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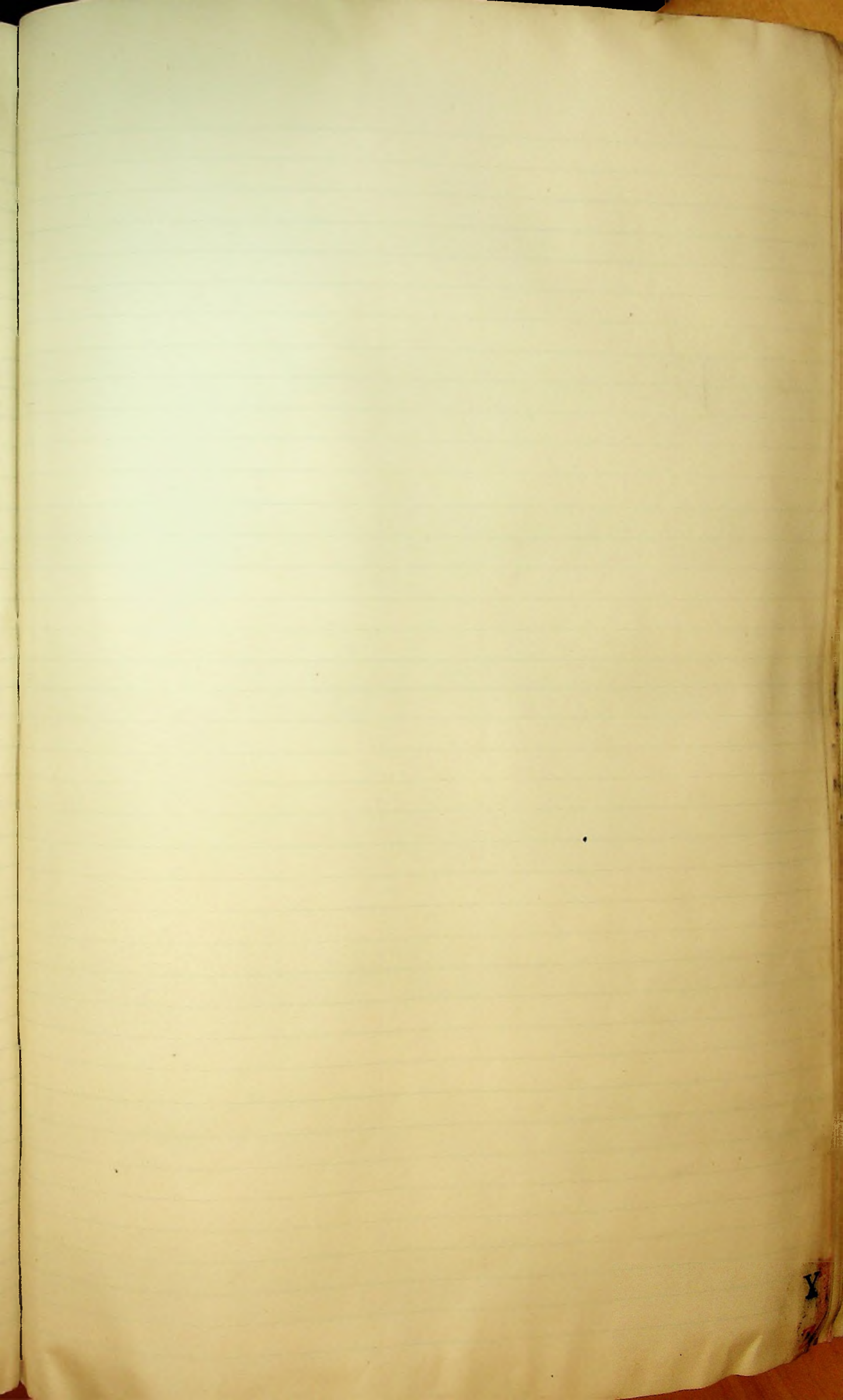
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Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley,

*Received by S.S. on 20 Feb. 1912.
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L.H.R.*

Secret.

2nd January, 1912.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your predecessor's secret circular of 6th April, 1899, I have the honour to inform you that the following Cyphers and Decyphers are in my possession in safe custody:-

A C, No. 24

G, No. 650

and also "Foreign Ships of War and Cable Ships."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W.L.A.

The Right Honble.

Governor.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,
3rd January, 1912.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 36,
and your predecessors' Circulars of 13th December, 1897,
and 4th December, 1884, I have the honour to enclose
herewith three Confidential Reports concerning the
undermentioned Officers:-

- Mr. T. A. V. Best
- Mr. W. A. Thompson
- Mr. M. C. Craigie-Halkett.

2. I have reported separately in the despatches
noted in the margin on

- Dr. B. S. Karl, Colonial Surgeon
- Mr. J. I. Wilson, Stipendiary Magistrate,
South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. G.

Governor.

*Conf. 30 Sept. 1911.
do 27 Dec. 1911.
Conf. 1 Oct. 1911.*

The Right Honble.
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c. &c. &c.
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Received by S.S. 30 Febry 1912,
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L.H.H.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,

17th January, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No.8 of this date relative to the issue of a separate set of stamps for South Georgia, I venture to suggest that, apart altogether from the reasons given therein, such a measure would in itself constitute a distinct mark of sovereignty.

2. In my Confidential despatch of 29th September, 1911, I drew attention to the policy pursued in connection with our title to the Dependencies, and, since the proposals submitted in that despatch have now received your approval, I cannot but think you will concur in my opinion that a separate issue of stamps would still further strengthen our right of sovereignty in South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

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Government House, Stanley,
18th January, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential Circular dated 27th November last, with regard to the due observance of the provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1911.

2. In the peculiar circumstances of this Colony, I am of opinion that there is no need for any addition either to the list of prohibited places or to the instructions contained in the enclosure to your despatch for the proper performance of the intentions of the Act.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. H. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley,

Confidential.

19th January, 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith
in triplicate the Annual Return of the Military
and Naval Resources of the Colony for the year
1911.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

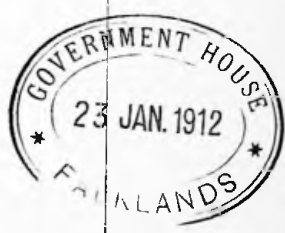
Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23rd day of January, 1912. per S.S. "Oravia."

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Falkland Islands.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
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Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley,

Confidential.

12th February, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential despatches of 1st July and 22nd September, 1911, relative to a ninth lease in South Georgia for whaling purposes, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a minute by the Governor in Council with regard to Mr.Lange's application.

2. I am unable to say whether, in view of the alterations which will come into effect in the Dependency on 1st October next, you will feel inclined to sanction a ninth lease, but I venture to remark that Mr.Lange appears to me to have very strong claims to your favourable consideration. This gentleman is at present at the South Shetlands in charge of the expedition of Messrs.Salvesen and Co.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W.L.G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 12th February, 1912.

Extract from the Minutes of the proceedings of the
Executive Council at a Meeting held on 12th February, 1912.

C.S.O. 239/1911. Application by Mr. Lange for a whaling
licence at South Georgia. Council advised that, should
the Secretary of State be pleased to approve of a ninth
lease at South Georgia, the lease be offered to Mr. Alexander
Lange: and recommended that, in the event of Mr. Lange
accepting the above offer, he be requested to afford the
Colonists the opportunity of subscribing not less than one
third of the necessary capital.

Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,

15th February, 1912.

*Received by SS, 19 March, 1912.
vide p. 224, Vol. XXXII (Continued)
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*See Conf. despatch of
12 April, 1912, from S.S.*

*Also Conf. despatch of
15 April, 1912, from S.S.*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 13th December last with regard to the use of floating factories in the Dependencies, and, as requested therein, I submit herewith a copy of a draft Ordinance to amend "The Whale Fishery Ordinance, 1908". It has been prepared on the lines indicated in paragraph 4 of your despatch, and has received the informal consideration and approval of the Members of the Legislative Council.

Enclosure No. 1.

2. Section 2(d) deals with the question of the towing of whales by an unlicensed vessel, and in this connection I beg to refer you to my despatch No.22 of this date, reporting the action taken by the Customs Officer now with the whaling expeditions at the South Shetlands, as a result of the intention of Messrs. Salvesen to employ an unlicensed whaler for towing purposes.

3. With reference to notice of the above legislation, as also the contemplated taxation of whale oil, being given to all existing companies, I

beg

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Enclosure No. 2.

beg to transmit copies of two Circulars, dated 29th January and 1st February, respectively, which have been sent to every leaseholder at South Georgia and every licensee in the other Dependencies.

4. A copy of your letter No. 34930/1911 to Mr. Fogen, drawing attention to the infringement of their lease by the Sandefjord Company, has been forwarded to the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia, with instructions to enquire into the matter. When his reply is received I hope to address you further on this subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance

To amend "The Whale Fishery
Ordinance, 1908".

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. Section 2 of the Whale Fishery Ordinance, 1908, hereinafter called the principal Ordinance, is hereby amended by inserting therein the following subsection after subsection (2):

New subsections.

(3) The Colonial Secretary or such other officer as the Governor may appoint for the purpose, may grant Floating Factory Licences, that is to say, licences to fench, render, boil down, treat or manufacture whale carcasses or any part thereof by means of a floating factory, on such terms and conditions and on payment of a fee of not less than £100 and not more than £200, as the Governor in Council may approve.

Power to grant
Floating Factory
Licences.

2. Section 6 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting therein the following subsections:

(c) Employs any vessel or floating factory for the purpose of fenching, rendering, boiling down, treating or manufacturing the blubber or any part of the carcass of any whale in Colonial Waters unless he shall have been expressly authorised to do so by a licence under this Ordinance or by the lease of a site on land for whaling purposes.

Offences.

(d) Employs any vessel for the purpose of towing the body of any whale in Colonial Waters unless he shall have been expressly authorised by licence or otherwise to do so.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as the Whale Fishery Amendment Ordinance, 1912, and shall be read and construed as one with the principal Ordinance and any copy of the principal Ordinance printed after the commencement of this Ordinance may be printed with the amendments made by this Ordinance.

Short title.

Reprints.

4. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1912.

Date of
Commencement.

No. 57/1912.

(It is requested that in any reference to this letter the above Number and the date may be quoted)

THE OFFICE OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

29th January, 1912.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor to enclose for your information a copy of a draft Bill which will explain to you the restrictions on the use of floating-factories and vessels for towing whale carcasses, which it is proposed to bring into force on the 1st October, 1912.

2. With regard to the issue of floating-factory licences, I am to explain that it is not intended to authorise the operation of any floating-factory (except under lease or whaling licence) after the 30th September, 1913, nor after the 30th September, 1912, except on special grounds being shown. Should you desire for any special reason to employ an additional floating-factory you should apply, at your earliest convenience, for a floating-factory licence, stating such special reason or reasons in your application. A fee of £100 will be charged for any floating-factory licence issued for the season 1912-13 upon special grounds.

3. I am also to inform you that it is the intention of the Government to make Grytviken Harbour, South Georgia, a Port of Entry, from the 1st October, 1912, and at the same time to extend to that Dependency the provisions of the Tariff and Customs Ordinances of this Colony.

It has likewise been decided to amend the Tariff Ordinance so as to provide for an export duty of 3d. a barrel (i.e. 1/6 a ton) on all whale oil.

4. From the revenue thus obtained the Government propose to erect a wireless Telegraph Station at South Georgia; place an Acetylene Light on a site to be selected hereafter, to facilitate the approach of vessels making the Dependency from the North West; build suitable quarters for the Stipendiary Magistrate and his Staff as well as a Custom Shed and other necessary buildings; and to grant a subsidy for the regular carriage of mails between South Georgia and Buenos Aires.

5. His Excellency would be glad to receive any observations you may wish to make upon the measures suggested in the last paragraph.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

To All Leaseholders,

South Georgia.

Colonial Secretary.

No. 57/1912.

(It is requested that in any reference to this letter, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

THE OFFICE OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

1st February, 1912.

SIR,

2 Enclosures.

I am directed by the Governor to enclose a copy of the Whaling Regulations, 1912, giving the conditions under which licences will be issued for the coming season and also a draft Bill which will explain to you the restrictions it is intended to impose on the use of floating-factories and vessels for towing whale carcasses after the 30th September, 1912.

2. With regard to the issue of floating-factory licences, I am to explain that it is not intended to authorise the operation of any floating-factory (except under lease or whaling licence) after the 30th September, 1913, nor after the 30th September, 1912, except on special grounds being shown. A fee of £100 will be charged for any floating-factory licence issued for the season 1912-13 upon special grounds.

3. It has also been decided to extend to the Dependencies the provisions of the Tariff Ordinance of this Colony and to amend that Ordinance so as to provide for an export duty of 3d. a barrel, (i.e. 1/6 a ton), on all whale oil.

4. His Excellency would be glad to receive from you any suggestions as to how the revenue thus obtained could most advantageously be spent for the benefit of the whaling industry in the Dependency in which your Company is operating.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Colonial Secretary.

To all licensees
in the Dependencies,
excluding South Georgia.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Received by S.S. 19 March 1912.
note p. 224, Vol. XXXII (Colonial)
L. G. B.

Government House, Stanley,
15th February, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 13th December last, in connection with the establishment of a Port of Entry at King Edward Cove, South Georgia.

2. I regret that an error should have been made in calculating the revenue which would be obtained if the proposals submitted in my Confidential despatch of 29th September, 1911, were carried into effect.

3. I am transmitting to you by this mail in a numbered despatch an Ordinance to amend the Tariff Ordinance, 1900, providing for an export duty of 3d per barrel on whale oil. It is intended that this Ordinance should come into operation on 1st October next.

4. With reference to paragraphs 6 and 7 of your despatch, I am submitting, under separate cover, definite proposals for your consideration with regard
to

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

No. 25 of 18 Feb. 1912.

to the erection, at an early date, of a wireless installation and an acetylene light in the vicinity of Cape Buller. In a later despatch, I hope to make certain recommendations for the benefit of the whaling population in the Dependencies other than South Georgia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. A.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Received by SS, 19 March, 1912,
No. P. 224. Vol. XXXV (Continued)

See Conf. despatches of 22 April, 1912, from S.S.

Government House, Stanley,

17th February, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to your Confidential despatch of 13th December last, relative to the establishment of a Port of Entry at King Edward Cove, South Georgia, and the imposition of a duty of 5d a barrel upon all whale oil exported, I have the honour to submit the following proposals for spending the revenue which will be derived therefrom for the benefit of the whaling population,

(a) in South Georgia,

(b) in the other Dependencies.

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2. With regard to South Georgia I have little to add to the schemes dealt with in my Confidential despatch of 29th September, 1911, which have received your approval generally. I propose to address you separately on the questions of a wireless installation and an acetylene light in the vicinity of Cape Buller, and hope to have sufficient data available to transmit particulars by this mail.

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3. I have given much careful consideration to the subject

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&c. &c. &c.

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subject of public works for the benefit of the other Dependencies. Your suggestion to establish a good light at Deception Island, and give a small annual grant for its maintenance, would appear, on the face of it, to be an excellent one, were it not for the climatic conditions which, unfortunately, render it somewhat impracticable. The whaling season around the South Shetlands may be said to commence in the middle of November and close about the end of February, when the approach of the pack ice precludes whaling operations. During that period there is hardly any night in this southern latitude, and no light is needed; while for the remainder of the year Deception Island is nearly always closed by ice, and therefore inaccessible to vessels.

4. The only three proposals which occur to me as likely to be of direct advantage to those engaged in the whaling industry at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, and the South Orkneys, are as follows:-

- (1) to erect a slip in Stanley for whale catchers;
- (2) to provide adequate hospital accommodation for those who may be injured in the pursuit of this daring industry;
- (3) to afford them wireless communication under certain conditions.

(1) Slip for Whale Catchers.

5. Provision should undoubtedly be made to allow of these small steam whalers being put on a slip and overhauled locally during the winter months, thus avoiding the expense of returning to Europe, which is a long
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and costly undertaking. As reported in my despatch No.40 of 18th March last, several of the Managers have already spoken to me on this subject, and although, as explained in my subsequent despatch No.92 of 2nd August, it has been decided, in view of the proposed erection of a slip at New Island, to let the question of the Stanley slip stand over meanwhile, there seems to be a hesitancy and disinclination on the part of a number of the Whaling Companies to take advantage of the facilities which Messrs. Salvesen are in a position to afford them, and three or four Managers have expressed themselves in favour of coming to Stanley owing to the safer anchorage at this port.

6. It will be seen later to what extent the New Island slip, when completed, will be used; and on the return of the whaling expeditions from the South Shetlands I will confer with the Managers generally on the subject.

(2) Adequate Hospital Accommodation.

7. Experience has shown that from time to time serious accidents occur to those engaged in the exciting and hazardous occupation of whaling. About a year ago a Norwegian youth suffering from injuries to the fore-arm and right hand, was sent from Deception Island by special steamer to Stanley. On being admitted to the Victoria Cottage Home and examined, amputation was decided upon; the operation was successfully performed, and he recovered.

8. In the enclosure to my despatch No.19 of the 12th instant, Mr. Moyes, the Customs Officer at the

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South Shetlands, reports the explosion of a gun charge with fatal results in the case of one man, as also an accident, on another occasion, attended with grave injuries.

S.S. 11th July 1911

9. Referring to the despatch noted in the margin, you will observe that a considerable sum of money has been collected for the purpose of erecting a Hospital, to be termed the King Edward Memorial Hospital. It is the intention of Government, subject to your approval, to supplement the private contributions, which now amount to about £1,200, by a donation of £250 or £300, which sum will be expended on the wages and outward passages of three imported carpenters to be employed on the building.

10. In order to expedite the work and get the Hospital roofed in before the winter, I telegraphed to the Crown Agents to send out three carpenters at once (none was procurable locally), and they arrived a few days ago. Had this action not been taken, the building could not have been commenced for six or eight months, and would then have clashed with the erection of the Town Hall.

11. I have informed the King Edward Memorial Committee that the Public Works Department will supply the labour and prepare the site (a somewhat arduous undertaking, which was finally completed last week), build the chimneys, lay on the hot water system, etc., in order that as much as possible of the money which has been subscribed should go towards the material for and the efficient equipment of the Hospital. In fact, without some such assistance it would be impossible

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impossible for the Committee to satisfactorily carry through the scheme.

(3) Wireless Communication.

12. The site for the Wireless Station at Stanley has now been selected, as reported in a separate despatch, and the erection of the masts and power house is about to be commenced. Several floating factories, and one or two of the whale catchers, both at South Georgia and at the other Dependencies, are already supplied with wireless installations. To all vessels so fitted we shall be able hereafter to send messages either:

- (a) direct, in the case of those operating off the South Shetlands; or,
- (b) through the wireless station at South Georgia, in the case of those operating there.

13. Should the Whaling Companies desire to communicate with either of the above stations, they must arrange to equip one or more of their vessels with the necessary power to do so. Such vessels will presumably be licensed under the new Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance which will shortly be introduced to Council.

14. Under the above arrangement, to take two extreme cases, all vessels provided with wireless ought to be able to get into touch with us. A vessel operating off the Sandwich Islands will, should it possess sufficient power, be able to communicate with one of the whale catchers fitted with wireless off South Georgia, and the message will then be sent to the high power station there for transmission here.

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15. Exactly the same procedure will take place in the case of vessels fitted with wireless operating off Graham's Land or around the South Orkneys, their messages will be sent to the depot (floating factory) at the South Shetlands for transmission. It would merely mean one of the ten or eleven floating factories at Deception Island (possibly the floating factory of the Hector Company, who have the lease) being provided with a sufficiently powerful installation to get communication with the Station at Stanley. As Deception Harbour, which is in horse-shoe shape, is shut in on every side, it would be necessary to proceed to sea and take up a position which would permit of a clear run to the Falklands Station. A time could be arranged for exchanging messages, and a scale of charges would, of course, have to be agreed upon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

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Governor.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Received by S.S. 19 March, 1912,
note p. 224. Vol. XXXII (Continued).
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Government House, Stanley,
18th February, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to paragraphs 6 and 7 of your Confidential despatch of 13th December, 1911, relative to the proposals for the benefit of the whaling industry at South Georgia, I have the honour to report that I have had the opportunity lately of discussing this question with Mr.C.O.Johnson, a partner in the firm of Messrs.R.Irvin and Sons, Ltd., now the Southern Whaling and Sealing Co., Ltd.

2. This gentleman warmly supports the idea of establishing a wireless station in the Dependency (the vessels of his Company operating there are each fitted with a wireless plant), and he informs me that Captain C.A.Larsen, the Manager of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, is quite as warm a supporter of the scheme as he is, and that the Managers of all the Companies possessing a factory ashore are sympathetic on the subject.

3. I have taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by the presence in Stanley of Mr.C.O.Johnson, as also of Mr.F.E.Burrowes, who has been sent out by the

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&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
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the Marconi Company to supervise the erection of the wireless installation here, to bring these gentlemen together and confer with them with regard to the proposed wireless station and acetylene light in the neighbourhood of Cape Buller. Mr. Johnson's personal knowledge both of the locality and of the peculiar conditions prevailing at South Georgia, has been most helpful, and he is quite satisfied that somewhere about that headland, which abuts considerably to the northward and beyond the rest of the coastline, would be the most appropriate site for the station and the light. I may explain that the other Capes along the north coast are, as you will see from Captain Larsen's sketch map attached, all shut out from the Falklands by Mt. Buller, the altitude of which is estimated at about 3,000 feet.

4. Mr. Johnson considers that the immediate proximity of Allardyce Harbour would afford the necessary depot at which to land the material in the first instance, although he does not believe, as the result of the experience he gained during his coastal surveys, that there would be any great difficulty in landing at Cape Buller itself under favourable conditions. On the other hand, he has not been close inshore in that particular locality.

5. The position of Cape Buller is not considered by Mr. Johnson to be quite correctly marked on the Admiralty Chart, No. 3579, copy enclosed, and the same

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remark applies to Welcome Island and the islands in the Bay of Isles. I have suggested that possibly one of these islands might be found on examination to be preferable to Cape Buller, but he thinks not.

Mr. Johnson's contention is supported by the accompanying copy of a letter which I have just received from Messrs. Salvesen.

5. I attach a copy of a letter from Mr. Burrowes on the general question of the site for the proposed wireless installation at South Georgia, and have requested him to forward a copy to his Head Office in London. From the information at my disposal I feel sure that the vicinity of Cape Buller is the most suitable position for the station (and the light), and doubtless a 5 K.W., or a 7½ K.W. set would give communication with the station here at night; the distance from Cape Buller to Stanley is approximately, though not quite as far as from Stanley to Punta del Este. I have merely suggested the higher power because experience has shown that communication longitudinally is more easily obtained in this latitude than east and west or vice versa.

7. It is, however, imperative, as will be apparent from what has already been stated, that a careful examination and survey of the neighbourhood of Cape Buller should be made before actually fixing the site, and by this mail I am inviting the Stipendiary Magistrate and Captain C.A. Jarsen of the Compañia Argentina de Pesca to undertake the work. Mr. Johnson has kindly detailed his electrical expert at Prince

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Olaf Harbour to join the expedition, and I have no doubt that Captain Larsen, who has a spare whaler which he could make use of, and whose surveys around South Georgia are well known and accepted, would be willing to render his services. I am satisfied that no more competent person could be selected. Pending the receipt of this report (to save time Mr. Wilson will be directed to transmit a copy to you without delay), the selection of the site must remain in abeyance, but this need not prevent an order being given, after conferring with the Marconi Company and receiving expert advice, for such an installation as may fulfil the requirements of the Dependency.

8. My proposal, as stated in the concluding paragraphs of my Confidential despatch of the 17th instant, is that at least one of the whale catchers attached to each whaling station at South Georgia should be fitted with a small wireless plant, so as to enable it to receive messages from, and send messages to the wireless station at Cape Buller. It would, of course, be necessary, owing to the high mountains near the coastline, for the vessel to proceed a few miles to sea in order to receive or transmit messages, but this the whalers do daily, weather permitting, in the ordinary course of their operations.

9. Should you be pleased to approve of the erection of this station next summer, which I strongly recommend, I would particularly draw your attention to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Burrows' report.

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10. In the matter of the A.G.A. Light I insert below a photograph of one at Cone Hill, Straits of Magellan, supplied by the Gas Accumulator Co., Ltd., of Stockholm, and which I understand to be quite satisfactory.

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It shows the type of tower used there, and I think it likely that the same type would be found suitable at Cape Buller. The Magistrate will be asked to obtain, when visiting the locality, the necessary particulars to permit of an order for the light being placed with the above firm. The simplest method of conveying material would probably be shipment by one of the steamers belonging to Messrs. Salvesen, which run at regular intervals to South Georgia.

11. I should perhaps add, with reference to the wireless plant and the A.G.A. Light, that hereafter, when the material is shipped to South Georgia, everything that is required in connection with these two installations should be sent, including the requisite
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cement for the foundations, a dwelling house for the operators suited to the severity of an Antarctic climate, and sufficient spare timber and iron to enable two sheds to be run up at once, one to shelter the workmen, which should be provided with a cooking stove, and the other to contain any perishable articles on being landed. The local conditions in the Dependency are such that nothing of the above nature will be procurable locally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 3 to Confidential despatch of 18 February, 1912.

29 Bernard Street,
Leith,
12 January, 1912.

Sir,

We desire again to draw your special attention to the great danger in trading with the Island of South Georgia owing to the fact that it is practically uncharted and the existing chart is so incomplete, so inaccurate and on such a small scale, as to be useless for purposes of assisting the navigation. As you know we have a fairly large fleet of vessels employed in the South Georgia trade including:

- s/s North Sands, 5600 tons d.w.
- s/s Horatio, 4800 do do
- s/s Bohemia, 4800 do do
- s/s Starlight, 4400 do do
- s/s Coronda, 4200 do do
- s/s Ramleh, 4000 do do
- s/s Blenheim, 3600 do do

and besides these we have our whalers 'Scapa', 'Semla' 'Silva', and 'Sonja', working during the whole season. These ships alone constitute a considerable value and they carry a large number of valuable lives and the cargoes going inwards and outwards amount to very large sums. These vessels are all owned by us, but besides these there are other British vessels and a large fleet of foreign owned ships, both steam and sail which trade with the Island of South Georgia, and you will remember that the total loss of the s/s 'Svend Foyn' about 4 or 5 years ago, by which several lives were lost, and now we

The Honble
The Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

* This vessel was lost (sank)
in 58° 21' S., and 31° 4' W., and
not at S. Georgia. WZG 2.

Falkland Islands.

we read that the barque 'Havfruen' of Sandefjord has just been totally lost at South Georgia. of 12 Febry. 12.

There can be but one opinion as regards the crying necessity of having at least the one side of South Georgia properly charted. We appeal to you to forward this our petition to the proper quarters in London accompanied by your recommendation. Should the Government not see its way to sending a surveying ship, we are of opinion that valuable work would be done by an officer and one or two men, utilizing local aids for the purpose, and we feel sure that every Company in the Island would grant all facilities in their power to assist the Surveyor sent out.

(sgd) Chr. Salvesen & Co.

... I could suggest that taking everything into consideration, the best place for the establishment of a Wireless Telegraph Station would be in the neighbourhood of Cape Buller, or to the westward thereof.

Being in the very high hills surrounding King Edward Cove, and the apparently inaccessible cliffs on all sides, and high mountains intervening between there and Stanley, I could not recommend the establishment in King Edward Cove of the station to work with Stanley.

I have not the least doubt that it would be quite feasible to establish communication from Cape Buller, and it only remains to ascertain whether it is possible to get a suitable site for the station, on, or in the neighbourhood of, the Cape.

I would also suggest that work should be started not later than 1 October at South Georgia, as owing to the short season and natural difficulties every effort should be made to start as early as possible.

(sgd) Francis E. Surman

His Excellency
The Governor,
Falkland Islands.

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Enclosure No 4 to Confidential despatch of 18 Febry.12.

Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
12 February, 1912.

Dear Sir,

Re Wireless Station, South Georgia.

On examination of the various charts, maps, drawings, blue prints, photographs &c., which you were kind enough to furnish me with, in order to gain an idea of the coast line and general contour of the Island of South Georgia, I would suggest that, taking everything into consideration, the best place for the establishment of a Wireless Telegraph Station would be in the neighbourhood of Cape Buller, or to the westward thereof.

Owing to the very high hills surrounding King Edward Cove, and the apparently inaccessible cliffs on all sides, and high mountains intervening between there and Stanley, I could not recommend the establishment in King Edward Cove of the station to work with Stanley.

I have not the least doubt that it would be quite feasible to establish communication from Cape Buller, and it only remains to ascertain whether it is possible to get a suitable site for the station, on, or in the neighbourhood of, the Cape.

I would also suggest that work should be started not later than 1 October at South Georgia, as owing to the short season and natural difficulties every effort should be made to start as early as possible.

(sgd) Francis E. Burrowes

His Excellency
The Governor,
Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands.

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Received by S.S. 19 March 1912,
 vide p. 214. Vol. XXXII (Outward).
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Government House, Stanley,

19th February, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential despatch of 9th January, with regard to the proposed increase of the Governor's salary. As you will have learnt from my despatch No.23 of the 16th instant, the Legislative Council has unanimously approved your proposal to increase the salary from £1,200 to £1,500 a year, of which £250 is to be regarded as an entertainment allowance.

2. I desire to be allowed to tender my sincere thanks for the appreciative remarks on my services in this Colony, which you have been good enough to make in your despatch No.6 of 9th January. That our efforts to develop the latent resources of the Colony and its Dependencies should have met with your approval, is to me, and to those associated with me, a source of the greatest satisfaction.

3. I regret, however, to be informed, after having held the Governorship of this distant and isolated outpost for a period of nearly eight years, that

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

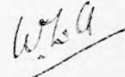
that you see no prospect of being able to transfer me to another Colony in the near future.

4. When writing my Confidential despatch of 22nd November last I had no reason to suppose that there would have been such a departure from precedent as you have now intimated to me.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,


Your most obedient, humble Servant,



Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
20th day of March, 1912. per S.S. "Orissa".

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Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,
9th March, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 30th January with reference to Captain Cleveland's application for a sealing license for the territorial waters of South Georgia for 1912.

2. In reply to your question as to whether Captain Cleveland has had any communication with this Office on the subject, I beg to enclose a copy of the correspondence which has passed up to date between this applicant, the Colonial Secretary, and the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia. You will observe that Captain Cleveland has not yet signified his intention to make use of the sealing license offered him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. A.
Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 9th March, 1912.

Captain B.D.Cleveland
to His Excellency the Governor.

39, Fifth Street,
New Bedford,
Mass.
Aug. 2nd, 1911.

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I wrote to Washington D.C. for information in regard to taking sea elephants at South Georgia Island. The British Government will grant me a licence to take a limited number during the season from Jan. 1st to Sept. 30th in 1912. They have also sent an Ordinance of Falkland Islands requesting me to write direct to you.

Now I want to take the sea elephant alone for the oil, therefore it is quite important that I should be there by Nov. 1st for at that time they yield more oil than later in the season when they get thin, I never take the young pup sea elephants.

I have made a number of voyages to take them at Kerguelen Island and thoroughly understand their habits. I want a licence permitting me to take sea elephants at South Georgia Islands beginning Nov. 1st 1912 extending to May 10th 1913, if you will grant the above request I will forward the 50 pounds at once and thank you very kindly. I also have many orders from our Museums for specimens from those regions.

I am, &c.

(sgd) Capt. B.D. Cleveland.

Owner and Agent of
Brig Daisy and others.

H.E. William L. Allardyce, Esqr.

No.251/1911.

The Colonial Secretary
to Captain B.D.Cleveland.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

30th September, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 2nd, 1911, addressed to the Governor and in reply to inform you that a license will be issued to you to take 2,000 hair seal (which includes sea elephants, etc.), and 500 fur seal in 1912 in the waters of the second of the three divisions into which the coast of South Georgia has been partitioned for sealing purposes. I enclose a copy of the Gazette Notice which defines these divisions.

2. The License is being sent for you to the care of the Stipendiary Magistrate, King Edward Cove, South Georgia, who is directed to hand it to you on payment of £50.

3. As already notified to the Ambassador of the United States in London, the Sealing Season in South Georgia does not begin till January 1st and lasts till September 30th.

I am, &c.

(sgd) T.A.V.Rest,
Colonial Secretary.

Captain B.D.Cleveland,
39, Fifth Street,
New Bedford,
Mass., U.S.A.

3.

The Colonial Secretary
to the Acting Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

2nd October, 1911.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 29th August I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter which is being sent by this mail to Captain B.D.Cleveland.

2. A form of Sealing License is being printed and will be sent to you as soon as possible. You should use this form, if received in time, for the license to Captain Cleveland.

I am, &c.

(sgd) T.A.V.Best,

Colonial Secretary.

Acting Stipendiary Magistrate,
South Georgia.

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Captain B.D.Cleveland
to His Excellency the Governor.

39, Fifth Street,
New Bedford,
Mass.

Nov. 5th, 1911.

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I sent you a letter asking for a permit to take sea elephants at South Georgia Islands. The British Foreign Office will grant me a licence to take sea elephants only, but wish me to write direct to you for the licence. I want to take the sea elephants alone for the oil, therefore I must be down there November first for at that time they yield more oil than they do later. I never take the young pups. I thoroughly understand their habits. I want a licence permitting me to take sea elephants from Nov. 1st, 1912 to May 10th, 1913.

If you grant the above request I will forward the 50 pounds at once. Please write at once and oblige.

(sgd) Capt. B.D. Cleveland.

H.E. William Allardyce, Esqr.

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The Colonial Secretary
to Captain B.D.Cleveland.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

21st December, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th November, 1911, and in reply to forward herewith a copy of a letter addressed to you from this Office on the 30th September last. I also enclose herewith a copy of the notice which defines the sealing divisions of South Georgia.

I am, &c.

(sgd) I. Watt,

for Colonial Secretary.

Captain B.D.Cleveland,

New Bedford,

U.S.A.

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The Acting Stipendiary Magistrate,
South Georgia, to the Colonial Secretary.

Office of the Magistrate,

King Edward Cove.

C.S. 251/11.

S.G. 81.

12th December, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2nd October, 1911, enclosing copy of letter sent to Captain Cleveland.

2. The Sealing License forms have been received at this Office, but as yet Captain Cleveland has not arrived.

I am, &c.

(sgd) Edward B. Binnie,

Acting Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

Falklands.

The Stipendiary Magistrate,
South Georgia, to the Colonial Secretary.

The Office of the Magistrate,

South Georgia.

S.G.No.12/1912.

M/P.251/1911.

10th February, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a copy of a letter received from Captain B.D.Cleveland, New Bedford, Mass., concerning his application for a sealing license in South Georgia for the season 1912.

Captain Cleveland has not yet arrived here up to this date of writing.

I have, &c.

(sgd) J.Innes Wilson,

Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

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Enclosure to the Stipendiary Magistrate's letter
dated 10th February, 1912.

Captain B.D.Cleveland
to the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia.

39, Fifth Street,
New Bedford, Mass.

Dec.-17, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from the Colonial Secretary of Falkland Islands, No.251-1911, saying that a license had been sent to you permitting me to take sea elephants at South Georgia, to be given me on the payment of 50 pounds. I would say that the date of the license should have been from Jan.1st.1912, instead of 1911, as I shall not leave America for there till after that date. I have written to Falkland Island regarding the wrong date. You can expect me to call on you next fall for the License.

Respy. Yours,

(sgd) Capt.B.D.Cleveland.

Brig Daisy.

To the

Stipendiary Magistrate,
King Edward Cove,
South Georgia.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,

7th April, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch of 15th February in reply to your Confidential despatch of 13th December last, I have been carefully considering the effect of your decision "that it is not intended to authorize the operation of any floating factory (except under lease or whaling license) after the 30th September, 1913", and have been awaiting the return of Mr. Moyes, the Customs Officer who accompanied the Hektor Expedition, as also the Managers of the Whaling Companies operating at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, before addressing you on the subject.

2. The local conditions prevailing at South Georgia differ materially from those which exist at the other Dependencies (South Shetlands, South Orkneys, Graham's Land, and the Sandwich Islands); and now that greater experience has been gained of the climate, the physical features, and the manner in which whaling operations are conducted at the latter, it seems necessary to discriminate somewhat in the use

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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of floating factories at the Dependencies other than South Georgia.

3. The Hektor Whaling Co. has been granted a lease at Deception Harbour, South Shetlands (now being prepared, the sketch plans of the locality having been received), for the purpose of endeavouring to minimize the excessive waste reported in my despatch No.58 of 10th May, 1911. The land factory which the Company are about to erect will, in conjunction with the floating factory, be large enough to utilize the whole of the carcasses of five blue whales daily, or their equivalent. But I fear that the above, although a decided step in the right direction, will not be more than sufficient to guarantee the utilization of the whole of the carcasses of the whales which are likely to be caught by the five steam whalers of this Company (a floating factory and two whalers under ordinary annual license, a third whaler approved by the Governor in Council, and a floating factory and two steam whalers under the terms of their lease).

4. It will be seen, therefore, that as long as whales are as plentiful as they are at present, and it is stated that during the season just ended there were, around the South Shetlands, quite as many as, if not more than during the preceding season, which, again, is supported by the figures of the catch, we have achieved but little towards checking the extreme wastage which now exists. The practice of flensing the blubber only when whales are abundant will continue to

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be followed, and the carcasses will therefore be discarded or only worked up when there is a temporary scarcity of whales, which is, as a rule, at the commencement of the season.

5. Mr. Moyes has informed me that it is practically impossible for the steam whalers to capture any greater number of whales than they now catch, their whole time being devoted both night and day to doing this; consequently, any additional steps which can be taken to make greater use of the carcasses than is made at present is so much to the good. Mr. Moyes also stated that under ordinary circumstances the tongue, the lower jaw bone, and a piece of the tail of the whale - all of which contain a large percentage of oil - are cut off, but that when whales are very plentiful even these parts are allowed to go to waste, and on certain occasions, when whales were unusually numerous, the blubber on the back only was flensed off, the remainder being wasted. During the short period when whales are not plentiful, the tail, the head, and the ribs on the side which floats uppermost (these latter are opened and removed in order to get at the fat in the stomach and around the intestines), are all boiled down. I attach an extract from a report by Mr. Moyes on this subject.

6. In view of the above, it follows that to license additional floating factories for the Dependencies other than South Georgia for boiling down the flesh and preparing guano would allow of the utilization

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utilization of a considerable portion of the products which now go to waste.

7. In these circumstances I venture to submit that your decision not to allow the operation of any floating factory (except under lease or whaling license) after the 30th September, 1913, although applicable to South Georgia -should the shore factories there be of sufficient capacity to utilize the whole of the carcasses of the whales caught-, might advantageously be modified in the case of the other Dependencies, where the climatic conditions are still more severe, and where it is difficult, and in certain localities impossible, to erect a shore factory. I therefore beg to strongly recommend, subject to your approval, that the use of floating factories be encouraged in the Dependencies of the South Shetlands, Graham's Land, the South Orkneys, and the Sandwich Islands, and that the employment and licensing of these factories be left to the Governor in Council to deal with.

8. I fear, however, that the only satisfactory way to check wastage is to refuse permission to employ a third whaler even to those firms that have already been granted a special permit to use one. After all, the license issued is only an annual one. This would force the different Companies to utilize the carcasses, and should not result in their obtaining any less quantity of oil than they do at present. The Managers of the various Companies ridicule the amount payable for an annual license, i.e., £100 for a floating
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factory and two steam whalers, plus an additional £100 for a third whaler. Mr. Moyes assures me that they would willingly pay £500 to obtain a license.

9. In these circumstances, I advise that the Companies operating in the Dependencies other than South Georgia should be notified that the use of a third whaler will not be sanctioned after the end of the 1912-1913 season, and that after that date the fee for the annual license will be raised to £200. This is in order that revenue may not suffer. To give effect to the above it would be necessary to amend section 2 (2) of the Whale Fishery Ordinance of 1908. As an alternative to the foregoing proposal, should you consider that to refuse to allow the employment of a third whaler would bear unfairly on the Whaling Companies, I would suggest that a special license to use a third whaler be granted only to such Companies as employ a second floating factory and have adequate plant to treat a large proportion of the carcasses of the whales caught. Personally I doubt whether two floating factories could use more than fifty per cent of the carcasses of the whales which three steam whalers would be likely to bring in. My advisers are of opinion that one of these alternatives should be adopted.

10. As Mr. Moyes has reported in Enclosure No. 1 to this despatch, there were some 3,000 odd whale carcasses lying around the shores of Deception Harbour, and he has informed me that there were probably other

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3,000 as the result of the fishings of previous years. Under the proposed conditions of their lease, the Hektor Co. have the exclusive right to erect a shore factory on Deception Island and to take over all discarded whale carcasses in Deception Harbour. Unless they can be induced to put up a very much larger plant than is likely to be erected, the utilization of the carcasses already discarded will, on the supposition that they caught no whales in the meantime, probably provide them with several seasons' employment. I should be glad to know whether, in your opinion, this latter privilege conflicts in any way with the provisions of section 12 of the Whale Fishery Ordinance of 1908. In view of the fact that the Hektor Co. cannot possibly work up all the carcasses discarded, it seems highly undesirable to perpetuate the present waste by absolutely excluding other Companies from utilizing them by means of floating factories, and the Government from selling the carcasses stranded on Crown land.

11. I would once more like to lay emphasis on what I have pointed out in earlier despatches, i.e., that Deception Island, which is horse shaped, is nothing else than the crater of a huge volcano, and that the entrance of the harbour is, as you will see from the accompanying photograph, extremely narrow and could easily be closed. The Island is invariably in a state of activity underground, as is apparent from the boiling springs which abound; the fact that in many spots

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spots a few inches below the surface it is impossible to keep one's hand owing to the heat; and that whale carcasses, while floating alongside the factories, do not remain fresh above a day or two in consequence of the high temperature of the water, notwithstanding the close proximity of ice. Before the whaling fleet left this year there were additional indications of subterranean seismic disturbances, and large volumes of steam were issuing in several places. It is quite within the bounds of possibility that the entrance may be found to be blocked before next whaling season owing to an earthquake and the downfall of the huge loose boulders which guard the channel. Geologists, scientists, whaling masters and others who have visited the locality do not hesitate to express the opinion that it is only a matter of time before a cataclysm occurs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. A.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure ^{No 1} to Confidential despatch of 7th April, 1912.

Extract from Mr. Moyes's report on the whaling operations of the 1911-1912 season at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land.

" 5. The wastage was enormous, and at the end of the season I estimated that there were over three thousand carcasses, as the result of the season's operations, scattered round the shores of Deception Harbour. As it is now possible to convert the whole of the whale carcass into valuable commercial products, some pressure might be brought to bear on the licensed companies to compel them to utilize the whole of the whale carcass or as near an approach thereto as possible. The licensed companies might be requested to so alter the present floating factories as to be able to utilize more of the carcass, or be permitted to use an additional floating factory for carcasses only. When whales are very plentiful the blubber alone is sometimes all that is taken and the whole of the carcass, minus the blubber, is cast adrift. At ordinary times on the majority of the floating factories it is only a small part of the carcass that is made use of. When whales are scarce and are not caught in sufficient numbers to keep the men on the floating factories fully employed for the full working day, a much larger part of the carcass is boiled down. It is doubtful if a floating factory could utilize the whole of the carcass, yet it is certain they could make use of much more than they do.

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In utilizing a greater part of the carcass they would obtain a larger amount of oil from each whale and, provided whales continue to be plentiful, as large a cargo as has been obtained this year from a much less number of whales."

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Falkland Islands
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,
10 April, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential despatch of 7 March with regard to the application of Mr H. Fredricksen to use a third whaler in connection with his license to take whales in the territorial waters of the South Sandwich Islands.

