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## OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL.

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No. 328.

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29th. November.

## SUBJECT.

Fisheries : Seal

Reported expedition from Cape Town to Kerguelen for purpose of hunting sea-elephant : requests to be informed whether report is correct and if so whether it can be stated if sealing has taken place at the Prince Edward and Marion Islands.

## PREVIOUS PAPERS.

## MINUTES.

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## SUBSEQUENT PAPERS.

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23-12-22 to Minister

No 5/93. Keeping records from  
French Govt. for whaling  
in Kerguelen Islands  
No 5/86. Fishing & sealing restrictions  
in vicinity of P. & on Islands of  
Marion, Phoenix, Prince Edward,  
Heard, St Paul & Amsterdam

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA  
NO. 328

DOWNING STREET,  
29 November, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to request Your Royal Highness to inform your Ministers, that a report telegraphed from Cape Town was published here in the "Daily Mail" of the 14th of September to the effect that an expedition consisting of five sealing steamers and a large oil tankard was about to leave Cape Town for Kerguelen for the purpose of hunting sea-elephant and that the sealing parties who were principally Norwegians would probably be landed at the Crozets, Prince Edward and Marion Islands, the blubber and skins being sent periodically to Durban. I should be glad to know whether there is any truth in this report and if so whether it can be stated if sealing has been taking place at the Prince Edward and Marion Islands.

In this connexion I would invite reference to Viscount Milner's despatch No.587 of the 31st of October 1919 and previous correspondence.

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Copy sent to *Ministers.*  
For *Consideration*  
Min. No. *5/103*  
Date *23 December 1922.*  
(Sgd.) ARTHUR FREDERICK  
GOVERNOR GENERAL

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your Royal Highness's most obedient,  
humble Servant,

*Devonshire.*

MAJOR GENERAL  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G.,  
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