap and three King Penguins.

On the return journey from Bird Island the Government chartered vessel "Albatross" was diverted from her course at Cape Buller in order that Mr. Best could collect a further King Penguins from the Grace Glacier Rookery in the Bay of Isles. The vessel then resumed her journey.

The diversion for Mr. Best's benefit took two hours, which at charter rates would cost £40. Mr. Bonner passed the opinion that in view of the assistance given by Mr. Best with tagging seals, it would be appreciated if he were not charged with the diversion.

Since his arrival Mr. Best has been fed from Discovery House stores and should you wish to make charges the daily rate is 8/6d. Since his return from Bird Island on the 18th he has been housed by Mr. and Mrs. Mowat, taking his meals in Discovery House,

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

Reply at 134.

etc



22nd. February, 1960.

re Imprest (Advance) Warrant No. 8, of 1960.

I should be grateful to be informed what authority the Accounting Officer South Georgia had to advance £10, to Mr. A. Best. The warrant was not signed until 18th. February, 1960, although the sum must have been advanced before 7th. February, 1960. There seems also to have been a surprising long delay from the time of the arrival of the R.R.S. 'John Biscoe' on the 11th. February.

2. I would refer you to Colonial Regulation 209, also rules 227 and 229, of 'Financial and Stores Regulations'. I suggest that the Accounting Officer South Georgia be instructed not to advance public funds without due authority in future. In this case the sum has been recovered but it could very well result in Government being left with a bad debt when an advance is made to a person outside the service, as we would have no facilities to recover from future salary etc.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. G. ...", written over the printed name of the Auditor.

Auditor.

The Treasurer.
Falkland Island Dependency,
Stanley.

Copy- The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

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3rd March

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE,

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY

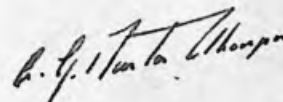
SOUTH GEORGIA

(copy to Accounting Officer,
F.I.D.S.)MR. ALAN BEST132 Your memorandum of the 29th January.

In view of the fact that it is Government policy to give the maximum amount of assistance to recognised zoological organisations and zoos, and having regard to the fact that Mr. Best assisted Mr. Bommer with seal tagging, it is proposed to waive charges for the diversion of the charter vessel "Albatross" estimated to have cost approximately £40.

You are also authorised to waive the daily messing charge of 8/6d per d.m. in this particular case.

AGDT/137



Copy to Auditor



Stanley

m. 14.12.60

To

Colonial Secretary

Sir

On behalf

of Mr Allan Best, of Vancouver,
Canada. I would like to obtain
a permit for twelve King Cormorants
for shipment in the early New Year
to Philadelphia U.S.A.

Hoping you can grant me
permission to collect the twelve
birds as named above

Yours faithfully
J. E. Clifton

Ackd

Reply at 139

F.H.

14/12/60

19th December,

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Sir,

135

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 14th December, requesting permission to collect and ship twelve king cormorants to Mr. Alan Best of Vancouver, and to inform you that permission is hereby granted to export the birds.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. L. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. J. E. Clifton,

STANLEY

DRA/MF