2. Since writing his letter to you of the 25 January Mr Henricksen has applied to the Colonial Secretary to be allowed to have a whaling license for the territorial waters of the South Orkneys instead of the South Sandwich Islands, and a license for one floating factory and two steam whalers has been issued through the Crown Agents to the Thule Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

WZ G
Governor.

The Right Honble
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.
&c., &c., &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies
Downing Street.

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17 April, 1912, page 44.
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Government House, Stanley,
11 April, 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 5 March with reference to initiating a general policy of protection for seals and whales, and notifying me of your decision as to the restrictions on whaling which you have been pleased to approve.

2. In the case of the whale, a policy of limitation of pursuit is undoubtedly advisable, and my Government fully endorse your views on this subject, the only question being as to the best and most efficient method to adopt with due regard to existing interests. In my Confidential despatch of the 7th instant I have submitted to you alternative proposals dealing with this question.

3. I venture to remark however, with all due respect to the representations of the British Museum, that there are many authorities with a varied, extensive, and practical experience of whaling who maintain that there is no risk at present either of exterminating the whale or of unduly reducing its numbers. These gentlemen, scientists and

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and others, support their personal knowledge of the whale fishery obtained in different parts of the world, by comparing the smallness of the world's catch and the restricted sea areas operated upon, with the vastness of the oceans in which these animals are found.

4. The fur seal however is in an entirely different category. Its case is an extremely urgent one, and there is no doubt that, as reported in paragraph 14 of my Confidential despatch of 24 January, 1908, its existence is in jeopardy, and the question of the extermination of the breed as far as this Colony is concerned is hanging in the balance. I seriously fear that the international co-operation to which you refer may arrive too late to save it. I regret I have nothing more to advance to prevent the extinction of this most fascinating and valuable animal than the recommendations made in the despatch already referred to.

5. In reply to your query as to sperm whales, I am informed by Mr Moyes, the Official stationed at Deception Island, South Shetlands, during the whaling season which has just closed, that no whale of that variety was caught. I fear it is impracticable with our present staff to collect and forward the information asked for by the Directors of the British Museum in paragraph 9 of their letter of 27 October, 1911.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. G.
Governor.

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Government House, Stanley,

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15th April, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith
for your information an extract from the weekly
edition of the "Buenos Aires Herald" of 29th March,
with reference to Bishop Blair's mission in
England.

2. I fear there is much truth in
Mr. Martin's criticisms.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to despatch Confidential of 15 April, 1912.

Extract from Buenos Aires Herald, Weekly Edition,

29 March, 1912.

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It is to be feared that the mission upon which Dr Blair, Bishop of the Falkland Islands, set out many months ago, to collect the sum of £100,000 in order to benefit his large diocese, has not met with the success which he hoped and believed that it would achieve. Truth to tell, Dr Blair has not succeeded in evoking very much practical sympathy in regard to his mission, a fact which may be attributed more to misfortune than to any fault. I am not, however, sure that the Bishop has proceeded in the best possible manner to carry out his object. There has been a little too much ad captandum advertisement and too much talking for publication to please the charitably-inclined, while the begging seems to have been of a nature little calculated to loosen the purse strings of some individuals who might otherwise have been inclined to contribute. No doubt Dr Blair has been earnest enough in his endeavours; I am quite sure that he means well, but there is a method of attack which he has not yet discovered, which, had it been applied would, I believe, have resulted differently to what has occurred.

In the first place Dr Blair is too much inclined to talk about extraneous matters-or at least matters extraneous to his particular calling- with which apparently he is not any too well acquainted, such for instance as conditions of British trade in South America, which after all has little or nothing to do with his position as a priest nor with his mission to this country. It is further inappropriate and high falutin for the Bishop to talk about "the respect of the native-born South American for the British character being the greater asset

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asset ,commercial,Imperial,and political which we possess." While we all hope that the name of a Briton stands high in South America,as in other parts of the world,we are neither conceited enough nor foolish enough to believe that our character stands immeasurably higher than that of any other nation nor upon that lofty pedestal to which Bishop Blair would raise and worship it. Moreover,he cannot -with his priestly experience- believe this himself. There are other platitudes which have been indulged in especially in regard to a certain 'interview' which the Bishop of the Falkland Islands granted to a representative of the Pall Mall Gazette during the present month. I refer for instance to his alleged statement that "the whole of the trade and business in these lands is based upon the word of a Briton". It is difficult to understand how a man of such intelligence can consent to make such a statement,or how a newspaper of such undoubted standing could publish it. Dr Blair goes on to say,"If you make an appointment with a man he asks you,'English time?' if you say 'Yes',he will be punctual,if not he will be an hour late if he comes at all."

In all my experience of Argentina I have never come across a single individual indulging in any such absurdity,although,in some parts of South America I have known of the value attached to the 'Palabra Ingles' 'The word of an Englishman',but this has usually been among the natives of dusky hue,and not generally indulged in by the more intelligent and experienced among the commercial community.

Supposing however that all of these statements were strictly correct,what,I would again ask,have they to do with the collecting of the sum of £100,000 to provide churches ,chaplains,schools,and nursing homes for the thousands of British who are settled in the vast diocese of the Falklands? Had the good Bishop given us some convincing word pictures of the natives of South America and their requirements in the way of spiritual assistance and supervision the charitably inclined would ^{have} assuredly been much more impressed;and had he had the moral courage to read a much needed homily to the many British who entirely neglect their Church in

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South America, and who, when Chaplains are regularly employed, patronize their places of worship upon the rarest of occasions, he would -in my opinion at least- have been doing his duty as a Priest and perhaps rendering the achievement of his aims more complete. I have sought in vain for any expression of opinion upon the part of the Bishop touching this very censurable characteristic of the Britons in South America.

(sgd) Percy F. Martin.



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Government House, Stanley,

16th April, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Alex. Lange to the Colonial Secretary applying for a whaling license for the territorial waters of Belgica Strait and Graham's Land.

2. That Mr. Lange's claims deserve special consideration has been pointed out in my Confidential despatches of 20th March, 1908, 13th May, 1911, and 12th February last, and my advisers are of opinion that this Government should make to him some concession for his past services to the Colony in general and to the whaling industry in particular.

3. In the event of your being unable to sanction a ninth lease in South Georgia, I venture to suggest, although I am informed in your Confidential despatch of 9th March that "no further licences or leases for whaling purposes shall be issued, with the exception of renewals of existing annual licences", that under the exceptional circumstances of the case, a whaling license for the territorial waters of Graham's Land only for one floating factory and two steam whalers might well be granted

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&c. &c. &c.

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granted to Mr.Lange for the 1912-1913 season. I have had a personal interview with this applicant since his arrival in Stanley, and have come to this decision after conferring with my advisers on the subject.

4. Should you see your way to approve of the above proposal, I recommend that the license be granted subject to the condition laid down in the enclosure to my Confidential despatch of 12th February last with regard to the ninth lease in South Georgia, and that Mr.Lange be directed to reserve a third of the capital for his enterprise for subscription in the Colony.

5. The latest reports from the Dependencies indicate that the whales shew no signs of becoming unduly diminished, and that they are quite as numerous round the shores of South Georgia as in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land. In view of this fact I would once more emphasize the desirability of complying with Mr.Lange's original request for a lease of land for whaling purposes in South Georgia, which would, undoubtedly, be far preferable, from his point of view, to a whaling license for the territorial waters of Graham's Land. But, should you feel unable to support this recommendation, my Council desire me to express on their behalf the hope that the enclosed application may be sanctioned on the terms mentioned in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this despatch.

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6. I should be obliged if your reply could be communicated to me by cable so as to reach this Colony by the mail steamer due on 29th May. I have arranged for Mr. Lange, who is at present stationed at New Island, to be in Stanley on that date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. G.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 16 April, 1912.

Mr Alexr Lange

to the Colonial Secretary.

S.S. 'Neko'

Deception Island,

28 March, 1912.

Sir,

I am leaving here to-day and I hope to be at the Falklands on the 31st, and will arrive at Stanley as soon as possible.

As I have been told that His Excellency the Governor is intending to grant certain licenses for whaling at Belgica Strait and Graham's Land, not touching the whaling grounds at South Shetlands, I take the liberty to ask for a license to whale there with a floating factory and two whaling steamers, with permission to use a third whaling steamer.

I beg to state that there are any amount of whales in that locality.

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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) Alex. Lange.

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See Conf. despatch of 11 July, 1912,
from S.S.
Also Conf. despatch of 6 March, 1913,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley,
10th May, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 9th March, and, as requested, I have had new Whaling Regulations made, of which I enclose a copy. Other copies are being sent to you under cover of my despatch No. 63 of this date. I attach, as directed, a list of the Whaling Licenses issued for the season 1912-1913, shewing number, names, and class of vessels authorized, and the fees payable.

2. The new Whaling Regulations are somewhat more comprehensive than those which they repeal. The additions and modifications which have been inserted are mainly the outcome of the increased experience gained by sending Mr. Moyes as Customs Officer to the South Shetlands.

3. From the accompanying, interesting diary, kept by that officer while on board the S.S. "Ronald", it is apparent that he was a thoughtful and keen observer, and the daily entries help one to realize alike the local conditions, some of the intricacies of the whaling industry, and the need for additional

Regulations

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Secretary of State for the Colonies,

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Regulations. At personal interviews I had with Mr. Moyes on his return to Stanley, he still further supplemented the information given in his diary. My minute to the Colonial Secretary on page 57 of the latter shows that the several matters mentioned therein were subsequently dealt with. I would ask you to be so good as to return the diary hereafter at your convenience.

4. As pointed out in paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, of my Confidential despatch of 7th April last, what is required in the Dependencies other than South Georgia in order to successfully combat the present enormous waste of valuable commercial products, is an increase in the number of floating factories capable of reducing the carcasses of flenched whales, and a reduction in that of whale catchers. Any owner of a floating factory prepared to work up discarded whale carcasses, including the bones where possible, should be encouraged and granted a floating factory license by the Governor in Council, to be extended from year to year, until such time as the Government is satisfied that there is practically no wastage. Incidentally I may mention that an application has already been received from a firm who are anxious to take over abandoned carcasses for the above purpose. This would not, of course, affect the question of whale catchers

Mr. Schottie,
vide M.P. 207/12.
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Whaling Regulations

catchers, the total of which would in no case be added to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. A.

Governor.

- 1. The number of whaling boats to be licensed shall not exceed the number of boats licensed in the previous year.
- 2. Licences shall be issued on the basis of the number of boats licensed in the previous year, and the number of boats licensed in the previous year shall not exceed the number of boats licensed in the previous year.
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shall be laid down in the regulations of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Dependencies, and the number of any meetings already held shall be taken into account in determining the number of meetings to be held in any year or after their period of being requested to do so by the

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Whaling Regulations.

In pursuance of the powers in him vested by section 3 of the "Whale Fishery Ordinance, 1908", His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, is pleased to make the following Regulations:

1. The period for which Whaling Licences may be issued shall commence on the 1st October of each year and terminate on the 30th September of the succeeding year.

2. Licences will be issued in the name of the Company applying for them and are not transferable. A licensed vessel is prohibited from catching whales for a Company other than that mentioned in the Licence. Should the owner or master of a licensed vessel desire from any cause whatsoever to catch whales for a Company other than that indicated in the Licence, the permission of the Governor in Council must be first obtained.

3. The fee payable for each Licence is £100: this fee will not be refunded if for any cause the Licence is not used.

4. Each Whaling Licence shall be applicable to one floating factory and two steam whalers, and should permission be granted to any applicant by the Governor in Council to employ a third steam whaler a special fee of £100 will be payable on this account.

5. On and after the 1st April, 1912, separate Whaling Licences shall be issued for:—

- (a) The South Shetlands and Graham's Land,
- (b) The South Orkneys,
- (c) The Falkland Islands,
- (d) The Sandwich Islands,

but no further Licence or Lease for whaling purposes shall be issued, with the exception of renewals of existing annual Licences for one floating factory and two steam whalers, without the permission of the Governor in Council.

6. Any applicant for a Whaling Licence must send in his application so as to reach the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, not later than the 1st April in each year, giving the name of the Company and the names of the vessels to be employed.

7. Each application for a Whaling Licence shall be registered when received in a register to be termed the Whaling Licence Register.

8. Every licensed vessel shall, at the end of the season's whaling operations, proceed direct to a Port of Entry in the Colony or its Dependencies and report to the Collector of Customs or Customs Officer, full particulars of the catch including the number of barrels of oil obtained.

9. Licences will be issued on the condition that the licensee, or person employed by him, will not take penguin or birds' eggs without a written order from a Magistrate or a Customs Officer, and will not kill or capture seals (including all animals of the seal kind), penguins or birds in the Dependencies of the Colony or the waters thereof except when in actual need of them for food.

10. No licensee, or person employed by him, shall kill or shoot any whale calf, or any female whale which is accompanied by a calf.

11. In these Regulations "carcass" shall mean any dead whale. Any carcass abandoned in the territorial waters of the Dependencies or thrown up on the sea shore is the property of the Crown.

12. No moorings shall be laid down in the harbours of Deception Island, South Shetlands, without special permission; and the owner of any moorings already laid down shall at once remove them or alter their position on being requested to do so by the Government.

13. No whale carcass shall be moored either to a mooring, or to a vessel, in the Harbours of Deception Island, so as to interfere unduly, in the opinion of a Magistrate or a Customs Officer, with the traffic or operations of another whaling Company. No whale carcass shall at the end of the whaling season and on the departure of the floating factory be left attached to any mooring except with the permission of a Magistrate or a Customs Officer.

14. Any licensee, or person employed by him, committing a breach of these Regulations shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10 for each offence, and the licensee will at the same time become liable to the immediate forfeiture of his Licence, and of any claim to a Whaling Licence in the future.

15. These Regulations shall have no application to South Georgia, and shall supersede the Regulations of the Governor in Council of the 22nd January, 1912.

Dated at Government House, Stanley, this sixth day of May, 1912.

By Command,

T. A. V. BEST,

Colonial Secretary.

ATLANTIC ISLANDS:

WHALING LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE 1918-1919 WHALING SEASON.

SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS & HEARD'S LAND.

| Company. | Floating Factory. | Whalers. | Fee. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Chr:Salvesen & Co. | NEFO | NANNA | \$100 |
| | | HIRPA | \$100 |
| "Oid" Co. | SOLSTROM | ONE II | \$100 |
| | | OLE WEGGER | \$100 |
| "Nor" Co. | SOMFAY | WEE | \$100 |
| | | GWAS | \$100 |
| Anderson & Neumann | SVALDI | NORIKUMI | \$100 |
| | | SILVIE | \$100 |
| "Southern" | SOUTH BORN | FRIGG | \$100 |
| | | FRISY | \$100 |
| "Soc. Ballenera de Magallanes" | SODREVALOR | ALMIRANTE DONI | \$100 |
| | | ALMIRANTE VALTINUELA | \$100 |
| "Laboreaus" Co. | SODREVALOR | ALMIRANTE URIBE | \$100 |
| | | ROALE AMUNDSEN | \$100 |
| "Norge" Co. | SOLSTREIF | NAYON | \$100 |
| | | GRAYAT | \$100 |
| "Ornen" Co. | OEN | HARFUR | \$100 |
| | | FIN | \$100 |
| "Vektor" Co. | ROMALI | POK | \$100 |
| | | ? | \$100 |
| | | VAUMEN | \$100 |
| | | OPIN | \$100 |
| | | WAVØEN | \$100 |
| | | POST STANLEY | \$100 |
| | | FRANZIELL | \$100 |
| | | T. N. HAVL | \$100 |

SOUTH OCEANIC
COMPANIES

| Company. | Floating Factory. | Whalers. | Tonn. |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| "Retival" Co. | PALMARE | PALMER POWELL | 5100. |
| "Faugesund" Co. | ONE | TWO | 5100 |
| "Thule" Co. | TWO | TWO | 5100 |
| "Vektor" Co. | ROYALE | PORT STANLEY BRAYNEILL | 5100 |
| "(I. Frule, Sandefjord) | ONE | TWO | 5100 |

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------|
| "Thule" Co. | ONE | TWO | 5100 |
| "Albatros" Co. | ONE | TWO | 5100 |
| (A. Milten, Sandefjord) | SOUTHERN CROSS | CETUS PICUIS | 5100 |
| "Normanna" Co. | NORMANNA | NORMANN I NORMANN II | 5100 |
| "Herman" Co. | ONE | TWO | 5100 |
| (Jens Christensen, Sandefjord) | ONE | TWO | 5100 |

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See despatch No. 81 of 27 July, 1912.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,

13th May, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to the lease to the Hektor Whaling Company which accompanied my despatch No. 53 of 12th April, I have the honour to draw your attention to the condition which provides that the land factory, in conjunction with the floating factory, should have a plant capable of utilizing the whole of the carcasses of not less than five blue whales per diem, or their equivalent.

2. It would, I think, be well if the Company were asked to state how many digesters the shore factory is to be fitted with, and should the reply to you shew that provision has been made for eighteen only, I would point out that this number is, so I am informed, hardly capable of accommodating more than 1½ blue whales daily. This, then, would mean that the Hektor Company with the use of an additional floating factory and two catchers, far from reducing the present waste, would merely increase it.

3. This Company have had special consideration shewn to them in connection with their Deception Island

The Right Honble.
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c. &c. &c.
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Island lease, and before allowing them to take advantage of the privileges conceded, we ought, in my opinion, to definitely ascertain whether the shore plant, when erected, will, in conjunction with the floating factory, be able to maintain the standard of work laid down in the lease.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. A.

Governor.

Falkland Inlands.
Secret.

Received by S.S. 12 June, 1912,
vide page 80, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
L.H.B.
See Conf. desp. of 22 July, 1912,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley,

17th May, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your cypher despatch of 6th May with reference to the selection of the site for the wireless installation. The first object of the Government was to obtain a site which would allow of communication with Punta del Este, as that was the station in South America with which the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company had guaranteed us communication. In order to do this, it was necessary to avoid Mt. Low which, had the Murray Heights been decided upon, would have been directly in the way.

2. There is no site in the vicinity of Stanley so suitable for the transmission of messages to and the receipt of messages from Punta del Este as the one selected by Mr. Burrowes. It has this further advantage that it allows of a practically clear run to the Straits of Magellan with which locality, as you have now notified me, we shall have to depend upon hereafter for communication, owing to the dismantling of the station at Punta del Este.

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

3. The present site was chosen from a purely administrative and commercial point of view and not for strategic purposes, but I may explain that the landing on the south coast is very difficult owing to enormous quantities of kelp stretching more than half a mile out to sea, and heavy breakers. It is doubtful, however, whether a better site, as far as repelling a hostile ^{attack} is concerned, is available within many miles of Stanley. It would be easier to effect a landing at Port Harriet than at any point on the south coast between there and Cape Pembroke.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W.L.G.
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 16th day of May, 1912, per S.S. "Oravia".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
|-------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Conf. | 10 May | } Received by S. S. 12 June, 1912, vide page 80, Vol. <u>XXXIII</u> (Outward). <u>L. H. B.</u> | 3 |
| Conf. | 13 May | | - |
| Conf. | 3 p.m. 17 April | - | - |



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
17th day of May, 1912 per S.S. "Oravia".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Secret. | 17 May | | |



Confidential.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and requests him to be so good as to substitute the name "Fredricksen" for "Henricksen" in the second line of paragraph 2 of his Confidential despatch of 10th April to the Secretary of State.

Government House,

Falkland Islands.

17th April, 1912.

Received by S.S. 8 July 1912.
Inds P. 118. Vol. XXXII (Outward).
L 7483.

See Conf. despatch of 26 Aug. 1912.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

6th June, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch Confidential of 18th February last on the subject of the proposed wireless installation at South Georgia, I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the Stipendiary Magistrate a copy of the report which I asked him to make after visiting the locality of Cape Buller. I understand that he has, as requested, sent the original direct to you.

2. I have shewn Mr. Wilson's report and enclosures to Mr. Burrowes, the erecting engineer of the Stanley station, and have conferred with him on the several points raised therein. He is of opinion that the topographical difficulties are not so great as he expected, but he is distinctly dubious as to whether a 5 K.W. set would be sufficiently powerful to obtain communication with Stanley even at night.

3. The wireless station here will, on completion, have cost approximately £1,400, as detailed in the following statement:-

Installation

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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|---|--------------|
| Installation | £. |
| | 2,800 |
| Ocean freight and conveyance to site | 400 |
| Labour and wages | 1,000 |
| Cement, etc. | <u>200</u> |
| | <u>4,400</u> |

The above does not include quarters for the operators.

4. Judging by Mr. Wilson's photographs and the observations of those who were engaged in the survey of Cape Buller, the promontory selected seems to be a suitable site for both the wireless installation and the acetylene light, but in view of the remoteness of the Dependency, the inaccessibility of the bight in unfavourable weather, the difficulties of landing heavy material and dragging it up to the positions indicated, the total cost of even a 5 K.W. set at Cape Buller is likely to be considerably in excess of that of the Stanley installation.

5. The point now at issue is: what power will the South Georgia plant require to possess in order to maintain regular communication with the Stanley station? Until this question has been settled by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., and the Legislative Council has had an opportunity of considering their tender, it would, I think, be advisable to refrain from taking any further action in connection with either the
wireless

wireless installation or the acetylene light for
this Dependency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

Received by S.S. 8 July 1912.
vide page 118. Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
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See Conf. despatch of 20 Aug. 1912.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

10th June, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that should the
Governorship of the Bahamas become vacant hereafter
I may be considered for the post.

2. In submitting this application for your
favourable consideration I beg to be permitted to
point out that I was appointed to my present
Governorship in May, 1904, and that in September next
I shall have been 33 years in the Colonial Service.

3. Although I have for some time past believed
that I was justified in expecting promotion I am
quite satisfied to leave the matter in your hands in
the full conviction that you will do your best for an
old servant of the Crown.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

W.L. 4
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
13th day of June, 1912. per S.S. "Orcoma."

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
|-------|---------|--|----------------------|
| Conf. | 6 June | Received by S.S. 8 July, 1912. note page 118 Vol. <u>XXXIII</u> (Outward). <u>L. 4.13.</u> | - |
| Conf. | 10 June | | - |
| Secr. | 10 June | | 1 |



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L.H.B.

Falkland Islands. Secretary of State for the Colonies, Government House, Stanley.

Secret.

10th June, 1912.

Paraphrase of Telegram

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith
for your information the paraphrase of a
telegraphic despatch which I sent to you in
cypher on 17th May through the British
Chargé d'Affaires at Montevideo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W.L.G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Received by S.S. 22 May, 1912.
vide page 52 . Vol. XXXIII (Outward)
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The Governor of the Falkland Islands to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Paraphrase of Telegram.

Landing near site difficult: Murray Heights
unsuitable: despatch follows by next mail.

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Received by S.S. 5 Aug. 1912,
side p. 1524. Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
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See Conf. despatch of 24 Aug. 1912,
from S.S.
also Conf. despatch of 11 Decr. 1912,
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
2nd July, 1912.

In pursuance of the powers in this vested by section 1
of the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1912, His Excellency
the Governor, I have the honour to acknowledge the
receipt of your Confidential despatches of 22nd April
and 4th May, and, as requested in the latter, I
transmit herewith for your consideration a draft of
the Wireless Telegraphy License which it is proposed
to issue to the Whaling Company at Deception Island.

2. At present it seems a little doubtful, and
whether any whaling company will be prepared to
install on a floating factory a wireless plant
capable of maintaining communication between the
South Shetlands and the Stanley Station.

3. In view, however, of the near approach of
the whaling season I shall be glad to know whether
you approve of the form of License submitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

WZ, G

Governor.

The Right Honble.
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c. &c. &c.
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 2nd July, 1912.

Licence by His Excellency the Governor in Council to install and work Apparatus for Wireless Telegraphy.

In pursuance of the powers in him vested by section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1912, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, is pleased to grant unto the Whaling Company of _____, hereinafter called "the Company", this LICENCE to install and work apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board the s.s. "_____", floating factory belonging to the said Whaling Company, subject to any Wireless Telegraphy Regulations in force in the Colony, and on the following terms and conditions:-

1. This LICENCE shall be applicable to the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land only, and shall be valid from the 1st October, 19____, to the 30th September, 19____, both dates inclusive.

2. Should an officer of the Colonial Government require the Company to transmit a message on His Majesty's Service, such message shall have priority over all other messages and shall be transmitted by the Company without undue delay, and until transmission thereof the Company shall suspend the transmission of all other messages.

3. The Company shall accept and transmit without favour or preference the message of any person. Messages

Given in Executive Council at Government House, Stanley, on

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on the business of the Company or emanating from the floating factory shall not have priority over other messages. All messages accepted or received by the Company for transmission or delivery shall, when practicable, be transmitted or delivered in the order in which they shall have been accepted for transmission or received.

4. Any person in the employment of the Company who
- (a) wilfully or negligently omits or delays to transmit or deliver any message, or
 - (b) prevents or delays by any wilful or negligent act or omission the transmission or delivery of any message, or
 - (c) divulges improperly to any person the purport of any message,

shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty pounds.

5. All messages shall be transmitted through the Government Station at Stanley. At the end of each month a return of the messages received and despatched during the month and the number of words in each message shall be sent in to the Postmaster, Stanley. Such messages shall be numbered consecutively in the order in which they have been transmitted or received. The return shall be accompanied by copies of all messages sent and received through the Stanley Station.

6. This LICENCE is not transferable.

Given in Executive Council at Government House, Stanley,
this day of , 19 .

Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Received by S.S. 5 Aug. 1912.
made p. 134, Vol. XXXVII (Outland.)
L-4123
See Conf. despatch of 21 Aug. 1912,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.

3rd July, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential despatch of 29th May approving an expenditure of £550 in respect of the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the addition required for the Victoria Cottage Home. I regret, however, that you should have considered it necessary to reduce the amount sanctioned in your Confidential despatch of 22nd April by £50, as the Legislative Council are willing to vote this expenditure in respect of the Hospital, in addition to the £250 approved in Council on 2nd April.

2. In paragraph 3 of your despatch under acknowledgment you ask to be furnished with a detailed scheme shewing the cost of the maintenance of the new Hospital and the Home as compared with the cost of the Home hitherto, and express the hope that the Government will not be called upon to contribute a larger proportion of the cost of maintenance of the new institution than was previously spent on that of the Home.

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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3. The despatches noted in the margin deal with the question of Pauper and Poor Relief, and, as you will see from my despatch No. 31 of 5th April, 1906, the principal object I had in view in advocating the Victoria Cottage Home was to provide a Government institution for the relief of paupers and for the care of the old and indigent poor, and at the same time abolish as far as possible the system of charitable allowances from public revenue over which the Government was unable to exercise satisfactory control.

4. The Victoria Cottage Home was formally opened in May, 1908, and the results have fully justified the anticipations formed at the time that the fact of the institution being under Government would discourage the entrance of those who were not bona fide members of the two classes referred to above.

5. With the advent of trained nurses, the development of the whaling industry, the arrival of sailing vessels in distress from the Horn with officers and seamen suffering from broken limbs and otherwise indisposed, not to speak of local cases, it soon became apparent that, through force of circumstances, the Victoria Cottage Home would likewise have to serve as a small hospital, although it contained few of the necessary conveniences.

6. In my Message to Council covering the 1910 Estimates I explained the need for an Accident Ward in conjunction with the Home, and made provision for a sum of £250 on this account, vide extract attached.

In

1875-5 No. 88 of 25/11/07.
1875-6 No. 139 of 25/12/08.

Estimate No. 1.

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In order to avoid expense it was my intention to erect the building with the Government carpenters who were on the permanent staff.

7. On my return from leave in December, 1910, I found that the Ward had not been erected, and I subsequently learnt that the public had been in favour of a more pretentious building. Here I may mention that the local Manager and some of the employees of the Falkland Islands Company had always been opposed to the Home, and when it was formally opened there was no representative of the Company present.

8. I would refer you to my despatch No. 89 of 11th Jun^{ly}, 1911, reporting that on my arrival in the Colony in December, 1910, "I took up, and got others likewise interested in the question of erecting a Memorial to His late Majesty". My modest scheme for an Accident Ward had lapsed, but as the Colonists seemed anxious to have a commodious and properly equipped Hospital Ward in connection with the Victoria Cottage Home and were prepared to pay for it, I at once gave my support to their proposals. Later, as the result of the large sum subscribed, it was decided to build a King Edward Hospital, a Memorial which you were pleased to consider "to be most appropriate and useful".

9. In my Confidential despatch of 17th February last I notified you of my having instructed the Crown Agents to send out three carpenters, and of the assistance from the Public Works Department which had been

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been promised to the Committee of the Hospital.

10. The accommodation provided is adequate for present and future requirements, and includes a Maternity Ward, thus supplying a long felt want. I attach a return showing

(a) the estimated cost of maintenance of the Home this year, and

(b) the estimated expenditure on the maintenance of the King Edward Hospital, including the Victoria Cottage Home, in 1913.

It would be unreasonable to expect that an up-to-date hospital equipped with an operating theatre and modern appliances, such as the subscribers wish to have, could be run for the same sum as a small Cottage Home. It is imperative that there should be a second servant when patients are numerous; and the heating system during the winter months will require the services of an able-bodied man who will cut and rickie the necessary peat for the Hospital, chop wood, carry fuel, attend to the garden, grow sufficient vegetables for the staff and the patients, and make himself generally useful. It is possible that he may be able to cultivate garden produce for sale as well.

11. In the matter of such items as bread, meat, and groceries, &c., the expenses will of course fluctuate according to the number of patients and the medical comforts supplied, but, on the other hand, the increased cost will be met out of fees paid by patients.

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12. Taking everything into consideration, the additional cost of maintenance of the combined institutions should not exceed £150 per annum. As against such further expenditure there is the satisfaction of having met the wishes of the Colonists (who, after all, have to bear the burden), and of having removed the reflection, frequently brought up in the past, that British subjects in a British Colony have no hospital and have had to go to South America for comparatively small operations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. A.
Governor.

7. Division VIII - Police. - Item 1 - Proposed to send a Police Constable to South America and a constable accordingly for his salary.

8. Division X - Medical. - Item 7 - Trained Nurse and Midwife. - Addition to the Nurse-Matron of the Victoria Cottage Home whose services are available as a trained Nurse for day or night work in Stanley, attending maternity cases and on duty at the Quarantine Station. It is thought desirable to appoint a second trained Nurse, more especially as the need for an accident ward in conjunction with the Cottage Home has of late become very apparent. No less than eight serious accidents have occurred in, or been brought to, Stanley within the last twelve months demanding special medical attention as well as trained nursing and although two of these were admitted to the Cottage Home for want of some suitable accommodation, it is felt that adequate provision for such cases should be made as soon as possible and a small accident ward erected.

9. - It should not be overlooked that at the present time about one half of the total population of the Colony and its Dependencies is more or less directly employed either in the somewhat daring industry of catching whales, or in working in large factories supplying the enterprises, and that the risk of accidents from these and other causes, such as the increased shipping necessary for the industry, demand that greater provision should be made at headquarters than heretofore to deal with cases of emergency when they arise. It is probable that the sums received from contributions to the Nurse Fund will be paid by the salary of the second trained Nurse.

10. Division XI - Education. - Item 5 - A Certificated Assistant Mistress is being selected by the Board of Education and may shortly be expected. The salary offered is somewhat higher than that previously paid.

11. Division XIV. - Miscellaneous. - Items 11, and 17. - It has been proposed to increase the amount for telegrams by £25, and an additional sum of £20 for fuel.

3. The decrease under rents is due to the purchase by lessees of their leaseholds and to adjust this there should be a compensating increase under Interest. This, however, is not the case owing mainly to the present interpretation placed on section 14 of the Land Ordinance, 1903. If our financial equilibrium is to be maintained it is in my opinion necessary that the interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase money should go to Ordinary Revenue, and not be credited together with the principal to the Land Sales Fund, as is the case at present. This would still permit of the Land Sales Fund receiving a sum of £900 for every 6000 acres of country land sold, and Ordinary Revenue an annual sum at the rate of 3% as interest on the value of such land, or a somewhat higher rate than would be received were the land leased under section 15 of the Ordinance at 1d. per acre, which is equivalent to an annual sum of £27 per section of 6000 acres. Should the Secretary of State be pleased to approve of my proposal the estimated decrease under Rent will be made good under Interest.

EXPENDITURE.

4. The Ordinary Expenditure for 1908 (exclusive of Public Works Extraordinary, £4082, and payments under the Live Stock Ordinance, £602) amounted to £15,760, or £2,015 less than the Ordinary Revenue. The Ordinary Expenditure for 1910 is estimated at £16,276. A schedule of additions and reductions is given in Appendix 2.

5. Division IV.—**Treasury and Customs.**—Item 3.—This is a new appointment and has been caused by the need to station a Deputy Collector of Customs at New Island now that it has been made a Port of Entry.

6. Division VII.—**Legal.**—Item 1.—Provision has been made for the salary (£250) of a Magistrate to be stationed at South Georgia. With seven large whaling companies operating in the waters of the Dependency, and several factories ashore for the utilization of the whole carcass of the whale, it is the duty of the Government to send an official there with as little further delay as possible. It may not be out of place here to mention that the rents to be received from the lease of whaling stations in South Georgia in 1910 will amount to £1850.

7. Division VIII.—**Police.**—Item 3.—It is probable that it will be necessary hereafter to send a Police Constable to South Georgia, and a sum of £84 has been provided accordingly for his salary.

x 8. Division X.—**Medical.**—Item 7.—Trained Nurse and Midwife. In addition to the Nurse-Matron of the Victoria Cottage Home whose services are available as a trained Nurse for day or night work in Stanley, including midwifery cases, or for duty at the Quarantine Station, it is thought desirable to continue to make provision for a second trained Nurse, more especially as the need for an accident ward in conjunction with the Cottage Home has of late become very apparent. No less than eight serious accidents have occurred in, or been brought to, Stanley within the last twelve months demanding special medical attention as well as trained nursing, and although two of these were admitted to the Cottage Home for want of more suitable accommodation, it is felt that adequate provision for such cases should be made as soon as possible and a small accident ward erected.

9. It should not be overlooked that at the present time about one half of the total population of the Colony and its Dependencies is more or less directly employed either in the somewhat daring industry of catching whales, or in working in large factories manipulating the carcasses, and that the risk of accidents from these and other causes, such as the increased shipping necessary for the industry, demand that greater provision should be made at headquarters than heretofore to deal with cases of emergency when they arise. It is probable that the sums received from contributors to the Nurse Fund will go far to pay the salary of the second trained Nurse.

x 10. Division XI.—**Education.**—Item 5.—A Certificated Assistant Mistress is being selected by the Board of Education and may shortly be expected. The salary provided is somewhat higher than that previously paid.

11. Division XIV.—**Miscellaneous.**—Items 2, 11, and 17.—It has been necessary to increase the amount for telegrams by £25, and an additional sum of £50 has been

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 2 to Confidential despatch of 3 July, 1912.

Statement shewing difference between the estimated annual expenses of Victoria Cottage Home and King Edward Memorial Hospital.

| | (a) | (b) | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | 1912. | 1913. | |
| | Victoria Cottage Home. | King Ed. Mem. Hospl. | |
| | £ | £ | |
| Nurse Matron (salary) | 78 | 78 | |
| Trained Nurse and Midwife do | 50 | 50 | |
| Servant do | 30 | 30 | |
| 2nd Servant do | | 24 (when required) | |
| Expenses of board of two Nurses, 1 servant, 1 pauper patient, @ £2-10 p.m. | 120 | 120 | |
| X Incidentals, including laundry allowances to Nurses | 18 | 30 | |
| Expense of board of 2nd servant | | 30 (when required) | |
| Outdoor servant & gardiner | | 78 | |
| | £ 296 | £ 440 | |

X This expenditure is at present charged to Cottage Home expenses.

The above is on the supposition that the Government will cart the peat (some 200 loads) from the bog to the Hospital free of cost.

Received by S.S. 5 Aug 1912.
vide P. 1524, Vol. XXXIII (Colonial)
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See Conf. despatch of 20 Aug. 1912.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

8th July, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you with regard to the vacancy on the Executive Council caused by the absence from the Colony of the Honble. Vere Packe, that the objections to the appointment of the Honble. W.A. Harding, Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, given in my Confidential despatch of 30th May, 1906, hold good still, and there are others to which I need not allude. As a matter of fact, however, this gentleman has no wish to act, as he recognizes that his appointment might be inconvenient at times to the local Government, vide Lord Elgin's telegram of 10th September, 1906, on this subject.

2. Mr. Louis Williams is unfortunately en route to England at present, and does not expect to return to the Falklands for at least twelve months. I know of no other fit person in Stanley who could efficiently perform the duties, do justice to the position, or be helpful as an adviser.

3. In these circumstances I do not propose to fill the vacancy meanwhile.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

WZG

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Received by S.S. 5 Aug. 1912.
vide p. 154, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
L.H.B.

See Conf. despatch of 15 Nov. 1912.
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.

6th July, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 10th May with regard to the fur seal industry of this Colony.

2. The negotiations with Mrs. Hansen, to which you refer, lapsed in 1909, as you will observe from the attached correspondence. In August of that year I visited, in the steam whaler "Swona", certain islands adjacent to the West Falkland, and I purposely went to Carcass Island to see Mrs. Hansen and to discuss with her the sealing question. Full particulars of what passed on that occasion are given in paragraphs 8 to 14 of my despatch No. 70 of 9th September, 1909.

3. After my departure, Mrs. Hansen conferred with her son, who was absent when I was at her house, and her views, as she had expressed them to me, apparently underwent a change. She subsequently wrote confidentially to the Colonial Secretary offering to sell her Government leasehold, excluding Carcass, Grand Jason, and Steeple Jason (which together contain more than half of the total acreage) for £7,000, an offer

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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offer which, it is almost needless to remark, the intending purchasers would not entertain. I may explain that the area of the Station is estimated at 10,120 acres, which, the seal rookery apart, could be bought from Government, under the Land Ordinance, at 3/- per acre for the lump sum of £1,518.

4. When Mr. Jason Hansen recently attended the Supreme Court in connection with the illicit sealing case of "Rex v Oreste Grandi", reported in my despatch No. 71 of 4th June, I took advantage of his presence in Stanley to point out to him that the proper protection of the fur seal was a duty to which the Government attached great importance, and that unless Mrs. Hansen could satisfy the Government that she could make arrangements for the efficient protection of the Elephant Jason rookery (this is the only island on which there are fur seals) and for the requisite Government inspection, her sealing rights would not be renewed on the expiration of her present lease.

Mr. Hansen assured me he would endeavour to meet the wishes of the Government in this respect, but, personally, I am somewhat doubtful of his ability to do so.

5. I quite agree that the powers conferred by the Seal Fishery Ordinances of 1899 and 1904 are not sufficient to give effect to the proposals I have submitted in the past on this subject, and it is probable that a new Ordinance will have to be passed.

The

Governor,

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The abolition of the existing system of licenses would not involve any hardship to the present holders (Mrs. Hansen possibly excepted) who are perfectly aware that it is always problematical whether they will be granted a license, and more problematical still whether, when they reach the rookeries, the depredations of poachers will have left them any seals to take.

6. In paragraph 4 of your despatch under acknowledgment you ask me to inform you if "the prohibition of sealing in the territorial waters of the Colony would be attended with any difficulty." The preceding paragraph will show that unless the lessee of the rookeries was able to protect them, illicit raiding would continue.

7. As exception seems to have been taken in certain quarters to the granting of whaling licenses to Norwegians, it might perhaps be well to let it be known to some of the disappointed British firms anxious to embark capital in fisheries in this Colony and its Dependencies, that there will shortly be an opportunity of obtaining the monopoly of the fur seal industry of the Falklands, subject to the provisions of the sealing law and on condition that proper precautions are taken for the adequate protection of the rookeries and for their inspection and control by Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 6th July, 1910.

Copy of a letter from Mrs. Sarah Hansen to the Col. Secretary.

Sir,

Carcass Island,

September, 17th, 1909.

I have the honour to beg you will lay the following appeal before His Excellency the Governor for his consideration regarding the right of the seal fishery on my land.

From 1878 one third of my leasehold has been set aside to encourage and foster the breeding and locating of fur seal. We depriving ourselves of turning this land into grazing ground and reaping a good income from it for sixteen years. Before the granting of my present lease I made an offer to pay a royalty on all the seals taken providing protection was granted. I particularly point out that I have endeavoured to keep the fisheries in good condition. In 1894 I refrained by request from taking any seals owing to a heavy raid the previous year. In 1895 and 1894 I did not receive one penny from this land. I have had no help or protection in trying to prevent excessive poaching of late years. It would be advisable that these grounds should be guarded and left undisturbed for a time. No one will do this unless a right of twenty or thirty years be accorded.

When the land becomes freehold without sealing rights it will become grazing land. It would be as impossible to prevent shepherds disturbing seal in the breeding season as it would be to let seal hunters go through and disturb the flocks.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) Sarah Hansen.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 6th July, 1912

Copy of a letter to Sarah Hansen from the Colonial Secretary.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands,

7th October, 1909.

Maiana,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of the 17th September regarding the seal fisheries on your leasehold.

2. His Excellency has caused a reference to be made to the old lease books and other official records in order to obtain confirmation of the statement made in your letter that "from 1872 one third of my leasehold has been set aside to encourage and foster the breeding and locating of fur seal, we depriving ourselves of turning this land into grazing ground and reaping a good income from it for sixteen years".

3. Perhaps it might be well to go back to 1860 and give the particulars with regard to the Jasons & Carcase Island, as they appear in the Government records. The old lease books show that the late Charles Hansen applied under "the first clause of the Proclamation of the 4th April, 1861" for a licence to occupy a Station on Steerle Jason Island. This application was granted on 11th January, 1860, by Governor Macleanie on 25 being paid into the Treasury. The licence was available "for one year only, and not renewable".

4. On 11th September, 1872, a Special Licence for the Jasons, Carcase and the adjacent Islands, was granted by Governor D'Arcy "for the term of seven, fourteen, or twenty-one years" That lease provided amongst other things "that the said

Charles

Charles Hansen shall not during the continuance of this lease kill any greater number of penguins in the course of any one year than will yield sixteen thousand gallons of oil". Doubtless you have a copy of the old lease to refer to. No mention is made therein of the words "Seal" or "Sealing", and as the principal industry at the Jasons in those days was apparently the boiling down of penguins for their oil, the quotations from your letter given in paragraph 2 above would seem to indicate that you are under some misapprehension on this subject.

5. Your present lease which was granted in 1894 provides for the payment of a rental of \$40 per annum, in return for which you have grazing rights over 10,000 acres more or less, and the right to kill annually 500 fur seals and 500 hair seals subject to the payment of royalties.

6. The reasonable inference to be drawn from your letter is that you consider that the terms are somewhat heavy, and that the Government has not adequately protected the seal rookeries.

The attached return shows the royalties paid by you from 1897 to 1906 to have amounted to \$701:0:0. During the years 1898 to 1899 inclusive there was an average catch of 469 fur seals per annum, and during the years 1900 to 1906 an average of 165 fur seals per annum. In 1905 & 1906 the royalties yielded \$16:16:0 or the equivalent of 84 fur seal skins, being an average for the two years in question of 42 per annum. Thus

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| 1898 to 1899 four years with an average catch | | |
| of 469 fur seals per annum | total | 1876 Seals. |
| 1900 to 1906 seven years with an average catch | | |
| of 165 fur seals per annum | total | 1155 Seals. |
| 1905 and 1906 with an average catch of | | |
| 42 fur seals per annum | total | 84 |
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| Grand total..... | | 3115 Seals. |
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7. Although these figures may not perhaps be as satisfactory as you had reason to suppose would be the case when you were granted your lease in 1884, it is only right to point out that you have not been the only sufferer, for had the Government received royalty regularly on 500 fur seals per annum during the eleven years in question the revenue would have benefited to the extent of \$1200 instead of \$700. It is true that the Government has not adequately protected the seal roberies but no record can be discovered of any promise of protection having been given, nor does His Excellency consider that this Government has ever been in a position to make such a guarantee. On the other hand it is not quite clear at present what steps you have yourself taken to protect the roberies, and to prevent illicit raids.

