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From

Ministers

No. 1021.

FISHERIES : WHALE

Voyage of R.R.S "Discovery" : state that as regards proposed discussion the necessary arrangements have been made and that they will do everything in their power in the matter of accommodation.

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Kantoor van de Eerste Minister,
Pretoria.

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Minute No. 1021.

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MINISTERS het die eer ontvangs te erken van Sy Eksellensie die Goewerneurgeneraal se Minute No. 5/124 van 9de November, 1925, en ingeslote mededeling No. 217 van die Staatssekretaris vir Domieniale Sake oor die reis van die R.R.S. "Discovery", die bespreking oor die vraagstuk van saamwerking in die merk van walvisse en dergelike sake met die Suid Afrikaanse Vissery Opmetings Komitee en verder, die verskaffing van akkomodasie van die Kus Party aan 'n Suid Afrikaanse Walvis Stasie.

MINISTERS het die eer om te se dat, wat die voorgestelde diskussie betref die nodige reëlinge reeds gemaak is en dat, wat die verskaffing van akkomodasie betref MINISTERS alles in hulle vermoë sal doen om die Direkteur van Onderzoek behulpsaam te wees; stappe word geneem om navraag te doen in verband met geskikte akkomodasie by Saldanha Baai.

J. P. du Toit

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Prime Minister's Office.

PRETORIA.

Minute No. 1021.

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MINISTERS have the honour to acknowledge receipt of His Excellency the Governor-General's minute No. 5/124 of the 9th. November, 1925, enclosing a copy of Despatch No. 217 from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs regarding the voyage of the R.R.S. "DISCOVERY", the discussion of the question of co-operation in whale marking and other matters with the South African Fisheries Survey Committee and the provision of accommodation for the Shore party at a South African Whaling Station.

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MINISTERS have the honour to state that, as regards the proposed discussion, the necessary arrangements have been made while, as regards the provision of accommodation, MINISTERS will do everything in their power to assist the Director of Research and are causing enquiries to be made concerning suitable accommodation at Saldanha Bay.

B. P. ...

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SOUTH AFRICA.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

PRETORIA,

2 December 1925

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 217 of the 13th October, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a Minute which I have received from my Ministers regarding the voyage of the R.R.S. "Discovery".

No. 1021
of the
1st December
1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed) ATHLONE

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The Right Honourable L.S. Amery, M.P.,

&c., &c., &c.,

Dominions Office,

London.

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TRACKING THE WHALES

FAMOUS SHIP'S WORK

SEA RESEARCH

THE DISCOVERY AT CAPETOWN

From Our Own Correspondent
Capetown, Monday.

ONE of the most famous ships in the world, the Royal research ship, Discovery, arrived in Table Bay last evening, and was berthed shortly after six o'clock.

The Discovery, which is a vessel 200 feet long and 34 feet broad, of 375 tons net register, carries a crew of 39 all told, including scientific officers. The ship is the property of the Falkland Islands Government, and the present expedition has been arranged and largely financed by that Government.

The Discovery is proceeding to the Far South, and whaling research will form her primary investigation.

Hydrographical surveying and general scientific investigation will also be undertaken, while it is understood that a scheme is being tried out whereby whales will be marked by some kind of missile in order to record their migratory habits.

"It is not intended to publish anything regarding the scientific investigations of the ship until the conclusion of the trip, which is expected to last about two years," said the officers, who mentioned that the present expedition was merely one commission, and that there would probably be others later on.

Two or three new instruments were being used for oceanographical work, and although their real investigations had not yet begun, they had tried out certain experiments in the deep seas since leaving England.

The Discovery is out to cover the whole slice of ocean from 30 degrees to 80 degrees west, right down to the South Pole, taking in the South Shetland Islands, South Georgia, and the Deception Isles, all of which are under the care of the Falkland Islands and dependencies.

From Capetown the vessel will head for South Georgia in a few days' time.