

1919

NAT/SEA/1 # 8

C.S.

Kidney Island

Seals

Turnock

No.

663

Transmit

SUBJECT.

1919

12 September

Previous Paper.

Mr A. G. Bennett reports that Turnock from  
on Kidney Island is being destroyed by  
Sea-lions.

MINUTES.

Last time I was on Kidney Island I  
noticed the large number of sea lions and  
the destruction of the turnock.

2.9.19 *W.D.*  
*W*

Letter from Mr J Davis 20 April 1921 *Encl.*

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted.

2. The suggested destruction of a certain number of Hair  
Seals, is at present being dealt with in C.S. 116/21, 369/21 and  
G.O. 375/20.

3. Shall this application be referred to Mr. Hamilton for  
his observations ?

*W.D.*  
A. C. S. 2/5/21.

*W.D.*  
2 May 1921.

Mr. Hamilton,

For the favour of your report please.

*W.D.*  
A. C. S. 3/5/21.

Subsequent Paper.

116/21

H.C.S.

The British Museum of Natural History is very desirous of securing a series of skulls of the lion, about 30 are required.

I venture to suggest that Mr. Davis may be permitted to kill specimens up to this number on condition that he brings in the heads with note of sex and total length (nose to tail) of each specimen taken.

May I interview Mr. Davis on the subject?

J. H. Hamilton

Govt. Nat.

4-5-21.

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted with draft letter.

W. H. Thompson

A. C. S. 5/5/21.

10 May 1921

Passed direct to Mr. Hamilton by His Excellency.

H.C.S.

In accordance with the verbal instructions of H.E. I have interviewed Mr. Davis and given him instructions as to the data required.

J. H. Hamilton  
12-5-21

Letter to Mr. J. Davis. 12th May 1921. Enc.

Mr. Hamilton,

Please see Mr. Davis and report progress.

W. H. Thompson

A.C.S. 31/5/21.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have interviewed Mr. Davis who told me that the muskoxen were destroyed rapidly. He killed one lion and the rest simply stood round looking on. I beg to suggest now that he be permitted to kill and drive off lions to the extent necessary to reduce them to reasonable numbers on Kiching I?

It is my opinion ~~that~~ that the killing of some  
and the disturbing and frightening of  
as many others as possible would have  
the desired effect. A shotgun and  
shot of moderate size should be  
effective as a means of disturbing  
the animals, and would probably  
be more effective than wholesale  
slaughter - besides, the presence of  
a large number of decaying car-  
casses might be injurious to the  
tundra. Each carcass ought to  
have the belly cut open.

J. R. Hamilton  
Govt. Naturalist.

H.E. the Governor,

9-6-21

Submitted.

B. W. Thompson  
A. C. S. 9/6/21.

H.E.S.  
Thompson may be granted &  
recommended by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton,

For your information & guidance. Will  
you please take necessary action accordingly and  
report result later.

B. W. Thompson  
A. C. S. 10/6/21.

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted and returned please

J. R. Hamilton  
Govt. Naturalist

10-6-21.

MINUTE



Hon. Col. Sect y,

I beg to submit the attached letter from Mr. A. G. Bennett, Senior Customs Officer, concerning destruction caused to the Tussock grass by the large numbers of Seal lions on Kidney Island.

2. I understand that the Seal Lions have increased considerably on Kidney Island with the result that the Island is becoming over run with them. The tussock on the Island will in consequence suffer considerably.

*M Fraigie Barker*  
Actg. Co Director.  
Sepbr 1st 1919

Stanley.

1/2/19.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I visited Midney Island yesterday in the "Cutler Breeze" for about an hour while a small number of bundles of tus so were being cut. I walked over a small part of the Island in order to obtain a few bird specimens.

During this walk I witnessed some of the very large amount of destruction caused by the large number of Sea-lions, to the tus so grass, in places the damage is considerable, the Island being infested with these animals.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

To the Hon: the Collector.

*AG Bennett*  
*AGB*

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Port Stanley

Falkland Islands.

CS. 668/19  
21st. April 1921.

Sir,

I beg to have the honour to bring before your notice the following.

The existing and increasing destruction of the tussack on Kidney Island, caused by the hauling up of such quantities of Seal Lions, this is particularly noticeable to any one frequently visiting this Island.

I beg to suggest that permission may be given to shoot a number of these Lions in order to scare the others from the Island.

As I am a supplier of Tussack for the Town of Stanley I feel it my duty to bring this matter before your notice.

I have the honour

to be Sir,

Yours obediently.

J. Davis.

663/19.

12th May,

21.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st April, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that you are permitted to kill thirty sea lions on the condition that you bring the heads to Stanley and furnish particulars of sex and total length (nose to tail) of each animal killed.

2. You should apply to Mr. J. E. Hamilton, who is at present in Stanley, for full particulars regarding the conditions under which this number of sea lions may be killed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. THOMPSON,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. J. Davis,  
Stanley.