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8. Considering that under the terms of your lease you have had grazing and sealing rights as well for \$40 per annum since 1884, it seems to His Excellency that you have no reasonable ground for complaint as to your treatment by Government.

9. I am to again refer you to the concluding paragraph of the letter from this office to Mr. Farling of 11th November last, copy enclosed, and to recommend to you for your further consideration the desirability of your entering into an agreement with some firm able and willing to adequately protect the seal roberies, or as an alternative to endeavour to transfer to them your sealing rights.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) W.A. Thompson,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

SARAH WATSON,
 CAROLINE ISLAND,
 WEST PAKLAND.

Enclosure No. I.

Return showing the amount paid into the Colonial Treasury by Mrs. Hansen from 1897 to 1906 inclusive as Royalty on seal skins.

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|----------|-----|----|----|-------|----|----|
| 1897 | | | | | | |
| May | 125 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| November | 125 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 5 | 0 |
| 1898 | | | | | | |
| October | 127 | 5 | 0 | 127 | 5 | 0 |
| 1899 | | | | | | |
| November | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 1900 | | | | | | |
| October | 56 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| November | 78 | 16 | 0 | 115 | 0 | 0 |
| 1901 | | | | | | |
| November | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 1905 | | | | | | |
| January | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| March | 7 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 1906 | | | | | | |
| June | 1 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 0 |
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| | | | | £701 | 0 | 0 |
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to be paid to the Government.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by Mrs. Hansen.
Colonial Secretary.

Enclosure No. 2.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE HON. W.A. WARREN.

No. 342/1907.

11th November, 1907.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 21st January last, on the subject of Mrs. Hansen's application to purchase her leasehold lands, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Secretary of State, before whom your letter of the 11th November, 1907, has been laid, has intimated to His Excellency that, should Mrs. Hansen exercise her right under section 14 of the Land Ordinance, 1905, to purchase her leaseholds, he regrets that he would be unable to sanction the grant of the lands on any other condition than those which would be secured to her by the ordinary operation of law.

2. I am to add, in case Mrs. Hansen should decide to continue to hold the lands under a leasehold tenure, instead of purchasing them, that her lease will not be renewed on the existing terms. If, having regard to that fact, she should still wish to purchase the lands, His Excellency would be prepared to enter into negotiations with her for the transfer of her rights over the seal rockeries either to the Government or to some person approved by the Government.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) W.E.W. Grant,

Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Received by S.S. 5 Aug 1912,
vide p. 154, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
L.H.B.

Government House, Stanley.

8th July, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 95 of even date, I have the honour to inform you that Dr. J. H. Paterson arrived here with his wife and child by the R.M.S. "Orissa" on 29th May, stayed with us for about four weeks at Government House, and then, owing to a severe attack of mucus colitis, was moved at his own request to the Victoria Cottage Home (this was on the 26th ultimo), where he has since remained. I understand that he has suffered from this affection before, and that his last illness was in September, 1911.

2. The appointment of Dr. Paterson, health apart, appeared to me to be an excellent one, and I liked what I saw of him both officially and privately, while, with his Public Health qualification, he would have been most useful here at the present juncture.

3. Dr. Browne, the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, a copy of whose report is attached, is of opinion that Dr. Paterson's condition is very serious, and that he should proceed at once to a less rigorous climate.

His

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 2 July, 1912.

Report by Dr W.M. Browne, Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

His complaint is prejudicially affected by the extreme dampness here.

4. May I ask that special care be taken to see that Dr. Paterson's successor is thoroughly sound and capable of withstanding this sub-antarctic climate. The selection of an officer invalided from Northern Nigeria, following immediately on that of Dr. Earl, who only arrived in the Colony in October, 1909, and who was caused to retire in March last after being pronounced permanently incapacitated from performing his duties, has unfortunately involved the Government in heavy expense, and has, not without reason, occasioned considerable adverse comment locally.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

W.M. Browne
humble servant,

W.M. Browne
Governor.

Dr Paterson on my recommendation is being sent to the Falkland Islands, and I am of opinion that he should not be sent to the Falkland Islands, owing to the prevailing damp and the extreme cold of this climate, which I fear has restarted the complaint from which he now suffers.

I am strongly convinced from what I know of this disease, that should he be sent to a warmer climate the chances of a non-recurrence are largely in his favour.

(sgd) W. Mitchell Browne
Asst Colonial Surgeon,
East Falkland.

Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
6 July, 1912.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 8 July, 1912.

Report by Dr W.M. Browne, Assistant Colonial Surgeon,
on the illness of J.H. Paterson, M.B., Colonial Surgeon.

Dr Paterson arrived in this Colony on May 29th, 1912, and at that time appeared to be in good health. However in the course of three or four days he complained to me of a pain in his right hypochondrium and of insomnia. He informed me that he had been undergoing treatment in England for mucous-membranous colitis but had been free of it from September last. I attributed this pain to the dampness of the climate.

With treatment his condition did not seem to improve, and on June 26th he was admitted to Hospital for further treatment. This consisted of douches into the colon and as a result of this mucus casts came away. These douches were administered daily, varying numbers of casts coming away each time. The patient was kept on light nutritious diet, and now and again when occasion arose Ol. Ricini was given.

In order to combat the pain above referred to large ~~lin~~ linseed poultices were applied. When it was found necessary, trional in five grain doses was taken at bedtime.

Dr Paterson on my recommendation is being invalided to England, and I am of opinion that he should not return to the Falkland Islands, owing to the prevailing damp and the extreme cold of this climate, which I fear has restarted the complaint from which he now suffers.

I am strongly convinced from what I know of this disease, that should he be sent to a warmer climate the chances of a non-recurrence are largely in his favour.

(sgd) W. Mitchell Browne

Asst Colonial Surgeon,
East Falkland.

Stanley,
Falkland Islands,

6 July, 1912.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
9th day of JULY, 19 12. per S.S. "ORISSA".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Conf. | 2 July | Received by S.S. 5 Aug. 1912, vide p. 154, Vol. <u>XXXIII</u> (Continued). L 413. | 1 |
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| Conf. | 8 July | | 1 |
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Confidential.

Received by S.S. 5 Aug. 1912.
note p. 154, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
L. 4473.

See Corp. despatch of 9 Sept. 1912,
from S.S. L. 4473.

Government House, Stanley.

9th July, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No.106 of 1st September, 1911, on the subject of my proposed visit to South Georgia, and your reply thereto No.112 of 18th November last, it has occurred to me that H.M.S. "Active", which has relieved H.M.S. "Glasgow" on the South Coast of America Station, may be considered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be of a type suitable for the purpose of carrying out my suggestion.

2. With the establishment of a Port of Entry at King Edward Cove on 1st October next, when the Customs and Tariff Ordinances come into force in that Dependency, it is very important that the Head of the Administration should personally visit the different whaling stations, be able to advise the Magistrate, and generally assist to smooth over any difficulties which the new order of things may bring about.

3. Failing one of H.M. Ships, the only alternative I can submit is to consider the offer of Captain Nunes of the Compania Argentina de Pesca who, in a private letter

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Humble Servant,

Governor.

letter dated 6th February last, stated: "Don't forget that we will be very pleased to send our steamer to call for you and bring you here (Grytviken, i.e., King Edward Cove) whenever you wish to come. She is very comfortable and quite large." I may explain that this is not the first occasion upon which a similar proposal has been made.

4. I hardly think, however, that the Governor of the Colony should proceed to South Georgia on a tour of inspection in a vessel flying the Argentine Flag and owned by the principal company in the Dependency. The effect produced in South America would be damaging to our national prestige. Considering, too, the additional expense which would be involved in sending the steamer of the Argentina de Pasca to Stanley, and the fact that the Company would probably be averse to accepting any remuneration, it seems to me that this extremely generous offer cannot be entertained.

5. I can only reiterate my belief that it is highly important that the Head of the Administration should visit South Georgia during the approaching whaling season, and I shall be glad to receive your instructions in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

Received by S.S. 2 Sept. 1912.
 in the Vol. XXXIII (Outward) p. 182.
 L.H.

See Conf despatch of 13 Sept. 1912.
 from S.S. L.H.

Falkland Islands.
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Government House, Stanley.

31st July, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to enclosure No.2 in my Confidential despatch of 29th September, 1911, and more particularly to the last item of expenditure, i.e., £300 on account of the proposed increase to the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia, I have the honour to inform you that I intend, subject to your approval, to permit Mr. Wilson to draw an additional £50 per annum from 1st October next, as a remuneration for extra work and responsibility.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
6th day of August, 1912. per S.S. "Oropesa".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Conf. | 31 July | Received by S.S. 2 Sept. 1912. vide p. 182, Vol. XXXIII (Outward.) L.H.B. | - |
| Conf. | 5 August | | - |



Received by S.S. 2 Sept. 1912,
vide p. 182. Vol. XXXIII (Continued.)
L. W. B.

See telegram of 9 Sept. 1912, from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
5th August, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I propose, subject to your approval, to carry into effect, as from 1st October next, the recommendation contained in paragraph 9 of my Confidential despatch of 29th September, 1911, that a subsidy of £40 per mensem be paid to the Compania Argentina de Pesca for the regular carriage of mails from Buenos Aires to South Georgia and from South Georgia to Buenos Aires, not less than once a month, and I shall be glad to receive your early reply in order that I may communicate as soon as possible with the above Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Received by S.S. 30 Sept. 1912,
misc 13. 212. Vol. XXXIII (Continued)
A. 413.
See Conf. desps. of 11 Nov. 1912,
from S.S.
Also Conf. despatch of 14 Dec. 1912,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.
27th August, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 11th July on the subject of whaling and sealing in the Dependencies.

2. As regards the questions raised in the third paragraph, I will refrain from taking any action in either of the directions indicated by you until I receive your further despatch.

3. With reference to the issue of the sealing license contemplated in the concluding paragraph of your despatch under acknowledgment, I enclose herewith a copy of the correspondence between Captain John Abrahamsen and the Colonial Secretary relative to the taking of seals in the territorial waters of the South Orkney Islands, Joinville Island, and Graham's Land, during the season of 1913-1914.

4. The Colonial Secretary is now informing Captain Abrahamsen by cable -copy attached- that the conditions of the sealing license must receive your approval.

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Enclosure No. 1.

Enclosure No. 2.

5. Captain John Abrahamsen's address is

c/o Messrs.R.Irvin & Sons,
North Shields.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W.A.
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 27th August, 1912.

Copy of a letter from Captain John Abrahamson
to
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY, FALKLANDS.
JUNE 1st. 1912.

Sir,

I beg respectfully herewith to apply for a Permit to take "SEALS" from off the Islands known as JOINVILLE LAND, GRAHAM'S LAND and the SOUTH ORKNEYS for the Season from 1912 to 1913, the number and description to be as follows:- 10,000 "FAIR SEALS" and 250 "PUR".

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

I remain respectfully yours,

(Signed) John Abrahamson.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No 1

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 27th August, 1912.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary

to

Captain John Abrahamson.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

6th June, 1912.

P.266/1912.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of June 1st, and in reply to inform you that a licence to take seals in the territorial waters of the South Orkney Islands, Joinville Island, and Graham's Land, during the season 1912-1914, can be issued to you subject to the provisions of the Seal Fishery (Dependencies) Ordinance, 1909, of which I enclose a copy, and on the following conditions:

- (a) that no guarantee is given that the licence will be renewed;
- (b) that a fee of £50 is paid for the licence;
- (c) that the number of seal to be taken is restricted to 10,000 hair seal;
- (d) that the killing and capturing of pup or young seals is forbidden;
- (e) that the killing and capturing of female seals is avoided as far as possible.

2. Under the Sealing Regulations published in the "Gazette" of 1st November, 1911, the sealing season commences on 1st January in each year. Should you be

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willing to accept a licence on the above terms, these Regulations will be amended so as to provide for the commencement of the sealing season on 1st December, and your reply should reach this office by the mail steamer from Liverpool due to arrive in Stanley on 16th October next.

8. Should you wish to take fur seal also, the number will be limited to 250, and an additional licence will have to be obtained for this purpose.

I am,

Telegram.

Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

Irvin (Signed) T.A.V. Pest,

Colonial Secretary.

Conditions of sealing license must receive approval
of Secretary of State.

Captain John Abrahamsen,
Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No.2 to confidential despatch of 27th August, 1912.

The Colonial Secretary to Captain Abrahamsen.

Telegram.

Captain John Abrahamsen

Irvin

North Shields

Conditions of sealing license must receive approval
of Secretary of State.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 3rd day of September, 1912. per S.S. "Oravia".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Conf. | 27 August | Received by S.S. 30 Sept. 1912, article p. 212, Vol. <u>XXXIII</u> (Outward). L. 94-13. | 2 |
| Conf. | 29 August | | - |



Received by S.S. 30 Sept. 1912.
 inde P-212, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
 L.H.B.

Falkland Islands.
 Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

29th August, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential circular of 6th July with regard to the recently established Intelligence Service for reporting the movements of foreign ships of war and merchant vessels.

2. The copies of the Code referred to in paragraph 2 of your circular have been destroyed to-day by fire in accordance with your instructions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. A.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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*Received by S.S. 26 October, 1912,
made 4. 10. 12. Vol. XXIII (Outland)
L.H.B.
See Conf. despatches of 4 Decr. 1912,
from S.S.*

Government House, Stanley.
21st September, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, with regard to the increase of wage lately granted to the unskilled labour employed by the Company. The increase is 1d per hour, i.e., from 8d to 9d, and is equivalent to a rise of 12½%.

Enclosure N° 1.

2. The Manager states that the causes which prompted his Directors to take this step were as follows:-

- (a) the fear that labour unrest, in view of the numerous strikes in England, might spread to Stanley;
- (b) the increase in the cost of the necessaries of life in this Colony;
- (c) the rise in the cost of living in Stanley;
- (d) the fact that the wages of the married labourer had been stationary for about 30 years;
- (e) the condition of the married labourer as probably the worst paid man in the Colony.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Enclosure No. 2.

3. The accompanying statement by the Colonial Engineer shows the remuneration paid by the Government and the Falkland Islands Company, respectively, for unskilled labour. This comparison is unfavourable to the Government and places the Administration in the invidious position of paying from £20 to £21 per head per annum less than the Company. It is this important question which has a direct interest for the Government.

Enclosure No. 3.

4. From the attached list of sale prices of commodities prepared by the Registrar General the cost of the necessaries of life (excepting bread) in Stanley in 1894 appears to have been practically the same as, or even slightly higher than at present. The Manager's contention at (b) above is therefore not altogether sound. On the other hand, the Registrar General reports that "Rents of houses have increased in some cases from 15% to 25%, for instance Mr. Williams's houses that were usually rented to workmen at £18 per annum are now £21 per annum. Mr. J. Lehen has not raised the rents of his houses."

5. According to the Blue Book of thirty odd years ago, the Stanley labourer was then receiving 6/- per diem. This, on the basis of 5½ working days a week, would amount to about £86 per annum.

6. After the introduction of a steamship service with England (Kosmos Co.) in 1880 the result was, as reported to the Secretary of State by Governor Kerr, that most imported goods became cheaper. Clothes fell in price from 15% to 25%, provisions from 10% to 20%,

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tea from 3/6 and 4/6 to 2/6 and 3/6 per lb., and coals from 60/- to 50/- a ton, &c., &c.

7. The 6/- per diem rate of wage, according to Colonial Secretary Sanguinetti, prevailed in 1890, while in 1894, Colonial Secretary Craigie-Halkett reported the remuneration of the Stanley labourer to have been 8d an hour, which, on the basis of 2,668 hours per annum, would be £89 a year. It seems to have remained at this rate until 30th June last.

8. The Government Savings Bank returns afford a fairly correct idea of the financial condition of the working classes:

| | | |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| in 1888-89 | the total deposits were | £.15,139 |
| " 1894-95 | " " " " | £.34,415 |
| " 1904-05 | " " " " | £.50,223 |
| " 1910-11 | " " " " | £.69,971. |

The Manager of the Savings Bank states in his last report that the depositors had an average of £148-11-2 standing to the credit of each account, or £30-15-11 per head of the population of the Falkland Islands, computing the population at 2,272.

9. The foregoing seems to indicate that although the labourer's wage has not altered materially during the last thirty years, there has been no marked advance, but rather a tendency towards reduction in the cost of living, and that the labourer has in fact managed to save considerable sums of money.

10. I fail to see therefore that a prima facie

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case has been made out for the higher rate of wage which has just been sanctioned by the Falkland Islands Company, and which raises the labourer's yearly earnings from £88-18-8 to £100-1-0. This is the same annual rate of remuneration as that paid to the labourer in the capital seaport cities of Sydney and Melbourne, where there are very high protective tariffs. The Commonwealth import duties (ad val.) range from 22% on foodstuffs to 150% on alcohol, and 160% on tobacco. Mr. F. Craigie-Halkett in his Annual Blue Book Report of 1894 stated, when the hourly wage was 8d, that the Falklands was "the labourer's paradise", and, as I have already remarked, no great change in the cost of living has taken place since then.

11. The real reason, in my opinion, for this rise, which neither the working man nor his circumstances demanded, has to be looked for elsewhere, and was, in part, the fear of the Directors of the Company that their dividends of late years, i.e.,

| | |
|---------|-----|
| in 1907 | 30% |
| " 1908 | 25% |
| " 1909 | 30% |
| " 1910 | 35% |

would run a risk of diminution. I have not the figures for 1911, but, in view of the fact that it was an average year and that the Company has paid to all its employees a special bonus of 10% on their salaries, I have no reason to suppose that the dividend differed

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differed much from that of 1910. I may add that many of the sheep farmers obtain equally large returns. The Directors therefore considered it to be good policy -and it was undoubtedly a subtle and far-seeing financial move- to expend £500 or £600 per annum in increased wages (much of this expenditure will eventually be borne by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. and others) and thus make practically certain of securing to themselves a continuation of this bountiful harvest, while inducing the working man to believe that they were exercised at his impecuniosity and solicitous for his welfare. It is highly improbable that the Directors -a number of whom know the Falklands well- were not aware that everyone in Stanley eats three meals a day, that destitution is non-existent, and temporary monetary relief almost unknown.

12. The Falkland Islands Company has no pretensions towards being philanthropic -although the Board of Directors occasionally professes to assume such an attitude- and I am convinced that it is going to recover with heavy interest whatever expenditure it has made. It would not surprise me if the Company were to suddenly raise the price of mutton 1d per lb. or even more. For many years past it has been 2d per lb. I feel satisfied that this will come about in less than six months time, and as the Company is the principal butcher and supplier of sheep in Stanley (indeed it is scarcely possible for others to exist), it follows that the increase in wages will be more than

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than compensated by the rise in the price of mutton.

13. A large canning factory has been in existence now for two years at Darwin, the headquarters of the Company's farming industry, and there is another factory at San Carlos North owned by Mr. Keith Cameron and others. Whereas sheep formerly fetched 2/- to 4/- each for boiling down purposes, they are worth at present about 10/- each, and are bought at this price at the canning establishments.

14. The farmers of the Colony, as you are aware, obtained the purchase of their lands at an extraordinarily cheap rate, i.e., 3/- an acre computed on the nominal acreage which was about a third less than the actual, 10% down, and the balance in 30 years at 3%. Government derives no direct benefit whatsoever from their ever increasing prosperity.

15. Of these sheep farmers, nineteen (including companies) own over 11,000 sheep each, or 637,000 in all, i.e., 90% of the total number in the Colony, vide the Annual Return of Live Stock for 1912 attached. Of the nineteen owners, not one resides on his estate. In the matter of absentee landlords the Falklands stands unique and pre-eminent throughout the whole British Empire.

16. It seems to me that the time has arrived when the wealthy non-resident Falklands farmer, who avoids his responsibilities to the Colony whose productiveness enables him to live elsewhere, should be forced to

contribute

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contribute to the cost of the administration a larger share than he does at present.

17. To return, however, to the question of the wages of unskilled labour in Stanley; what, if anything, is the Government going to do for its employees? The increase sanctioned by the Directors of the Falkland Islands Company has, unfortunately, started on the lowest rung of the ladder.

18. Should the Government be obliged to follow suit, we shall, I fear, require to raise the remuneration of not only the unskilled labourer, but also every official and employee in the Service, excluding the Governor and the Colonial Secretary who each received an addition to his salary at the beginning of this year.

19. I may explain that the working man is now earning considerably more than the Clerks. Take the case of my Private Secretary. He has had a good but necessarily expensive education, he draws £50 per annum from Government as against £100 drawn by the Company's navvy who can hardly sign his name. The one has a position to keep up, the other has not.

20. The attached statements "A" and "B" show that a sum of about £250 would be barely sufficient to provide for the proposed increase of 10% to the salaries of Government servants.

21. Should the price of mutton be raised in Stanley, a step which would certainly augment the cost of living generally, I strongly recommend that the above 10% increase be at once sanctioned. Two alternatives suggest

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suggest themselves for recouping Government for this outlay:

- (a) increase the present land (scab) tax;
- (b) impose an export tax on mutton.

Either of these would adjust in part the anomalies shown in paragraphs 14, 15, and 16.

(a).

22. Under section 33 of the Live Stock Ordinance, No.VI of 1901, a tax on land (scab tax) at the rate of 1/12th of a penny per acre may be (and is) collected on all land in the Colony save and except all town lands and unleased lands belonging to the Crown reserved for any public purpose. This tax at the above rate brings in £800 per annum, but the sums so received are for defraying the cost of carrying the Stock Ordinances into effect. The despatches noted in the margin indicate the correspondence which has taken place in the past on this subject.

Handwritten notes in left margin:
 No. 13 of 23 Jan. 1906.
 No. 6 of 22 Nov. 1905.
 No. 22 of 16 March 1906.

23. Seeing that scab has long since been eradicated, and that the amending Ordinance, No.III of 1905, which makes provision for the diminution of geese, lapses at the end of 1912, and my advisers do not recommend its further extension at present, it is open to question whether the time has not arrived to adopt Mr.Lyttelton's proposal that the whole of the scab tax should be transferred to General Revenue and payments made under the Ordinance should be a charge upon General Revenue. If so, it would be well to take advantage

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advantage of this opportunity to amend section 33 so as to permit of the tax being raised as required to any sum not exceeding 1/2d per acre. At 1/5th of a penny per acre it would yield £1,900 per annum, which after deducting payments made under the Ordinance would leave about £1,350 for the benefit of revenue.

(b). 21 September, 1912.

24. The preferable alternative, however, would seem to be to impose an export tax of 1d per lb. on all tinned mutton, tongues, essence, &c., &c., as soon as the price of mutton locally is raised. The present export of tinned mutton is about 150 tons per annum, from which, on the above basis, a yearly return of £1,400 would be obtained.

25. This would, I consider, be the more equitable method of recovering the additional expenditure involved by the 10% increase in salaries. The revenue derived from such a duty would be contributed mainly by those who benefit in pocket by the advance in the price of sheep, and would at the same time impose upon them for the maintenance, good government, and development of the Colony and its Dependencies, pecuniary responsibilities which they in great measure evade at present.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W.L.G.

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No.1 to confidential despatch of 21 September, 1912.

The Colonial Secretary to the Manager
of the Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

6th September, 1912.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the attention of the Governor has been drawn to the fact that the rate of wage of unskilled labour in Stanley appears to have risen considerably during the last two or three months.

2. His Excellency would be glad if you could conveniently inform him of the circumstances which induced your Company to take this step, as also of the date on which the payment of the higher wage came into force.

I am, etc.,

(sgd) T.A.V. Best

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
Stanley.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

The Manager of the Falkland Islands
Company, Limited, to the Colonial Secretary.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

Stanley,

September 7th 1912.

No.379/1912.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date on the subject of the rate of wage of unskilled labour in Stanley.

2. This question has been under the consideration of the Directors of this Company since the latter part of last year; at that time the standing wage was 8d per hour with an extra penny for certain work, and an application from the labourers for an extension of the classes of work carrying this additional penny brought the matter prominently to the notice of the Directors.

3. In view of the numerous strikes in England they could not ignore the possibility that labour unrest might spread to Stanley, and they came to the conclusion that the best way of preventing a corresponding movement here would be to anticipate any demand by granting an increase in such cases as might appear deserving of it. Owing to the increase in the cost of the necessaries of life, the cost of living in Stanley has risen, and the Stanley married labourer, whose wages have been stationary for about thirty years, was probably the worst paid man in the Colony. In fact, had it not been for his extra earnings for overtime work, which is undesirable in itself, it is a question whether some had
enough

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

enough with which to maintain their families.

4. The Directors consequently instructed me to raise the wage to 9d per hour, and this rise took effect on July 1st last. Seeing that up to that time the standing wage was 8d, supplemented by an extra penny for certain classes of work, the all-round rate of 9d now paid may be regarded as an increase of 10%.

I am, etc.,

(sgd) W.A.Harding,

Manager.

In addition to the cash payment of 2/6 per annum, the employees receive medical attention at their own expense in connection with the full year, also an allowance for their wives.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| 2 months | 1/6 |
| 4 months | 2/6 |
| 6 months | 3/6 |
| 12 months | 6/0 |

In addition to the cash payment of 2/6 per annum, the employees get all public holidays, and are paid off, if required, when free medical attendance.

Rate of overtime (including Sunday labour), 1/- per hour.

(sgd) R.B.Passley,

Colonial Engineer.

22nd September, 1914.

Falkland Islands,
Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No.2 to confidential despatch of 21 September, 1912.

Prices of Commodities in Stanley.

Wages of Unskilled Labour in Stanley.

Falkland Islands Company's Labourers.

On enquiry I find that the Falkland Islands Company pay their labourers at the rate of 9d per hour, and time and a quarter overtime: double time from midnight until 6 a.m., also for Sunday labour.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------|------------|------------------|
| 30 weeks of 54½ hours | = | 1635 | hours | |
| 13 " " 51 " | = | 663 | " | |
| 9 " " 45½ " | = | 409½ | " | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 52 weeks | | 2707½ | hours | |
| less 4 days of 9-50 hours | = | 39½ | " | |
| | | 2668 | hours @ 9d | <u>£100 1 0.</u> |

In addition to the cash payment of £100-1-0 per annum, the labourers receive overtime at least once a month in connection with the mail boats, also an occasional cargo boat.

Government Labourers.

| | | | |
|------------------------|------|---|------------|
| Contract, per 5 months | @ £6 | = | £30 |
| Wages, per 7 " | @ £7 | = | £49 |
| Wages, per 12 months | | | <u>£79</u> |

In addition to the cash payment of £79 per annum, the labourers get all Public Holidays, and one week off, if required, also free medical attendance.

Rate of overtime (including Sunday labour), 1/- per hour.

(sgd) R.R. Baseley,
Colonial Engineer.

6th September, 1912.

Registrar General.

Falkland Islands.
Enclosure No.3 to confidential despatch of 21 September, 1912.

Prices of Commodities in Stanley.

| | <u>1894.</u> | <u>1904.</u> | <u>1912.</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| House coal, per ton | 60/- | 60/- | 60/- |
| Rice, per lb. | 4d | 4d | 3d |
| Dried beans, per lb. | 3½d | 3d | 3d |
| Tinned fish | | | |
| Salmon | 10d | 9d | 10d |
| Haddock | 1/- | 1/- | 10d |
| Herrings | 9d | 7d | 9d |
| Tinned fruit | 1/- to 1/10 | 10d to 1/6 | 1/1 to 1/6 |
| Biscuits | | | |
| Soda, per lb. | 1/- | 1/- | 1/- |
| Albert | 1/- | 1/- | 1/- |
| Cheese, per lb. | 1/6 | 1/6 | 1/4 |
| Bacon | 1/6 | 1/6 | 1/3 |
| Golden syrup | 8d | 8d | 8d |
| Sugar, per lb. | 4d | 4d | 4d |
| Milk, per tin | 8d | 7d | 8d |
| Jam, per tin | 9d | 8d | 7d |
| Tea, per lb. | 2/- | 2/- | 2/- |
| Butter, per lb. | 2/- | 2/3 | 2/- |
| Currants, per lb. | 5d | 4d | 5d |
| Raisins, per lb. | 5d | 4d | 5d |
| Coffee, per lb. | 1/9 | 1/9 | 1/9 |

The above are the actual sale prices in the periods mentioned.

Bread is now 1d a loaf dearer, flour is retailed per lb. slightly cheaper than some years ago. Flour per bag is 1/6 dearer.

Ready made clothing, which is largely used by the working class both in Stanley and the Camps, is the same price as some years ago, if anything cheaper.

(sgd) M. Craigie-Halkett

Registrar General.

14th September, 1912.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Annual Return for 1912.

Prepared under (Form 5) Section 13 of the Live Stock Ordinance.

| Owner. | Name of Station. | No. of Sheep. | Ear Mark. |
|------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------|
| G. Greenshields | Douglas Station | 31,005 | Fork. |
| J. H. Dean | Pebble Island | 22,487 | Back Bayonet. |
| Holmstead & Blake | Adelaide Station | 34,072 | Front Bayonet. |
| Geo. Bonner & Co. Ltd. | San Carlos, South | 27,181 | Front Notch. |
| Baillon & Stickney | Fox Bay, West | 19,137 | Two Slits. |
| C. C. Wesell | Passage Islands | 904 | Slit. |
| Mrs. C. H. Williams & Son | Weddell Island | 15,573 | Back Bit. |
| Mrs. Scott | New Island | 2,170 | Fork. |
| Dean & Anson | Chartres Station | 30,791 | Punch Hole. |
| Packe Bros. & Co. | Dunnose Head, Fox Bay (East), & Port Howard | 24,604 | Fore Bit. |
| J. L. Waldron, Ltd. | Port Howard | 37,774 | Fork. |
| Mrs. E. E. Matthews | West Swan Island | 357 | Fork. |
| W. D. Benney's Estate | Saunders Island | 10,763 | Punch Hole. |
| J. H. Dean | Keppel Island | 2,833 | Back Bayonet. |
| Bertrand & Felton | Westbourne | 16,239 | Back Square. |
| J. J. Felton's Estate | Evelyn Station | 30,475 | Back Square. |
| G. A. Cobb | Lively Island | 8,700 | Fork. |
| Falkland Is. Co., Ltd. | Darwin Harbour, Walker Creek, & North Arm | 186,597 | Diamond. |
| C. Bender | Moody Valley | 1,899 | Fork and Back Bit. |
| V. Packe | Fitzroy & Port Louis | 33,035 | Double Swallow. |
| Mrs. M. Robson | Fitzroy North | 2,630 | Front Thistle. |
| J. Smith | Peninsular | 425 | Fork and Fore Bit. |
| Mrs. T. Robson | Port Louis North | 16,083 | Front Halfpenny. |
| W. K. Cameron | San Carlos, N. | 27,112 | Slit. |
| H. Waldron * | Beaver Island | 2,285 | Fork. |
| Mrs. Hansen | Carcass & Jason Islands | 3,958 | Front Bayonet. |
| A. M. Pitaluga * | Salvador | 22,033 | Fore P. |
| J. Smith * | Great, Ruggles & Swan Is. | 5,769 | Back Bit. |
| H. J. Pitaluga | Rincon Grande | 9,008 | Fore Bit. |
| Stickney Bros. | Spring Point | 11,902 | Back Halfpenny. |
| F. Browning | Mullet Creek | 1,317 | Back Bayonet. |
| Dean & Company | Port Stephens & Port Edgar | 34,600 | Square Punch hole. |
| A. F. Cobb | Bleaker | 3,503 | Punch Hole. |
| Morrison & Grant | Bluff Cove | 6,070 | Two Slits. |
| Speedwell Is. Co. Ltd.* | Speedwell, George & Barren Is | 9,214 | Fork. |
| Smith & Sharp | Berkeley Sound Station | 16,412 | Triangle. |
| J. B. Luchtenborg | Sea Lion Islands | 558 | Slit. |
| A. E. Felton * | Clifton Station | 1,892 | Fore Bit. |
| | | 711,367 | |

* 1911 Returns.

W. ATKINS,

Assistant Inspector of Stock.

17th August, 1912.

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Enclosure No.5 to confidential despatch of 21 September, 1912.

A.

Permanent appointments affected by increase in rate of remuneration of unskilled labour in Stanley based on draft Estimates for 1913.

| Division. | Sub-Head. | Salary. £. | 10% Increase approx. £. |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Governor. | Private Secretary | 100 | 10 |
| | Assistant Gardener & Labourer | 78 | 8 |
| Colonial Secretary. | Clerk | 150 | 15 |
| | Junior Clerk | 60 | 6 |
| | Clerk to Councils | 24 | 2 |
| | Caretaker | 42 | 4 |
| | Messenger | 24 | 2 |
| Treasury & Customs. | Treasurer | 400 | 40 |
| | Treasury Clerk | 153 | 15 |
| | Deputy Collector, New Island | 100 | 10 |
| | Customs Officer, Stanley | 100 | 10 |
| | Customs Officer, South Georgia | 150 | 15 |
| Port & Marine. | Engineer | 108 | 11 |
| | Deck Hand | 78 | 8 |
| Legal. | Magistrate, South Georgia | 300 | 30 |
| | Magistrate, South Shetlands | 100 | 10 |
| Police & Prisons. | Chief Constable | 100 | 10 |
| | Gaoler & Warder | 84 | 8 |
| | Four Constables | 288 | 29 |
| | Constable, South Georgia | 84 | 8 |
| Medical. | Colonial Surgeon, Stanley | 300 | 30 |
| | Health Officer, Stanley | 25 | 3 |
| | Clerk to Board of Health | 6 | 1 |
| | Inspector of Nuisances | 24 | 2 |
| | Outdoor Servant & Gardener (Hosp.) | 78 | 8 |
| Education. | Assistant Mistress | 45 | 5 |
| Miscellaneous. | Instructor of Volunteers | 100 | 10 |
| Post Office. | Postmaster | 300 | 30 |
| | Deputy Postmaster, Fox Bay | 36 | 4 |
| | Deputy Postmaster, New Island | 20 | 2 |
| | Clerk | 60 | 6 |
| | Post Boy & Messenger | 36 | 4 |
| | Three Telephone Operators | 60 | 6 |

Carried forward

£. 362

| Division. | Sub-Head. | Salary. £. | 10% Increase approx. £. |
|-------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|
| | Brought forward | | 362 |
| Colonial Engineer. | Foreman of Works (Carpenter) | 144 | 14 |
| | Foreman of Works (Outdoor) | 36 | 4 |
| | Two Carpenters | 240 | 24 |
| | Two Lamplighters | 96 | 10 |
| | Blacksmith's Assistant | 34 | 3 |
| | Two Labourers | 180 | 18 |
| | Two Carters | 168 | 17 |
| | Sanitary Carter & Boy | 138 | 14 |
| | Sanitary Puntman | 30 | 3 |
| | Scavenger | 78 | 8 |
| Public Works Recurrent. | General Labourers permanently employed on Roads, Bridges, &c. | 500 | 50 |
| Police Stock Ordinance. | Assistant Inspector | 12 | 1 |
| | Receiver of Beaks, West Falklands | 12 | 1 |
| | Receiver of Beaks, New Island | 12 | 1 |
| | Total | | £. 530 |
| | Assistant Colonial Surgeon & District Officer Fox Bay | 200 | 20 |
| | Assistant Colonial Surgeon East Falkland | 180 | 18 |
| | Doctor | 200 | 20 |
| | Nurse Station (Hospital) | 50 | 5 |
| | Trained Nurses & Midwife | 80 | 8 |
| | Schoolmaster | 300 | 30 |
| | Schoolmistress | 75 | 8 |
| | Assistant Mistress | 120 | 12 |
| | Five Travelling Schoolmasters | 300 | 30 |
| | Four Travelling Teachers | 170 | 17 |
| Marine Engineer. | Colonial Engineer | 375 | 38 |
| | Wireless Operators (two) | 400 | 40 |
| | Blacksmith | 84 | 8 |
| Police Stock Ordinance. | Chief Inspector | 405 | 41 |
| | Total | | £. 527 |

Notes

It is recognized that although the above officials have little claim to an alteration of their agreements, undue ill-feeling would be caused in the Service were they exempted from the proposed increase of the salaries of Government employees.

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Officials under special agreements whose appointments are affected by increase in rate of remuneration of unskilled labour in Stanley.

| Division. | Sub-Head. | Salary. | 10% Increase |
|--------------------------|---|---------|---------------|
| | | £. | approx. £. |
| Governor. | Gardener | 96 | 10 |
| Colonial Secretary. | Printer | 150 | 15 |
| | Assistant Printer | 55 | 6 |
| Port & Marine. | Harbour Master | 144 | 14 |
| Police & Prisons. | Matron | 24 | 2 |
| Medical. | Assistant Colonial Surgeon & Health Officer, Fox Bay | 200 | 20 |
| | Assistant Colonial Surgeon, East Falkland | 150 | 15 |
| | Dentist | 300 | 30 |
| | Nurse Matron (Hospital) | 78 | 8 |
| | Trained Nurse & Midwife | 50 | 5 |
| Education. | Schoolmaster | 200 | 20 |
| | Schoolmistress | 75 | 8 |
| | Assistant Mistress | 116 | 12 |
| | Five travelling Schoolmasters | 330 | 33 |
| | Four Pupil Teachers | 118 | 12 |
| Colonial Engineer. | Colonial Engineer | 275 | 28 |
| | Wireless Operators (two) | 400 | 40 |
| | Blacksmith | 84 | 8 |
| Live Stock Ordinance. | Chief Inspector | 405 | 41 |
| Total | | | £.327 |

Note.

It is recognized that although the above officials have little claim to an alteration of their agreements, undue ill-feeling would be caused in the Service were they exempted from the proposed increase of the salaries of Government employees.

Received by S.S. 26 October, 1912.
vide P-252, Vol. XXXIII (Outland.)
L.H.B.
See Conf. despatch of 16 Nov. 1912.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,
24 September, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential
^{of 25 April,}
despatch on the subject of the multiplication of floating
factories, and enquiring how far the most modern type of
floating factory now in use in South Georgia is capable
of utilizing the whole carcass of the whale as efficient-
ly as a shore factory.

L.H.B

2. The attached report from the Stipendiary Magis-
trate in that Dependency shows that of the six floating
factories operating last season around South Georgia the
S.S. 'Restitution' belonging to the Southern Whaling and
Sealing Company was apparently the only one able to util-
ize the whole carcass of the whale without waste.

3. Mr Wilson's annual report which formed the en-
closure to my despatch No 108 of 5 August shewed that
from a catch of only 136 whales products of the value of
£16,996 were obtained by this Company. This works out at
an average of £125 per whale as against 287 in the case
of Messrs Bryde and Dahl, and 283 in the case of the
Sandefjord Whaling Company. Each Company caught approx-
imately

The Right Honble

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.

&c., &c., &c., with that condition.

Secretary of State for the Colonies, as expressed in my

Downing Street.

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Confidential despatch of 2 August, 1911, as to the quantity of the shore and the floating factory, and to approximately the same class of whale.

4. None of the shore factories did as well proportionately as the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company in the working up of whale products as will be seen by a reference to Mr Wilson's report, although the Ocean Whaling Company and the Tonsberg Whaling Company did considerably better than the floating factories of Messrs Bryde and Dahl and the Sandefjord Whaling Company. The Southern Whaling and Sealing Company caught far fewer whales than the other Companies but made the most of them with their modern machinery.

5. According to Mr Wilson it has been successfully demonstrated that the latest type of floating factory can use the whole of the carcass of the whale without waste, but as you will readily understand the capacity of every floating factory is limited, and should the number of whales caught be in excess of that which the floating factory can deal with there is certain to be great waste, the blubber only being flenched. There is a greater likelihood of the shore factory using the whole of the carcasses.

6. The present shore and floating factories at South Georgia are admittedly insufficient to utilize the whole of the carcasses of the whales caught, although I am aware of no sufficient reason why the lessees at that Dependency who are obliged under their lease (vide my despatch No 101 of 25 August, 1911,) to 'utilize the whole carcass of all whales taken without waste' should not now strictly comply with that condition.

7. I still adhere to the opinion expressed in my

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Enclosure to Confidential Despatch of 24 September, 1912.

Confidential despatch of 2 August, 1911, as to the superiority of the shore over the floating factory, and am satisfied that one floating factory, however modern, cannot do the work of an efficient land factory. Mr Johnson, the Manager of the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, who has so far obtained the best results per whale at South Georgia, informed me when here that his firm intended to erect a large and efficient shore factory.

8. My advisers are of opinion, in which I concur, that the multiplication of the number of floating factories at South Georgia would not entail more waste than takes place at present as long as the number of whale catchers now licensed is not increased, and that to grant additional floating factory licenses under the Whale Fishery Amendment Ordinance, 1912, would assist to reduce waste, and be likely to result in a greater quantity of marketable products being obtained from the whales caught than has hitherto been the case, with proportionate benefit both to the Companies concerned and to the revenue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

1911-12, S.O.No 64/12.

3. Although the other floating factories as aforesaid were not able to use the whole whale without waste, this waste was slightly diminished in some cases by the extracting of oil from certain portions of the flensed carcass.

W.L.G.
Governor.

(Sgd) J. James Wilson

Stipendiary Magistrate.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 24 September, 1912.

S.G.No 87/1912.

The Office of the Magistrate,
South Georgia,
12 August, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 57/1912 of the 5th June last requesting information as to how far the modern type of floating factory in use in South Georgia is capable of utilizing the whole carcass of the whale as effectually as a shore factory.

2. In reply I have the honour to report that during the past whaling season there were six floating factories operating in this Dependency, but only one of them was capable of utilizing the whole of the carcass of the whale without waste, namely the S.S. 'Restitution' belonging to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Ltd. This floating factory, as far as I understand, is one of the most modern type, and contained digesters or pressure boilers and tunnel driers for treating the flesh and the bones, and last whaling season was able to produce on an average from each whale carcass 39-1 barrels of oil and 14-70 bags of guano, vide my report on whaling season 1911-12, S.G.No 64/12.

3. Although the other floating factories as aforesaid were not able to use the whole whale without waste, this waste was slightly diminished in some cases by the extracting of oil from certain portions of the flensed carcass.

(sgd) J. Innes Wilson
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Received by S.S. 26 October, 1912.
vide P. 252, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
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See tele. of 8 Nov. 1912, from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
30th September, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 24th August with regard to the draft Wireless Telegraphy License which it is proposed to issue to the Whaling Company at Deception Island.

2. I now transmit a fresh draft embodying the alterations mentioned by you, and when the Manager of the Hektor Company's floating factory calls at Stanley en route to the South Shetlands, I will explain the License to him and endeavour to obtain his signature to it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. A.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 30 September, 1912.

LICENCE granted by the Governor in Council of the
Falkland Islands under the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance,
1912, authorising the _____ Whaling Company
to instal and work apparatus for Wireless Telegraphy in the
territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land.

WHEREAS the _____ Whaling Company
is desirous of establishing communication by wireless tele-
graphy between one of the Floating Factories belonging to
the _____ Whaling Company and the Wireless
Telegraphy Station at Stanley.

And Whereas by reason of the Wireless Telegraphy
Ordinance, 1912, it is unlawful to establish any wireless
telegraph station or instal or work on any ship apparatus
for wireless telegraphy in the Colony of the Falkland Islands
and its Dependencies or in the territorial waters thereof
except and in accordance with a licence granted in that be-
half by the Governor in Council.

And Whereas at the request of the Licensee I have
agreed to grant to the Licensee the licence, powers and
authorities hereinafter expressed and contained for the
period upon the terms and subject to the stipulations and
conditions hereinafter appearing.

