

Among the measures taken by the Government with the object of protecting the important establishment of Patagonas is included that of sending a vessel of war to that coast, to be at the disposition of the civil & military Commandant of that place in order to perform such service as may be deemed necessary during the season employed by foreign ^{vessels} in the fisheries upon said coast - The Government have so resolved; which order the Minister for Foreign Affairs & of Govt has the honor to communicate to Your Honor for the consequent effects -

Bernardino Rivadavia
 Señor Minister Secretary of the department
 of War and Marine



Until the House of Representatives sanction the project of a law that the government have determined to pass for the purpose of fixing the duties upon the fisheries & of the Port, & form regulations to facilitate its execution & govern this branch, the Government have been pleased to approve of the duties of five dollars per ton, & of other measures which they have communicated to you in their ^{official} note of the 6th of August last No 15. The Government are pleased with the zeal you have displayed in the discharge of the important commission confided to you & hope that you will as usefully continue to ~~display~~ ^{manifest} it, for the benefit of your

country, & your own personal honor
and merit

B^o A^o Sept 22 1821

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Bernardino Rivadavia

At the Civil & Military
Coun^{ts} of Patagonia

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Duties upon the Fisheries upon the Coasts of Patagonia

The Honorable Assembly having taken into consideration the project of a law relative to the fisheries upon the coasts of Patagonia & the improvement of this establishment, & consulting the approbation of B. C. in a note dated 1st of the present have sanctioned in session of the 20th the articles com-
-prehended in said project in the following terms —

Art 1st The natives & inhabitants of the province are permitted to export & in-
-troduce in any part whatever, and also to re-export free of all duties the products of the fisheries, and also those of the killing of seals on the coast of Patagonia in national vessels; but if foreign vessels are employed they will pay one dollar per ton at the time of their sailing from said coast —

Art 2^d All foreign vessels employed in the fishery & killing of seals will pay six dollars per ton —

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Art 3^o Foreigners that may form a colony consisting of at least six families transporting them to that effect, providing houses, furniture and implements for tilling the ground which will be freely given them by the government, will pay one dollar per ton, and enjoy this privilege in proportion of one year for every two families

Art 4th All foreigners that form an establishment for the preparation of oil + seal skins will pay only three dollars per ton -

Art 5th Foreigners that make a fixed establishment for the salting of fish will be allowed the free extraction of them for the terms of eight years -

Art 6th The duties are to be paid upon the whole tonnage of the vessels whether their cargo be complete or not -

Communicated to Y. C. by order of the Hon^{ble} Assembly for your government + the consequent effects -

God preserve Y & many years

House of Deputies in B^o A^o Oct 22 1821

Santiago Rivadavia
President

Pedro Andres Garcia
vocal secretario interior

B^o A^o Oct 22 1821

Let this be accomplished + inserted in the official Register ~~of~~ of Y C & Garcia



Decree -

Fishery of amphibious animals -
Is prohibited upon the coasts of Patagonia

Buenos Ayres 28th Oct 1829

The disorder in which the fisheries of amphibious animals has been carried on upon the coast of Patagonia, has caused such a scarcity of them that it is to be feared they will disappear leaving these coasts for others more distant, thus losing one of the principal riches of the country: this consideration has induced the govt to order and decree -

1st The Seal fishery on the coast of Patagonia is prohibited till a new resolution shall be passed -

2nd Previous to any vessels being dispatched ~~to the coast~~ to the coasts to enforce the strict observance of what is contained in the foregoing article, the Com^{do} of Patagonia will take all the necessary measures for its ^{proper} fulfillment -

3^d The Minister Secretary of Govt and for Foreign Affairs is charged with the execution of the present decree - which he will communicate and publish in due form -

Vicente

Tomás Guido