

## Fishery of amphibious animals

The decree which prohibited the seal fishery to the natives and inhabitants of Patagonia is revoked

Buenos Ayres July 6. 1831  
 The civil and military Gov<sup>t</sup> of Patagonia having represented to the Gov<sup>t</sup> that the motives which gave rise to the decree of 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1829 have disappeared, and not having vessels of war to guard these coasts, it is difficult to prevent foreigners from fraudulently practising that business; and being in this manner exclusively prejudicial to the natives & inhabitants of that place the Gov<sup>t</sup> have ordered & decreed -

Art 1<sup>st</sup> The decree of Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1829 is revoked in that part which prohibits to the natives & inhabitants of Patagonia & its jurisdiction the use of the seal fishery upon these coasts -

2<sup>nd</sup> Presently and until the regulations which are spoken of in the following article are formed, those that undertake the business of preparing oil, by virtue of what is ordained in the foregoing article shall pay five silver dollars per ton upon the whole tonnage of the vessel according to the regulations established upon the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1821 -

3<sup>d</sup> The Com<sup>ds</sup> of Patagonas will form reg-  
-ulations according to the general res-  
-olutions respecting the seal fishery in  
-which by means of his practical knowl-  
-edge on this subject the mode & time  
of fishing and also the duties and imposts  
to be established may be determined  
and regulated; the same being presented  
for the approbation of the Gov<sup>t</sup> as soon  
as possible —



4<sup>th</sup> The anterior decrees respecting  
the seal fishery which are not in  
opposition to the present remain  
in their full force, the execution  
of which is confided to the Minister  
of Gov<sup>t</sup> —

5<sup>th</sup> Let this be communicated in proper  
form, published & inserted in the  
Official Register —

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