NOW, I, WILLIAM LAUNCE ALMARAYSE, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and
its Dependencies, acting by and with the advice of the Execu-
tive Council and in exercise of all powers and authorities
enabling me in this behalf do hereby grant to the Licensee

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during the period from the 1st October, 19 to the 10th September, 19, licence and permission-

- (i) to establish, instal and work at a station approved by the Governor apparatus for wireless telegraphy (hereinafter called "the licensed apparatus") provided that the apparatus installed shall be of the character described in Schedule A and have the power wave-length and range described in Schedule B.
- (ii) to transmit and receive messages by means of the licensed apparatus between the said station and the Government Station at Stanley and also between the said station and ships.

And I do hereby declare that the said licence and permission is granted on and subject to the following conditions and provisions:-

I. In these presents the following words and expressions shall have the several meanings hereinafter assigned to them unless there be something either in the subject or context repugnant to such construction (that is to say):-

The expression "the Governor" means the Governor or Officer for the time being administering the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands. The expression "The Government" means the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands. The expression "naval signalling" means signalling by means of any system of wireless telegraphy between two or more ships of His Majesty's Navy, between ships of His Majesty's Navy and Naval Stations or between a ship of His Majesty's Navy or a Naval Station and any other wireless telegraph station whether on shore

The Governor shall have the licensed apparatus for such

or on any ship.

The expressions "the International Telegraph Convention" and "The International Telegraph Regulations" mean respectively the International Convention of St. Petersburg dated 10th/22nd July, 1875, and the Service Regulations made thereunder, and include respectively any modifications of the Convention or Regulations made from time to time.

The expression "The Radio-Telegraphic Convention, 1906" means The Convention signed at Berlin on the 3rd day of November, 1906, and the Service Regulations made thereunder, and includes any modification of the Convention or the Regulations made from time to time.

** The International Radio-Telegraphic Conference 1912 will be included later.*

2. The licensed apparatus shall not without the permission of the Governor be used by the Licensee or by any person either on behalf or by permission of the Licensee for any purpose except for the transmission and receipt of such messages as aforesaid and all messages for places outside the Colony shall be transmitted through the Government Station at Stanley.

3.-(1) The Licensee shall not by the transmission of any message by means of the licensed apparatus or otherwise by the use of the licensed apparatus interfere with naval signalling.

(2) Whenever the operators at any signal station of the Licensee perceive through the medium of the instruments used by them that naval signalling is proceeding they shall refrain from using the licensed apparatus until all indication that naval signalling is proceeding shall have ceased.

(3) The Licensee shall if so required in writing by the Governor cease to use the licensed apparatus for such

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period (not exceeding two hours in any one day) as may be specified by the Governor.

(4) If the Governor is of opinion that the working of the licensed apparatus is inconsistent with the free use of naval signalling he may require the Licensee to close the said station for such period as he may specify in writing.

(5) These provisions for the protection of naval signalling shall be construed to be without prejudice to the generality of any other provisions of this licence.

4.- (I) The Licensee shall observe the provisions of any Regulations from time to time made by the Governor in relation to the conduct of wireless telegraph business.

(2) The Licensee shall observe the provisions of the International Telegraph Convention and the International Telegraph Regulations, so far as the said Convention and Regulations are capable of being applied to wireless telegraphy in common with ordinary land and submarine telegraphy; but the provisions of the said Regulations in relation to seashore telegraphy shall not be held to apply to wireless telegraphy.

(3) The Licensee shall observe the provisions of the Radio-Telegraphic Convention, 1906, provided that the Licensee shall not be required to keep open the station in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land for more than the ordinary hours of telegraph business at the telegraph Office of the Licensee in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land.

5.- (I) The Licensee shall so work the licensed apparatus as not to interfere with the working of any wireless telegraphy station established in the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies or the territorial waters abutting on the coasts thereof

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(whether on land or on any ship) by or for the purposes of the Government, or for commercial purposes and in particular with the transmission or receipt of ship and coast messages.

(2) With a view to preventing such interference as aforesaid the Licensee shall comply with all directions which shall be given to him by the Governor and with all rules prescribed by the Governor for observance by Licensees.

(3) The licensed apparatus shall not without the consent in writing of the Governor, be altered or modified in respect of the particulars specified in the schedules hereto annexed.

(4) The licensee shall at all times indemnify the Government against all actions claims and demands which may be brought or made by any corporation company or person in respect of any alleged infringement or patent rights in the licensed apparatus.

6. The Licensee shall if and so long as required by the Governor transmit to the Society incorporated by Lloyd's Act, 1871, under the name of "Lloyd's" any general information concerning the position and movements of ships (other than ships of war) which may come within the knowledge of the Licensee: provided that the Society of Lloyd's indemnify the Licensee against any extra expense occasioned to him by the transmission of such information and pay the usual charges for telegraphic transmission in addition to the charges for the wireless service.

7.-(1) If and whenever the Governor shall require the Licensee, his servants or agents to transmit by means of the licensed apparatus any message on His Majesty's service (including messages to and from ships of His Majesty's Navy) such messages shall have priority over all other messages

10. Any duly authorized servant of the Government and

and the Licensee, his servants and agents shall as soon as reasonably may be transmit the same and shall until transmission thereof suspend the transmission of all other messages.

(2) The Licensee shall not be entitled to claim any compensation in respect of the suspension of the transmission of messages as aforesaid.

(3) All other messages shall be accepted and transmitted without favour or preference. Messages on the business of the Company or emanating from the floating factory shall not have priority over other messages. All messages received by the Company from transmission or delivery shall, when practicable, be transmitted or delivered in the order in which they shall have been accepted for transmission or received.

8. The Licensee shall take measures to secure that no person in ^{his} their employ shall:-

- (a) wilfully or negligently omit or delay to transmit or deliver any message, or
- (b) prevent or delay by any wilful or negligent act or omission the transmission or delivery of any message, or
- (c) divulge improperly to any person the purport of any message.

9. Subject to the provisions of this licence the Licensee shall not divulge to any person (other than the properly authorized officials of His Majesty or a competent legal tribunal) or make any use whatever of any message coming to the knowledge of the Licensee and transmitted by naval signalling or by any system of wireless telegraphy provided or maintained by or for the purposes of the Government or by any other Licensee of the Government.

10. Any duly authorized servant of the Government may

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may at all reasonable times enter upon the station or other premises in the possession or occupation of the Licensee for the purpose of inspecting and may inspect any apparatus fixed or being in such places respectively for the purpose of sending ^{and} ~~or~~ receiving messages by wireless telegraphy and all other telegraphic instruments and apparatus fixed or being in such places respectively and the *working* and user of such apparatus and telegraphic instruments respectively.

11-(1) The Licensee shall pay to the Government for and in respect of the licence hereby granted a royalty of ten shillings per annum.

(2) All royalties payable under this licence shall be payable upon the receipt of this licence by the Licensee.

12. Except with the consent in writing of the Governor the Licensee shall not assign underlet or otherwise dispose of or admit any other person or body to participate in the benefit of the licence, powers or authorities hereby granted or any of such licences, powers or authorities.

13. If and whenever in the opinion of the Governor an emergency shall have arisen in which it is expedient for the public service that the Government shall have control over the transmission of messages by the licensed apparatus it shall be lawful for the said Governor by warrant under his hand to direct and cause the licensed apparatus or any part thereof to be taken possession of in the name and on behalf of His Majesty and to be used for His Majesty's service and in that event any person authorised by the Governor may enter upon the stations, offices and

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works of the licensee or any of them and take possession thereof and use the same as aforesaid.

(2) The Governor may when he considers such an emergency as aforesaid to have arisen, instead of taking possession of the stations offices and works of the licensee or any of them, direct and authorize such persons as he may think fit to assume the control of the transmission of messages by the licensed apparatus either wholly or partly and in such manner as he may direct and such persons may enter upon the licensee's premises accordingly or the Governor may direct the licensee to submit to him or any person authorized by him all messages tendered for transmission or arriving by the licensed apparatus or any class or classes of such messages to stop or delay the transmission of any messages or deliver the same to him or his agent and generally to obey all such directions with reference to the transmission of messages as the Governor may prescribe, and the licensee shall obey and conform to all such directions.

14. In any of the following cases (that is to say):-

- (a) In case any sum of money which ought to be paid by the licensee to the Government under or by virtue of these provisions shall be in arrear and unpaid for any one calendar month after the time at which the same ought to be paid under or by virtue of the conditions herein contained; or
- (b) In case of any breach non-observance or non-performance by or on the part of the licensee of any of the conditions (other than a condition for the payment of money) herein contained and on the part of the licensee to be observed and performed; then and in any such cases

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cases the Governor may by writing under his seal revoke and determine these presents and the licence, powers and authorities hereinafore granted and each and every of them and thereupon these presents and the said licence, powers and authorities and each and every of them shall absolutely cease determine and become void.

Provided always that no such revocation or determination as aforesaid shall prejudice or affect any right or action, or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Government under the conditions herein contained.

15. Nothing in these presents contained shall prejudice or affect the right of the Governor from time to time to establish, extend, maintain and work any system or systems of telegraphic communication (whether of a like nature to that hereby licensed or otherwise) in such manner as he shall in his discretion think fit; neither shall anything herein contained prejudice or affect the right of the Governor from time to time to enter into agreements for or to grant licences relative to the working and user of telegraphs (whether of a like nature to those hereby licensed or otherwise) or the transmission of messages in any part of the Falkland Islands, ^{or its Dependencies} by means of wireless telegraphy or by any other means with or to any person or persons whatsoever upon such terms as he shall in his discretion think fit and (save as in this licence expressly provided) nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Licensee to exercise any of the powers or authorities conferred on or acquired by the Governor.

16. All matters which in pursuance of the provisions herein contained are to be determined by arbitration shall

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be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the law of the Falkland Islands for the time being.

17. Any notice, request or consent (whether to be expressed in writing or not) to be given by the Governor under these presents may be under the hand of the officer acting as ^{Colonial} ~~Government~~ Secretary of the Falkland Islands and may be served by sending the same in a registered letter addressed to the Licensee or his agent at the usual or last known place of residence or business of the Licensee or his agent in the Colony and any notice to be given by the Licensee under these presents may be served by sending the same in a registered letter addressed to the officer acting as ~~Governor~~ ^{Colonial} ~~Government~~ Secretary of the Falkland Islands.

18. The Licensee shall keep full accounts, records and registers of all messages transmitted by means of the licensed apparatus and in such registers each of such messages shall be accompanied by its identifying number and date and full particulars of its place of origin and of ultimate destination and such further particulars as the Governor shall from time to time reasonably require to be shown, messages on His Majesty's service being in such registers distinguished from other messages. The Licensee shall preserve all used message forms written and printed and transcripts of messages and all other papers for such period as is from time to time prescribed by the Radiotelegraphic Convention, 1906, and in default of any provisions on the subject in the said Convention for such period as is from time to time prescribed by the International Telegraph Regulations, and such registers and message papers

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shall be open to the inspection of the Governor or his officers thereto authorized at the Head Office of the Licensed in the Falkland Islands at all reasonable times.

As witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____

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The _____ System of _____ wireless telegraphy with _____ engines.

Governor.

Schedule B.

Granted by the Governor in Council on the _____ day _____

| Power | of | Horse Power IS . | Maximum Range of Apparatus. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Output of wireless telegraph. | Issued and delivered the | 19 _____ primary working normal wave length of _____ metres by Command, ships. | day of _____ over sea. |

Colonial Secretary.

ANNEXURE.

Schedule A.

Description of Apparatus and Plant.

The System of Wireless Telegraphy with alternators and engines.

Schedule B.

| Power. | Wave Length. | Maximum Range of Apparatus. |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Output of alternator kilowatts. | metres for ordinary working normal wave length of metres for ships. | miles over sea. |

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*Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
 Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
 2nd day of October 19 12 per S.S. 'Orcoma'*

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Conf. | 21 Septr. | <p>Received by S.S. 26 October, 1912, <i>vide p. 252, Vol. XXXIII (Outward).</i> <i>L. W. B.</i></p> | 5 |
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| do | 30 Septr. | | 1 |
| do | 1 Octr. | | 2 |



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note p. 252. Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
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See Conf. despatch of 28 Nov. 1912,
from S.S.
and Conf. despatch of 11 Jan. 13.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

1st October, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of this date, copy enclosed, on the subject of wireless communication between the Falkland Islands and Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated 30th September, which I have addressed to the British Minister at Rio de Janeiro.

2. It would be greatly to the advantage of the Colony if, pending the completion of the subsidiary wireless station at Punta Arenas, some such arrangement as I have proposed could be carried into effect.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W.L.G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Governor of the Falkland Islands
to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Telegram.

Secretary of State, London;

1st October; with reference to your despatch of 1st May,
No.41, we are maintaining communication by night (with)
Rio Grande; strongly recommend that Government of Brazil
should be invited to allow my Government to use that
station for the present.

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Mr W.R.D. Faggard, K.C.M.G. 1901

Major Bernardino de Sousa

British Legation

Rio de Janeiro

The Governor of the Falkland Islands to the
British Minister, Rio de Janeiro.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

30th September, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that this Government has just completed a 5 kilowatt wireless station at Stanley, and that for several nights past we have been exchanging signals with the Brazilian station at Rio Grande do Sul which is apparently of the same power. The intervening distance is approximately 1,200 miles, and the messages received at both stations have so far been very clear and distinct.

2. The original intention of this Government was to maintain communication with the Marconi station at Punta del Este, but as that station was dismantled by order of the Uruguayan Government and the power of the Uruguayan station at Cerrito is 1½ kilowatt only, it is impossible to guarantee that communication can be obtained between the latter station and the Falklands even under favourable atmospheric conditions. We are, therefore, at the present time, in the unfortunate position of having no land station in

His Excellency

Sir W.H.D.Haggard, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
British Legation,
Rio de Janeiro.

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in South America on which we can rely for communication. In saying this I quite understand that, even in the case of Rio Grande do Sul, there might be several nights in each month on which, owing to atmospherics, communication would be difficult, if not impossible.

3. In these circumstances I should feel much obliged if you could arrange with the Brazilian Government for all wireless messages from and to the Falklands to be sent temporarily through the British Vice-Consulate at Rio Grande do Sul. I presume that a charge of 6d or 6d a word for transmitting and receiving such messages would be acceptable to the Brazilian Government. The terminal charges at the Stanley station have not so far been decided on, but when fixed will be collected here.

4. As the circumstances are somewhat exceptional, perhaps you would be good enough to allow your Vice-Consul at Rio Grande do Sul to render monthly to the Colonial Secretary of this Colony copies and an account of all messages received from and despatched to the Falkland Islands, and at the same time, as I am informed that there is a cable station at Rio Grande, permit him to adjust the charges of the wireless and cable stations with the proper authorities.

5. Subject to your approval and that of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, this Government would be willing to grant an honorarium at the rate of £25 per annum to your Vice-Consul for his services.

6. Assuming that Your Excellency sees no objection to the adoption of the foregoing arrangements, I transmit herewith a draft to your order on the Crown Agents for £50

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so as to allow the system to come into operation at once. And I would further suggest that one of the operators at the Rio Grande do Sul station should be conversant with English, as the messages sent from here (which are never likely to be very numerous) will, when "en clair", invariably be in English.

7. Should these proposals be accepted by the Brazilian Government, I should be glad to learn by wireless on what date it would be convenient for the station at Rio Grande do Sul to receive wireless messages for transmission.

8. But in any case I would ask you to be so good as to invite the Brazilian authorities to kindly permit some tests to be carried out with the station at Rio Grande do Sul. I enclose, in duplicate, the details of the proposed tests in order that a copy may be forwarded to the operator in charge for his guidance.

I have, &c.

(sgd.) W.L.Allardyce,
Governor.

It is agreed that the operator in charge of Rio Grande do Sul will use his normal 1100 metre wave throughout.

(sgd.) R.H.Sawley,
Technical Engineer.

20th September, 1912.

Enclosure No.2.

Details of proposed Tests between the Wireless Station at Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and the Wireless Station at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From Saturday, 12th October, to Saturday, 19th October, 1912.

Rio Grande do Sul to listen every night from 9 p.m., Falklands time (10 p.m., Rio Grande time), on 900 metre wave for half-an-hour. If no signals are heard, Rio Grande to listen on 1200 metre wave for a further half hour.

If, at the end of the hour, nothing has been heard, Rio Grande to try again at midnight, Falklands time (1 a.m., Rio Grande time), stand by on 900 metre wave for half-an-hour, and, if no signals are heard, on 1200 metre wave for a further half hour.

It is assumed that the operator in charge at Rio Grande do Sul will use his normal 1100 metre wave throughout.

(sgd.) R.F. Rasseley,
Colonial Engineer.

30th September, 1912.

Received by S.S. 24 Dec. 1912.
vide P. 506. Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
L.M.S.

See despatch No. 1 of 8 Jan. 1913.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

22nd November, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 8th instant relative to the draft Wireless Telegraphy Licence to be issued to the Whaling Company at Deception Island, South Shetlands, submitted in my confidential despatch of 30th September last.

2. Since that date, three floating factories, i.e., s.s. "Ronald" and s.s. "Hektor" belonging to the Hektor Whaling Company, and s.s. "Falkland" belonging to the Rethval Whaling Company, fitted with wireless installations, have called at Port Stanley on their way to the whaling grounds. A licence, on the lines of the above mentioned draft, to instal and work apparatus for wireless telegraphy in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land has accordingly been issued to the floating factories "Ronald" and "Hektor", and a similar licence for the South Orkneys to the floating factory "Falkland".

3. As the last of these licences was handed over to the licensee prior to the arrival of your telegram
under

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

under acknowledgment, none of the three contains the addenda mentioned therein, but I will have them inserted in any wireless telegraphy licence which may be granted in future to a whaling company.

4. I have to express regret that in the last line of my confidential despatch of 30th September I inadvertently made use of the word "signature" instead of "acceptance".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 27th day of November, 1912. per S.S. "OROPESA".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
|-------|-------------|---|-------------------|
| Conf. | 22 November | } Received by S.S. 24 Decr. 1912, indc p. 306, Vol <u>XXXIII</u> (Outward). <u>L 94.13.</u> | - |
| Conf. | 25 November | | - |



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vide P. Sob. Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
L.H.B.

See letm. of 31 Dec. 12, etc.,
from S.S.

also conf. despatch of 10 Aug. 13.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

25th November, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that I may be granted six months leave of absence (three months on full pay exclusive of entertainment allowance, and three months on half pay) as from April next for the purpose of proceeding to Australia in order to visit my family.

2. Before leaving the Colony I should like to close the current year's accounts and pass the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1912.

3. Owing to the length of time -about nine weeks- occupied in reaching Australia from the Falklands via London and the Suez Canal, I propose on this occasion to go up the West Coast of South America to Valparaiso and sail from there to Newcastle by a line of steamers which run every ten days or so between Chile and New South Wales. These vessels are of about 4,500 tons and carry coal and cargo. By adopting this course I would hope to arrive in Sydney in about six weeks after sailing from Stanley.

4. The above arrangement would permit of my spending some three months in Australia, and I could then,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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then return to the Falklands via New Zealand and Montevideo, which would occupy about six weeks.

5. It would, I consider, be distinctly advantageous to the Colony in many ways were I to return via London and thus be afforded the opportunity of conferring with you on the whaling and sealing industries, the extension of the wireless telegraph system, the Public Works programme for 1914, and other important questions.

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6. Should this alternative proposal meet with your approval, it would necessitate six weeks further leave, and then, instead of returning via New Zealand, I should proceed to England direct via Canada and spend a fortnight in London before sailing for the Falklands. The additional travelling expense thus involved I should of course be willing to defray.

7. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Best, has kindly undertaken, subject to your approval, to administer the Government during my absence from the Colony.

8. I should be glad to have your reply by cable in order that I may be able to make the necessary arrangements.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

Received by S.S. 24 Jan. 1913.
No. 328 Vol. XXXIII (Outward).
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Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Secret.

5th December, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of 11th July, transmitting three copies of the Defence Scheme of the Falkland Islands together with three copies of the Overseas Defence Committee's Remarks, No. 002 R, thereon, and to enclose herewith one copy of the Scheme revised to November in accordance with the Committee's recommendations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,


Downing Street, S.W.

humble Servant,

W.L.G.
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
25th day of DECEMBER, 1912, per S.S. "VICTORIA".

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Conf. | 20 December | <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Received by S.S. 26 Jan. 1913, article p. 328, Vol. XXXIII (Continued).</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>L.S. 13.</i></p> | 7 |

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Received by S.S. 24 Jan. 1913.
vide p. 327, Vol. XXVIII (Outward.)
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See Conf. despatch of 18 Feb. 1913,
from S.S.
also conf. despatch of 25 Feb. 1913,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.

20th December, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Falkland Islands with regard to the Government educational system.

Enclosure No. 1.
(In duplicate.)

2. His Lordship has deemed it his duty to bring certain grave charges against the Colonial Administration, and at the same time makes serious reflections against the Colonists.

3. The Bishop's allegations appear to be:

that (a) the moral tone of the Colony is

degenerating;

(b) reverence, respect, morality, and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are here in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent;

(c) a number of our Church people and Presbyterians are sending their children to the Roman Catholic School in Stanley where some attention is paid to religious principles;

(d)

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

- (d) the Anglican Chaplains are not allowed full freedom to strive to inculcate principles into the children's minds that they may have a chance of growing up God-fearing Christian citizens and a credit to our Church and country;
- (e) many persons have for years been endeavouring to bring about an alteration in the present most unhappy system;
- (f) the present system is a grave blot on the administration of these Islands.

Enclosure N^o 2

4. As you will see from the enclosed correspondence in connection with the Bishop's letter, I gladly accepted His Lordship's invitation to have a talk with him on the subject. I premised our interview by pointing out that, so far from being opposed to religious teaching, I was, both in my official and in my private capacity, strongly in favour of it, but I thought it ought to be restricted to the Ministers of religion in the Churches and the Sunday Schools, and to parents in their homes.

5. I went through the Bishop's communication with him, sentence by sentence, listened carefully to what he had to say, gave him unreservedly the benefit of my own personal and local experience extending over eight years, informed him, speaking as man to man, that he had not only submitted no evidence in support of his all too general and sweeping statements which I felt unable to endorse, but further, that I was satisfied they could be refuted. I suggested, in view of what I had said, and
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the somewhat assertive, not to say imperative tone of certain portions of his letter, that it might be preferable to give specific instances of what he complained of, when the matter would be enquired into, and meanwhile modify his present communication before it was submitted to the Secretary of State. To this, however, His Lordship was averse.

6. In these circumstances there was no alternative but to ascertain in writing from some of the leading Colonists in Stanley, including the two Wardens of Christ Church Cathedral, whether their personal experience supported the main charges.

7. I therefore addressed letters, of which and the replies thereto I attach copies, to:

- (i) The Hon. G. I. Turner (Acting Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council),
- (ii) The Chief of Police,
- (iii) The Reverend Robert Johnson, Wesleyan Minister,
- (iv) Mr. Passley, Colonial Engineer, Secretary to the Select Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral and People's Church Warden,
- (v) Captain Watt, Officer Commanding Volunteers, and Church Warden,
- (vi) Mr. James Lewis, a Colonist of over 40 years standing, who, many years ago, was Government Schoolmaster for about three years, and who has at all times taken an active interest in local concerns.

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Enclosure N° 3.

The replies furnished by these gentlemen show their inability to endorse the Bishop's contentions at (a) and (b); and I venture to submit that the letters likewise indicate that the present methods of the Anglican Church in this Colony are open to severe criticism.

Return No 4.

8. With regard to the allegation at (c), I asked the Bishop for particular instances, but these he did not see his way to give. The accompanying "Return A" comprises a list of the children who, since Mr. and Mrs. Souter took charge of the Government School in 1908,

- (1) have left the Government School and gone to the Roman Catholic School;
- (2) have left the Roman Catholic School and gone to the Government School.

The Return shows that during this period, 1908 to 1912 (inclusive), 9 scholars have left the Government School for the Roman Catholic School, of whom 2 have since returned, and that 30 scholars have left the Roman Catholic School for the Government School. The causes which induced the parents of the nine to withdraw their children from the Government School are not without interest. The average attendance at the Government School from 1907 to 1912, inclusive, has been as follows:

| Year. | Average attendance. |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1907 | 88 |
| 1908 | 107 |
| 1909 | 119.7 |
| 1910 | 130.7 |
| 1911 | 146.5 |
| 1912 | 144 |

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The population has remained stationary since 1907.

9. The Bishop infers that the Anglican Chaplains are not allowed full freedom to strive to inculcate principles into the children's minds that they may have a chance of growing up God-fearing Christian citizens and a credit to our Church and country, and are not welcomed in the Government School. It seems to me that the "welcome" would depend entirely on the capacity in which they went there. As you are aware, no religious teaching is given, although the School is opened every morning with the Lord's Prayer and another short prayer. This procedure was approved by the Governor in Council in 1894. I attach an extract from the Governor's despatch, No.12 of 28th January, 1896, in this connection. Should a clergyman -other than the Inspector- visit the School with the object of giving religious instruction, I may say at once he would not be welcome, but, on the other hand, should he go there as one interested in secular education and in the progress of the children, I am sure his visit would be genuinely appreciated.

Enclosure N° 5.

10. The position of Government Inspector of Schools was clearly defined when Canon (now Dean) Seymour was appointed in January, 1909, vide enclosed copy of letter from the Colonial Secretary dated 15th January, 1909. But it is questionable whether the Colonial Secretary himself ought not to hold the appointment, as recommended by Mr. Inspector Richards of the Board of Education. The reports from the Itinerant Teachers

Enclosure N° 6.

Teachers in the "Camps" are mainly supervised by the Colonial Secretary. In December, 1909, I had occasion to explain to the Rev. Meredith Bate, Assistant Anglican Clergyman, owing to his interference with the teachers at the Government School, that he had no official status there, although the Administration hoped he would visit it from time to time. I added that, should he think it desirable to offer any suggestions, they should be made through the Government Inspector of Schools, or direct to the Colonial Secretary, but not to the Headmaster or the other members of the School staff.

11. In May, 1909, Canon Seymour went to the Government School and offered to take a class on the resignation of Miss Kirwan, one of the teachers. The same afternoon the Canon incidentally informed me of his intention at the house of Mr. Packe where we had met at tea. I thanked him, and stated that I would think it over. I attach a copy of the letter which I then wrote to Canon Seymour, and a statement of the reasons which prompted me at the time to decline his offer.

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12. It seems almost unnecessary to add that the Government is desirous of giving full freedom to the Chaplains, and to the clergymen of all Christian denominations, when the children are not in school, to strive to inculcate such principles into their minds as will produce God-fearing christian citizens. I only mention this because it might be inferred from the Bishop's letter that such was not the case.

13. The Bishop informed me that he had only once visited the Government School in Stanley and had made up his

his mind never to enter it again. I naturally wished to know the reason for such an attitude and asked whether the Headmaster or teachers had been in any way impolite or discourteous, to which he replied, "No, but I felt I was not welcome". I then enquired whether the current work at the School had been shewn to him. He answered that he could not make any complaint on that account, but repeated that he felt he was not welcome. I am at a loss to understand what treatment the Bishop either wished or expected.

14. It was noticed when His Lordship arrived in Stanley lately (Tuesday, the 10th instant) that he at once proceeded to visit the Roman Catholic School. As this has been freely commented on since, I would call your attention to Mr. Inspector Richards's report on this School, which formed the enclosure to your predecessor's confidential despatch of 21st November, 1906. The present staff of St. Mary's School consists of four Sisters of foreign extraction none of whom is capable of speaking and writing English grammatically. The Rev. Father Migone, as reported in my confidential despatch of 16th January, 1907, renounced the small educational grant previously received from Government, expressed himself averse to Government supervision of his School and unable to accept the same curriculum as that of the Government School. The above, coupled with the fact, as shown in paragraph 8, that there has been a considerable recession of late years from the Roman Catholic School to the Government School, would seem to indicate

indicate that, notwithstanding His Lordship's views, a number of parents who formerly sent their children to St. Mary's, are at present satisfied with the principles instilled and the education given, in spite of the omission of religious teaching, at the Government School. I have no wish to in any way reflect on the work which I believe the Sisters are conscientiously performing, but the lack of discipline at St. Mary's is very apparent, and the educational results are not, I fear, gratifying.

15. The Bishop further states "Many have for years been endeavouring to bring about an alteration in the present most unhappy system", i.e., the absence of religious teaching in the Government School curriculum. I informed His Lordship that not one single complaint had been made to me on this score since I had assumed the Administration of the Government in September, 1904, except by his predecessor, Bishop Every. I asked for the names of his informants, but they were not forthcoming. I feel it is somewhat significant that, notwithstanding the influence I have exercised on behalf of, and the support and encouragement I have given to every movement making for the welfare and betterment of this Colony I should not have been approached by some one of the "many" alluded to by Bishop Blair.

16. The Bishop regards the present system as "a grave blot on the administration of these Islands". Here I most distinctly beg to differ from His Lordship. I have already pointed out that the existing system was re-adopted by the Governor in Council in 1894, and

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this decision was arrived at in consequence of religious bickerings and trouble, and an endeavour on the part of the Anglican Clergyman to make the Government School, which at that time was entirely undenominational, a Church of England school. The present attempt by Bishop Blair, Dean Seymour, and two or three High Church Anglicans to introduce religious instruction into the school curriculum is the old story of history repeating itself.

17. With regard to the Bishop's intention to build a school unless his wishes are met and religious instruction is given in the Government School, I assured His Lordship that I had no objection whatsoever to his proposal, and that if his doing so would help to produce a healthy educational emulation among the three schools, it might possibly serve a useful purpose. I have been informed that the Anglican school at Punta Arenas, for which he is responsible, is going downhill fast and is far from being a credit to those concerned.

18. As a matter of fact, however, there is little chance of a Church school being built, or even, if opened, of its being attended by any considerable number of children, judging by the Anglican Sunday School here, the attendance at which has of late years steadily declined and now usually amounts to between 20 and 30. The congregation at the Cathedral has likewise dwindled to such an extent that there are not infrequently less than a dozen adults at the 11 o'clock service on Sundays. The Rev. R. Johnson has stated in his

his letter, vide Enclosure No.3, that the average attendance at the Nonconformist Sunday School, during the years 1909 to 1912, was as follows:

| Year. | Average attendance. |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1909 | 50 |
| 1910 | 70 |
| 1911 | 92 |
| 1912 | 109. |

These figures may afford some explanation of where the children have gone to.

19. The ecclesiastical dignitaries who control the work of the Anglican Church in this Colony must, I fear, be held responsible for the regrettable state of affairs at their Sunday School. The Dean, a lethargic man, has not the confidence of the people. He panders to a small clique composed principally of the senior employes of the Falkland Islands Company and a few of the leading farmers. As an influential Colonist said to me the other day, "The Dean is the laughing stock of the working men, for, as they see him walking along the front road to the Falkland Islands Company's office nearly every morning, they jocularly remark, 'there is the Dean going down for his orders'".

20. To instance how lax things are, I may mention that in Holy Week last year (April, 1911) a communion service was announced to be held in the Cathedral at 8 a.m. Neither Dean Seymour, nor the Assistant Clergyman (the Rev. Meredith Bates) attended, and after waiting for a quarter of an hour, the congregation left. It

was subsequently stated that the one clergyman forgot the communion and the other overslept himself. Examples of laxness could be multiplied were any good purpose served by doing so. The present Incumbent, notwithstanding his very evident shortcomings, and the abundant testimony as to the inefficiency of his work, was preferred to the Deanery of the Cathedral in February, 1911.

21. It is extremely unpleasant to me to give these particulars, but it is only right that you should know what the facts are. I feel compelled to express the opinion, which is shared by many others, that the influence and usefulness of the Anglican Church in this Colony are rapidly on the wane. It appears to be entirely under the control of the Falkland Islands Company who contribute largely to its funds.

22. As you are aware, the mission of the Bishop of the Falkland Islands to England about a year ago to raise a fund of £100,000, has not met with the response His Lordship had hoped for, less than £10,000 having been obtained. On 14th August Dr. Blair wrote a letter to "The Times" and threatened to resign if his appeal was not adequately responded to. He shortly afterwards committed a volte face and decided to return to his diocese. In doing so he assured the public that he had received a great deal of severe but honest criticism and sound advice. Dr. Blair's well wishers, of whom I am one, hoped that after his disappointment he would, on his return to Stanley, have adopted a more reasonable
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and less aggressive attitude.

23. I feel convinced that the introduction of religious teaching into the Government School curriculum would result in a great decrease in the number of scholars, would be strongly resented by the majority of the Colonists, would be detrimental to the best interests of education, and would intensify dissension among the different religious denominations.

24. With Anglican ecclesiastical work in this Colony on the decline; the attendance at the Sunday School reduced to a mere handful of scholars, and the work -as one of the lady teachers frankly admitted to me- to practically a fiasco; and the attendance at the Cathedral services so small that it is unworthy of a remote country hamlet; it is much to be regretted that the Bishop of the Falkland Islands, whose previous personal experience of this portion of his diocese consisted of two short visits of a fortnight each, should make the serious and unsubstantiated charges contained in the letter which forms the subject matter of this despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. G.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.
Enclosure No.1 to Confidential despatch of 20 December, 1912.

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a chance of growing up as useful citizens and a
credit to our Motherland

Bishop of the Falkland Islands
to Secretary of State.

Port Stanley

Falkland Islands

12th December, 1912.

Sir,

I feel it to be my duty to ask your attention to the following matter in connection with the educational administration of these Islands.

Here in Port Stanley we have a well equipped school but unhappily the children are brought up without any kind of religious teaching. The consequence is the moral tone of the colony is degenerating and we are failing in our duty to the children. Reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are today are here in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent. The position is one which demands definite and immediate action, as is strongly felt not only by myself but by practically all the men of weight on these islands. Furthermore many of the parents themselves are expressing dissatisfaction at the way the religious side of their children's education is neglected in the Government Schools. So strong is the feeling that quite a number of our Churchpeople and Presbyterians are sending them to the Roman Catholic School in Stanley where some attention is paid to these principles.

I do urge, with all possible force, that the Home Government look into this matter and that our Chaplains be welcomed in the School and be allowed full freedom to strive to inculcate

inculcate principles into the children's minds that they may have a chance of growing up God-fearing Christian citizens and a credit to our Church and country.

Many have for years been endeavouring to bring about an alteration in the present most unhappy system. It cannot be allowed to continue much longer and I do most sincerely hope that you may come to see the urgent necessity for immediate action in the matter and thus avert what one cannot help feeling is a grave blot on the administration of these Islands.

The secular work in the Government Schools is admittedly good and we should all rejoice in the facilities afforded by them if only this most serious deficiency could be made good. I feel most strongly about this matter and unless such permission can be granted we shall be forced to take steps to build a school of our own where our children can have these higher and nobler principles instilled in them without which so-called education is valueless.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

(sgd) L.F. Falkland Isles.

L.F. Falkland Isles

The Rt.Hon.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Governor.

The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Stanley.



Port Stanley

12th. December 1912.

Your Excellency,

I beg to enclose herewith a letter, in duplicate, which I shall be obliged if you will forward for me to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. I fear we do not see eye to eye in this matter, I only wish it were otherwise and that you could yourself add a word in support of my request. It is however possible you would like to have a talk with me on the subject in which case I shall be most pleased to see you any time before I sail this evening by the 'Columbus'.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

A. J. Falkland Isles

The Right Reverend

The Lord Bishop of the Falkland Islands,

Stanley.

W.A.
Governor.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

12th December, 1912.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date regarding the educational administration of this Colony, with enclosure in duplicate addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to inform you in reply that the latter will be transmitted by the first opportunity.

I shall be quite willing to discuss the subject with you, in accordance with your suggestion, if you will call at Government House any time after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W.A.
Governor.

The Right Reverend

The Lord Bishop of the Falkland Islands,
Stanley.

Stanley.

Government House,

Falkland Islands.

12th December, 1912.

My Lord,

With reference to your letter of this date, which I have already acknowledged, and the interview you had with me at Government House this afternoon, I have the honour to point out that the charges which you have deemed it your duty to bring against the Colonial Administration in connection with its educational system, and which you attribute to lack of religious teaching in the Government School, appear to be:

that (a) the moral tone of the Colony is degenerating;

(b) reverence, respect, morality, and all the finer qualities, &c., &c., are here in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent;

(c) a number of our Church people and Presbyterians are sending their children to the Roman Catholic School in Stanley where some attention is paid to religious principles;

(d) the Anglican Chaplains are not allowed full freedom to strive to inculcate principles into the children's minds that they may have a chance of growing up God-fearing Christian citizens and

The Right Reverend

The Lord Bishop of the Falkland Islands,

Stanley.

and a credit to our Church and country;

(e) many persons have for years been endeavouring to bring about an alteration in the present most unhappy system;

(f) the present system is a grave blot on the administration of these Islands.

2. You also affirm that "the position is one which demands definite and immediate action, as is strongly felt not only by myself but by practically all the men of weight on these islands."

3. In order to endeavour to avoid any misunderstanding, and to afford you the fullest opportunity to verbally supplement what you had written, I went through your Petition to the Secretary of State with you, sentence by sentence, and after listening to what you had to say on each of your contentions, and giving you unreservedly my own personal, local experience which has extended over eight years, I assured you candidly that I considered you and your informants were under some misapprehension on several of the points raised, and that, speaking for myself, I was confident that the moral tone was improving, and the outward forms of reverence and respect were very much more in evidence now than formerly.

4. I likewise stated that I felt satisfied the Secretary of State would not be willing to accept the unsubstantiated statements in the Petition, but that if you gave me specific instances of what you complained of I would

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Falkland Islands,
14 December, 1912.

would have the matters enquired into. To this you demurred and expressed the wish that your communication might be forwarded to the Secretary of State in its present form, without alteration or modification. As stated in my earlier letter of this date, this will be done, but I regret that such serious charges, unsupported by data of any sort, should have been brought by you against both the Colonial Administration and the Colonists.

(2) Do you consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made the great nation we are today are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. G.

(3) Are you in favour of religious instruction in the Public School?

Governor.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. G.

The Honble.

B. I. Turner, M.L.C.

Stanley.

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Government House,
Falkland Islands,
14 December, 1912.

Dear Mr. Turner, *December 14th 1912.*

I should feel much obliged if you would be so good as to give me your personal experience in reply to the following questions:

- (1) Do you consider that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has altered during the last four years, and if so, in what respect?
- (2) Do you consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are today are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?
- (3) Are you in favour of religious ^{teaching} education in the Public School?

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Yours sincerely,

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The Honble.

G.I. Turner, M.L.C.,

Stanley.

Yours respectfully

G. I. Turner

*His Excellency
G. I. Turner M.L.C.
Government House.*

Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

December 16th 1912.

Your Excellency:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst and in reply thereto beg to state my personal experiences in reply to the questions which you ask are as follows:-

- (1) The general tone of Stanley has improved during the last four years.
- (2) A great improvement is to be seen in the reverence and respect shewn by the Colonists especially in the school children, who shew respect to Officials and the leading men of the place, I do not consider this Colony is in any danger of losing reverence, respect, morality or any of the finer qualities seeing the marked improvement that has been made of latter years in them.
- (3) If religious ^{teaching} ~~education~~ is given in the Public school, it will be the cause of children of other denominations being withdrawn, which will be to the detriment of the above, as every facility is given for a good sound education in the said school, therefore I am opposed to religious ^{teaching} ~~education~~ being given.

yours respectfully

G. J. Turner

To

His Excellency

W, L, Allardyce C M G

Government House.

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Port Stanley,
17th December, 1912.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

His Excellency the Governor.

14th December, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to the Private Secretary's letter of the 14th instant as follows:

Sir, consider that the tone of the people of Stanley has of late years altered for the better. The up-

I am requested by the Governor to ask if you would be so good as to state your personal experience in replying to the following questions:

(1) Do you consider that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has altered during the last four years, and if so, in what way of the your respect?

(2) Do you consider that reverence, respect, and improved morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?

I do not consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are in any danger of being lost in Stanley, nor, in my opinion, are they as a whole on the wane.

I am,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

L. H. B.

Private Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten Signature]

Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police,
Stanley.

Confidential.

Port Stanley,

17th December, 1912.

His Excellency the Governor.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to the Private Secretary's letter of the 14th instant as follows:

1. I consider that the tone of the people of Stanley has of late years altered for the better. The up-growing generation are better behaved, their manners are greatly improved, and one very seldom hears of the former petty spiteful actions amongst the children of different denominations. With the introduction of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides we can hope for a still greater improvement in the near future.

Many of the young men and women keep themselves self-respecting and decent, and although the general tone has improved during the last five years, I look forward to seeing still further improvement in this direction. The strict Ordinances prohibiting the sale of liquor to habitual drunkards are gradually doing a great deal of good. Serious crimes are practically unknown.

2. I do not consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are in any danger of being lost in Stanley, nor, in my opinion, are they as a whole on the wane. I am sure that I speak for the majority.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Watkins

Chief of Police.

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Government House,
Falkland Islands.

14th December, 1912.

Dear Sir,

I should feel much obliged if you could conveniently supply me with information on the following questions:

- (1) the average number of scholars attending your Sunday School in
1909, 1910, 1911, and 1912;
- (2) whether, in your opinion, the moral tone of the people of Stanley has altered during the above period, and if so, in what respect?
- (3) do you consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?

Yours faithfully,

W. J.

The Reverend
Robert Johnson,
Stanley.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,

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- (2) I am sincerely of the opinion, that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has considerably improved during the same period. Without solicitation, I have been told that profane language is not now so freely used. I am also of the opinion that ~~Arrogance~~ is on the decrease.
- (3) I am certainly not of the opinion, that we are in danger of losing, to an alarming extent, that reverence, respect, morality and godliness, which is the secret of our Empire's greatness. Although there is much left to be desired, I find the people on the whole very respectful and reverent. ~~Character~~ of exemplary character will always have the respect of the people.
- Your obedient servant
Robert Johnson.

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Government House,
Falkland Islands,
14 December, 1912.

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Dear Mr Baseley,

As Secretary of the Select Vestry and Churchwarden I should feel much obliged if you would be so good as to give me your personal experience in reply to the following questions:-

(1) Do you consider that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has altered during the last four years, and if so, in what respect?

(2) Do you consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?

(3) Are you in favour of religious ^{teaching} education in the Public School?

Yours sincerely,

R.B. Baseley, Esqr., M.I.M.E.
Stanley.

Stanley.

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16th December. 1912.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 14th instant to which I make the following reply.

(1) I consider that the moral tone of Stanley is good, meaning the conduct of men with reference to right and wrong in their intercourse with others. Having had dealings with most of the Working men of Stanley I can say that they have proved to be, on the whole, honest; industrious; and thrifty, in most cases anxious to serve their employers well.

As to there being any alteration in the last four years, in my opinion, it has been for the better, owing to the fact that the Working Mens' Club; opened during that period; has proved a counter attraction to the Public Houses.

(2) Decidely not.

(a). Reverence. To my mind it is not a question of reverence but want of Spiritual Life in the Church, that causes the People of Stanley to be careless and indifferent as regards Divine Worship. During my time, in the Colony, the attendance and interest of the Congregation has fallen off considerably which I attribute to the lack of aggressive Christianity amongst the Working Class.

(b). Respect. It must be remembered that the People of Stanley are very independent, as poverty is practically unknown here. They are in no wise servile

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servile, but on the contrary possess a deal of British Pride. This is not to say they are disrespectful, although they are hard to please. Their keen scrutiny of others can only be overcome by sincerity in character and purpose. I must add here, that there has been a decided improvement in the manners and conduct of the Boys of Stanley. This is undoubtedly due to the Scout Movement, which has been so successfully introduced and carried on for the last eighteen months.

(c). Morality. On this matter I can only say I do not know of any open immorality, and on the whole I think that, for a sea port, Stanley is remarkably free from crime.

(3) No I am not .

Because there are in attendance there, the Children of Anglicans, Nonconformists, and Catholics. Taking into consideration the fact, that there are only about 250 Scholars, all told, in Stanley, and that there are Places of Worship representing each of the denominations, I consider that the Spiritual welfare of the Children ought to be well cared for by the respective Ministers in Charge of the Churches.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Buscley.

