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SEALING

("Afterglow")

1923.

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H. E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

1923

H.M.C.S. "AFTERGLOW"

15th February

Programme of work for:

Previous Paper.

1922-23

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MINUTES.

*Minute from H. E. the Governor of 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1923 — Encl ①*

*Two: Later a list*

*For note of the Governor's instructions the Harbour Master has been requested to issue the following orders with regard to the present tour of the "Afterglow": —*

*(1) She is in the first place to make every endeavour to get to Beaufort for a visit of inspection and for sealing operations to be carried out here if conditions permit. She will wait if necessary for a week at a suitable port for favourable weather to get to Beaufort.*

*(2) Thereafter if time permits the a visit is to be made to Bird Island and sealing operations carried out there.*

Subsequent Paper.

*[Signature]* 16/2/23

*Hon. Col. Sec.*

*Noted and returned please*

*J. Hamilton*

*Govt Naturalist*

*9/2/23*

H.P.S

I recollect discussing with Gov. Haverstick in September or October (when Ayrholm was under repair) programme of work for season 1922-1923. He had with him at the time the attached sheet of proposals but I have always been under the impression that afterwards he submitted a programme. I have seen Dr. Hamilton today; he stated that he had intended to submit a programme of work but omitted to do so.

2. It must be a standing instruction that so long as Ayrholm is employed on preservation & farming of fur seal the Gov. Naturalist must ~~in September~~ <sup>at the end of breeding season</sup> submit for consideration a programme of work for the ~~following~~ <sup>following</sup> season based on past experience.

3. A visit to Beaulieu Island was contemplated last season but was not carried out. It is essential that this island should be visited with as little delay as possible.

4. The number of seals taken this year is much below estimate it is important that the number visit to plants increased at Bird Island when difficulties are greater than at Stephen Is. & Sutherland Rocks. My plan visit to Beaulieu is of greater importance to consideration of general question of farming of fur seal than visit to Bird Island. Bird Island should of course be visited if time permits.