

C.S.

SEALING

NAT/SEA/2 # 22

1923

No. 607/23

Govt. Naturalist,

SUBJECT.

1923

23rd August

Previous Paper.

Forwarding Seal Skins to
Crown Agents for the
Colonies..

686/20

MINUTES.

Minute from Govt Naturalist of 23rd August 1923 — Encl (1)

Letter to Cr. Agents. 24 Aug 1923

Crown Agents Letter of 25th April 1924 —

Letter from P. M. Sampson & Co of.

1st February 1924 —

Statement of a/c

G. B. Submitted

M. P. Brown

for C.S.

17 July 1924

H.C.S.

Thence to note

2. Mr Hamilton is in communication with

Mrs Sampson re regarding preparation of

skins packing etc. + will reply later. I understand

the letter written by Bennett re the subject. M. 18 Aug 1924

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Ag. Treasurer

To audit

CR. 13

for CS

19 July 1904

Hon. Col. Sec.

The sum of £ 62-18-8 appears in
the CU's ap's for April and has
been credited to head VIII item 8.

M. Traiger Halkett

Ag. Treas.

22.7.24.

EXTRACT FROM COLONIAL OFFICE DESPATCH No. 85 of the
20th of July, 1920.

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3. I should explain that the last paragraph of the letter from the Department of Overseas Trade was written under a misapprehension, but I understand that the Department is willing to advise the Crown Agents as to the arrangement of the sales of any consignments sent to this country by the Government for disposal. Such consignments should, therefore, be made to the Crown Agents, who have now been requested to deal with them in consultation with the Department of Overseas Trade. You will no doubt ensure that the skins are carefully indentified.

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(1)

MINUTE.

To The Honourable Colonial Secretary
From The Government Naturalist.

23rd August 1923.

I have the honour to state that I have handed over to the Falkland Islands Company 7 barrels containing 127 Fur Seal Skins for transmission to the Crown Agents.

The skins are the product of the last two seasons' killing with the exception of two stage, and therefore valueless, skins and six which H.E. Verball, instructed me to withhold for the British Empire Exhibition 1924.

2. The barrels are addressed:—

O.H.M.S.

Crown Agents.

Millbank.

London, S.W.

and are marked ~~N~~ N1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 respectively.

I am informed by the Falkland Islands Company that the freight will be approximately £22.

3. With regard to their disposal, I would refer to S.O.S.

(attached)

Despatch no. 85 of 20, where it is stated that with reference to skins taken by Government the Department of Overseas Trade is willing to advise the Crown Agents as to arrangements for marketing and that the Crown Agents have been requested to deal with the skins in consultation with the Department of

Overseas

Overseas Trade.

4. I have not packed the skins in classified lots,
partly because it ^{was} necessary to fill the barrels for economy
of freight and in order to prevent chafing, and partly because
I was not aware that my classification would agree with that of
the commercial fur brokers.

J. E. Hamilton

(J. E. Hamilton.)

Government Naturalist.

23/6/23

NOTE. H. E. further informed me verbally that the cost of transit
would be paid under Head VIII, Miscellaneous, Subhead 6, Transport.

J. E. Hamilton

607/23.

24th August,

23.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that seven barrels containing 127 fur seal skins are being forwarded to you by the Government Naturalist per the m.s. "Legarto". The barrels are addressed "O.H.M.S. Crown Agents, London" and are marked Nos. 1 to 7 respectively.

2. The skins have not been packed in classified lots, partly because it was necessary to fill the barrels for economy of freight and in order to prevent chafing, and partly because it was doubtful whether such classification would agree with that of the fur brokers.

3. I am to request that you will be so good as to arrange for the sale of these skins in accordance with the arrangements made for the disposal of such consignments as indicated in Colonial Office Despatch No. 85 of the 20th of July, 1920.

Copy enclosed.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
London, S.W. 1.

for Colonial Secretary.

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C.M. LAMPSON AND COMPANY, TO CROWN AGENTS.

64 Queen Street,
E.C.4.

1st February 1924.

Gentlemen,

Referring to your letter of the 9th ultimo we beg now to hand you Assortment of your SALTED FUR SEAL SKINS received per the s.s. "LAGARTO", and we would ask you to kindly let us have your instructions with regard to their disposal.

These skins arrived in a somewhat stale and poor condition, and there are many large sizes which are not suitable for dressing and dyeing.

It is difficult to give you any reliable value but we think that the parcel should be worth an average of about 10/- per skin.

We have delivered 20 of the best skins to Messrs George Rice Limited.

Yours truly,

(sgd) C.M. Lampson & Co.

res.

M. LAMPSON AND CO.

LONDON 1st February 1924

64 Queen Street,
E.C.Assortment of Salted Fur Seals for a/c of The Crown Agents
for the Colonies:-Ex "Lagarto"
7 casks.

Skins.

Description.

Average weight
per skin.

lbs. ozs.

2

Large Wigs

26

0

9

" " cut

27

2

7

Small "

18

11

11

" " cut, etc.,

19

3

10

Large Middlings cut etc.

16

1

16

Middlings " "

12

13

10

" & smalls pt. low

10

9

4

Smalls

8

8

9

" cut etc.

9

3

6

Large Pups cut, etc.

7

2

6

Middling Pups pt. low.

5

10

5

Small " " "

4

9

5

Extra small" " "

3

12

7

Faulty (6 small wigs

(1 middling &

(small

107

20

Sent to Messrs G. Rice
Ltd.

127

127.

SUBJECT TO RE-COUNT.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED
AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE 34 O/Prod.....0474.
TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE, 7730 VICTORIA.

4, MILLBANK.

WESTMINSTER,

LONDON. S.W. 1.

25th April 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 607/23 of the 24th August 1923, regarding seven barrels containing 127 fur seal skins shipped to us per s.s. "LAGARTO" for sale, I have the honour to state that at the suggestion of the Department of Overseas Trade, the sale of this consignment was placed in the hands of Messrs C.M. Lampson and Company, I now enclose for your information, a copy of the firm's valuation report and assortment list, together with a copy of their account sales in respect of the disposal of 107 skins. The proceeds, amounting to £62. 18.'8. will be found credited in our account for April.

1.2.24.

2. The valuation of 10s/-d approximately per skin was not considered attractive, but, having regard to the report on the condition of the skins and the unsatisfactory state of the market, it was decided, with Mr Middleton's concurrence, to dispose of them at the first auction at the best price obtainable.

3. At Mr Middleton's request twenty skins have been retained and are being prepared for exhibition at /the

copying
The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

the British Empire Exhibition, showing various
stages of preparation as well as finished articles.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W A Birchall

for Crown Agents.