W. L. Allardyce. Esq, C.M.G.

Government House.
Stanley.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
16 December, 1912.

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Dear Captain Watt,

In your twelve years residence in the Falkland Islands, during which period you must have come into constant contact with the people of Stanley, you have doubtless had many opportunities of forming an accurate opinion as to the social condition and character of the people. I would therefore be glad of your personal experience both privately, officially, and as a Churchwarden in reply to the following questions:

- (1) Do you consider that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has altered during the last four years, and if so, in what respect?
- (2) Do you consider that reverence, ~~and~~ respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?
- (3) Are you in favour of religious teaching in the Public School?

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W.L.H.

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

17th December, 1912.

Your Excellency,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 16th instant on the subject of the moral tone of the people of Stanley and in reply to state as follows.-

1. I have no hesitation in saying that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has considerably improved compared with what it was when I arrived here nearly twelve years ago. I am satisfied that there is less drunkenness amongst the permanent residents. When I came here it was quite a common thing with the Volunteers to take flasks of whisky to the rifle range when they went shooting; I have seen as many as six on one afternoon. This practice was discouraged and it diminished steadily until it finally died out altogether, and I can now safely say that I have not seen a flask of whisky on the rifle range for at least the last seven years. The Volunteer Canteen is another proof that there is now less drunkenness than formerly. The consumption of teetotal drinks has largely increased while that of intoxicants has greatly decreased; and as we have about fifty five Volunteers in Stanley, it will at once be seen that a large number of the families are represented in the Corps.

2. With regard to reverence and respect, I am quite satisfied that Stanley, if it were not for the sailors from the various ships, would compare favourably with any inland town in England.

3. I would be in favour of a certain amount of religious teaching in the Schools provided this could be carried out without hindrance to the ordinary subjects, say by

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keeping the children in a little longer about twice a week, and that the religious instruction be given by the Clergy.

I am,

Your Excellency's Most Obediant Servant,

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Government House,
Falkland Islands.

17th December, 1912.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

As an old Colonist of forty years standing, you would greatly oblige me if you would be so good as to give me your personal experience in reply to the following questions:-

1. Do you consider that the moral tone of the people of Stanley has ~~ka~~ altered during the last four years, and if so, in what respect?
2. Do you consider that reverence, respect, morality and all the finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we are to-day are, in this Colony, in quite serious danger of being lost to a really alarming extent?
3. Are you in favour of religious teaching in the Public School?

Yours sincerely,

W. G.

Mr. James Lewis,
Veronica Cottage,
Stanley.

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 Falkland Islands.
 December 18th 1912.

Veronica Cottage, Stanley, F.I.

December 18th 1912

Your Excellency.

In answer to the three written questions you sent me yesterday 17th Dec 1912 I have the honour to reply.

1. I consider "that the moral tone of the people of Stanley during the last four years" has much improved.

In what respect? You may ask,

A. as regards drinking propensities.

If you will refer to your recent Message to your Council, you will see your own remark therein as to the decreasing revenue in intoxicants etc.

That decrease I am convinced is not due to smuggling it speaks for itself in regard to the liquor traffic, moreover one of our few Publicans told me (just before the Bravia wreck) that with his Hotel and bar together he could not make both ends meet.

B. Gambling,

Seems to me to be here almost confined to Church bazaars raffles

C. Morality,

Stanley would favorably compare with any Town or Community in the Empire as regards restraint of Sensuality, vice, or immorality. There is no White Slavery or procurers in the Town. That I am not alone in so thinking, I refer you to the very largely attended

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indignation-meeting called immediately on the publication in the Review of reviews of a false statement as to the morality of the Falkland Islands, and which counterfeit was nailed to the counter at once by the principal working-class inhabitants assembled and composed of all denominations of religion.

D. Respectability + intelligence

You have only to refer to the increased and increasing great amount of Parcel Post, Mail, and Literary matter, imported as well as other imports, to attest the fact that the wherewith for respectability, comfort, convenience, intelligence and well doing are on the increase.

The habitations, improvement of property testify to the same facts; the results of Bazaars, Subscription-lists, Collections, and funds—savings-bank deposits, Band of Hope Societies, Scouts, Girl Guides, Ambulance teaching, Lectures, School Examinations, Exhibitions, Flower-shows Sports, Museum, Library etc. etc. all attest considerable improvement, advance, culture, progress.

The Loyalty of the Colony has been abundantly manifested. For Hospitality and kindly feeling the Guests from the Oravia trip

Question 2.

I have observed "Reverence and respect" to be almost invariably given, and at all times, when that respect is felt by Adults and children, that is to say where respect is due

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and earned, and all genuine efforts worthy of appreciation—religious or nonreligious—are markedly appreciated, Humbugs, and humbug only meet with disrespect. Self-inflation, putting on side, and empty self-importance may perhaps not receive the deference expected, but I am of opinion there is no real reason for complaint of want of respect or reverence other than in Stanley Church, owing I have no doubt to the recently introduced innovations in the services. Certainly, at the other two places of worship, the attendants are most devout and reverent.

"The finer qualities which have really made us the great nation we today are" appear to me to be in no "danger of being lost" but on the contrary increased.

As a citizen of the Empire I am proud of Stanley, its justice, fair-dealing, uprightness and righteousness and all the other things that count, and when travelling in neighbouring Republics make my boast of it.

Item 3.
I came here in 1869. I am neither Infidel, Agnostic or Unbeliever, was brought up in the Protestant Church of England, have been commissioned to hold C.E. Services in Stanley by Bishop Stirling, during his absence round the Islands (when he was doing duty for Dean Brandon (then on a trip home), have been over twelve years

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(and recently) in the C.E. Sunday school, ^{just teacher} Mas Govt schoolmaster for about three years, with over 130 on the roll, and have for this last five or six months done duty (as well as I could) at the Nonconformist Place of Worship and Sunday school while the Pastor was invalided home for that time, having ^{had} good congregations and S. Schools during his absence. I merely mention these matters to show that I am not against religious teaching but the contrary.

But I am tooth and nail against any "Right of Entry" in the Govt Public School on the part of any religious denominational teachers. A man may have a vocation as a preacher, it doesn't follow that he has the capacity of teaching in a children's school. From my own personal experience when acting schoolmaster I then and ever since have asserted strongly that outsiders, ^{admitted} for religious or other teaching have a very injurious effect on the discipline of the secular school, and consider that if the school teachers appointed are not fit to give all the religious instruction required, they are also unfit to be trusted with the secular education.

That the admission, or "right of Entry" of different denominational teachers in a mixed school would give rise to, and foment strife, differences, and ill-feeling amongst the scholars as well as destroy the discipline is apparent.

Moreover there are plenty of opportunities for each religious denomination to give religious instruction to the children of Stanley if they are zealous to do so, and the parents wish it, on Saturdays, Sundays, evenings, and outside secular school hours, which are

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All too short for secular educational purposes.

We are so circumstanced here, with no manufactories, very few trades or occupations to which we can apprentice our children, and there is no outlet for them in this Colony, so that as good an education as possible is all we can give them who will have to leave this Colony to get a living (as all my family have had to do).

For this reason I regret to see the sum 'voted for Education' robbed of £200 per Ann handed over as a Church subsidy, and would prefer to see that sum used for the purpose for which it is voted viz. for Education.

Religious people (if their religion is of any value) should support their own Ministrants, and they do here, except the Church whose desire to interfere with our compulsory and secular school is merely to cocker up their own church, doctrines and prestige.

I regard the present Govt School as admirably staffed and conducted by capable, competent, and energetic teachers; and am of opinion that (save perhaps two or three influenced parents) the inhabitants would strongly resent any clerical interference in the Public Govt School.

I may also say an opportunity for religious instruction was afforded to the Clergy only last Wednesday evening Dec 11 at the usual week night service at which I was present. There were then eleven boys and girls in the choir - this would have been

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quite enough for any ^{one} zealous clergyman, irrespective of the
 meagre congregation ^{for the religious teaching they do desire to give}
 there were present at that service, Bishop Blair, his travelling
 Chaplain, Dean Seymour and the Rev Hobley, actually
 four clergy yet not a sermon, address, speech, or any
 religious teaching: from either of the four present. The
 service lasted less than half an hour. The service included
 one Chapter read from the Scriptures, one Hymn, the rest - a
 part of the evening service was intoned and the new
 Protestant importation the Rev Hobley crossed himself
 in the Church we built on the understanding and guarantee
that it should be a thoroughly Protestant Evangelical
Church to which all protestant denominations could attend"
 Four clergy present and no religious address or sermon
 thought of the Psalmist's statement, "The zeal of the
 Lord hath eaten me up"; and now Your Excellency asks
 me "Are you in favour of religious teaching in the Public
 School?" I say "Hands off" as regards clergy
 and fully believe from the miserable attendance at the
 Church Sunday school - a mere handful - the people here
 are of the same opinion.

I am rather rushed for time, so please excuse etc.
 and believe me to remain

Your Excellency's
 faithful (and as usual outspoken) Servant
 James Lewis.

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Return A.

Showing names, &c., of children who

- (1) have left the Government School and gone to the Roman Catholic School (St. Mary's);
- (2) have left St. Mary's and gone to the Government School;

since Mr. and Mrs. Souter's appointment to the Government School in July, 1908.

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| <u>Name.</u> | <u>Reason for leaving.</u> |
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| Stella & Hilda Wilson | 2 Punished for telling lies. |
| Rebecca Wang | 1 Trouble with her teacher about getting vermin in her hair from children near her. |
| Ernest Rummel | 1 To learn Spanish. |
| A.R. Hardy's children (since returned) | 2 Because the Governor for a short time gave up buying bread from the father, who is a baker, as H.E. was anxious to have home-made bread. |
| Alec Pearson | 1 Mother alleged that boys were throwing stones at him. |
| Mally Aldridge (others of family remained at Govt. School) | 1 Father cautioned for not reporting measles in his house, blamed Mr. & Mrs. Souter for reporting it. |
| Mabel Watts | 1 Reason not known. |
| Total | <u>9</u> |

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| <u>Name.</u> | <u>No. of children.</u> | <u>Denomination.</u> |
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| The Buse family | 4 children | Roman Catholic. |
| The Newman family | 4 " | " " |
| The Anderson family | 3 " | Nonconformist. |
| Edward & Agnes Lanning | 2 " | Anglican. |
| Willie & Madeline Kirwan | 2 " | Roman Catholic. |
| Willie, Nellie, & Cecil Bradbury | 3 " | Nonconformist. |
| Dominic Sullivan | 1 child | Roman Catholic. |
| Emma Aldridge | 1 " | Anglican. |
| Pearl & Gertie Coleman | 2 children | Roman Catholic. |
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Enclosure No. 5 to Confidential despatch of 10 December, 1912.

Governor to Secretary of State.

No.12.

28 January, 1896.

Extract.

" 4. Dean Brandon from his very position is not unnaturally looked upon with some distrust by those of other denominations and it is in a measure due to action taken by him in the past. In 1894 I had my attention drawn to the fact that he, taking advantage of his position of Inspector of Schools in the one half hour in the week when religious instruction was given was in the habit of detaining the children of Church of England parents and with the assistance of the only school-teacher, to whom he allowed 5/- per mensem, giving such religious instruction in the school whilst the children of Roman Catholic and Non-conformist parents were sent to the residences of the Roman Catholic and Non-conformist pastors.

Seeing that such a course of action had led to the Government School, which is entirely undenominational, being looked upon as a Church of England School, I, with the advice of my Executive Council, did away with the half hour religious instruction and directed that a form of prayer which was mutually agreed upon by the clergy of all denominations should be used daily before school commenced. The result was beneficial and the distrust was in a measure allayed, though it was this feeling in a great measure that induced the Baptists to open a school of their own and thus to enter into competition with that of the Government."

(sgd) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy,
Governor.

3. The Roman Catholic Schools are not at present under Government supervision.
I am, Sir,
(sgd) H. F. Grant,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 6
Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 20 December, 1912.

Falkland Islands.

Colonial Secretary to Canon E.J.Seymour.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

37/1909.

15th January, 1909.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Government Inspector of Schools.

2. I am to explain that this appointment applies more particularly to the Schools under the Government Itinerant Schoolmasters in the Camps.

3. With regard to the Government School in Stanley, while the Government will welcome your co-operation and assistance in the cause of education and the influence you are likely to have with Protestant parents for the educational welfare and advancement of their children, the Headmaster and his staff will be in no way under your control. Any suggestions which you may consider it desirable to make relative to this School should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, when, in the ordinary official routine, they will be referred to the Headmaster for his observations.

4. I am to state for your information and guidance that the Curriculum and Scheme of Work for the Government School in Stanley is approved annually by the Governor in Council, and that under existing arrangements the result of the examinations and a covering report by the Headmaster are forwarded regularly to the Board of Education in London for their observations.

5. The Roman Catholic Schools are not at present under Government supervision.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) H.E.W.Grant,

Colonial Secretary.

Rev. Canon E.J.Seymour.

Falkland Islands.
Enclosure No. 7 to despatch Confidential of 20 December, 1912.

Governor to Canon Seymour.

Government House,
Stanley,

16 May, 1909.

Dear Canon Seymour,

I have 'slept on' the proposal you made to me yesterday afternoon at Sullivan House, and although I fully appreciate the kindness and generosity of your offer to teach in the Government School owing to Miss Kirwan's resignation, I have, after careful consideration, come to the conclusion that it would be better for several reasons that you shouldn't.

I remain, &c.

(sgd) W.L. Allardyce.

The Revr.

Canon Seymour
The Parsonage.

Reasons.

- (1) It would be an anomaly for the Canon who is Government Inspector of Schools to be a teacher in the Government School, and might belittle his position both as Inspector and Clergyman.
- (2) The Anglicans might reasonably object to so much of the Canon's time being occupied in this way as they are paying his salary and he has many other duties to perform.
- (3) Roman Catholic and Non-conformist parents whose children attend the Government School might object to having them taught there by an Anglican Clergyman.

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- (4) The Non-conformists, who have already threatened to re-open their own school, might avail themselves of the occasion to put this forward as a good reason for at once doing so, thereby reducing the numbers at the Government School.
 - (5) It would have the appearance of making the Government School denominational which it is desirable to avoid.
 - (6) It would be liable to upset the Teachers at the Government School.
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Received by S.S. 24 Jan. 1913.
made p. 328. Vol. XXIII (Outward).
L.W.P.*

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Secret.

20th December, 1912.

In this Colony, as has been stated in previous reports, the experience and qualifications of the present Commanding Officer, Captain Watt, are far in excess of those of any other person in the Colony.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a Report on the Falkland Islands Volunteer Corps for the year ended on the 30th June last, which has been prepared by the present Commanding Officer, Captain Watt.

2. On 29th February last an interesting Field Day, at which I was present, was carried out on the north side of Stanley Harbour by the Volunteers and a landing party from H.M.S. "Glasgow". Although I have had only one experience of actual fighting (this was in the interior of Fiji in 1894), it appeared to me that the Volunteers failed to take full advantage of their position, and at times needlessly exposed themselves; defects which a little real warfare would probably quickly remedy.

3. For the last year or two I have had grave doubts as to whether Captain Watt is the proper person to be permanently in charge of the Force. Situated as we are, however, it is extremely difficult to bring about an alteration. Although an excellent man in many ways, and one who has done much for the Volunteers

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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in this Colony, he has distinct limitations; his previous experience and qualifications fitting him for the post of Instructor rather than for that of Commanding Officer.

4. I quite admit that it is almost impossible to carry out an efficient system of training in this Colony, partly on account of the adverse climatic conditions, but mainly because the Volunteers, who, almost without exception, belong to the working and artisan classes, cannot leave their work annually for even ten days consecutively.

5. The Corps has no guns with the exception of the maxim. The men do not take kindly to the machine gun course. The enclosed Report itself shows that rifle shooting is the principal, if not the sole attraction, and many of the Members are excellent shots. There are, as I have pointed out, no facilities for annual field training, which is absolutely essential if the Corps is to be of any real value as an efficient fighting force. The Commanding Officer is, in my opinion, unfitted for the position he now holds. The sum disbursed yearly by Government in maintaining the Volunteers amounts to about £400. In view of these facts, I feel obliged, after an experience of eight years, to attach considerable weight to the contention of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council in the past, that a Rifle Club or Association would
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equally well meet our requirements, be equally efficient,
and far less expensive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. H. A.

Governor.

Report on the Falkland Islands Volunteers for the year ended 30th June, 1912.

The strength of the Corps on the 30th June, 1912 was 117 as against 119 on the 30th June, 1911. The number of efficient was 55 as against 43 for the previous year. The non-efficient with three exceptions consist of members who have been all or most of the year in the country districts where they have no opportunity of being drilled or exercised in musketry and of recruits who joined too late in the year to qualify. Ten of the above members attended drills ranging from I to 15 and one qualified in musketry. In the musketry Course the figure of merit is 180 as against 125 in 1911. I am not prepared however to say that there was much if any real improvement on the previous year's shooting; I attribute the higher figure to better weather conditions on the days on which practice took place.

Six N.C. Officers and men were exercised in machine gun drill and practice. This squad has now a fair practical knowledge of the gun and its working; three of the crew are the same as last year. The senior N.C. Officer of the Squad is now sufficiently well up to act as assistant instructor.

Musketry Returns herewith.

The new musketry course recommended by the Commandant of the School of Musketry will be carried out this season as far as circumstances will admit.

It is a matter of much regret that we have been again prevented carrying out miniature cartridge practice during the winter owing to not having a miniature range.

Land and Semaphore Signalling has improved.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the week-end encampment could not be held; this was very much regretted as on the two previous occasions the members although worked fairly

hard
 fairly enjoyed it very much and were looking forward to it. The Corps now possesses tent accommodation and oven and cooking utensils sufficient for forty men. The funds to purchase the above were raised by the members. In order that a longer time may be spent in Camp and a larger programme of work carried out, it is proposed to invite the Government and other employers of labour to give their employees two or three days off without deduction of pay. This would enable the Corps to proceed to camp on Wednesday evening and return on Sunday evening. This could very well be done without such inconvenience or loss.

The Volunteers had a very useful and instructive Field-day against the Blue Jackets and Marines ^{of} H.M.S. "Glasgow" for their inspection. The field-day was held on Navy Point; the Blue Jackets and Marines attacking from the Point and the Volunteers on the defensive. The day was very cold and heavy rain fell which drenched both forces; this however did not prevent His Excellency the Governor, who takes a very keen interest in the Corps, and Mrs Allardyce from attending to witness the operations. The work was well carried out; the Blue Jackets and Marines showing the very keenest interest in the work. Captain Marcus E. Hill Commanding H.M.S. "Glasgow" acting as Chief Marine was assisted by several of his Officers and Petty Officers who reported to him from time to time as operations proceeded. At the close of the afternoon's work Captain Hill had both forces formed up at Fairy Cove where he inspected the Volunteers and afterwards addressed both forces in very complimentary terms on their performances.

The Corps is very much handicapped through not having a suitable head quarters, but it is hoped that in about a year's time from now the new Town Hall will be available. New targets are very much needed, the ones in use are worn out and satisfactory marking is now impossible; it is

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hoped that the Legislative Council will be in a position to vote a sum in the next estimates to provide the Corps with up to date targets.

The following were the principal prizes competed for during the year:-

A very handsome Silver Cup presented by His Excellency Governor W.L. Allardyce, G.M.S. for general efficiency, the Challenge Shield presented by Captain Richard Webb, F.M.S. "Amethyst", in ISIC together with £5 presented by the Honourable Vere Packe for general efficiency, a prize of £3 also given by the Hon. Vere Packe for drill and shooting with the Maxim Gun. Mr. Packe's name is worthy of special mention for his constant encouragement. The Honourable F.A.V. Fest presented one and a half dozen silver spoons for the fortnightly Rifle Club shoots and Private A. Hardy gave a Silver Mug for rifle shooting. The Gold Challenge Medal presented several years ago by H. Williams, Require, J.P. was won a third time by Sergeant J.F. Summers.

(Signed) I. Webb, Captain,
Commanding Falkland Islands Volunteers.

Stanley,
27th November, 1912.

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Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 25th day of DECEMBER, 19 12. per S.S. "VICTORIA".

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 Falkland Islands.
 Government House, Stanley.
 21st December, 1912.

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Government House, Stanley.

21st December, 1912.

A.C.S.,

For Officer Commanding Volunteers,

Sir,
 With reference to my despatch Secret of

the 20th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a copy of a minute

which I addressed to Captain Watt, the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Volunteers, in

connection with the annual prize giving on the 19th of October.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,

Your most obedient,
 humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

Governor.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.
Enclosure to Secret despatch of 21 December, 1912.

Governor to Acting Colonial Secretary.

Confidential.
M.P.453/1912.

A.C.S.,
for Officer Commanding Volunteers.

The unsigned minute in the above jacket which is in the handwriting of the Officer Commanding the Volunteers (Captain Watt) and is in reply to my minute of 23 October shews that only 23 Volunteers were present at the annual prize-giving on the 19th ultimo. Presuming that there are approximately 50 Volunteers in Stanley the above indicates that over 50% of the men were absent. Some of them did not even trouble to come in uniform.

The whole affair seems to have been muddled and bungled, and proved to be, what it actually was, a by no means creditable performance. To begin with, it seems to have been held too late in the year, the Volunteer ^{year} ends on 30 June, and when it was found that the date selected was going to clash with other events and interfere with the attendance of the Volunteers, the date ought to have been altered.

The practice of giving such a large number of prizes (nearly half the Volunteers received a money prize) is open to serious objections, and is entirely opposed to the general idea of Volunteering in other countries. In my opinion it is undesirable for the Officer Commanding to take part in these firing competitions, if to do so involves the acceptance by him of a monetary prize as on this occasion

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ceremonial unless there is something to be got out of it.
 occasion. I think Captain Watt's prize was the thirteenth.

The annual distribution of prizes has been the occasion in the past for a short Report on the Volunteers during the preceding twelve months. The Public are entitled to this information seeing that they are paying for the maintenance of the Force, and it is to be regretted that it was omitted on this occasion.

I have felt for some time past, while making every allowance for the difficulties, climatic and otherwise, which are met with in the Falklands, that there is a good deal to be said in favour of the contention of the Unofficial Members that we are not justified in incurring the present heavy annual expenditure, i.e.,

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| Salary of Instructor | £100 |
| Ammunition (approxly.) | £100 |
| Capitation Grant (do.) | £100 |
| | £300 |

for the results obtained.

To the above has to be added in future the interest on £3000 @ 3½% for Volunteer section of

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| Town Hall | £105 |
| | £405 |

(The above is probably underestimated as we paid £237 for ammunition in 1910.)

While the men are apparently quite willing to take part in shooting competitions, provided there are a sufficient number of prizes offered (these as a rule vary from £3 to 7/6), there is an undoubted hesitancy in coming forward to learn the maxim gun or to take part in any ceremonial

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ceremonial unless there is something to be got out of it. This notwithstanding the handsome silver cup which has been given annually for the last eight years by the Commander-in-Chief. There are undoubted indications that the Volunteers are being run by the Corps and not by the Commanding Officer.

It seems possible therefore that the contention of the Unofficial Members is correct, i.e., that a Rifle Club or Rifle Association would equally well meet our requirements, be equally efficient, and very much less expensive.

The sense of this Memorandum will be conveyed to the Secretary of State when submitting the Annual Report on the Falkland Islands Volunteers.

(sgd) W.I. Allardyce

6 November, 1912.

Received by S.S. 17 July 1913.
vide P. 168, Vol. 33 (continued).
L.H.A.

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

30th December, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 11th November with regard to the proposed license to Captain Abrahamsen to take seals at the South Orkney Islands, Joinville Island, and Graham's Land during the 1913-1914 season.

2. On 2nd October a telegram, dated 20th September, was received from Captain Abrahamsen containing the single word "Yes", which I took to mean that he accepted the terms offered in the Colonial Secretary's letter of 5th June, to which he had to give a definite reply before 15th October.

3. Prior to this, however, i.e., on 29th August, in consequence of the concluding paragraph of your confidential despatch of 11th July, I telegraphed to Captain Abrahamsen as follows: "Conditions of sealing license must receive approval of Secretary of State". This telegram ought to have been delivered not later than 9th September, as it left Stanley for Montevideo by the R.M.S. "Oravia" on 4th September, and should therefore have been received by Captain Abrahamsen at least

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 20 September, 1914.

least ten days before his telegram of 20th September was despatched.

4. I enclose a copy of a letter, dated 30th August, which I subsequently received from Mr.H.Fredricksen on behalf of Captain J.Abrahamsen, as also of the reply which I caused to be addressed to that gentleman.

5. In view of the above, I am surprised to learn from your confidential despatch of 11th November that you have had no communication from either Captain Abrahamsen or Mr.Fredricksen.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. G.
Governor.

(sgd) H.Fredricksen.

His Excellency

The Governor of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 30 December, 1912.

Acting Colonial Secretary to

Mr. H. Fredriksen to Governor.

Stabaek pr. Christiania.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Aug 30 1912.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

18th October, 1912.

Sir,

On behalf of Captain J. Abrahamsen who made application, when in Port Stanley, for a license for catching seal in the waters of South Orkney Islands and Graham's Land, and to use the harbours for the seasons 1913/1914, which license was granted him, provided a Company was started, now I am hereby stating that he will start the Company with me as the Manager, and hope to hear from his Excellency that the license is in order.

When the Company is formed, I will immediately let you know the name of the Company and of the vessel to be sent out.

Yours, &c.

(sgd) H. Fredriksen.

Colonial Office, Downing Street, London.

To

His Excellency

The Governor of the Falkland Islands, 1st Secretary.

H. Fredriksen, Esq. Port Stanley.

Stabaek pr.

Christiania,

Norway.

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Acting Colonial Secretary to
 Mr. H. Fredriksen.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
 Stanley, Falkland Islands.

No. 266/12.

18th October, 1912.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of the 30th August written on behalf of Captain J. Abrahamsen, and in reply to forward herewith a copy of the telegram which was sent to him on the 29th of August.

2. From this telegram you will observe that the conditions which were approved in the letter from this Department of the 6th of June to Captain Abrahamsen require to receive the special sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

3. I am to suggest therefore that you communicate direct with the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject. His address is:-

Colonial Office, Downing Street, London.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) fforde Searight,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

H. Fredriksen, Esq.

Stabaek pr.

Christiania,

Norway.

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Colonial Secretary
to Captain John Abrahamsen.

Telegram.

Captain John Abrahamsen

Irvin

North Shields

Conditions of sealing licence must receive approval
of Secretary of State.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

*Received by S.S. 14 July 1913.
code 10 368, Vol. 33 (outward).
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See Conf. despatch 744 from S.S. 1913.*

Government House, Stanley.

2nd January, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 8th November last, relative to the whaling license held by the Hektor Company for the South Orkneys.

2. As to how far companies already licensed to operate with the same ships under different licenses have been led to expect that they will be allowed to substitute different ships in their different licenses if they wish to do so, I should state that, to the best of my knowledge, this is the first occasion on which this question has arisen.

3. The Hektor Company, for the reasons given in Mr. Bugge's letter enclosed in your despatch under acknowledgment, is not likely to operate at the South Orkneys this season, but had the Company chosen to do so, and applied to use a different factory from that mentioned in the license, and to substitute two other steam whalers (provided they were owned by or chartered to the licensee), this Government, on good cause shown, would have sanctioned the alteration and notified the

Sir, Government

Your most obedient,

Respectful Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Governor.

Government Official at the South Orkneys. (Had this not been done, that Officer would have objected to vessels not specified in the license carrying on whaling operations.)

4. I venture to submit that, after a license had once been issued, it would not be equitable to adopt any other course than that indicated above. The position would have been different had the vessels belonged to a company other than the licensee, vide No.2 of the Whaling Regulations.

5. The wireless messages which have been received lately from the floating factory "Falkland" at sea in the vicinity of the South Orkneys, state that the season -which terminates in about six weeks- is an abnormal one with much ice, and it seems doubtful whether any of the floating factories have so far been able to get within 100 miles of the Dependency.

6. This will serve to demonstrate what a hazardous enterprise whaling in this region is, and it is probable that one or more of the five companies licensed to operate there this season will not apply for a renewal of their license next season.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W.L.A.

Governor.

Received by S.S. 17 July 1913.
vide P. 368, Vol. 33 (Outward).
L.H.B.
See conf. despatch of 7 Mar. 1913.
from S.S.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
6th January, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 16th November last, explaining the whaling policy which you wish to be gradually introduced in the Dependencies.

2. As far as South Georgia is concerned, I have communicated with the Stipendiary Magistrate and have requested him to make to the Managers of Messrs. Bryde and Dahl, the Sandefjord Company, and the Compania Argentina de Pesca, respectively, the offer contained in paragraph 11 of your despatch.

3. With regard to your proposals for licensing second floating factories in the other Dependencies, I regret to be unable at present to draw up and submit for your approval a specification of the plant which would be required. There is no one here in possession of the particulars necessary for such a specification, and I must therefore await the return of the whaling expeditions from the South Shetlands and the South Orkneys, when, after consulting with the different

Managers

The Right Honble.
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Managers, I hope to be in a position to supply the information for which you have asked.

4. With reference to the rights of the Hektor Company to discarded carcasses in Deception Harbour, I have ventured, in my despatch No.166 of 19th December, 1912, to express views which differ somewhat from those of your advisers on this subject, and shall be glad to receive your further instructions.

5. I quite agree that the policy of the Government should be to endeavour to reduce waste to the smallest limit possible, but in view of the hazardous nature of the industry, the very great risk to both lives and ships, the shortness of the period during which it is possible to conduct whaling operations, the heavy expenditure necessary to procure the most up-to-date plant, and the hardships suffered in these tempestuous Antarctic regions (which have to be experienced to be thoroughly realized), I likewise recognize that unless provision is made for a substantial margin of profit to shareholders, the industry cannot prosper and will cease to attract the investing public.

6. As soon as I receive your final decision with regard to the Hektor Company's rights to discarded carcasses at Deception Island, as also the requisite particulars from the whaling Managers, I shall be in a better position to issue to licensees the Circular explaining

explaining the policy which you have approved. At the same time I am of opinion that too much emphasis cannot be laid on the part played by the whaling industry in lifting the Colony out of the rut in which it had remained for decades, in its subsequent development, and in the many improvements to be seen now on every side; and I feel convinced that the Colony's progress will be largely dependent, for some years to come, on the prosperity of this industry. For this reason, I should be very glad of an opportunity of conferring personally with you before giving effect to proposals which are likely to have such far reaching consequences.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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Governor.

Falkland Islands.

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L.H.C.

Government House, Stanley.

Secret.

8th January, 1913.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your predecessor's secret circular of 8th April, 1899, I have the honour to inform you that the following Cyphers and Decyphers are in my possession in safe custody:-

A C, No. 24

G, No. 653.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Received by S.S. 17 July 1913,
vide p. 368, Vol. 33 (Outward).
L.W.B.
See conf. despatch of 7 March, 1913,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.

14th January, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 15th November on the subject of Mrs. Hansen's sealing rights and the fur sealing question, and am glad to learn that you have been able to approve generally of the proposals made in my Confidential despatch of 24th January, 1908, with regard to the steps to be taken for the protection of the seals.

2. In accordance with your instructions, I have now declared the following seal islands and adjacent islets a Reserve under section 7 of the Land Ordinance, 1903:-

- South Jason,
- Flat Jason,
- Elephant Jason,
- North Fur Island,
- South Fur Island.

I attach a copy of the Declaration which has been published in the Gazette, and of the letter which I have caused to be addressed to Mrs. Hansen.

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Inclosure No. 2.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

| Year. | Ward I. Includ- ing a few from Howland I. | Volunteer Jason Is. | Total. |
|-------|---|------------------------|--------|
| 1910 | 79 | 48 | 127 |
| 1911 | 12 | 36 | 50 |
| 1912 | 112 | 168 | 280 |
| | | 26 | 93 |
| | | 100 | 421 |

3. Although Elephant Jason is said to contain the only seal rookery (of the truth of this I am somewhat doubtful), I included South Jason, Flat Jason, North Fur Island, and South Fur Island in the Reserve because all were formerly the resort of fur seal and would be required hereafter were the latter to increase. These islands are of little use for grazing purposes, owing to their limited area, apart from their inaccessibility.

4. In reply to your request for information as to the character of the other rookeries, I fear I have little to add to what I have reported from time to time in the past, vide my despatches noted in the margin, except that the rookeries have continuously been raided and depleted of late years. As you are aware, they are at present four in number, i.e.,

(a) Volunteer Rocks, 10 miles to the north of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse;

(b) Beauchêne Island, 30 miles to the south of Lafonia;

(c) Bird Island, 2 miles south west of the West Falkland and 8 miles from any safe anchorage;

(d) North Island, 4 miles from the anchorage at North Harbour, New Island.

5. I append below a return of the fur seal taken in these waters by licensed sealers during the last three years:-

| Year. | Bird I. includ- ing a few from Beauchêne I. | Volunteer Rocks. | Jason Is. | Total. |
|--------------|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| 1910 | 79 | 48 | - | 127 |
| 1911 | 12 | 25 | 163 | 201 |
| 1912 | 30 | 38 | 25 | 93 |
| Total | 121 | 112 | 188 | 421 |

6. The habits of the fur seal are such that if persistently harassed and hunted at one locality, the animal will eventually abandon it for another. It has been reported to me by one of the local seal hunters, Mr. Gleadall, who for several years past has been granted licenses for different sealing grounds, that he knows fur seal have been seen at one or two new places along the north coast of the Colony, and also at South Jason. I have likewise been informed from another source that a small fur seal rookery is being established at Beaver Island.

7. With the seal rapidly decreasing in number and the industry in its present precarious condition, it becomes more and more difficult every year to make any practical proposal save that of granting a comprehensive lease to a strong company, willing and able to adequately protect the rookeries. I recognize that, under these circumstances, the industry will offer but little inducement for the investment of capital until such time as it is resuscitated, and I venture to submit for your consideration the following suggestions because I feel that it is incumbent upon the Government to take action at once to preserve, at least on one rookery, the few seal which now remain.

(a) Volunteer Rocks.

8. The Volunteer Rocks, owing to their comparative proximity to the Lighthouse at Cape Pembroke where assistance, if required, could always be summoned by telephone from Stanley, present the greatest facilities for carrying out protective measures. My proposal is to

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to discontinue the issue of a sealing license for this rookery, and, having obtained the permission of Mrs. M. A. Smith & Sons who have applied to purchase the leasehold, vide my despatch No. 90 of 31st July, 1911, erect a wooden shanty somewhere between Volunteer Lagoon and Volunteer Point, see sketch attached. A caretaker would then be appointed at a wage of £7 per mensem. The rocks on which the seals lie can only be approached by boat, but a Government employé in charge there would furnish us with the fullest information as to illicit sealing, and his presence would act as a deterrent to poachers, even if he were not able to prevent raids. From this point signals could be exchanged with Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. The Lightkeepers would be instructed to keep a sharp look-out for, and at once report, any suspicious craft in the neighbourhood of the Volunteer Rocks.

9. It is possible that a second caretaker, at the same rate of remuneration, might be necessary about the time the seals are pupping and before the young seal leave the rookery (November to February), but the expense involved and the provision of a small hut would be unavoidable.

(b) Beauchêne Island.

10. This island is situated due south of Lafonia in latitude 52° 55' south, and longitude 59° 12' 30" west, and lies in the fairway for all traffic proceeding round Cape Horn, or between the Falklands and the Straits of Magellan. Mr. E. Gleadall, who has frequently been

been licensed to seal there, has just told me that in a good season, and presuming the rookery was not otherwise molested, he would obtain at least 30 fur seal.

11. A light on the island (preferably, for simplicity and economy, an A.G.A.), with a couple of keepers in charge would be of great benefit to shipping, and it has occurred to me that the Imperial Government of the first maritime nation in the world might feel inclined to undertake the erection and maintenance of a work which would be of such value to our mercantile marine, and that of other nations, and at the same time help to protect the fur seal of this Colony. The keepers would be appointed caretakers of the seal rookery and receive some additional remuneration on this account from the local Government or the future lessee of the rookeries. You are doubtless aware of the large sums of money spent annually by the United States on the protection of the seal rookeries at the Pribyloff Islands.

12. There is a good landing at Beauchêne for boats when the wind is north or north west, and the prevailing winds blow from this quarter. The highest point on the island, which is large enough to graze a certain number of sheep and cattle, and is covered with tussac, is 271 feet above sea level. I admit that the caretakers could not prevent poaching, but their presence would go far to check raids on the rookery. The local steamer would visit the island with supplies three or four times a year, and arrangements might be made

made for the Assistant Lightkeepers at Cape Pembroke to exchange places periodically with the lightkeepers at Beauchêne.

13. The expense of the above would be considerable, including cost and maintenance of light, erection of quarters, and conveyance of all material to the site, but, as against this, the Imperial Government would have the satisfaction of knowing that it had taken some active measures in the endeavour to arrest the extermination of a valuable and interesting animal.

(c) Bird Island, and (d) North Island.

14. The difficulties in dealing with Bird Island and North Island are greater than at the two rookeries already mentioned, as both islands are very small, have no anchorage, and are cut off from the shore by several miles of rough water. I fear it would not be possible to obtain, for either locality at present, the services of a resident caretaker at the above remuneration.

15. With regard to Elephant Jason, I have no doubt that two men would be found hereafter willing to reside on the island and take charge of the rookery at a wage of £7 per mensem, but this could not be done until after the termination of Mrs. Hansen's lease in September, 1914. The danger of serious trouble with the crews of foreign sealers, for the most part men of very rough character, and the isolated position of Elephant Jason, which is practically cut off from communication with the mainland, render the above procedure less practicable than in the case of the

Volunteer

Enclosure No. 1 to Confidential despatch of 14 January, 1933.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Volunteer Rocks and Beauchêne Island.

10. The proposal to lease all the rookeries to one company provides a solution of the whole problem, but I have already pointed out that it is questionable whether the industry, in its present state, would induce a lessee with the necessary capital to invest it in such an undertaking.

17. As a precautionary and preventative measure, it would be well, should it be decided to act on the lines indicated in this despatch, to notify the Governments of Argentina, Chile, and Canada of the steps we were about to take to protect the fur seal in these waters, for the information of their subjects engaged in pelagic sealing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council declaring the islands South Jason, Flat Jason, Elephant Jason, North Fur Island, South Fur Island and the adjacent islets to be a Crown Reserve.

In exercise of the powers in him vested by Section 7 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby declares the undermentioned islands and the adjacent islets to be a Crown Reserve :

South Jason.
Flat Jason.
Elephant Jason.

North Fur Island.
South Fur Island.

Given in Executive Council, at Government House, Stanley, this 24th day of December, 1912.

FFORDE SEARIGHT,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No.2 to Confidential despatch of 14 January, 1913.

Acting Colonial Secretary

to Mrs.Hansen.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

No.242/07.

24th December, 1912.

Madam,

With reference to the letter to you from this Office of the 7th October, 1909, on the subject of the seal fisheries on your leasehold, I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that the Governor in Council has decided, with a view to preserving the seal, to declare, under section 7 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, the following islands and adjacent islets a Crown "Reserve", notice of which will be published in the Gazette of January, 1913:-

- South Jason
- Flat Jason
- Elephant Jason
- North Fur Island
- South Fur Island.

I am to point out that this declaration, when made, will not take complete effect until three years after its publication as above. The Council's decision will not therefore affect your sealing rights under the lease you now hold, which will enable you to continue in undisturbed possession of the seal islands until its termination on the 11th September, 1914.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) fforde Searight,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mrs.Charles Hansen,
Carcass Island,
West Falkland.

Received by S.S. 17 July 1913.
vide P. 368, Vol. 33 (Outward).
See S.S. Conf. despatch of 7th Feb 14.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
15th January, 1913.

Sir,

With regard to Mr. John Abrahamsen's sealing license, I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential despatch of 14th December last which was received after I had written my Confidential despatch of the 30th ultimo.

2. In your despatch you state that the sealing license offered to Mr. Abrahamsen had been accepted on his behalf before 9th September, 1912, and therefore you had no option but to approve the issue of the license.

3. It appears to me that you have been misled, because, as shown in my Confidential despatch referred to above, Mr. Abrahamsen's telegram to the Colonial Secretary accepting the terms offered was dated 20th September, or eleven days after he received my telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Received by S.S. 17 July 1913.
vide P. 318, Vol. 33 (Outward).
A.W.B.

Falkland Islands,
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,
20 January, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith
in triplicate the Annual Return of the Military
and Naval Resources of the Colony for the year
1912.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

W.L.G.
Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 22nd day of January, 1913 per S.S. 'Orcoma'

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See conf. despatch from S.S. 5 March, 1913.

Falkland Islands,
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,
21 January, 1913.

Sir,

In my despatch No 68 of 6 June, 1911, I reported having appointed Major Hugh fforde Searight to act as Colonial Secretary, and in my despatch No 143 of 7 October last his appointment to the same position when the then Colonial Secretary, Mr Best, proceeded on leave.

2. Major Searight has performed much good work while acting in the above capacity, and by the time the new Colonial Secretary arrives will have given his valuable services gratuitously to the Colony for a period of about ten months. In these circumstances, it has occurred to me that you might feel inclined to convey your thanks to him, and that this Government should endeavour to acknowledge such services by the presentation of a silver cigar and cigarette case with a suitable inscription and the Arms of the Colony engraved on it as a mark of appreciation.

3. Should you approve, I would ask you to be good enough to issue the necessary instructions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

The Right Honble
Lewis Harcourt, C.
&c., &c., C.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies
Downing Street.

W.L.G.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.
Secret.

*Received by SS. 17 March, 1913.
note p. 406, Vol. 33 (Outward).
L.H.S.
See S. of S.'s Secret despatches of Nov 13*

Government House, Stanley.
14th February, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret Circular of 17th December, as to the method of dealing with specially urgent telegrams received from you at night or at other times when the Government Offices are closed.

2. As there is no submarine cable to this Colony, your Circular could only apply to radio-telegrams. It is the practice for these to be delivered up till 11 p.m., an arrangement which, in the circumstances, would appear to be adequate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
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Falkland Islands.

*See Telm. of 26 March, 1913.
from S.S.*

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential. 17th February, 1913.

Sir,

In your despatch No.41 of 16th May, 1911, you informed me that you had selected Dr.W.M.Browne as Assistant Colonial Surgeon on the East Falkland, on the terms and conditions stated in the letter from the Colonial Office of 22nd April, 1911, No.39454/1911.

2. I regret to be obliged to report that Dr.Browne has proved himself to be an extremely unsatisfactory officer, and has by his irregular conduct disqualified himself for efficient service here.

3. Owing to the fact of there being only one medical officer in Stanley from the date of Dr.Earl's departure on 1st November, 1911, until Dr.Pearce arrived on the 6th instant (with the exception of the short period when Dr.Paterson was here, i.e., 29th May to 9th July, 1912), it was impossible for me to take such official cognizance of Dr.Browne's conduct as it deserved, since to have done so might have resulted in the seat of Government being without a medical officer.

4. Dr.Paterson reached Stanley at the end of May, 1912. Shortly afterwards I informed him of the type

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Enclosure No. 1.

of man he had as his colleague, and on 15th June, in the presence of the Colonial Surgeon, I censured the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, vide my Memorandum of that date, copy attached, which I read to Dr. Browne. The assurance then given by him has unfortunately not been realized. He is hopelessly irresponsible, insubordinate, and truculent. He has entirely lost the confidence of the public, and were it necessary to do so, I could supply instances in which persons, when seriously indisposed, have preferred to dispense with medical treatment rather than be attended by him.

5. Dr. Browne's neglect of his cases has been no less than an open scandal. On two occasions which have come to my notice, persons, whose names I am in a position to mention, after their broken limbs had been set by him, have subsequently been compelled to obtain other medical assistance in order to have the fractures re-set.

6. On Thursday last (the 13th instant) I was obliged to send for Dr. Browne and reprimand him in the presence of Dr. Pearce, the Colonial Surgeon, after which the former went and acted in direct opposition to my instructions. The following day he was insolent and offensive to the Head of his Department who had no alternative but to bring him before me.

7. Towards the end of last year, Dr. Browne, while acting as President of the Board of Health, disagreed with, and then insulted, the Members, and finally left the Meeting abruptly. Needless to say, there

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there has been great difficulty in procuring suitable people to serve on the Board for the current year.

8. Dr. Browne's sole object appears to be to exploit the community for his own benefit; he is lacking in any sense of official responsibility, and I regret to be unable to regard him as a loyal officer. His charges in many instances have been extortionate. In the case of the survivors from the ship "Criccieth Castle", the loss of which was reported in my despatch No. 105 of 3rd August, 1912, I reduced his bill for attending these poor people, which exceeded £130, to £90. Lately, he charged an unfortunate foreign shipmaster, who brought his vessel to Stanley in distress, a fee of £50 for operating on him for appendicitis. I only learnt this afterwards. These cases were all treated in the Victoria Cottage Home which is a Government institution, and the fees should have been on as moderate a scale as possible. I am satisfied that Dr. Browne has taken undue advantage of his position as the only doctor in Stanley.

9. You will realize, from the accompanying copy of a letter from the Colonial Surgeon, the unsatisfactory condition in which he found the Medical Department on his arrival.

10. In the above circumstances, I feel sure you will agree with me that Dr. Browne has shewn himself to be unfit for efficient service here, and that, in the best interests of both the Administration and the public,

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it is advisable to terminate his engagement with this Government. I propose, therefore, under paragraph 2 of the letter from the Colonial Office of 22nd April, 1911, and subject to your concurrence, to cancel his appointment. I would ask you to convey your decision to me by cable.

11. Although Dr. Browne does not deserve any special consideration, I will arrange for passages to be provided for himself and his family to England at the public expense, on condition that he leaves the Colony at once. His duties as Assistant Colonial Surgeon on the East Falkland can easily be performed meanwhile by Dr. Pearce; and Mrs. Pearce, who has the necessary medical qualifications, is willing to undertake her husband's duties in Stanley during the few occasions on which he will require to be absent.

12. With regard to the appointment of a new Assistant Colonial Surgeon on the East Falkland, it is desirable that the person selected should be an unmarried man. Should no other suitable candidate offer, I would suggest your communicating with Mr. Norman B. Graham, District Asylum, Belfast, (Mrs. Pearce's brother), to ascertain whether he would be willing to accept the appointment, particulars of which I enclose.

13. I quite recognize that in ordinary circumstances it would be preferable not to select a relative, but you are aware of the difficulty which has been experienced in the past in getting medical men to come to this

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reference 11.3.

Colony. In Mr. Graham's case we are at least in no danger of a nominee of unsatisfactory character.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

W. A.

Governor.

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Enclosure No.1 to Confidential despatch of 17 February, 1913.

Memorandum by the Governor.

Dr. Browne,

Now that the Rev. Robert Johnson has left by the "Orcoma" - whether he will or will not return hereafter I am unable to say - and while in no way wishing to belittle your position as Assistant Colonial Surgeon, I take this opportunity of telling you in the presence of the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Surgeon, and at the same time placing on record, that your conduct as an official has, from time to time since your arrival in the Colony about a year ago, caused the Government no little concern, and I regret to say has brought the Government into discredit.

For instance, your extremely indiscreet action at Sullivan House in thrusting out your hand in the direction of the servant girl as she was running upstairs was most reprehensible, and if known in an ordinary community would ruin you professionally; while your allowing Captain Anderson, when a patient at the Cottage Home, to freely curse and swear and use objectionable language, brought the Home and all connected with it into disrepute. Then there was the case of the girl Coleman, likewise a patient at the Cottage Home, who was operated on for appendicitis, and whose bed-clothes you suddenly threw back in the presence of a visitor without first obtaining the patient's permission. This resulted in her leaving the Home as soon as she was capable of doing so. Then there was the trouble among the Nursing Staff which was not reported until it assumed an acute stage, the immediate outcome of which was that the Nurse Probationer

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and the servant left. A further complication followed inasmuch as no servant could be procured and for several weeks the cooking and house work had to be performed by the Nurses.

As far as the suit instituted by the Rev. Robert Johnson against you in the Supreme Court is concerned, I am satisfied, although he was non-suited with costs, that you did not take the case of Mrs. Johnson sufficiently seriously; this apart altogether from your action in substituting an amended certificate as to the cause of death in lieu of the one originally issued.

I am therefore obliged to take official cognizance of your conduct and to place on record my disapproval of those acts of yours which have brought you into discredit and in doing so have seriously reflected against the Government of which you were at the time the Acting Colonial Surgeon.

I am to add that you should at all times be very careful not to discuss with persons not directly concerned matters or questions affecting your patients which come to your knowledge in your professional or official capacity.

I should be glad to receive your assurance that you will endeavour to take your very responsible duties as a medical officer more seriously, for unless this can be given I shall be under the necessity of reporting the several matters herein mentioned to the Secretary of State.

(sgd) W.L.Allardyce.

15th June, 1912.

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Enclosure No.2 to Confidential despatch of 17 February, 1913.

To the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Colonial Secretary

to the Colonial Surgeon.

14th February 1913.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, 14 February, 1913.

Confidential.

With reference to your letter of the 14th inst:

asking me confidentially to report, for the information of

the Secretary of State, on Dr. W.M. Browne, Assistant Colonial

Surgeon, with regard to the manner in which he performs his

duties, and the condition of the Medical Department, since I

assumed duty as Colonial Surgeon on the 6th instant.

I am directed by the Governor to request that you

will, at an early date, make a confidential report for the

information of the Secretary of State on Dr. W.M. Browne,

Assistant Colonial Surgeon, East Falkland, the manner in

which he performs his duties, and generally the condition of

the Medical Department when you assumed duty as Colonial

Surgeon on the 6th instant.

I am, &c.,

As regards the Victoria Cottage (sgd) fforde Searight, Acting Colonial Secretary.

this Institution shows lack of confidence in Dr. Browne.

(3) From what I can gather during the short time I

have been in this Colony, the General Public as a whole seem

to have little or no confidence in Dr. Browne.

The Honble. I must have already been brought to my notice to

The Colonial Surgeon, been dissatisfied with Dr. Browne's

treatment, which is apparently due to carelessness, and

want of sympathy.

(4) As regards my personal dealings with Dr. Browne,

The Colonial Surgeon

I regret to to the Acting Colonial Secretary.

displayed to me. His professional and official.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

15th February 1913.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th inst: asking me confidentially to report, for the information of the Secretary of State, on Dr.W.M.Browne, Asst:Colonial Surgeon, with regard to the manner in which he performs his duties, and the condition of the Medical Department, since I assumed my duties as Colonial Surgeon on the 6th inst:

(2) I found the Medical Department of this Colony in an unsatisfactory condition. There appeared to be practically no system of general working, nor any proper record kept of any accounts or stores.

There were no books to show the stock of drugs on hand or on order, and nothing to show how or when any expenditure had taken place.

As regards the Victoria Cottage Home, the administration of this Institution shows lack of proper supervision.

(3) From what I can gather during the short time I have been in this Colony, the general Public as a whole seem to have little or no confidence in Dr.Browne.

Several cases have already been brought to my notice in which patients have been dissatisfied with Dr.Browne's treatment; which is apparently due to carelessness, and want of sympathy.

(4) As regards my personal dealings with Dr.Browne,

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Enclosure No. 3 to Confidential despatch of 17 February, 1947. 3.

Particulars of the office of Assistant Colonial Surgeon
as the most qualified in the Colony of the Falkland Islands.
I regret to state that as a medical man he has been
disloyal to me, both professionally and officially.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) A.H.B. Pearce.

The Hon.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,

Colonial Secretary's Office.

The furthest point the person selected might have to
visit would be distant from 6 to 10 hours ride from Stanley,
but most of his patients live about 4 hours away.
Warm clothing is essential, especially as a protection from
wind; the actual temperature very rarely falls below 30°.

Applicants should apply to:-
Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

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Enclosure No.3 to Confidential despatch of 17 February, 1913.

Particulars of the Office of Assistant Colonial Surgeon
on the East Falkland in the Colony of the Falkland Islands.

1. Applicant must be unmarried.
2. Duties of Office: Medical attendance free on all subscribers to the East Falkland Medical Fund and their families and on all Government Officials, police, and employees and their families; to assist the Colonial Surgeon when required.
3. Salary of Office; £300 per annum.
4. No security required.
5. There are no Ordinances referring to the post. The part of the salary paid from the Medical Fund is secured by a written agreement for five years with the subscribers.
6. Free passage to the Colony and return to England on the satisfactory termination of the appointment will be provided (First Class).
7. Unfurnished quarters will be provided, or an allowance of £30 in lieu of same. Furniture is expensive and difficult to obtain in Stanley. A considerable amount of riding may have to be done. A good Colonial saddle, &c., can be procured locally.

The furthest point the person selected might have to visit would be distant from 8 to 10 hours ride from Stanley, but most of his patients live about 4 hours away. Warm clothing is essential, especially as a protection from wind; the actual temperature very rarely falls below 30°.

Applicants should apply to:-

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

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1913, note P. 1244. Vol. 33 (Continued).
L. H. B.
See Conf. despatch of 29 May 1913.
from S.S.

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Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
8th March, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of my Confidential despatch of 5th July, 1912, on the subject of a vacancy on the Executive Council, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Louis Williams has returned to Stanley. I have therefore appointed him, under the Royal Instructions of 25th February, 1892, as extended by the Additional Instructions of 2nd November, 1906, to act temporarily and provisionally as a Member of the Executive Council during Mr. Paoko's absence from the Colony, and submit my action for your confirmation and approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signature)

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Louis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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*Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the*
19th day of March, 1913. per S.S. "Oropesa".

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L.H.B.
See copy. dep. of 19th May, 13.
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.

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10th March, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith
a copy of an extract from a letter which I have
received from Mr. Frederick Alcock, the Managing
Director of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company,
on the subject of the loss of the R.M.S. "Oravia",
together with a copy of my reply thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

W.L.G.
Governor.

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Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 10 March, 1913.

The Managing Director, Pacific Steam Navigation
Company, to the Governor.

Liverpool, 8th February, 1913.

Extract.

"We have delayed writing to you in regard to the disastrous wreck of the "Oravia", until after we had had an opportunity of seeing Captain Poole. He has now been here, and we wish to thank you most sincerely for the admirable way in which you met this unfortunate accident, and for the great kindness shown by you to both the passengers and crew of the ill-fated steamer. Indeed the whole of the inhabitants of Port Stanley were extremely kind and attentive to all concerned, and this Company is very grateful to them.

My Board would like to show their appreciation, in some tangible way, of the personal kindness shown both by you and Mrs. Allardyce, and with your permission, they would propose to send to Mrs. Allardyce a memento of the occasion."

(sgd) Frederick Alcock.

His Excellency W.L. Allardyce, C.M.G.
Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Port Stanley.

The Governor to the Managing Director,
Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

10 March, 1913.

Dear Mr. Alcock,

I have to thank you for your letter of 8 February which arrived last week by the 'Oronsa', and desire to say how sensible I am of the appreciation you have expressed at the efforts of ourselves and the Colonists when the ill-fated 'Oravia' was wrecked, and at the attention shown to the passengers and crew.

Mrs. Allardyce has seen your letter, and we both wish to say that it is extremely kind of your Board to propose to send her a memento of the occasion. In the exceptional circumstances, I would be willing for her to accept it provided that the special permission of the Secretary of State was first obtained. I am forwarding to Mr. Harcourt an extract from your letter, as also a copy of my reply, and I would suggest that you also communicate with the Secretary of State.

I remain, &c.,

(sgd) W.L. Allardyce.

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Received by S.S. 13 Aug. 13.
No. 476. Vol. 33 (Outward).
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Government House, Stanley.
25th March, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my confidential despatch of 17th February, reporting on the unsatisfactory nature of the services performed by Dr. W.M. Browne while holding appointments in the Medical Department of this Colony, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of his report on the health and sanitary condition of the East Falkland for the year 1912.

2. A perusal of this report will, I venture to think, furnish sufficient explanation of my action in submitting it to you in this form, and of the fact that I am unable to adopt the usual procedure of publishing it in the Government Gazette.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. G.

Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

The Assistant Colonial Surgeon, East Falkland,
to the Colonial Surgeon.

The Quarters
Stanley.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you for His
Excellency's information the following report of the health
of the East Falkland in the Colony of the Falkland Islands
for the year ending 1912.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) W.Mitchell Browne Capt.

Asst.Col.Surgeon.

Hon.Colonial Surgeon.

During the year 1912 the weather was of a more than
usually severe type with the result that the prevailing
diseases were those of the respiratory system.

It would appear to me that the large majority of the
inhabitants are living up to the limit of their personal
economy with the result that when sickness of an ordinary
type overtakes them they have no reserve to fall back upon
and consequently what would have been elsewhere got over in
a short time affects them so severely that it takes three
times as long for their recovery. I attribute this to
several causes but principally to lack of due care and
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attention in early childhood.

Notwithstanding however the severity of the winter the general health of the Colony has been good.

Although the prevalence of infectious diseases on the Coast has been great still we can boast of having had only six cases of measles and one of Diphtheria and even these were of a mild type. In each instance the ordinary expedients of isolation and disinfection at my disposal were adopted to prevent spreading. I think in a place like this where so many steamers and other ships call, coming from all parts of the world, that there ought to be a more modern method of dealing with infected or suspected clothing such as a Threshs Disinfector, with bathing facilities.

There have been a great many surgical cases treated during the year but as these will be referred to under the heading of Victoria Cottage Home I shall not now enter into details.

I cannot help thinking that enormous benefit would result from a properly organized system of medical inspection of school-children. In my report for 1911 I drew attention to the large number of children at the schools suffering from throat affections and since then I have discovered other defects all of which could be greatly improved by such a system as I have mentioned.

A great many of these throat troubles are in the first instance caused by the pernicious habit of bottle feeding infants, and using "dummies". They give rise to adenoids, enlarged tonsils, prevent the chest from expanding properly, and the palate developing, resulting in an early decay of the teeth.

The King Edward Memorial Hospital is now more than half completed

completed and I would take this opportunity of again reminding the people of the advantages which ought to result therefrom. Although large locking yet I have had two instances to prove that it will not be over and above the requirements of the place. In the erection of a Hospital one has to remember that air space is one of the most important items to consider.

In the Victoria Cottage Home there have been thirty four cases admitted for treatment, eleven of these requiring operation all of which turned out satisfactorily.

Sanitation.

During 1912 there have been eleven meetings of the Board of Health.

Considerable activity has been shown by my Sanitary Inspector in enforcing the necessary Sanitary measures.

I have had under consideration for some time a method whereby the town of Stanley could be supplied with a constant flow of good water and I beg to submit attached to this the estimate and photo of a scheme whereby the sea water can be condensed and driven to a reservoir at the top of the hill and from there allowed to go to every house in Stanley. The plant would at the same time work an electric dynamo sufficient to supply light to the whole town. The cost it will be seen is extremely moderate and will repay itself in a very short time and the whole would appear to be well spent money.

I have, &c.,

(sgd) W.Mitchell Browne
Asst. Col. Surgeon.

Statistics of Cases in Cottage Home.

- 1 Cleft palate and Hare Lip.
- 1 Hydrothorax. Requiring three tappings.
- 2 Pneumonia.
- 2 Appendectomies.
- 1 Radical cure for Hydrocele.
- 2 Circumcisions.
- 1 Enucleation of eye.
- 1 Removal of partial necrosis of sacrum.
- 1 Fractured Ribs.
- 2 Varicose Veins. In both cases large portions of vein were removed.
- 1 Dislocation of Shoulder.
- 1 Epididitis.
- 2 Bursitis.
- 1 Specific.
- 1 Nephritis.
- 4 For observation.
- 11 Frost bites. Survivors of crew of Barque Criocieth Castle.

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Two out of these eleven contracted the most malignant type of Tetanus I have ever seen. From the time when the first symptom appeared until their death there only elapsed 21 hours.

A large number of minor surgical cases were treated that did not from the nature of the case require detention in the Home. This would appear to be the best year financially and otherwise that the Home has had since its commencement.

Irrespective of the excessive amount of work at the

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Home the Nurses stuck to their posts valiantly and deserve very great credit for what they have done, often working night and day for several days at a time.

During the year the District Nurse attended 57 cases, 17 of which being Maternity Cases, and paid 935 visits besides helping the Matron in the Home when occasions arose.

There have been 228 attendances at the surgery and 473 medicines etc given out.

59 ships have entered the harbour, all of which, with two exceptions when I was unavoidably absent in the Camp, were boarded by myself.

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Vital Statistics.

* The estimated population of the Colony for 1912 was 1608. There were 50 births or 31.09 per 1000 as against 28.6 per 1000 for 1911. The annual rate of mortality being 22 or 13.68 per 1000. In 1911 the mortality was 13.05.

* Note. These figures are incorrect.
(Signed) W. L. Atteridge

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Received by S.S. 13 Aug. 13,
vide p. 478. Vol. 33 (Outboard).
L.H.B.
See conf. despatch of 31 Aug. 13.
9.21 June 13 from S.E.

Government House, Stanley.

8th April, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of 28th March in reply to my confidential despatch of 17th February, on the subject of Dr. W.M. Browne's official and professional irregularities. On Saturday afternoon, the 5th instant, I sent for Dr. Browne, and, in the presence of the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Pearce, and my Private Secretary, read to him my Memorandum of the same date, of which I attach a copy, informing him that I was satisfied he was not qualified for efficient service in this Colony, and that I therefore cancelled his appointment under paragraph 3 of the letter to him from the Colonial Office of 22nd April, 1911. I explained to Dr. Browne that although, in these circumstances, he was not entitled to a return passage, the Government would provide him with three and a quarter second class passages to England on condition that he left by the next homeward mail on the 16th instant. I enclose a copy of the letter which I caused to be addressed to Dr. Browne, and of subsequent correspondence with him.

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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2. Dr. Browne reached this Colony on 28th June, 1911, and I regret to say his career since then has been composed in great measure of "regrettable incidents".

3. On 4th August, 1911, he was sent for by Mrs. Robson, who resides in Stanley, and is one of the guarantors of the East Falkland Medical Fund. This lady owns a large sheep farm at Port Louis North. As the attached letters show, Dr. Browne's excuse for not going, when summoned, to see her, was, that he was dining at Mr. Packe's house. I am sure Mr. Packe, who is the principal citizen in Stanley, would be the last person to wish to prevent a doctor from visiting a patient. I sent for Dr. Browne on the 6th, and warned him against committing any such indiscretion in future. He expressed his regret, and assured me that he would be careful to give no further cause for complaint.

4. This was followed in March, 1912, by an occurrence at "Sullivan House", the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Packe, which caused at the time much indignation. In fact, Mr. Packe was so annoyed and upset that he came to see me about it privately, and informed me that Mrs. Packe had herself seen Dr. Browne stretch out his hands through the bannisters in the direction of the legs of the nurse-girl Dixon as she ran up the stairs. He added that his wife had expressed herself very strongly to Dr. Browne on his conduct. I then conferred with Mr. Packe as to the desirability of removing Dr. Browne from Stanley to the "camp" when the new

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Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Paterson, should arrive in the end of May. Dr. Paterson, however, had to be invalided home on 9th July following, and the matter lapsed.

5. Mr. Packer was averse to the Government being brought into discredit through the indiscreet action of one of its Officers, and official cognizance of the incident would probably not have been taken, although it was the common talk of the town, had not the Revd. Robert Johnson brought it to the notice of the Government early in April. I then appointed the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Best) and the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Thompson) a Committee of Enquiry. The Committee came to the conclusion that Dr. Browne thrust out his hand in the direction of Miss Dixon as she was running up stairs, that this action was indiscreet, but that there was nothing to show that it was anything more.

6. Early in May a suit was instituted in the Supreme Court against Dr. Browne, by the Revd. Robert Johnson, for injuries inflicted through professional incompetency and carelessness, resulting in the death of his wife, Elizabeth Johnson. The plaintiff claimed £1,000 damages. This case came on for hearing on 27th May, with a special jury. On the second day the plaintiff was non-suited, because, at the common law, the death of a person cannot be made the subject of an action for damages. I was perfectly satisfied, however, that Dr. Browne seriously neglected the late Mrs. Johnson. Dr. Foley, the Falkland Islands Company's former medical officer, who was at the time stationed

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at Darwin, 80 miles distant, and was summoned to attend the patient after Dr. Browne had been discharged, examined the body after death. When in Stanley lately, en route to Punta Arenas, he expressed the opinion, privately, that Mrs. Johnson died of septic poisoning; and I have no reason to disbelieve his statement.

7. Then occurred the incidents referred to in paragraph 2 of my Memorandum of 16th June, 1912, which formed Enclosure No. 1 to my confidential despatch of 17th February last. To these may be added the following.

Mr. Sully is an Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, and had rented a stone cottage from the Government. I had notified him that I should require the house as quarters for the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Ransley, and had arranged with the latter to inspect the back premises before making some alterations. Mrs. Allardyce was coming up some little distance behind me and was anxious to see the house. As she entered the gate, Dr. Browne called out to her from the public road, where he was standing talking to a man, "Are you going in to see Mrs. Sully, and to see how fat she is?" Mrs. Sully was then one of his patients.

8. On 22nd July, 1912, the boat belonging to the ship "Criccieth Castle" arrived, and the Victoria Cottage Home was at once filled with the survivors of that disaster who were terribly frost-bitten. I visited the patients daily, and on one occasion at Government

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House remarked to the Colonial Secretary that there appeared to be an entire absence of disinfectants in the wards. Mr. Post had noticed the same thing, and I requested him to call Dr. Browne's attention to it. This was prior to the death of two men from malignant tetanus. I do not presume to say that the outbreak of tetanus would not have taken place if more disinfectants had been used, but it may have been superinduced by the lack of strong precautionary measures. In any case, the fact remains that laymen felt the necessity of pointing out to the Acting Colonial Surgeon what seemed to them a serious omission, which was afterwards rectified. In my earlier despatch, I reported that I had reduced Dr. Browne's bill for attending the survivors from 2350 to 890.

9. With regard to the case of Mrs. Bradbury referred to in my Memorandum of the 5th instant, I attach a copy of a letter written by her husband on 15th January. He was informed in reply that under the terms of his agreement he was entitled to free medical attendance, subject to the usual conditions. When Dr. Browne was notified of this, he demurred to attending the wives of Government employees free of charge. He was then informed that it had always been the practice for Government Medical Officers to render such services gratis. Bradbury has likewise stated that when his wife was in the Victoria Cottage Home from 17th September to 1st October, 1912, she was so seriously ill that all hope of her recovery was given up. As there

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there was a difficulty in procuring a night nurse for her, he himself slept in the ward for about a week and attended her. During this period Dr. Browne frequently came, in the evening, to the Home and was with the Nurses, but on no occasion did he come and visit Mrs. Bradbury. I have asked the Nurse Matron whether Bradbury's statement is correct, and she is unable to gainsay it.

10. No other medical practitioner being available, Dr. Browne was again appointed to act as Colonial Surgeon when Dr. Paterson was invalided home on 9th July last. Owing to his erratic disposition, I thought it desirable to warn Dr. Browne that he was not to leave Stanley to attend cases in the "camp" without first obtaining my permission. I shortly afterwards ascertained that he apparently failed to grasp the purport of my direction, and I was obliged to send a special messenger to instruct him not to leave Stanley for the North Camp until my permission had been given.

11. Towards the end of January last, Mrs. Browne telephoned to me to say that her husband had left for Darwin to attend Dr. Wace, the Falkland Islands Company's medical officer, who had met with an accident. I may explain that Dr. Browne's quarters are not a stone's throw from Government House, and no delay would have been caused had he come across, as he ought to have done, reported the facts, and requested permission to go. Darwin is about twelve hours' ride from Stanley,
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and is outside of the Assistant Colonial Surgeon's medical district. As it happened, H.M.S. "Glasgow" was in port at the time, and Captain Ince kindly placed Fleet Surgeon Gilmour at the disposal of Government for port and other medical duties.

12. At a Meeting of the Board of Health held on 14th October, 1912, Dr. Browne, who, as Acting Colonial Surgeon, was President, wrangled with the Members of the Board, disagreed with the views of the Colonial Engineer on the question of damp proof courses for buildings, led Mr. Baselay to understand that he (Mr. Baselay) knew nothing about the subject, lost his temper, and finally left the Meeting abruptly before the business was concluded. Early in the following month Dr. Browne tendered his resignation as a Member of the Board, but as the Colonial Surgeon is ex officio the President, I was unable to accept it until Dr. Pearce's arrival on 6th February last.

13. At the end of 1912, Nurse Whieldon had been for some weeks indisposed, but the medical certificate which is invariably furnished to the Governor by the Colonial Surgeon on such occasions had not been received. On ascertaining, incidentally, that the Nurse was "off duty", I called upon Dr. Browne for a report -copy enclosed- on her case. The report is unintelligible in part, and that it was intended to mislead is apparent. The author of it did not hesitate afterwards to boast of the certificate given as a huge practical joke.

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14. With regard to the cases of Mrs. Upton, Mr. Buse, and Captain Saaman, particulars of which are contained in my Memorandum in Enclosure No. 1, I attach a copy of a report by the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Pearce, as to the treatment they received from Dr. Browne. In Mrs. Upton's case, it appears to me that Dr. Browne's action in operating on the patient in the manner he did, was both unprofessional and reprehensible. I am unable to explain why he did not consult the patient or her husband and call in additional medical advice before operating, or why he undertook the operation without first administering an anaesthetic when the services of an anaesthetist were available. Possibly his incompetency and professional jealousy dictated to him the simpler course of taking the whole responsibility on to his own shoulders, supported as he was by the District Nurse, Miss Whieldon. In Mr. Buse's case his employers went so far as to summon Dr. Wace from Darwin to attend him.

15. There is likewise the case of Mr. T. Maclaren. The accompanying details were given to me by the patient himself on Monday, the 7th instant. That he suffered much needless pain at the hands of Dr. Browne is evident, apart from the fact that he was compelled to leave the Colony to seek medical advice in Argentina. Maclaren is now being attended by Dr. Pearce, and is very much better. This, you will note, is the second instance in which a patient of Dr. Browne's was put to the expense

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and inconvenience of leaving the Colony in order to obtain at the British Hospital in Buenos Aires medical treatment which ought, undoubtedly, to have been available locally.

16. I have already briefly alluded, in Enclosure No.1, to the cases of Miss Davis, Mr.Short, Dr.Wace, and Miss Campbell, and I have not the slightest doubt there are many others which have not been brought to my notice.

17. Dr.Browne's intimate relations with Nurse Whieldon have, unfortunately, been the subject of much adverse local comment. As pointed out in my Memorandum of the 5th instant, he has made a practice of going about with her to visit his patients, and their frivolous behaviour together when seen on the streets has disgusted me and many others. The unavoury incident of the shoe lace was the talk of Stanley at the time, and was told me by two witnesses on different occasions, i.e., by Mrs.Biggs, Mr.T.Maclaren's landlady, and by Maclaren himself. On the evening of the 4th instant (Friday), Dr.Pearce, when suddenly turning a street corner, came upon Dr.Browne and Nurse Whieldon arm in arm. When I informed Dr.Browne that I cancelled his appointment he at once went and gave the news to the members of the Badminton Club. Shortly afterwards Mrs.Hobley, the wife of the Curate, telephoned to Nurse Whieldon and asked her if she had heard that Dr.Browne's services had been dispensed with. On receiving this

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intelligence, Nurse Whieldon proceeded at once to Dr. Browne's house, and afterwards returned in his company to the Home. There Dr. Browne explained to the Nurse Matron and the District Nurse that they would have to "stick together", upon which Nurse Whieldon ejaculated, "But what is to become of me?" then, recovering herself, added, "I mean us?"

18. Dr. Browne, since his arrival in this Colony, has been exceptionally fortunate in encountering no competition in his profession. He may be said to have had the field to himself. Any medical man of ordinary tact and ability would, in these circumstances, have experienced no difficulty in securing the greater portion of the private practice of Stanley. So far from this being the case, however, Dr. Browne has, by his neglect of his patients, his incompetency, and his indiscretions, lost whatever confidence he may have inspired. There are quite a number of people here who, to avoid employing him, have waited for many months until the arrival of the new Colonial Surgeon. I may cite the case of an old lady, a Mrs. Pitaluga, who had broken her wrist, and, rather than send for Dr. Browne, preferred to go without medical assistance.

19. To sum up briefly, Dr. Browne has managed, during the short period of one year and nine months spent in the Falklands, to lose the confidence of not only the people of Stanley, with few exceptions, but his own medical district as well. He has likewise brought himself into such disfavour, and done so much to discredit the Government of which he is an officer, as

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also the Medical and Nursing Departments, that I fear it will take years to undo his handiwork. I have no hesitation in saying that his sphere of usefulness in this Colony, if it ever existed, has terminated. He is bad, and hopelessly irresponsible.

20. I am satisfied you will feel, after a careful perusal of this despatch and its enclosures, that Dr. Browne has absolutely disqualified himself for efficient service here, and that, in the best interests alike of the Administration and the public, the only course for me to adopt was to cancel his appointment. Had I not done so, Dr. Pearce informs me he would have tendered his resignation, as he refuses to be associated with a medical man of Dr. Browne's type.

21. I now submit my action for your confirmation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No I to Confidential Despatch of 8 April, 1913.

Memorandum.

Dr Browne,

After I saw you on the 14th February in my office I reported to the Secretary of State what an extremely unsatisfactory officer you were. I explained how you had neglected your patients, and gave other instances of your incompetency. Since then on other occasions patients have expressed themselves dissatisfied with your treatment. I will now allude to cases which have from time to time been particularly brought to my notice.

Case of Mr Arthur Kirwan.

Mr Kirwan consulted you about his eyes in the end of 1911, and you informed me in reply to my enquiries that there was practically nothing the matter with them. Mr Kirwan was dissatisfied with your advice and proceeded to Buenos Aires in November where his case was regarded as an extremely serious one. He then went to London and Wiesbaden successively, consulted many eye specialists, had to undergo several serious operations, and finally, after an absence of fourteen months, returned to the Colony in January, 1913, with his eyesight much improved.

Case of Mrs McAtasney.

The husband of this woman whom you attended has stated to me that you informed him that there was nothing the matter with her, while a day or two afterwards on his remonstrating with you owing to her being in great pain you informed him that you could do nothing for her. The result was that he felt obliged to at once take her to Buenos Aires in the R.M.S. 'Orcoma' which he did on the 22nd January last and placed her in the British Hospital. Dr O'Connor on seeing the

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the patient informed McAtasney that if he had waited a little longer he would have had no wife to bring to him. She was straightway operated on and a growth the size of a hen's egg removed from her left side. The woman returned to Stanley after an absence of six weeks and is now well. The cost of passages and maintenance in Buenos Aires, not including Hospital charges, amounted to £45.

Case of Mrs Bradbury.

This woman, since deceased, suffered from Bright's disease. She was entitled to free medical attendance as the wife of a Government employee. Her husband has informed me that while in your charge you omitted to visit her for a period of three weeks, on another occasion you did not go near her for a fortnight. That about Xmas time you left her without medicine for three days, and when he remonstrated with you, you replied, that you were having your holidays.

On another occasion Bradbury states that you allowed the Dentist to make up his wife's medicine, that he was present at the dispensary and saw him make it up, and that after she took it she was violently sick. This was on Saturday the 2nd November. He has likewise stated that on returning to his sick wife one day he found her in tears and on enquiring the cause was told that you had pressed her for medical fees for attending her. There is some official correspondence on this subject.

Case of Mrs Upton.

Four days after the birth of this woman's baby you operated on the Mother without first obtaining the consent of the patient, the husband, or the parents. When the Colonial Surgeon was called in he found the woman suffering from pelvic cellulitis due to carelessness in operative
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interference.

Case of Mr Buse.

This man met with an accident seven months ago resulting in a serious injury to his leg. He informed me that you urged him to walk about on the 16th day after the occurrence. He found himself unable to, called in another medical man who found he had two fractures of the leg instead of one as diagnosed by you. He was incapacitated from work for five months. Much suffering could have been avoided had you diagnosed the case properly at the outset.

Case of Captain Saanum.

Captain Saanum met with an accident when riding. You treated him for a broken arm. Captain Saanum not being satisfied with your diagnosis obtained further medical advice when it was discovered that the patient had fractured his arm in two places. Through your carelessness he was caused much additional pain and expense.

Other cases could be mentioned were it necessary to do so:-

(a) there is the case of the Davis girl who suffered from a bad arm. Being interested in the girl I enquired what was the matter and you informed me that it was 'a storm in a teapot' and that she would soon be well. She had a bad arm however for many weeks afterwards, and I have subsequently learnt that she was suffering from penthigus which is an intractable complaint.

(b) there is the case of old Mr Short who met with an accident and fell into a lighter and whom you informed me had sustained a fracture of the skull and was about to die. He is still alive and well.

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(c) there is the case of Dr Wace at Darwin who met with a horse accident and whom you informed me, after seeing him, had not many hours to live. This gentleman is now able to move about again and mount a horse.

(d) there is the case of the Campbell girl whom you said would be back at school again in a day or two, instead of which she was carried within the week to the Cemetery.

Medical Report on Nurse Whieldon.

The Medical Report which you furnished at my request to the Colonial Secretary early in January last with regard to Nurse Whieldon was, I regret to say, calculated to mislead me.

Annual Report on the East Falkland.

Your Annual Report on the East Falkland for 1912 was so unsatisfactory that I have been unable to publish it. In parts it was both ungrammatical and unintelligible, was unworthy of a senior official, and conveyed little or no practical information. A copy of it is being forwarded under confidential cover to the Secretary of State for his information.

Relations with Nurse Whieldon.

Your intimate relations with Nurse Whieldon have unfortunately continued, your going about together as you do to see patients is contrary to all medical etiquette, while your frivolous behaviour in one another's company has disgusted me and many others. The position now is that many respectable people will have nothing to do with either of

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you. I am informed by a credible witness that on one occasion when at the house of a patient Nurse Whieldon requested you to tie her shoe lace, to which you replied, 'if you put it up here' -pointing in the direction of your chest- 'I will'. She refused and you bent down and tied it.

Last night (4th instant) you were seen walking arm in arm with Nurse Whieldon on one of the main roads of Stanley.

I had hoped that after my Memorandum of the 15th June which I read to you in the presence of the then Colonial Secretary, Mr East, and the then Colonial Surgeon, Dr Paterson, and the assurance given by you at that time, there would have been a marked improvement in your conduct; the reverse appears to be the case.

In view of your irregular conduct since you have been a Government Medical Officer in this Colony I am satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in the Falklands and I therefore cancel your appointment under paragraph 2 of the letter to you from the Colonial Office of 22nd April, 1911. Although, in these circumstances, you are not entitled to a return passage the Government will provide you with 3½ second class passages to England on condition that you leave by the next home-ward mail on the 16th instant.

(sgd) W.L.Allardyce

5 April, 1913.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 2 to Confidential despatch of 8 April, 1913.

Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M.Browne.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, 5 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency is satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in this Colony and therefore cancels your appointment under paragraph 2 of the letter to you from the Colonial Office of 22 April, 1911.

2. Although, in these circumstances, you are not entitled to a return passage, the Government will provide you with three and a quarter second class passages to England on condition that you leave by the next homeward mail on the 16th instant.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I.Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

W.M.Browne Esqr., L.R.C.P.

Assistant Colonial Surgeon,

Stanley.

Dr W.M.Browne to the Colonial Secretary.

(Undated)

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

I beg to refer to the interview with His Excellency the Governor yesterday at Government House when His Excellency informed me that he had been in communication

communication with the Secretary of State with regard to my position here, and that he had to draw my attention to certain professional cases which he considered I had not dealt with properly.

His Excellency then cited eight cases as to the details of which I do not propose to enter here, and informed me that he intended to cancel my appointment and ordered me to leave the Colony by the next mail, offering me second class passages to England.

His Excellency informed me that this action was taken in accordance with the second paragraph of the letter from the Secretary of State of 22nd April, 1911, which reads as follows:- "If it is established to the satisfaction of the Governor that you are not qualified for efficient service there, the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State, will have full power to cancel your appointment at any time within the said five years without giving you any further compensation than a passage back to England. X X X

It is therefore proposed to cancel my appointment on the ground that I am not medically qualified, but I submit that the above paragraph cannot be held to refer to professional qualifications, for had I not possessed these by virtue of the diploma I hold from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh I could never have been appointed at all. If there is any reason for questioning these qualifications, my Judges must be the British Medical Council. I submit that the disqualifications which would warrant the Governor in dismissing me can be only physical or mental, and certainly not medical.

I therefore request that I may be furnished with a written statement as to the cases which I am charged with treating improperly in order that I may have an opportunity of replying to the same, and if necessary calling witnesses.

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seeing that the cancellation of my appointment is subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State, I am entitled to the opportunity of replying to any charges before the matter is submitted to the Colonial Office.

I likewise beg to submit that my being told on a Saturday that I was to leave the Colony on the following Tuesday week is unreasonable bearing in mind that I have all my goods to dispose of, my outstanding accounts to collect, and bills to pay, and the fact that one member of my household is at present so ill as to make it unwise to undertake such a long voyage so soon.

I am &c.,

(sgd) W. Mitchell Browne

Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M. Browne.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, 7 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, undated, received this morning, and in reply to repeat what I have already conveyed to you in my letter of the 5th instant i.e., that His Excellency is satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in this Colony and has therefore cancelled your appointment.

2. I am to state that His Excellency does not feel called upon to supply you with any further information than that already given to you.

3. With reference to the disposal of your furniture &c., I am to suggest that it might be auctioned after your departure.

4. The Governor regrets to learn of the indisposition of a member of your household and hopes that the sea voyage may contribute to her recovery.

(sgd) I. Watt for the Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 3 to Confidential despatch of 8 April, 1913.

Mrs Robson to the Colonial Secretary.

Rosemount House,
Stanley, 5 August, 1911.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that last night my son went to Dr Browne, to whose Fund I am a subscriber, in order to get some medicine for me which was urgently needed. Dr Browne was not at home but my son was told he was at Mr Packe's, on his going there, describing my trouble, and applying for medicine for me Dr Browne told him that Mr Packe would not like him to leave and advised my son to go to Dr Earl. Now Sir, when I agreed to subscribe to the Doctor's Fund I did so understanding that medical attention would be given when required, and I did not send to Dr Browne to be referred by him ~~to~~ to Dr Earl.

Apparently there is something wrong somewhere, and I have to request that you will kindly bring this matter to the notice of His Excellency the Governor so that some proper understanding can be had concerning Dr Browne's duties to subscribers.

(sgd) R. Robson.

Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M. Browne, Asst. Col. Surgn.

Stanley,
5 August, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you enclosed letter from Mrs Robson and to request that you will send me, for the information of the Governor, any remarks you may have

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have to make.

(sgd) fforde Searight

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Dr W.M.Browne to the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Quarters,
Stanley, 5 August, 1911.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter with enclosure from Mrs Robson. I regret that Mrs Robson was not seen to last night but I explained to her son that I was engaged at Mr Packe's and was not at that particular time able to leave. I told him however if he would explain the circumstances to Dr Earl that he would go instead and if not to come and tell me. I thought that this was the best I could do under the circumstances.

Had he told me it was medicine he wanted I should at once have gone to my quarters and supplied him but he said he wanted me to visit her. I have a note of the case and am going to see her to day. I should mention that Mr Robson was to come to me this morning and tell me if he required me to see her to day but he did not come to me.

(sgd) W.Mitchell Browne

Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

fforde Searight Esqr.,
Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 4 to Confidential despatch of 8 April, 1913.

January 15th 1913.

To the Colonial Engineer,

Mr R.B. Baseley.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enquire whether or not I am entitled to a free Doctor for my wife and family like all the rest of Government Employees. My agreement reads exactly like my first agreement of 1902, and I have always been entitled to a free Doctor before. As a matter of fact I always look upon it as part of my salary. I would like to get this made clear as Dr Browne keeps annoying me by demanding payment.

I have &c.,

(sgd) P. Bradbury.

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Enclosure No 5 to Confidential despatch of 8 April, 1913.

The Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Hon. Acting Colonial Secretary,

Nurse Whieldon has been ill and unfit for work. Her illness being due to the results of overwork causing Paresis and Hyperesthesia of both lower extremities, and thereby necessitating her confinement to bed.

I presume this was due to a wandering of the Neuroglia cells of the Postero lateral and Postero Median columns of the Spinal Cord.

With careful and judicious treatment she gradually recovered and was able to start light work on January 1st.

(sgd) W.M. Browne

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The second case is that of Mr. Bass who was sent for age out with an accident which resulted in a serious injury to his leg. Mr. Browne appears to have underestimated the extent of the damage, as he allowed Mr. Bass to walk about for sixteen days, without any splints or dressings.

Mr. Bass

The Honble.
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Falkland Islands,

Enclosure No 6 to Confidential despatch of 8 April, 1913.

Confidential.

The Colonial Surgeon's Quarters,
Stanley,

4 April, 1913.

Sir,

I have been requested to report confidentially for His Excellency the Governor's information on three cases treated by Dr W.M. Browne showing carelessness and incompetence.

2. The first case is that of Mrs Upton now under my care, who was at first attended during her confinement by Dr Browne as one of his Camp patients. Four days after the birth of this patient's child, Dr Browne without the consent of the patient, husband, or parents, operated on this case, with the result that the patient became seriously ill, and her husband insisted on my being called in consultation and finally taking over the case. I found the woman suffering from pelvic cellul^{li}itis due to carelessness in operative interference. This unfortunate woman is still seriously ill and I have grave doubts of her ultimate recovery.

3. The second case is that of Mr Buse who seven months ago met with an accident which resulted in a serious injury to his leg. Dr Browne appears to have underestimated the extent of the damage, as he allowed Mr Buse to walk about in sixteen days, without any splints or dressings.

Mr Buse

The Honble.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Mr Buse finding he was unable to do so insisted on a consultation with another Doctor, who found he had two fractures instead of one, as Dr Browne had diagnosed. Mr Buse, as a result of this maltreatment was incapacitated from work for five months. I am of the opinion that all this unnecessary suffering could have been avoided if Dr Browne had taken sufficient care to diagnose the case properly at the outset.

4. The third case is that of Captain Saanum who consulted Dr Browne with an injury to his arm. The treatment prescribed not satisfying the Captain, he consulted another medical man (at New Island), who discovered that this patient had fractured his arm in two places, and not in one place only as Dr Browne had diagnosed.

Had Dr Browne taken sufficient care this man would not have been put to unnecessary pain and expense.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) A.H.B. Pearce

Colonial Surgeon.

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Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 7 to Confidential Despatch of 8 April, 1913.

Case of Mr T. Maclaren.

Maclaren came to Stanley from the Camp on Sunday the 18th August, 1912. Was operated on shortly afterwards by Dr Browne for an abscess in the vicinity of his rectum. Cocaine was injected to deaden pain. Twelve days afterwards underwent a second operation for fistula, cocaine being first injected. Patient suffered severely and called out, 'Oh my God what have you done to me Doctor.' Joined the Nurse Fund in order to obtain the Nurse's services. Some ten days after the second operation Dr Browne told the patient he ought to get out and walk down to the slaughter house (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distant). Maclaren stated his inability to do so. At the end of two weeks both Dr Browne and the Nurse urged him to go as a patient to the Cottage Home. Maclaren objected as he was receiving great kindness and attention from his landlady.

Patient met the Nurse one Sunday morning as he was proceeding with difficulty on the arm of his brother to the Cottage Home, distant about a mile, in order to get his wound dressed. She informed him that it did not require to be dressed till Monday. Patient returned to his boarding house and as wound was oozing freely some of the boarders kindly dressed it for him.

In October patient was pronounced by Dr Browne to be fit for work, and his employer (Mr Felton) was so informed. Maclaren however felt unequal to returning to the Camp to work and therefore lost his position. He proceeded instead to Buenos Aires to obtain further advice. Entered the British Hospital there on 6 November, and was discharged

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discharged 3 December with Certificate of which this is
a copy:-

British Hospital, Decr 4/12.

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This is to certify that Thos. Maclaren entered this Hos-
pital November 6th being unfit for work and left Dec-
ember 3rd 1912.

(sgd) F.V.Seward.

The expenses incurred in going to and returning from
Buenos Aires amounted to £25. Patient stated that while
attended by Dr Browne he was in agony on one occasion
owing to his bowels not having moved for six days. Sent
for Dr Browne who came with District Nurse. Gave patient
an injection and then they went together into the ad-
joining room. Patient was too weak to go to stool alone,
so Pedersen, a fellow boarder and friend, helped him and
held him. One morning when Dr Browne came to see the
patient he picked up a concertina before he even asked
how he was and started playing it, remarking when he
stopped, 'Tell me Tom when you have had enough.' Patient
replied, 'I've had plenty.'

On another occasion in patient's presence the Nurse
asked Dr Browne to tie her shoe lace. Dr Browne replied,
'Put your foot up there -pointing to his chest- and I
will.' She refused and he then bent down and tied it.

(Maclaren was a contributor to the East Falkland
Medical Fund of which Dr Browne was the Medical Officer,
and was therefore entitled to free medical attendance.)

Patient complained bitterly of Dr Browne's irreg-
ular attendance, his neglect of him, and his lack of
sympathy. He stated that Dr Browne had never once felt
his pulse nor taken his temperature, and on one occasion
only sent him medicine to take. When remonstrated with
for not coming to see him on a Sunday Dr Browne replied,
'Oh, I dont work on Sunday.'

Received by S.S. 13 20.04.13.
note p. 476. Vol. 33 (Outward).
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Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

See conf. desps. of 27 May, 13,
from S.S.

Government House, Stanley.

10th April, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my confidential despatch of 9th July, 1911, transmitting an application from Captain C.A.Larsen for a lease of land at South Georgia for whaling purposes, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a communication, forwarded by the Stipendiary Magistrate, in which Captain Larsen applies for a special whaling license for the territorial waters of the South Orknays, South Shetlands and Graham's Land, together with a copy of the letter in reply which I have caused to be addressed to Mr. Wilson.

2. As you will observe, I have pointed out to Captain Larsen that the authorized number of whaling licenses has already been issued, and I can therefore hold out no hope that his application will receive your approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

W.L.G.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 10 April, 1913.

Captain C.A.Larsen to Governor.

South Georgia,

February, 18th. 1913.

Sir,

Understanding that I am not to be granted a whaling license on South Georgia, as my previous applications to that effect has not been complied with, I beg to ask Your Excellency that I may be conceded a special whaling license for the South Shetlands, South Orcades and Graham Land, according to what is suggested in Your Excellency's esteemed reply to my last application.

As the number of leaseholders on South Georgia actually seems to have reached the limit, I appreciate with resignation the previous decision of Your Excellency, and trust you will, in consideration of the pioneering work done by me on this island of your dependency especially, see it fit to grant the license applied for.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) C.A.Larsen.

To His Excellency

The Governor of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley.

The Colonial Secretary to the
Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

No.144/13.

10th April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter No.39/1913 of 21st February, forwarding an application from Captain C.A.Larsen for a whaling license for the territorial waters of the South Orkneys, South Shetlands, and Graham's Land, and in reply to inform you that a copy of the letter has been transmitted, under confidential cover, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his consideration.

2. As already stated in my letter to you of 4th July, 1911, His Excellency is fully appreciative of the pioneer work performed by Captain Larsen in connection with the whaling industry at South Georgia, but regrets that, as the authorized number of whaling licenses has now been issued, he can hold out no hope that the above application will receive the Secretary of State's approval.

3. I am to request that you will communicate with Captain Larsen in the sense of the foregoing paragraphs.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) I.Watt,

for Colonial Secretary.

J.Innes Wilson, Esqre.,
Stipendiary Magistrate,
South Georgia.

Received by S.S. 13 Aug. 13.
vide p. 476, Vol. 33 (Outland).
L.N.B. 277/11.

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

12th April, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 5th March, on the subject of the services rendered to this Government by Major Searight.

2. You will have learnt from my despatch No. 39 of 7th March that he was suddenly called away to Chile on urgent private affairs. I now attach a copy of a letter which I have addressed to him in accordance with your instructions.

Enclosure No. 1.
(for original and reply see "Miscellaneous" letter Book, Vol. 3, p. 216.)
L.N.B.

3. I beg to endorse the proposal made in paragraph 4 of your despatch, with regard to the suggested presentation, as I am quite sure that Major Searight would be averse to accepting any salary for his services to this Colony.

4. The inscription might, I think, follow the wording of the enclosed draft, and be surmounted by the Badge of the Colony, which I have impressed at the foot.

Enclosure No. 2.

5. As Major Searight intends, on the completion

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

completion of his business in Chile, to go to
Australia, it might be more convenient were the
silver cigar and cigarette case sent to his London
address, i.e., 129, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, W.,
with a covering letter from the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

Wm. G.

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No.1 to confidential despatch of 12 April, 1913.

The Governor to Major Searight.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

12th April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to convey to you an expression of his thanks for the services you have rendered to this Government while acting as Colonial Secretary of the Colony from 1st June to 20th September, 1911, and from 7th October, 1912, to 5th March, 1913.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) W.L.Allardyce,
Governor.

Major H.fforde Searight,
c/o Pacific Steam Navigation Company,
Valparaiso,
Chile.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No.2 to confidential despatch of 12 April, 1913.

Draft Inscription on Presentation to
Major H.fferde Searight.

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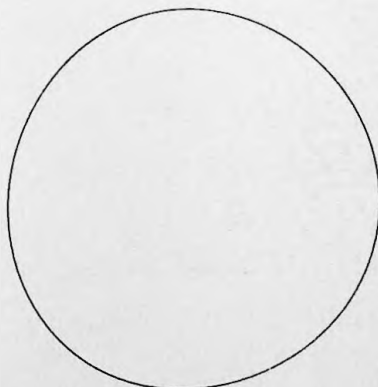
Major H.fferde Searight

by the

Government of the Falkland Islands,

for gratuitous services as Colonial Secretary from
1st June to 20th September, 1911, and from 7th
October, 1912, to 5th March, 1913.

Badge of the Colony.



Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

13th April, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 7th March, with regard to the protection of the fur seal rookeries of this Colony.

I have laid your despatch before my advisers, and attach an extract from the Minutes of the Governor in Council. I will address you further on this subject by next mail.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

W. A.
Governor.

Received by S.S. 13 Aug. 13.
vide P. 1474, Vol. 33 (Outward).
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Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 13 April, 1913.

Extract from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Council at a Meeting held on 7th April, 1913.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company's application for a monopoly of the fur seal rookeries of the Colony (Secretary of State's confidential despatch of 7th March, 1913). Council considered that, subject to such restrictions as the Government may hereafter decide to impose, a monopoly of the fur seal industry of the Colony could advantageously be granted to Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company, who, in the opinion of the Council, are, owing to the status of the firm and their local interests, in a position to adequately safeguard and protect the rookeries.

Governor concurred, and stated that the Council's opinion would be conveyed to the Secretary of State.

*Received by S.S. 13 May, 13,
vide p. 476, Vol. 33 (Outward).
L.H.B.*

*See conf. despatch of 31 May, 13.
of 21 June 13. from S.S.*

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

14th April, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith,
in duplicate, a letter, with enclosures, dated
the 12th instant, which has been addressed to
you by Dr. W. Mitchell Browne on the subject of
the cancellation of his appointment as Assistant
Colonial Surgeon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

W.H.A.
Governor.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

The Quarters,
Stanley.

7 Abbeville Islands,
12th. April. 19. 13.

The Right Honorable,
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of letters which have passed between the Colonial Secretary & myself on the subject of the cancellation of my appointment as Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

I submit that His Excellency's action in this matter is unreasonable. It is quite impossible for me to leave at ten days notice for it is imperative that I should have time to collect accounts, dispose of furniture & settle my affairs generally before so doing. Moreover I consider that it is only bare justice that I should be furnished with a written statement of the charges against me, in order that I may have an opportunity of replying to the same in detail. I may say that I am quite prepared to meet all the charges which His Excellency, the Governor, has made against me at my interview with him on Saturday April 5th. 13.

Seeing that the cancellation of my appointment has not yet received your confirmation I cannot admit His Excellency's right to determine my appointment summarily and order me to leave the Colony.

Before pronouncing any confirmation of such cancellation I appeal to you for an opportunity of replying to His Excellency's charges against me in accordance with the Colonial Regulations which were furnished to me on my appointment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
Whitell Brown
Assistant Colonial Surgeon

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands

5th April 1913.

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Copy.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency is satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in this Colony and therefore cancels your appointment under paragraph 2 of the letter to you from the Colonial Office of 22nd April, 1911.

2. Although, in these circumstances, you are not entitled to a return passage, the Government will provide you with three or a quarter 2nd class passages to England on condition that you leave by the next homeward mail on the 16th instant.

Yours,

209,

your obedient servant.

(signed) J. Watt.

for Colonial Secretary.

W. W. Broome, Esq., F.R.C.P.
Assistant Colonial Surgeon,
Stanley

Copy.

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

I beg to refer to the interview I had with His Excellency the Governor, yesterday at Government House when His Excellency informed me that he had been in communication with the Secretary of State with regard to my position here, and that he had taken many alterations to certain professional cases which he considered I had not dealt with properly.

His Excellency then cited eight cases, ^{as to} the details of which I do not propose to enter here, & informed me that he intended to cancel my appointment & ordered me to leave the Colony, by the next mail, offering me 2nd class passage to England.

His Excellency informed me that this action was taken in accordance with the 2nd paragraph of the letter from the Secretary of State of 22nd April 1911, which reads as follows: "If it is established to the satisfaction of the Governor that you are not qualified for efficient service there, the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State, will have full power to cancel your appointment at any time within the said five years without giving you any further compensation than a passage back to England" &c.

It is therefore proposed to cancel my appointment on the ground that I am not medically qualified, but I submit that the above paragraph cannot be held to refer to professional qualifications for a dental surgeon & that the diploma should from the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh I should never have been appointed at all. If there is any reason for questioning these qualifications, my judges must be the British Medical Council. I submit that the disqualifications which would warrant the Governor in dismissing me can only be physical or mental & certainly not medical.

I therefore request that I may be furnished with a written statement as to the cases which I am charged with having improperly in order that I may have an opportunity of replying to the same & if necessary calling witnesses.

Seeing that the Commission of my appointment
is subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State, I am
entitled to an opportunity of replying to any charges
before the matter is submitted to the Colonial Office.

It likewise has to submit that my being
told on a Saturday that I was to leave the Colony on
the following Tuesday makes an unreasonable hearing
in mind that I have not my goods to dispose of, my
outstanding accounts to collect, & bills to pay, and
the fact that no member of my household is at present
so ill as to make it unwise to undertake such a
journeyage at once.

I am,

Sir,

Your obt. Servant,

(Signed) W. Mitchell Barron.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
17th. April. 1913.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, undated, received this morning, and, in reply, to repeat what I have already conveyed to you in my letter of the 5th. instant, i.e., that His Excellency is satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in this Colony, & he therefore cancelled your appointment.

1. I am to state that His Excellency does not feel called upon to supply you with any further information than that already given to you.

2. With reference to the disposal of your furniture etc. I am to suggest that it can be auctioned after your departure.

3. The Governor regrets to learn of the indisposition of a member of your household & hopes that the sea voyage may contribute to his recovery.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant.

(Signed) J. Watt.

for Colonial Secretary.

W. H. Brennan, Esq. R.C.P.
Stanley.

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The quarters,

Stanley

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Hons. Col. Secretary,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 9. 11. 13. in which you state that His Excellency, the Governor, declines to furnish me with a writ of habeas corpus in respect of the charges so preferred against me on Saturday April 15th 1913.

In a letter from the Government town of March 22nd 13, my attention was directed to the Colonial Office Regulations.

I would request you to be kind enough to draw His Excellency's attention to the C. O. Regulations Nos. 150 & 151 which state that I can only be released from my office by the pleasure of the Crown. I have not as yet received such notification & am to understand that the Secretary of State notified the Governor to this effect & that the Crown no longer requires my services.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obt. Servant.

(Signed) Whitcomb Foreman

Asst. Col. Surgeon.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary
 Stanley, Falkland Islands.
 11th April. 1911

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Copy.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge
 your letter of yesterday, and in reply to refer you
 to a letter of the 5th instant in which you were
 informed that His Excellency had cancelled
 your appointment under paragraph 2 of the
 letter to you from the Colonial Office of 22 April 1911.

I am to add that you were selected for
 appointment as a Assistant Colonial Surgeon by
 the Secretary of State for the Colonies & appointed by
 the Governor, vide the September Gazette of 1911.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. Watt.

for Colonial Secretary.

W. H. Brown, Secy. H. O. P.
 Stanley.

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12. 14. 13.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11. 14. 13.

Seeing that no reply is given to the question which I asked in my letter of the 11th instant as to why, inasmuch that the cancellation of my appointment has not received the sanction of the Secretary of State.

I submit that until such confirmation is received my services within the term of the Colonial Office letter of 20th April 1911 are not terminated.

I therefore enclose a letter which I ask His Excellency, the Governor, to be good enough to forward, along with the other correspondence on this matter to the Secretary of State in which I request that before such cancellation is confirmed I may be furnished with details of the charges which His Excellency, prepared against me, & that I may be given an opportunity of replying to the same in accordance with the Colonial Office Regulation formulated to me by the Colonial Office.

I am also sending copies under separate covers

I have the honor to be,

your obt. servant,

John H. Brown

asst. Col. Surgeon.

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The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
 Stanley, Auckland Islands.
 12th April, 1911.

Copy

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, & to inform you in reply that your appointment was cancelled by His Excellency on the 5th instant.

I enclose herewith the enclosure to your letter under acknowledgement, a serious communication from a private individual to the Secretary of State to be submitted to the Governor in triplicate.

I am again to refer you to paragraph 2 of the letter to you from the Colonial Office of 12th April 1911 & to point out that the Governor has full power to cancel your appointment on being satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in this Colony, as you have already been notified this has been established to His Excellency's satisfaction.

I am also to draw your attention to paragraph 2 of my letter to you of the 5th instant, containing the conditions on which you would be provided with return passages to England.

Yours,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
 (signed) J. W. A. H.

for Colonial Secretary.

Wm. Burns, Esq., M.P.
 Stanley.

The Quarters,

Stanley,

14th. April, 1913.

Copy.

Hon Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant & to enclose as requested a copy of my letter to the Secretary of State in triplicate.

Yours

Sir,

Your obt. Servant,

(Signed) W. M. Browne,

Asst. Col. Surgeon.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Copy.

14th April. 1913.

Sir,

With reference to the second paragraph of my letter to you of 15th instant I am directed by the Government to enquire whether you intend to leave by the next homeward mail boat which is expected here either on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

2. I am to request that a definite reply may reach me before 4 p. m. today, because, should your reply be in the affirmative, passages will require to be reserved for you.

3. On the other hand should your reply be in the negative, you will clearly understand that the Government will not provide you or your family with passages to England.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) J. W. A. H.

for Colonial Secretary.

Whitburne, 22, N.C.P.

Stanley.

The quarters.

Stanley.

Copy.

14th. April. 1913.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date enquiring if it is my intention to leave by the next homeward mail boat.

In reply I would refer you to my letter of the 4th and 12th instant, in which I claim that until the cancellation of my appointment is sanctioned by the Secretary of State my office is not terminated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Whitell Beane.

Asst. Col. Surgeon.

Received by S.S. 13 May, 13.
vide p. 476, Vol. 33 (Outward).
A.H.B. 313/11.
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Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

16th April, 1913.

See Conf. despatch of 31 May, 13, &
29 June '13 from S.S.

Sir,

Since writing my confidential despatch of the 6th instant, in which I informed you that I had cancelled Dr. Browne's appointment, I have received a letter, with enclosures, of which I attach a copy, from Mr. James Smith, an old resident of Stanley.

Enclosure No. 1.

2. I likewise forward herewith a copy of further correspondence which has passed between the Colonial Secretary and Dr. Browne.

Enclosure No. 2.

3. Dr. Browne's contention, vide Enclosure No. 2 in the above mentioned despatch, that the period, i.e., 6th to 16th instant, allowed him for the disposal of his furniture and collection of his outstanding accounts, was unduly short, is not sound, inasmuch as he has very little furniture to sell, and it would be quite an easy matter to arrange for its sale privately. The cottage he occupies is a single-storied bungalow containing five rooms lightly furnished, exclusive of the kitchen and the servant's bedroom. It is probable that his outstanding accounts - he has now very few patients - may take some time to collect, owing, so I

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The Right Honble.
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

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am informed, to his excessive charges, but they could, I consider, be advantageously left in the hands of an agent, and such articles of furniture, if any, as are not sold privately, could be put up to auction hereafter.

4. Dr. Browne's statement, in the same letter, with regard to the indisposition of a member of his household, has reference to Miss Armstrong, who, notwithstanding her being in the condition he describes, continued, to my personal knowledge, to teach pupils for several days afterwards.

5. The local Agents of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company were requested, on the 8th instant, to reserve second class accommodation for Dr. Browne and his family by the R.M.S. "Oronsa", due here to-morrow. I took this precaution because at this time of year it is extremely difficult to obtain a passage to England at short notice, passengers invariably securing their berths several months beforehand. In view of Dr. Browne's letter of the 13th, the Agents have now been informed that the accommodation in question will not be required. A copy of the Colonial Secretary's letters to them in this connection is attached.

In the above circumstances, I am of opinion that Dr. Browne is not deserving of any further consideration in respect of return passages.

6. I may add that my action in cancelling his agreement resulted, on the following evening (8th instant), in an unrestrained expression of feeling from the Cathedral pulpit by the Revd. C. McDonald Hobley, who

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Reference N° 3.

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came out here, as Assistant Chaplain, with Bishop Blair in December last: Dean Seymour being absent in the "camp". (I should explain that Dr. Browne attended Mrs. Hobley during her confinement a few days after the arrival of Dr. Pearce.)

7. Mr. Hobley referred to the death bed scene, which he had witnessed in England, of a person whom he described as a "moral bully", the lowest, "most degraded and most loathsome" level to which the Devil can bring a man. Continuing, he said we must pray that we may be kept from descending to this basest, most degrading and most loathsome sin of "moral bullying", especially if we were in a position of authority over others. My wife and my Private Secretary, who attended the service, felt that Mr. Hobley intended his remarks to apply to me, and others who were present held a similar opinion.

8. With reference to paragraph 14 of my confidential despatch of the 8th instant, relative to Mrs. Upton, I regret to inform you that this unfortunate woman died yesterday. The deceased was in a critical condition when, four days after the birth of her child, Dr. Browne performed the operation of the curetting of the uterus. He has stated that, as a result of the operation, no debris was removed. I repeat that it is extremely doubtful whether this operation ought to have taken place. The agonizing shrieks of the patient, to whom no anaesthetic had been administered, drove those present

present out of the house!

9. Should you be pleased to approve of the measure I have adopted with regard to the termination of Dr. Browne's services, I venture to urge that your confirmation should take effect from the date on which his agreement was cancelled, i.e., the 5th instant.

10. While writing this despatch, I have received a further communication from Dr. Browne in which he expresses his readiness to leave for England by the H.M.S. "Oronsa" to-morrow. I enclose a copy of the letter, and of the reply which I have caused to be addressed to him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. A.
Governor.

Enclosure No. 4.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No I to Confidential despatch of II April, 1913.

Mr James Smith to the Governor.

Stanley 10th April, 1913.

His Excellency

William L. Alardice

Governor &c., &c.,

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a reply received to a communication to the General Medical Council respecting Dr Browne's incapacity and careless treatment in the case of my daughter the late Mrs Johnson. I trust that you will at this time leave no stone unturned in the investigation of his malpractice, and that you will communicate with the head of the Hospital Staff in Buenos Ayres requesting them to forward all particulars of cases from Stanley during Dr Browne's term of service, to the General Council and to the Conjoint Board Edinburgh, so that steps may be taken for the safety of our countrymen at home.

On my attention being called to what was stated about Dr Browne's yeoman services, I have written to the Editor on the subject a copy of which I enclose.

Trusting that everything possible ~~may~~ will be done for the public safety.

I have &c.,

(sgd) James Smith.

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General Council of Medical
Education & Registration of
the United Kingdom
299 Oxford Street, London, W.
May 13th 1912.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of the 15th April I have to say that William Mitchell Browne possesses the qualifications of L.R.C.P. & S. Edinburgh and L.F.P.S. Glasgow 1900, and he is legally qualified to practice medicine, surgery, and midwifery.

It does not fall within the province of the Council to deal with this matter, you might perhaps bring it before the Secretary of the Conjoint Board in Scotland whose address is 54 George Square, Edinburgh, and I think that probably your only remedy would be if you think fit, to take an action in a Civil Court for malpractice.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) Norman C. King

Mr Smith to the Editor F.I. Magazine.

Stanley 5 April, 1913.

The Editor F.I. Magazine

Sir,

Re Dr Browne's yeoman services referred to in your issue for March, the article is most misleading and an insult to those who have suffered bereavement, and others now suffering from injuries caused by his malpractice, further it is an insult to the intelligence of the general public. In my opinion he is a most dangerous

* See March issue of Falkland Islands Magazine: extract attached at foot of page 3.

dangerous man as a practitioner, a brazen faced
scoundrel, a perjured villain, and a disgrace to the
Medical profession. Trusting that you, or your corres-
pondent, will in your next issue correct or explain
what the yeoman services referred to consist of

I am, &c.,

(sgd) James Smith.

The Colonial Secretary to Mr James Smith.

11 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of yesterday with two enclosures,
and to inform you in reply that the copies of your com-
munications will be transmitted to the Secretary of
State by the next homeward mail.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands Magazine, March, 1913.

Extract.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your
letter of yesterday, and in reply to refer you to my
letter

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 2 to Confidential despatch of 11th April, 1913.

Dr W.M.Browne to the Colonial Secretary.

The Quarters, Stanley,

10 - 4 - 13.

Hon.Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 7-4-13 in which you state that His Excellency the Governor declines to furnish in writing the charges he preferred against me on Saturday April 5th 1913.

In a letter from the Government to me of March 22nd my attention was directed to the Colonial Office Regulations.

I would request you to be kind enough to draw His Excellency's attention to C.O.Regulations Nos 50 and 73 where it states that I can only be relieved of my office by the pleasure of the Crown. I have not as yet received such notification and am I to understand that the Secretary of State notified the Governor to this effect and that the Crown no longer requires my services.

(sgd) W.Mitchell Browne

Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M.Browne.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, 11 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, and in reply to refer you to my letter

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letter of the 5th instant in which you were informed that His Excellency had cancelled your appointment under paragraph 2 of the letter to you from the Colonial Office of 22nd April, 1911.

2. I am to add that you were selected for appointment as Assistant Colonial Surgeon by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and appointed by the Governor, vide the September Gazette of 1911.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

W.M. Browne Esqr., L.R.C.P.

Stanley.

Dr W.M. Browne to the Colonial Secretary.

The Quarters,

Stanley, 12/4/13.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11/4/13.

Seeing that no reply is given to the question which I asked in my letter of the 10th instant I can only assume that the cancellation of my appointment has not received the sanction of the Secretary of State. I submit that until such confirmation is received my services within the terms of the Colonial Office letter of 22nd April, 1911, are not terminated.

I therefore enclose a letter which I ask His Excellency the Governor to be good enough to forward, along with the other correspondence on this matter, to the Secretary of State in which I request that before such cancellation

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cancellation is confirmed, I may be furnished with details of the charges which His Excellency preferred against me, and that I may be given an opportunity of replying to the same in accordance with the Colonial Regulations furnished to me by the Colonial Office. I am also sending copies under separate cover.

I have &c.,

(sgd) W.M. Browne

Asst. Col. Surgeon.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M. Browne.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

12 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to inform you in reply that your appointment was cancelled by His Excellency on the 5th instant.

2. I return herewith ~~your~~ the enclosure to your letter under acknowledgment, as every communication from a private individual to the Secretary of State has to be submitted to the Governor in triplicate.

3. I am again to refer you to paragraph 2 of the letter to you from the Colonial Office of 22 April, 1911, and to point out that the Governor has full power to cancel your appointment on being satisfied that you are not qualified for efficient service in this Colony, and, as you have already been notified, this has been established to His Excellency's satisfaction.

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I am also to draw your attention to paragraph 2 of my letter to you of the 5th instant, containing the condition on which you will be provided with return passages to England.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for Colonial Secretary.

W.M. Browne Esqr., L.R.C.P.

Dr W.M. Browne to the Colonial Secretary.

The Quarters, Stanley,

14 April, 1913.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant and to enclose, as requested, a copy of my letter to the Secretary of State in triplicate.

I am &c.,

(sgd) W.M. Browne

Asst. Colonial Surgeon.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M. Browne.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

14 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of this date with communication in triplicate to the Secretary of ~~STATE~~ State for the Colonies, but I am to point out that the enclosures therein referred to have not been received.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

W.M. Browne Esqr., L.R.C.P.

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Colonial Secretary to Dr W.M.Browne.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, 14 April, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to the second paragraph of my letter to you of the 5th instant I am directed by the Governor to enquire whether you intend to leave by the next homeward mailboat which is expected here wither on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

2, I am to request that a definite reply may reach me before 4 p.m. to-day, because, should your reply be in the affirmative, passages will ~~be~~ require to be reserved for you.

3. On the other hand should your reply be in the negative, you will clearly understand that the Government will not provide you and your family with passages to England.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

W.M. Browne Esqr., L.R.C.P.

Dr Browne to the Colonial Secretary.

The Quarters, Stanley,

14th April, 1913.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date enquiring if it is my intention to leave by the next homeward mailboat.

In reply I would refer you to my letters of the 7th and 12th instants in which I claim that until the cancellation of my appointment is sanctioned by the Secretary of State my office is not terminated.

I am &c.,

(sgd) W.M. Browne
Asst. Col. Surgeon.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 3 to Confidential despatch of 15 April, 1913.

Colonial Secretary to the Agents P.S.N.Coy.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, 8 April, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will reserve second class accommodation to Liverpool for Dr and Mrs Brown and child and Miss Armstrong by the R.M.S. 'Oronsa' which is due in Stanley on the 16th instant.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

The Agents
Pacific Steam Navigation Coy.,
Stanley.

Colonial Secretary to the Agents P.S.N.Coy.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, 14 April, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 8th instant, No 323/II, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that you need not now reserve the accommodation therein mentioned.

I am &c.,

(sgd) I. Watt

for the Colonial Secretary.

The Agents the
Pacific Steam Navigation Coy.,
Stanley.

Falkland Islands.
Enclosure No.4 to confidential despatch of 15th April, 1913.

Dr.W.M.Browne to the Colonial Secretary.

The Quarters, Stanley.

15. 4. 13.

Sir,

With reference to the subject of your letter of yesterday; I have been considering the matter again and have decided to leave by the next homeward mail. I should be glad if you would communicate this to His Excellency the Governor and arrange for my passages.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) W.Mitchell Browne.

Hon.

Colonial Secretary.

The Private Secretary to Dr.W.M.Browne.

Government House,

Falkland Islands.

15th April, 1913.

No.323/11.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of this date addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and to inform you in reply that the Agents of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company have been requested to furnish you and Mrs.Browne and child and Miss Armstrong with second class passages to Liverpool by the R.M.S."Oronsa".

I am, &c.,

(sgd) L.H.Boileau,

Private Secretary.

W.M.Browne, Esqre., L.R.C.P.,
Stanley.

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The Colonial Secretary to the Agents of the
Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

No.323/11.

15th April, 1913.

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter to you of yesterday I am directed by the Governor to inform you that Dr.Browne has now asked to be provided with passages for himself and family by the R.M.S."Oronsa" due tomorrow and I am to ask you to give effect to my letter of the 8th instant and to provide Dr. and Mrs.Browne and child and Miss Armstrong with second class passages to Liverpool.

I am, &c.,

(sgd) I.Watt,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Agents,
Pacific Steam Navigation Co.,
Stanley.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Government House, Stanley.
18th April, 1913.

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Received by S.S. 13 Reg. 13.
on the 14/4/13. Vol. 33 (Outward).
See Conf. despatch from L.H.B.
of 19 June '13. to S.S. 55.*

Sir,

With reference to my confidential despatches of the 8th and 18th instant, relative to the cancellation of Dr. W.M. Browne's appointment, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a joint letter I received at 10 p.m. yesterday from the Nurse Matron, Miss A.H. Grigg, and the District Nurse, Miss M.A.C. Whieldon, in which they tender their resignation which I accepted this morning.

2. The Government has had no particular cause for complaint against Miss Grigg, although I have been obliged to reprimand her for her somewhat indiscreet conduct on certain occasions. With those exceptions, she has carried out her duties satisfactorily. It came as a surprise to me, therefore, that she should suddenly send in her resignation at 10 o'clock at night, signifying, at the same time, her intention to leave by the mail boat on the following morning: more especially as there are, at present, three inmates at the Victoria Cottage Home, two of whom are medical cases, and Miss Grigg is aware that her place cannot be filled
except

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except by importing a nurse from England, and that several months must elapse before her successor can reach the Falklands.

3. With regard to Miss Whieldon, I am not surprised that, in the circumstances explained in my confidential despatches referred to above, she should wish to leave the Colony; since Dr. Browne has now, at the last moment, accepted the return passages by the homeward bound mail steamer due here to-day, which were offered to him by the Government on the cancellation of his appointment. Miss Whieldon has certain maternity cases approaching, and realises that, in her absence, no qualified substitute is available locally.

4. From a conversation I had on the telephone with the Agents of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company early this morning, and from the fact that the joint letter enclosed herein was, as already stated, delivered at 10 o'clock in the evening before the mail steamer was scheduled to arrive, it would appear that Miss Grigg and Miss Whieldon meant to take passage by her without notifying the Government of their intention. The Agents, however, refused to issue passages until the Nurses had reported to the Governor their decision to relinquish their appointments.

5. In your despatches No. 17 of 6th March, and No. 23 of 29th March, 1911, you informed me that you had selected Miss Grigg and Miss Whieldon for the respective appointments of Nurse Matron, and Trained Nurse and Midwife, at the Victoria Cottage Home. You

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will observe, therefore, that their agreements would properly have terminated about a year hence. But I may add that, in view of the highly unsatisfactory condition of the Medical Department prior to Dr. Pearce's arrival, the resignation of the Nurses is probably the best thing that could have happened in the interests of the community and of the newly erected King Edward Memorial Hospital.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

W. A.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 16 April, 1913.

Miss A.H.Grigg and Miss M.A.C.Whieldon to the Governor.

Victoria Cottage Home,

April 15th, 1913.

Sir,

We the undersigned herewith resign our appointments and leave by the Mail tomorrow.

Our passage-money refunded will be payable through the Falkland Island Coy.

(sgd) A.H.Grigg,
Nurse Matron.

(sgd) M.A.C.Whieldon,
District Nurse & Midwife.

To

His Excellency the Governor.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

25th April, 1913.

*See Conf. copy of 25 June 13
from Mr. S.P.S.*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 5th March, requesting me to furnish you with a list of the whaling licenses which will be in force in the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, the South Orkney and Sandwich Islands during the season 1913-14, and in reply to enclose a return containing the particulars which you desired.

2. With regard to the name of the company formed to work the license which stood in Mr. Bryde's name, I would refer you to my despatch No. 47 of 14th March on the subject of the renewal of the license for the South Orkneys granted to Mr. Bryde last year on behalf of the Pacific Whaling Company. As far as Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Christensen are concerned, I may draw your attention to the fact that no licenses have at present been issued for the Sandwich Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

List of Whaling Licenses issued for the
Dependency of the South Shetlands and
Graham's Land for the 1913-14 Season.

SOUTH SHETLANDS AND GRAHAM'S LAND.

| Licensee. | Name of Vessel. | Type of Vessel. | Number & dimensions of pressure boilers, approximately. | Number of Licenses |
|---|-----------------|--|---|--------------------|
| Reiselskabet "Evalen" Christiania. | "Evalen" | Floating factory | Eight, | 37 |
| | "Minerva" | Whale catcher | 10'x 8' | " |
| | "Flamme" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Lantas Pareto" | 3rd whale catcher | | 25 |
| Southern Whaling Company, Sandefjord. | "Svend Toyn" | Floating factory | Six, | 30 |
| | "Graham" | Whale catcher | 8'x 8' | " |
| | "Doris" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Worrona I" | 3rd whale catcher | | 13 |
| -Do- | Not yet known | Adbl. Floating factory, subject to approval of the Secretary of State. | Twelve 10'x 7' | 12 |
| Ormen Company, Sandefjord. | "Orn" | Floating factory | Eight | 24 |
| | "Hauken" | Whale catcher | 6'x 8' | " |
| | "Grib" | Whale catcher | | 24 |
| -Do- | "Havorn" | 3rd whale catcher | | 18 |
| Ormen & Nor Companies | Not yet known | Adbl. Floating factory, subject to approval of the Secretary of State. | Twelve 10'x 7' | 14 |
| Nor Company, Sandefjord, Christiania. | "Pongbay" | Floating factory | Eight | 32 |
| | "Web" | Whale catcher | 6'x 8' | " |
| | "Gvas" | Whale catcher | | " |
| | -Do- | "Klo" | 3rd whale catcher | 19 |

| Licensee. | Name of Vessel. | Type of Vessel. | Number & dimensions of pressure boilers, approximately. | Number of License. |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| Alvesen & Co. 9, Bernard St., Leith. | "Heko" | Floating factory | Four | 27 |
| | "Scapa" | Whale catcher | 8'x 8' | " |
| | "Silva" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Sonja" | 3rd whale catcher | | 15 |
| -Do- | "Tomatis" | Addtl. Floating factory, subject to approval of the Secretary of State. | Twelve 10'x 7' | 16 |
| Abraham Co., Sandfjord. | "Roald Amundsen" | Floating factory | Eight | 29 |
| | "Manon" | Whale catcher | 10'x 8' | " |
| | "Granat" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Warbur" | 3rd whale catcher | | 17 |
| Orne Whaling Company, Luzvik. | "Solstreif" | Floating factory | Fourteen | 32 |
| | "Bik" | Whale catcher | 9'x 4' | " |
| | "Bok" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Bjerk" | 3rd whale catcher | | 20 |
| -Do- | Not yet known | Addtl. Floating factory | See foot-note | 24 |
| Sociedad Allenera de Agallanes, Santa Arenas. | "Gobernador Borias" | Floating factory | Six | 33 |
| | "Almirante Goni" | Whale catcher | 8'x 8' | " |
| | "Almirante Valenzuela" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Almirante Uribe" | 3rd whale catcher | | 26 |
| Id Whaling Co. Sandfjord | "Sobraon" | Floating factory | Fourteen | 34 |
| | "Odd II" | Whale catcher | 8'x 8' | " |
| | "Ole Wegger" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "Uval" | 3rd whale catcher | | 22 |
| Fektor Whal- ing Co., Lonsberg | "Ronald" | Floating factory | Eight | 35 |
| | "Port Stanley" | Whale catcher | 10'x 8' | " |
| | "Bransfield" | Whale catcher | | " |
| -Do- | "T.V. Dahl" | 3rd whale catcher | | 23 |
| -Do- | "Fektoria" "Edle" "Rose" | Floating factory & 3 whale catchers employed under the terms of the Co's lease at Deception I. Shore factory | Four 10'x 8' Eighteen 12'x 8' ϕ | |

Licensee shall have installed on board the " " sufficient pressure boilers

boilers for dealing with an average catch of 1 blue whale or its equivalent per diem during a period of 4 1/2 months.

Ø Eighteen more of same size to be erected during 1915-14 season.

| Station | Boiler No. | Capacity (cu ft) | Weight (tons) | Notes |
|---------|------------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | 100 | 10 | |
| 2 | 2 | 100 | 10 | |
| 3 | 3 | 100 | 10 | |
| 4 | 4 | 100 | 10 | |
| 5 | 5 | 100 | 10 | |
| 6 | 6 | 100 | 10 | |
| 7 | 7 | 100 | 10 | |
| 8 | 8 | 100 | 10 | |
| 9 | 9 | 100 | 10 | |
| 10 | 10 | 100 | 10 | |
| 11 | 11 | 100 | 10 | |
| 12 | 12 | 100 | 10 | |
| 13 | 13 | 100 | 10 | |
| 14 | 14 | 100 | 10 | |
| 15 | 15 | 100 | 10 | |
| 16 | 16 | 100 | 10 | |
| 17 | 17 | 100 | 10 | |
| 18 | 18 | 100 | 10 | |

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

List of Whaling Licenses issued for the
Dependency of the South Orkneys for the
1913-14 Season.

SOUTH ORKNEYS.

| Licensee. | Name of Vessel. | Type of Vessel. | Number & dimension of pressure boilers, approximately. | Number of License |
|---|-----------------|--|--|-------------------|
| Pacific Whaling Company, Sandefjord | Not yet known | Floating Factory | | 23 |
| | -do- | Whale catcher | | " |
| | -do- | Whale catcher | | " |
| Vektor Whaling Company, Tonsberg | "Donald" | Floating factory | Eight | 36 |
| | "Port Stanley" | Whale catcher | 10'x 8' | " |
| | "Barnfield" | Whale catcher | | " |
| Faugesund Whaling Company, Faugesund | Not yet known | Floating Factory | | 31 |
| | -do- | Whale catcher | | " |
| | -do- | Whale catcher | | " |
| Bethval Whaling Company, Christiania | "Falkland" | Floating factory | Six | 25 |
| | "Palmer" | Whale catcher | 3'x 8' | " |
| | "Powell" | Whale catcher | | " |
| Thule Whaling Company, Christiania | "Thule" | Floating factory | Six | 26 |
| | "Dove" | Whale catcher | 3'x 8' | " |
| | Not yet known | Whale catcher | | " |
| Coronation Whaling Co., Sandefjord | "Tirje Viken" | Floating Factory, subject to approval of the Secretary of State, to be utilized without a whale catcher. | | 21 |

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Secret.

5th May, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your cypher telegram of 15th April informing me that His Majesty's Government have decided for political reasons to cede the South Orkneys to the Argentine Government.

2. With regard to additional safeguards to vested British whaling, you will have learnt from my despatch No. 2 of 11th April exactly what results were obtained at the South Orkneys last season, and why they were so poor, i.e., 27,000 barrels of oil. In my confidential despatch of the 25th ultimo I have supplied a list of the whaling companies which have been licensed for this Dependency for 1913-14.

3. The whaling industry at the South Orkneys has only just been started, but from the information already furnished by the Government Representative, Mr. Moyes, and the Managers of the floating factories which operated there lately, and from the results of the season at the adjacent Dependency of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, there is not the slightest doubt

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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doubt that, when properly developed, the South Orkneys will hereafter form an exceedingly valuable whaling field.

4. The following is an approximate estimate of the annual pecuniary loss to the Colony which may reasonably be expected if this group is ceded to Argentina:

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| 2 ordinary whaling licenses @ £100 each | 200 |
| 3 additional floating factory licenses @ £100 each | 300 |
| Export duty @ 3d a barrel on 120,000 barrels of oil | 1,500 |
| | <u>2,000</u> |

or about one ninth of the present total revenue of the Colony. In addition to the above, there is the indirect loss, which, without adequate safeguards for the protection of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land whaling industry, would affect us still more seriously.

5. Experience has shown that the majority of the whales caught in the territorial waters of South Georgia, the South Orkneys, and the South Shetlands and Graham's Land come from the direction of the Cape of Good Hope. Some of these whales then go round the Horn and turn up the coast of Chile, while others pass some 30 miles to the north of the Falklands and on reaching the Patagonian coast wheel and strike off in a north north-easterly direction.

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6. The South Orkneys lie in the direct track of many of the whales which proceed from South Georgia to the South Shetlands. Were no restrictions placed on the number of whale catchers operating at the South Orkneys, or were the present number to be largely increased, it is certain, in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, that the whaling operations at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land would be most prejudicially affected. The quantity of whale oil exported this year from the last mentioned Dependency exceeded 230,000 barrels, and, with the completion of the shore factory at Deception Island, and the greater utilization of whale carcasses by the different companies, is likely in the future to be half as much again.

7. In the circumstances explained in this despatch, and in view of the dangers to which I have alluded, I have no doubt you will arrange for the introduction of such safeguards as will adequately protect the whaling industry at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land before the South Orkneys are ceded to the Argentine Government.

8. Although anxious to give effect, to the best of my ability, to the decision of His Majesty's Government, I likewise feel it my duty to the Colony, the Government of which I have the privilege to administer, to lay stress upon the heavy pecuniary loss which the local Administration will undoubtedly suffer by relinquishing one of its Dependencies, and I venture to express the hope that the question of compensating
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the Colony will not be overlooked.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. L.^a

Governor.

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See Copy from 5/18/13

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
8th May, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 7th March on the fur sealing question in this Colony, and, as requested, submit herewith in duplicate for your consideration a draft lease of the fur seal rookeries.

2. As you will have learnt from my confidential despatch of 13th April, it is the opinion of the Governor in Council that a monopoly of the fur seal industry of the Colony should be granted to Messrs. Car. Salvesen and Company for the reasons given in the enclosure to that despatch.

3. Should you be pleased to approve of the terms of the draft lease, the abolition of the present system of licenses, vide section 2 of the Seal Fishery Ordinance, No.1 of 1899, would appear to be necessary. In other respects also the Sealing Ordinance would seem to call for amendment.

4. As you are aware, all Crown lessees holding large areas of land have, since the passing of the Land Ordinance, No.9 of 1903, applied to purchase their leaseholds

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leaseholds, and applications have been registered in accordance with section 14. A special condition has, however, been inserted in each case by the Governor in Council as follows:

"the right of the Crown to enter upon the lands in question, excluding the lands already alienated by the Crown Grants mentioned above (these were the earlier compulsory leases) to kill and take seals is reserved to the Government of the Falkland Islands and such persons as are duly licensed by the Government".

5. It is most important, and more particularly with regard to the development of the fur seal industry in the future, that this right should be maintained. Applicants, when applying to purchase their leaseholds under section 14 of the Land Ordinance have not demurred to this right being inserted, and I fail to see that there is any reason why they should have done so, since they were buying a sheep farm, and that at a very cheap rate, and not a seal rookery. The above right would not of course be retrospective, and those who, like the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, obtained their Crown Grants prior to 1903 would not be affected by it.

6. Experience has shown that there are localities, other than those which it is proposed to lease to Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company, where fur seal rookeries have been established in the past, and it is not improbable that the fur seal will hereafter, when
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protected and permitted to increase, again resort to those places which were frequented by them in the early days of the Colony, and that new rookeries will be formed elsewhere. The draft lease submitted does not provide for a development of this nature in cases where lessees have not applied to purchase their leaseholds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. A.

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

THIS INSTRUMENT made this day of One
 thousand nine hundred and BETWEEN His Most
 Gracious Majesty George V., by the Grace of God of
 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and
 of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas King,
 Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, of the one
 part, and Messieurs Christian Salvesen and Company,
 Merchants, of twenty-nine Bernard Street, in the town
 of Leith, in that part of the United Kingdom called
 Scotland (hereinafter called the Lessees) of the
 other part, WITNESSETH that His Majesty doth hereby
 lease unto the said Lessees and their assigns, all
 those lot or parcels of land situate in the Colony
 of the Falkland Islands, all which lot or parcels of
 land, containing Four thousand five hundred and sixty
 acres, more or less, are more particularly delineated
 and described in the First Schedule hereto, to have
 and to hold the said lot or parcels of land hereinafore
 expressed to be hereby leased unto the said Lessees
 and their assigns from the first day of October, one
 thousand nine hundred and fourteen, for the term of
 twenty one years, and His Majesty for himself his
 heirs and successors, subject to the conditions and
 reservations hereinafter contained, agrees to grant
 to the Lessees and their assigns the exclusive right,
 power, authority, and liberties by themselves their
 agents and servants to enter upon any and all the
 lands hereby leased or upon the territorial waters
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real for and during the said term of twenty one years :
 And the Lessees shall likewise have the right to
 depasture horses, sheep and cattle on such lands:
 Yielding and paying for the lease and for the rights
 hereby granted yearly and every year during the said
 term hereby granted, the clear yearly rent or sum of one
 hundred and fifty pounds sterling, payable on the
 first day of January in every year to the Crown
 Agents for the Colonies, or the Treasurer of the
 said Colony of the Falkland Islands: And the said
 Lessees do hereby for themselves and their assigns
 covenant with His Majesty in the manner following
 (that is to say) That they the said Lessees or their
 assigns shall and will truly pay, or cause to be
 paid unto His Majesty, his heirs and successors,
 the said clear yearly rent or sum of one hundred
 and fifty pounds at the times and in manner herein-
 before appointed for payment thereof: And also shall
 not nor will at any time during the said term hereby
 granted without the previous consent of the Government
 of the Colony of the Falkland Islands assign, underlet,
 or part with the possession of the said lot or parcels
 of land hereby leased or any part thereof.

Provided that this lease is granted subject
 to the reservations, conditions, and restrictions
 set forth in Section twenty one of "The Land Ordinance
 1908", being Ordinance No. 9 of 1908 passed by the
 Legislative Council of the Colony of the Falkland
 Islands on the 10th day of December, 1908, and assented
 to by the Governor and given under the Public Seal
 of the said Colony on the 19th day of December,
 1908, and provided that these rights are
 granted subject to the provisions of "The Seal

Fishery Ordinance, 1899" being Ordinance No. 1 of 1899 passed by the Legislative Council of the Colony of the Falkland Islands on the 27th day of March, 1899, and assented to by the Governor and given under the Public Seal of the said Colony on the 30th day of March, 1899, save and except as in so far as any reservations, conditions, restrictions, and provisions in whole or in part are herein expressly excluded and subject also to the covenants, reservations, conditions, and restrictions set forth in the Second Schedule hereto and provided always that if it shall happen that the said yearly rent of one hundred and fifty pounds shall be behind, or unpaid, by the space of sixty days next over, or after, any of the said days whereon the same is hereinbefore made payable (whether lawfully demanded or not), or if the said Lessees or their assigns shall not well and truly observe, perform, fulfill, and keep all and every the covenants, clauses, conditions, and agreements hereinbefore, and in the Second Schedule hereto contained which on their part ought to be paid and performed according to the true intent and meaning of those presents, then and in either of the said cases, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, his heirs or successors, into and upon the said leased lot or parcels of land or any part thereof in the name of the whole, to re-enter and the same to have again, retain, repossess, and enjoy as in his and their first and former estate And His Majesty, for himself, his heirs and successors doth hereby covenant with the said Lessees and their assigns, that they the said Lessees and their assigns, paying the said yearly rent of one hundred and fifty pounds on the days and times and in manner aforesaid and observing, performing

performing, fulfilling and keeping all and every the covenants, clauses, conditions and agreements in this indenture and the Second Schedule hereto contained on their part to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept, shall and lawfully may peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy the said lot or parcel of land hereby leased for and during the said term hereby granted.

IN WITNESS whereof His Excellency William Edward Airdyce, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, hath with the special sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies hereunto set his hand for and on behalf of His Majesty and caused the Public Seal of the said Colony to be hereunto affixed at Stanley in the said Colony, and the said Lessees have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year first above written.

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

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By His Excellency's Command,

Colonial Secretary.

Signed, sealed and
delivered by the said
Christian Salveron and
Company, in the presence
of

The FIRST SCHEDULE referred to in the above-written Indenture.

The lot or parcels of Land in the Colony of the Falkland Islands hereby leased are Four thousand five hundred and sixty acres, more or less, and are the following islands with adjacent islets, namely :

- South Jason
- Flat Jason
- Elephant Jason
- North Fur Island
- South Fur Island
- Feauchône Island
- Pird Island
- Volunteer Rocks.

The SECOND SCHEDULE referred to in the above-written Indenture.

The lot or parcels of land hereby leased are leased for the purpose of protecting and fostering the fur seal industry of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, and of enabling the Lessees to carry on fur seal fishing in the territorial waters of the Colony.

2. The right to win and take mineral oil on the lot or parcels of land hereby leased is reserved to the Crown.

3. The Lessees hereby for themselves and their assigns covenant with His Majesty, his heirs and successors, that they the Lessees and their assigns during the said term :

(a) Will not, from the first day of October one thousand nine hundred and fourteen to the thirty first day of March one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, take or kill on, or remove from any lot or parcel of land hereby leased, any fur seal without the special permission of the Governor in Council, and in any case such permission shall extend only to a strictly limited number of male seals.

(b) Will, during the term of this lease, employ such number of vessels and men as shall, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, be sufficient to adequately protect and safeguard the rookeries against illicit sealing.

(c) Will, on or about the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and thereafter, whenever

whenever required by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, give full facilities to the Government for the purpose of sending an Inspector to visit the rookeries and to determine what number of seals may be taken from each rookery during the open season following, namely, from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of September.

(d) Will furnish to the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the time being an annual report respecting their operations on and in the territorial waters of the lot or parcels of land hereby leased.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

9th May, 1913.

*See Conf. despatch of 22 June 13.
from S. of S.*

Sir,

With regard to my confidential despatches noted in the margin, on the subject of Dr. W.M. Browne's official and professional irregularities, I attach an extract from the May issue of the Falkland Islands Magazine and Church Paper, published this morning, containing a copy of a letter from Dr. Browne, also a testimonial to that gentleman, which will corroborate my contention that he had the support of the Revd. C. Mc. Donald Hobley, the Anglican Curate, and the senior officials of the Falkland Islands Company.

*Ref. to F.I. & Church
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2. The signatures to the testimonial, headed by that of the Manager, Mr. W.A. Harding, are, for all practical purposes, those of employees of the Falkland Islands Company. Mr. Girling is the Deputy Manager; Mr. Oswald is the Clerk; Mr. Allan is the Camp Manager; Mr. Creece is the Storekeeper; Mr. V. Biggs is the Foreman Carpenter; and Dr. Wade is the Company's Medical Officer at Darwin. Mr. R. Felton (a brother-in-law to Mr. Oswald) and Mr. H.J. Pitaluga, the Manager and owner, respectively, of two sheep farms, do their entire business with the Company. Mr. Miller is the Manager of a sheep station on the

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the West Falkland, and only arrived in Stanley two days before Dr. Browne's departure. It is difficult to understand why the former's signature was appended, except for the fact that his firm is closely connected with the Falkland Islands Company. I may add that Mr. Harding is a Member of the Legislative Council, and that he and Messrs. Girling, Allan, and Miller are Justices of the Peace of the Colony.

3. Why many of the signatories to the testimonial should regret Dr. Browne's departure is not easily explained, unless it was because they were desirous of shewing themselves in opposition to the Government, seeing that several of them had complained to me privately of his incompetency and excessive charges. Ever since its incorporation in 1852, the attitude of the Falkland Islands Company towards the Government has been more or less unfriendly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. H. A.

Governor.

F. I. MAGAZINE AND CHURCH PAPER

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE F. I. MAGAZINE.

Dear Sir,

May I express, through the columns of the Magazine, our regrets at not being able to say good-bye to all our friends in Stanley and the Camps, before leaving for England? We wish to thank the many friends who helped us by their actions and sympathy during the last few days we were in the Islands, and assure them that they will not be forgotten. We would especially thank The Falkland Islands' Company and its Staff for all they have done for us. No-one could be more cheered at parting than we were, at the sight of such a large number of people who have come on board to see us off in spite of this miserable weather. To them we also express our gratitude.

I write this on behalf of Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Brown as well as my own.

Yours sincerely,

W. MITCHELL BROWNE.

S. S. "Oronsa" April 15th.

To the Editor of the F. I. Magazine.

Dear Sir—May we be allowed to say good-bye, through your paper, to our friends and patients in Stanley? We have sent in our resignations as we feel it is for the best.

Yrs. etc.

A. GRIGG, Matron & Nurse.

N. A. C. WHELDON, District Nurse.

Victoria Cottage Home, April 15th, 1913.

Testimonial to Dr. Browne L.R.C.P. & S.E.; F.P., & S.G. of Edinburgh and Glasgow, & L.M. of Dublin University,

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the many friends of Dr. William Mitchell Browne and Mrs. Browne desire to express to them our regret that owing to the short notice we had of intended departure from the Colony it was found impossible to carry out intention of arranging a public farewell to them.

We take this opportunity of assuring them that whilst regretting the fact of their departure we wish them all happiness and prosperity in a more congenial place.

William Anderson, A. L. Allan, Manager (Darwin), V. A. H. Biggs, K. G. Creece, R. S. Felton, (Manager Fitzroy), W. C. Girling, W. A. Harding, W. C. McDaid, Seur., W. C. McDaid Jr., C. McDonald-Hobley, Sydney Miller (Manager Hill Cove), V. J. Lehman, L. V. Oswald, H. J. Pitulaga, Rincón Grande, East Falkland, R. H. Wace. (Medical officer, Darwin.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

- April 1. R.M.S. "Oronsa" from Liverpool. Pass: Messrs. J. Pergsson & Sheddon.
- " 2. Whaling Factory "Hektorik" and attendant whalers from the South.
- " 2. Whaling Factory "Renak" and attendant whalers from the South.
- " 3. Bkn. "Laura" from London.
- " 5. Steam whaler "Oie Wagger" from New Island.
- " 6. "Antarctica" from Darwin, &c.
- " 10. S. W. "Old 11" from New Island. Passengers:—W. A. Harding, Esq. & Capt. G. M. Smith.
- " 14. S. S. "Columbus" from West Falkland. Pass:—Mrs. W. H. Laxton, & family, Miss Irwin, S. Miller, Esq., Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. A. Rutter, Miss Smith, Miss Clausen, Messrs. Reddemann & May.
- " 16. R.M.S. "Oronsa" from Punta Arenas. Pass:—Mr. & Mrs. N. Langdon & 2 children, Mr. & Mrs. Meliskib, Messrs. James Smith, J. Vaitias, Jose Prung, Peter McKay.
- " 19. S. S. "Columbus" from North Arm & Bleaker Island.
- " 21. S. S. "Flamenco" from Valparaiso.

DEPARTURES.

- April 1. R. M. S. "Oronsa" for Punta Arenas. Pass:—D. A. Cameron, Esq., Mr. & Mrs. T. Hennah, Miss Gladys Etheridge, Francis Colton.
- " 2. S. Winders "Old 11" & "Ivalen" for Monte Video.
- " 2. S. W.s "Hektorik" & "T. H. Dahl" for Las Palmas & London.
- " 2. S. S. "Columbus" on mail trip.
- " 6. S. W. "Oie Wagger" for New Island. Pass:—W. A. Harding, Esq., & Capt. G. M. Smith.
- " 10. S. W. "Old 11" for New Island.
- " 13. "Kupina Kirsten" for Pebble Island.
- " 16. S. S. "Columbus" for North Arm & Bleaker Island.
- " 16. R. M. S. "Oronsa" for Liverpool. Pass:—Dr. & Mrs. Browne & child, Miss Armstrong, Miss Grigg, Miss Whieldon, Mr. & Mrs. Cantlie & child, Messrs. D. Earle, P. Husher, D. Shaw, P. H. Boniface, G. Durlbridge, K. Lausen, L. Hansen for Liverpool. Mr. & Mrs. R. Williams & Maurice Singer for Buenos Aires.
- " 23. S. S. "Flamenco" for London.
- " 24. S. S. "Columbus" for Fitzroy, Walker Creek & Darwin.
- " 25. "Laura" for San Carlos.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
14th day of May 1913 per S.S. 'Orcoma'

| No. | Date. | SUBJECT. | No. of Enclosure. |
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| Conf. | 25 April | | I |
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| Conf. | 9 May | | I |
| Conf. | 12 May | | I |
| Secret. | 6 May | | - |



Two or three days ago Mr Thompson came to see me in the Colonial Secretary's Office on a matter connected with the Treasury after which he informed me with reference to his Membership of the Club (vide paragraph 3 of my Conf. despatch of 12 May, 1913, to S.S.) which is mainly composed of employees of the F.I.C., and certain Farmers, that he was quite prepared to resign should I so desire. He explained that the discussion of questions appertaining to the Govt or the Company were discouraged in the Club, and on one occasion at least he had left the room because they were discussed. I informed him that as I was nearing the close of my second term in the Colony I did not now desire to express any further opinion on the subject, that he knew what my views were, and that the dictates of his own conscience would probably prove to be his best guide in the matter. Mr Thompson in my opinion is better both mentally and physically since his late visit to England where he underwent an operation.

W. Allanby
26 June, 1914.



Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.

12th May, 1913.

Sir,

As you will learn from my despatch No.75 of this date, I have granted Mr.F.A.Thompson, Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Customs, four and a half months vacation leave commencing 12th May.

2. I regret to report that this Officer still maintains his earlier record for careless work, and continues to be discourteous and overbearing in his relations with his colleagues and subordinates in the Public Service, and is a constant irritant to many of the public with whom he is brought into contact.

3. Of late years Mr.Thompson has become extremely intimate with the local Manager and senior employees of the Falkland Islands Company, who are strongly anti-Government, and almost every afternoon either accompanies them to, or meets them at, a small Club Room where cards are played and refreshments served. He is, so far as I am aware, the only Civil Servant who goes there. I am perfectly satisfied that many matters appertaining to Government are there freely and frequently discussed. It is in my opinion to be regretted that Mr.Thompson, knowing

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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knowing the disloyal and unfriendly attitude of these gentlemen towards the Head of the Administration, should resort to this Club so often, and, more especially now, as Senior Member of the Executive Council, that he should place himself in such an anomalous position. I may explain that the Manager, Sub-Manager, and Chief Clerk of the Falkland Islands Company have not for some months past, for various good reasons, been invited to Government House.

4. Lately, when it was necessary to cancel Dr. Browne's appointment, Mr. Thompson sympathized with Dr. Browne, and went out of his way to himself carry a portion of the Nurses' baggage to the wharf and accompany them on board the mail steamer, notwithstanding the discreditable manner in which they suddenly terminated their services with the Government. From the above you will see at once that, so far from being helpful to me, Mr. Thompson's influence and leanings are quite the opposite. He has entirely lost my confidence, and I am unable to regard him as a loyal Officer.

5. As you are aware, Mr. Thompson has been warned, vide the despatches noted in the margin, that his conduct if persisted in will involve him in serious consequences, and that unless he amends he cannot expect promotion in the Falklands or an appointment in any other Colony. For the reasons given in my confidential despatch of 13th February, 1911, he does not possess the necessary qualifications to hold any higher appointment in the Falklands than that he now occupies.

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S. S. G. L. 12 Feb. 1914.
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6. I venture to submit, however, that it is hardly fair either to this Colony or to Mr. Thompson, to retain here permanently an Officer who during a term of years has shown himself unsuited to the post, and I most strongly urge that advantage be taken of his presence in England to transfer him to an appointment where his personal idiosyncrasies and the apparent kink in his disposition will be less acutely felt.

7. I attach a copy of the Medical Certificate which accompanies Mr. Thompson's Certificate of Leave, and would suggest that the ailments from which he suffers should be rectified before he is again permitted to resume work, wherever that may be, and in doing so I would likewise wish to emphasize the opinion, formed after many years service here, that no Head of a Department should be kept in this depressing land for so long a period as Mr. Thompson has served in the Falklands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

W. G.

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 12th May, 1913.

Medical Certificate.

The Colonial Surgeon's Quarters.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

4th April, 1913.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have examined the Hon.W.A. Thompson, Colonial Treasurer, Falkland Islands. I find he is suffering from a left Inguinal Hernia, and Hepatic hypertrophy. He is very anaemic and his general condition indicates that his nervous system is decidedly below par. For some time past he has been subject to headache, insomnia, and loss of appetite.

I recommend he be granted six months' leave of absence in England.

(Signed) A.H.B.Pearce.

Colonial Surgeon.



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*See letter of 14 July, 13 from S.S.
(Conf. Vol. 5 Inward, p. 230).
L.H.B.*

Government House, Stanley.

28th May, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 7th March and your telegram of 2nd May, with regard to the whaling policy outlined in your confidential despatch of 18th November last, and to report that I conferred with a number of the Managers of the whaling companies on their return from the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, and the South Orkneys, and have likewise consulted Mr. E. B. Binnie, who was Stipendiary Magistrate at Deception Island, and with Mr. W. Moyes, who accompanied the expeditions to the South Orkneys as Customs Officer and Government Representative.

2. In view of the far-reaching effects of the measures for the prevention of waste now contemplated, I have, with the concurrence of my advisers, thought it advisable, before issuing the enclosed Circular letter to the various companies concerned, to submit it for your approval with the following explanation.

3. Paragraph 5 of the Circular refers to those companies who have applied for permission to use an additional

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

additional floating factory at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the 1913-14 season. In your telegram under acknowledgment you have been pleased to sanction the installation of not less than twelve pressure boilers, each 10 feet long by 7 feet diameter, on board the second floating factory of the several applicants. In the report on the Blackcod Whaling Station enclosed in your despatch of 10th November, it is estimated that the Station "could, if necessary, deal in one day with two-and-a-half Finners or two Blue whales or four Humpbacks." You will also observe that this Station is equipped with six pressure boilers 6' diameter by 12'6" high for treating the meat of the whale. The total volume of these six pressure boilers is approximately 4,072 cubic feet. The total volume of the twelve pressure boilers 10' x 7' to be fitted on the second floating factories is approximately 4,618 cubic feet, or 546 cubic feet more than that of the six pressure boilers 12'6" x 6'. The volume of one of the latter is about 679 cubic feet, so that the total cubic capacity of the pressure boiler plant on the floating factory is nearly as great as that of seven pressure boilers of the same size as those used for meat at the Blackcod Station.

4. The return of whales caught at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land last season is at present incomplete, as the details of the catch of two of the companies have not yet been received from the Deputy Collector at New Island. The total catch was, however, about

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about 1,790 blue, 2,179 fin, and 893 humpback whales; or the equivalent of 3,400 blue whales, assuming that one blue whale is equal to one-and-a-half fin or four humpback whales. This, on the basis of eleven companies operating during a five months season would amount to a catch of just over two blue whales a day for each company. But it should be remembered that the results of the past season constitute a record, especially in the quantity of the "blue" variety, and it is improbable that such a large number of whales will again be taken, and still less that the present average will be maintained in future years. Moreover, of these eleven companies, in addition to the vessels employed under their annual license, the Hektor Company will have, before the close of the 1913-14 season, a plant comprising 36 pressure boilers 12' x 8' (shore factory), and 4 pressure boilers 10' x 8' (floating factory), which, under the terms of their lease, is to be capable of reducing the equivalent of five blue whales daily.

5. There would, therefore, appear to be no need for enforcing the installation of more pressure boilers on the factory or factories of any one company than the minimum specified in the licenses already issued for additional floating factories for the 1913-14 season, i.e., twelve pressure boilers, each with a capacity of 385 cubic feet, approximately, which is slightly in excess of the capacity of those mentioned in paragraph 10 of your despatch, the dimensions of which are 9' x 7'4" and the volume about 380 cubic feet.

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6. In support of my contention that the effects of introducing the policy under consideration are likely to ^{be} far-reaching in their influence on the industry's future, I would refer you to the concluding sentence of paragraph 9 of your despatch of 10th November where you state that "the details of this policy must be worked out gradually, and as it will entail heavy expenditure on the provision of further plant and vessels, it is desirable that the companies should be given sufficient notice of every change contemplated." In this opinion I entirely concur, and I may add that several of the Managers whom I consulted on their return from the whaling grounds assured me that the unsatisfactory nature of the results obtained by expeditions in other parts of the world had made the investing public and the banking establishments of Norway unwilling to embark any further capital in the whale fisheries.

7. I venture to submit that it would be inequitable to compel a company operating with two whale catchers to instal on board its floating factory a number of pressure boilers which has been admitted to be capable of dealing with the daily average catch of three whale catchers. This view has reference more particularly to the industry at the South Orkneys, where the risks run are considerably greater and the climatic conditions much less favourable than at the other Dependencies. From the figures quoted in paragraph 5, it may be inferred that where only two whale

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whale catchers are used in conjunction with one floating factory, nine pressure boilers 10' x 7' would be sufficient to utilize the flesh of all the whales which would be brought in to the floating factory, and paragraph 6 of the Circular makes provision accordingly.

8. With regard to the question of tunnel driers, I regret I have little information to add to what has already been communicated to you. Captain Christensen, the Hektor Company's Manager who is a whaling master of wide experience, informed me that a German patent of tunnel drier was tried on board both the s.s. "Bombay" and the s.s. "Orn", but proved unsuccessful. He also pointed out that although guano would realize £7 a ton, the freight to Norway was reckoned at £5 a ton. Consequently the price of guano affords too small a margin of profit to encourage its production on board ship in so distant a locality as the South Shetlands and Graham's Land; and Mr. Moyes considers that its manufacture at the South Orkneys is equally impracticable. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that tunnel driers should not be included in the plant with which, under the new regulations, the companies will be required to equip their floating factories.

9. There is one point deserving of special emphasis. I anticipate considerable difficulty in enforcing the use of the pressure boilers for reducing the meat when whales are plentiful. As the diaries of the Government officials shew, twelve or fifteen whales

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are sometimes brought in in the course of a day or two, and I cannot at present see how, under such conditions, licensees could be prevented from treating all the blubber before turning their attention ^{to} the residue of the carcasses. To illustrate this point I append a list of the prices ruling lately in the oil market.

| Class of Oil. | Price. |
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| No.1 Oil -obtained from fresh blubber after 8-12 hours boiling | £20-£25 a ton |
| No.2 Oil -obtained from stale blubber (a week or 10 days old), and tongues | £19-£18 a ton |
| No.3 Oil -obtained from jaw bones, stomach fat, backbones, and some tongues | £12-£14 a ton |
| No.4 Oil -obtained from the flesh alone | £8 -£10 a ton. |

It follows, in my opinion, that whenever the whales are abundant in one locality there will still be waste, in spite of the increase in the pressure boiler capacity of the whaling companies. A practical solution of this problem has yet to be found.

10. If the Circular commends itself to you in its present form, I would ask you to be so good as to signify your approval by telegraph, so that I may take measures for its issue to the companies concerned without further delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. A.
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to despatch Confidential of 23th May, 1913.

Circular. Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, ,1913.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government has for some time past had under consideration the questions of licensing additional floating factories and of checking the waste of whale carcasses which still goes on in the Dependencies.

2. The reports of the officials who accompanied the expeditions to the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, and the South Orkneys, respectively, during the 1912-13 season, shew that in many instances the blubber only was frenched off the whales.

3. The whaling season at these Dependencies is a comparatively short one, lasting, at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, probably not more than five months, and at the South Orkneys three and a half months. The prevailing climatic conditions seriously interfere with and obstruct the utilization of the whole carcass; and the number of whales in any one locality is subject to great variation from day to day.

4. The Government is nevertheless convinced that its policy should be to reduce waste to the smallest limits possible, and that this can best be done by employing a somewhat improved type of floating factory, or in any case a floating factory provided with an adequate number of pressure boilers for dealing with the carcass, as distinct from open boilers for treating

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the blubber. The land factory erected at Reception Island is still in the experimental stage and its success as a commercial enterprise has yet to be proved.

5. Some of the companies now operating at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land have already applied for permission to use an additional floating factory during the 1913-14 season, and this has been granted on condition that the Licensee shall have installed on board the second floating factory not less than twelve pressure boilers, each 10 feet long by 7 feet diameter (or of equivalent cubic capacity), for the reduction of the whale carcass. The Managers of the expeditions who have been consulted admitted that when the blubber only was utilized, half the value of the whale was lost, and that measures should be taken to enforce, as far as practicable, utilization of the other portions of the carcass. They therefore raised no objection to an increase in the number of pressure boilers at present carried by the whaling companies. It is estimated that twelve pressure boilers of the above dimensions would be able to reduce the carcasses of an average daily catch of two blue whales or their equivalent, after the blubber had been flensed off.

6. In order to provide for an extension of the pressure boiler plant where necessary, the Government has decided to issue in future an annual whaling license authorising the use of two steam whalers in conjunction with two floating factories from and after 1st October, 1914. The fee for this license will be \$200, and, if a third whale catcher is licensed, there will be an extra charge of \$100 as heretofore.

* But the issue of all licenses will be subject to the following

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following conditions, namely :-

(a) where permission to use not more than two whale catchers, whether in conjunction with a second floating factory or not, is applied for, the vessel or vessels of the applicant will be required to carry in all not less than nine (9) pressure boilers, each 10 feet long by 7 feet diameter, or of equivalent cubic capacity, for dealing with the residue of the carcass after the blubber has been removed ;

(b) and where application is made for a license for a third whale catcher, the plant of the applicant will have to include not less than twelve (12) such pressure boilers.

7. Under the terms of their lease at Reception Island, the Mektor Whaling Company have the right to take over such discarded whole carcasses in Reception Harbour as will keep their shore and floating factory fully employed, and undertake to utilize the whole of the carcasses of all whales caught by their steam whalers, and, if necessary, the whole of such other whale carcasses as will, together with those caught by their steam whalers, amount to not less than the equivalent of five blue whales per diem (on the basis of four humpback whales being equal to one-and-a-half fin or one blue whale) during the whaling season. In order, therefore, to safeguard the Mektor Company's interests, every license allowing the employment of two floating factories in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land will be issued subject to the further condition that permission to use these waters will be withdrawn if, at any time during the life of the above-mentioned lease, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Governor that the operation

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operation of the second floating factory seriously impedes that Company in fulfilling the conditions of their lease.

3. New regulations in the sense of the foregoing paragraphs will be drafted in the course of the year and will come into force on 1st October, 1914.

I am, etc.,

To all whaling companies
licensed to operate in
the territorial waters
of the Dependencies,
other than South Georgia.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 31st day of "MAY," 19 13. per S.S. "INCA".

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| Conf. | 28 May | } Received by S.S. 23 July 1913. } vide page 62. Outward 34. | 1 |
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Falkland Islands. Government House, Stanley,

Confidential.

31 May, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential despatch of 2 May in connection with the projected revision of the Whaling Regulations which was received after I wrote my Confidential despatch of 28 May covering the draft Circular to whaling licensees.

1. With regard to the risk that the pursuit of whales might be intensified by means of the use of the extra floating factory I have conferred with Mr K. Binnie on this subject and he is of opinion, in which I concur, that the danger is not a real one inasmuch as the license permits the floating factories to move about from place to place within the territorial waters of the Dependency, as far as the limited harbour accommodation allows, and they naturally gravitate to the locality where whales are most abundant. It is therefore improbable that the factories of any one company will ever be widely separated.

3. The point as to the use of pressure boilers for reducing blubber I have referred to in paragraph 9 of my Confidential despatch of the 28th instant. I fail to see
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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street.

at present how we can reasonably prevent the licensee
from using his pressure boilers for this purpose when
shales are plentiful.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. L. G.

Governor.

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Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley.
4th June, 1913.

See S. G. S. Conf. despatch of 24 July 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 11th December last, relative to the proposed wireless station in South Georgia.

2. In accordance with your request in paragraph 2, I caused a copy of the letter of 20th November, 1912, from Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, enclosed in your despatch, to be forwarded to the Stipendiary Magistrate, and I now transmit a copy of his letter of 20th April in reply.

3. With regard to Mr. Wilson's suggestion that, if a site were selected at Allardys Harbour, the masts might be placed in position at the top of a hill, with connecting wires to the station beneath, I should add that the conveyance of the necessary heavy material to even an inconsiderable elevation would present extraordinary difficulties.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient,

humble servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

W. G.
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to confidential despatch of 4th June, 1913.

The Stipendiary Magistrate, South
Georgia, to the Colonial Secretary.

The Office of the Magistrate,

King Edward Cove, South Georgia,

28th April, 1913.

S.G.No.52/1913.

M.P.39/1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.39/13 of the 15th January last, together with a copy of a letter from the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company with drawing attached.

2. As far as I can ascertain, there is no better site than that already suggested. While searching for a suitable site last year, the coast was very closely examined between Cumberland Bay and Cape Buller, but owing to the configuration of the land it was impossible to fix on a site without high land being near the back of the proposed station. If it were possible to place the masts in position on the top of a hill with connecting wires to the station beneath, Allardyce Harbour would be very suitable, although I presume the difficulty there would be the want of sufficient surface soil for the plates forming the earth circle.

I have, &c.,

(sgd) J. Innes Wilson,

Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
12th day of JUNE, 1913. per S.S. "ORISSA".

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Government House, Stanley.
7th June, 1913.

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See Conf. despatch of 29 June 1913

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of my confidential despatch of 5th January, on the subject of the whaling policy to be introduced in the Dependencies, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia in reply to the communication which I caused to be addressed to him in accordance with the proposal made in paragraph 11 of your confidential despatch of 15th November last.

2. As you will observe, Mr. Wilson is of opinion that a free license to employ an additional floating factory might advantageously be issued to Messrs. Bryde and Dail, provided that the second factory is restricted to the treatment of "waste whale carcasses or matter which could not be utilized by the principal factory." I consider, however, that it would not be advisable to impose such a restriction on the grant of a floating factory license to that company, and have so informed Mr. Wilson.

3. With regard to paragraph 5 of my enclosure, in view of the satisfactory results so far obtained by

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited,
with their s.s. "Restitution" (vide Mr. Wilson's reports
transmitted in my despatches noted in the margin), and
of the fact that they are permitted to employ only two
whale catchers under the terms of their lease, there
appears to be at present no need for the Government to
demand the erection of a shore factory at Prince Olaf
Harbour.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W.L.A.

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to despatch Confidential of 7th June, 1913.

S.G.No.51/1913.
M.P.No.4/1913.

The Office of the Magistrate,
King Edward Cove, South Georgia.

-CONFIDENTIAL-

27th April, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.4/1913 - Confidential - of the 6th January last, together with an extract from the Secretary of State's confidential despatch of the 16th November, 1912, on the subject of checking the waste of whale carcasses at this Dependency by offering to certain companies here a free license for an extra floating factory for three years on giving the necessary undertaking to erect a shore station capable of utilizing the whole carcass of all whales taken without waste.

2. With reference to the companies which are not bound to utilize the whole carcass of the whale, I am glad to be able to report that the shore station of the Tonsberg Whaling Company is now in full working order, and their last Whaling Return (1912-13) shows excellent results in utilization. It is also satisfactory that the Sandefjord Whaling Company, Stromness Harbour, have now nearly completed the erection of an adequate shore station for the utilization of the whole whale carcass. This station is about the same size as that of the Tonsberg Whaling Company, and was commenced at the beginning of the past

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THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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whaling season, 1912-13. Under these circumstances I considered it unnecessary to approach the local managers of the Sandefjord Whaling Company and the Tonsberg Whaling Company with the offer of an additional floating factory license.

3. With regard to the Compania Argentina de Pesca, it now seems very unlikely that this company will attach a guano factory, or factory for utilizing the whole carcass, to their present station, although the matter was spoken of some considerable time ago. In the meantime the whale matter discarded by this company is utilized by a floating factory with a guano plant, employed by an arrangement with the Compania Argentina de Pesca which is privileged to use such a factory under the conditions of their Jason Harbour and Grøtviken Harbour leases, as in the case of the Tonsberg Whaling Company (also vide S.C.No.46 of the 28th March).

4. I enquired of the local manager of Messrs. Tryde & Eahl as to the likelihood of his company erecting a shore factory under certain inducements, but the idea was deemed by him to be an impossibility as he considered, in the first place, that the land at Godthul was unsuitable for building a shore station, owing partly to the exposed nature of the harbour to the north-east. He further stated that in any case he hardly thought that his company would risk going to the expense of erecting such a station. From this information it seems that the waste of whale carcasses which has gone on in the past at Godthul must continue, unless the floating factory of that company were fitted out with a guano plant similar to that of the floating factory S.S. "Restitution" of the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Ltd.; the only alternative to this,

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this, in order to diminish the waste at Godthul, would of course be to grant the additional floating factory license to that company, if applied for, on condition that such a vessel must only utilize waste whale matter or carcasses.

5. As it does not now appear that a shore station will be erected by the Southern Whaling & Sealing Co., Ltd., at Port Gladstone, (Prince Olaf Harbour), I spoke with the local manager of that company on the subject and pointed out that it was understood when this lease was granted by the Government that such a station would be erected by his company. This company apparently relies on being able to utilize the whole carcass in accordance with the conditions of the lease with their floating factory "Restitution", as they think that such a factory is quite sufficient to work up the catch of two steam whalers.

6. From the foregoing report it will be observed that a great advance has been made at South Georgia in the utilization of waste whale carcasses within the past two years and the Whaling Returns so far received for the 1912-13 whaling season clearly illustrate this by the considerable increase in the output of grease and a general increase in the average production of oil per whale. All the whaling stations will hereafter be in a position to utilize the whole whale carcass with the exception of Messrs Bryde & Lahl. Were it really possible to diminish the waste by permitting this company to use an additional floating factory I really think that a floating factory license should be granted, as it would in no way effect the whale 'catch' provided of course, as already stated, that such a license would only be issued on condition that the licensed vessel was fitted with a grease plant
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for dealing exclusively with the waste whale carcasses
or matter which could not be utilized by the principal
factory.

I have &c.,

(SIGNED) J. IVES WILSON.
Stipendiary Magistrate.

See Ref. to S.S. 290/06.
Conf. of 24 July 1914,
also telegram from S.S. to Gov. of 22/1/14.
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Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

21st July, 1913.

Sir,

In his despatch No.4 of 3rd January, 1895, Governor Goldsworthy drew attention to the need for the appointment of a Magistrate and Deputy Collector of Customs for the West Falkland, who should reside at Fox Bay in order to protect the revenue and facilitate the administration of justice, and Mr.G.Hurst was subsequently appointed to the new post. Governor Goldsworthy's proposals were based on the facts disclosed by Judge Thompson and Mr.Hill whom he selected to be joint Commissioners to visit the West Falklands and report as to, inter alia, the requirements of that portion of the Colony in respect to the administration of justice and the enforcement of the Customs Regulations, etc.

2. In Governor Grey-Wilson's despatch No.47 of 25th April, 1902, he recommended that Mr.Hurst be withdrawn from Fox Bay and employed in Stanley. His recommendation received your predecessor's approval, and was eventually carried into effect.

3. Shortly after I reached the Colony in 1904, I visited the various settlements on the East and West Falklands

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Falklands, and, as reported in my despatch No.90 of 14th November, 1906, repeated my tour on the latter towards the close of that year. At that time Mr.W.A. Thompson, the Collector of Customs, was satisfied that smuggling had been extensively engaged in on the East Falkland since the withdrawal of the Magistrate, and urged the appointment of preventive officers. As the result of my visit I came to the conclusion that although there might be occasional breaches of the Customs law, they were of rare occurrence, and I accordingly took no further action in the matter.

4. On 10th August, 1909, a Port of Entry was opened at New Island, with the object of facilitating the whaling operations of Messrs.Chr.Salvesen and Company who had undertaken to erect a shore factory at South Harbour. This was followed by a contract with that Company for a steam inter-insular mail service, and later by a "boom" in the whaling industry at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land. The natural consequence was that at certain times of the year New Island became a very busy port, and the Deputy Collector, in spite of the help of an assistant during the height of the busy season, often had the greatest difficulty in controlling the shipping, owing to the smallness of his staff and his inability to procure locally the services of suitable men as Customs Officers. The situation was further complicated by New Island being made not only a depôt for the inter-insular mail boat, but also a
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port of call for Messrs. Salvesen's fleet of large steamers which ply at intervals between the United Kingdom and South Georgia via the River Plate. Some of the whaling expeditions to the South Shetlands and Graham's Land touch at New Island on the outward and homeward voyages, and a number of the whale catchers are left there for overhaul and repair during the winter months.

5. As you are aware, Messrs. Salvesen are permitted to employ five whale catchers in the territorial waters of the Falkland Islands, and one of these vessels is frequently despatched to Stanley on some mission which may or may not entail calls at intervening places in the group. The Port of Entry has thus materially increased the coastal shipping as well as the maritime traffic between the Colony, its Dependencies, and the outer world.

6. In paragraph 2 of my Message to the Legislative Council introducing the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1912, I referred to the declining revenue from Customs duties on spirits and tobacco as follows:-

"The decrease in receipts from Customs is due to a falling off under wine, malt, spirits and tobacco. The revenue obtained from wine was nearly 50% less than in 1911, while the duty realized from malt was the smallest received since 1898. In the matter of spirits only £1,510 was received, being 21% short of the estimate. It is noteworthy that this is likewise the smallest duty returned under

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this Head since 1896. Tobacco dues amounted to only £706, or less than 53% of the estimate of £1,500. This is the lowest revenue derived from this source since 1891. Notwithstanding the growth of trade, shipping and population which has taken place of late years, there has been a continued decrease in the import duties on wine, malt, spirits and tobacco; it seems, therefore, doubtful whether the present Customs Staff is sufficient to adequately safeguard the revenue."

In connection with the revenue from spirit duties, it is worthy of remark that the previous lowest return, i.e., that of 1896, was yielded the year after Mr. Hurst was appointed to the Magistracy of the West Falkland. During his tenure of office, the average receipts from import duties on liquor and tobacco rose, and on the termination of his appointment, fell again considerably. This would appear to indicate that his presence at Fox Bay was undoubtedly beneficial in checking the illicit importation of dutiable goods. I would also refer you to my despatch No. 116 of 27th August, 1912, in which I have dealt with this question in detail.

7. From reports received lately from the West Falkland, I have reason to believe that smuggling has been carried on for some time on a comparatively large scale. I enclose, as evidence of this, a copy of a letter (together with a photograph of the original taken by Dr. Turner, the Assistant Colonial Surgeon at

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Fox Bay) from Captain Saanum, the master of the inter-insular mail steamer "Columbus", to Mr. Miller, a Justice of the Peace and station manager at Hill Cove, West Falkland. This letter came into the hands of the Deputy Postmaster at Fox Bay in May. It is clear from the context and recent developments that the "stuff" referred to therein is liquor of some description, probably whisky.

8. In the endeavour to assist the Customs Department in controlling the importation of dutiable articles and their carriage round the coast, it has been decided to enforce with greater strictness than heretofore the provisions of section 35 of the Customs Ordinance, 1903, which determines the form of transire to be issued to coasting vessels bound for a port or ports within the Colony.

9. The steady loss which the revenue has suffered from declining Customs returns during the last seven years compels me to the conviction that further measures will have to be taken if this regrettable state of affairs is to be rectified. From my enclosure you will observe that the Office of Justice of the Peace does not necessarily command that regard for its responsibilities nor that conscientious discharge of its duties without which the position becomes at once a mere sinecure and, from an administrative point of view, valueless. I fear that these remarks apply equally to the majority of the Justices of the Peace on the West Falkland, who are for the most

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part, station managers, and whose conduct and proclivities are influenced more by their commercial and individual interests than by any sense of obligation to the office they hold under Government.

10. I am, therefore, satisfied that something must be done without delay to strengthen the Government's position on the West Falkland and to support the staff by whom it is at present represented there, whose duties are often carried out under most trying circumstances and in face of much opposition. With this object in view, I propose, with your approval, to revert to the former arrangement instituted by Governor Goldsworthy, and to make provision on the 1914 Estimates for stationing a Magistrate and a Constable at Fox Bay; they will occupy the quarters originally built for these officers. The salary of the Magistrate to be £250 a year, rising by annual increments of £25 to £300, and that of the Constable, the same as the rate of remuneration received by the Constables in Stanley, i.e., £72 a year and quarters. The Magistrate will also perform the duties of Deputy Collector of Customs and Postmaster, and the Constable will be ex officio a Customs Officer.

11. Mr. J. I. Wilson, the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia, appears to me to be eminently suited to fill this new appointment. He was, as you will recollect, for several years an Itinerant Schoolmaster on the West Falkland, and has, consequently, an intimate knowledge of the people and local conditions. His post in South Georgia has likewise afforded him considerable
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experience in magisterial, customs, and postal work, and he has throughout his tenure of office in that Dependency shown undoubted administrative ability and resourcefulness. I am confident that he would, if appointed to the new post, discharge its functions with far greater satisfaction to the Government than could possibly be the case when the various appointments are held by more than one officer.

12. If you approve my proposal, Mr. Wilson's place at South Georgia should, I consider, be filled by Mr. E. R. Rinnie, who acted as Magistrate at King Edward Cove during the former's absence on leave in 1911 (vide my despatch No. 86 of 9th July of that year) and has a good general knowledge of the whaling industry in these waters. Mr. Rinnie, whose substantive appointment is that of Deputy Collector at New Island, will probably again accompany the whaling expeditions to the South Shetlands and Graham's Land as Stipendiary Magistrate and Deputy Collector for the approaching season, and on his return to Stanley could at once proceed to South Georgia to relieve Mr. Wilson. He is at present in charge of the Post Office pending Mr. W. A. Thompson's return to the Colony, when Mr. Craigie-Halkett, now in the Treasury, will resume his substantive appointment as Postmaster. On Mr. Thompson's departure on leave in May, Mr. Rinnie was appointed a Magistrate temporarily and provisionally, and is therefore gaining, in Police Court cases, experience which would be most useful to him in dealing with any similar cases arising hereafter

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in South Georgia.

13. Mr. J. W. Brown, the present Acting Deputy Collector and Postmaster at Fox Bay, is not in a position, nor has he the requisite qualifications, to do justice to the post. When the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Turner, asked to be relieved of the above duties, Mr. Brown, who was at the time an Itinerant Schoolmaster on the West Falkland, happened to be in Stanley, and requested that he might be allowed to undertake the combined duties of Deputy Collector and Postmaster in conjunction with his own work. Having just then no other suitable candidate available, I acquiesced in this proposal as a purely tentative and provisional arrangement. Later, Mr. Brown reported that he was unable to efficiently perform his scholastic work, and as his agreement as Schoolmaster had terminated, he desired to be permitted to relinquish teaching, and offered to continue the Customs and Postal work at the established salary of £30 per annum, provided that he might occupy the Magistrate's quarters and draw £12 a year as Receiver of Beaks.

14. Mr. Brown, I regret to say, misled me, and through force of circumstances and lack of staff, I was compelled to sanction this new arrangement as a temporary makeshift. Mr. Brown was afterwards permitted to supplement this pittance by taking in boarders at a scale of charges approved by the Governor in Council. You will readily understand that there are obvious objections to a continuation of existing arrangements

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for any length of time. The selection of an independent officer to undertake the combined duties of Magistrate, Deputy Collector and Postmaster commends itself to me as the best solution of the difficulty with which the Government is now confronted.

15. In my despatch No.106 of the 19th instant, I have submitted a scheme for the proposed wireless installation at Fox Bay. The station should, when completed, be under the supervision and direction of a senior executive officer; such supervision might well be allotted to the Magistrate. Under present circumstances there is no one at Fox Bay who could conveniently or satisfactorily undertake it.

16. As regards the administration of justice, I would point out that local conditions have undergone considerable change since my predecessor recommended Mr. Hurst's withdrawal from Fox Bay. At that time a number of the sheep farmers lived on their stations instead of leaving them to be managed by deputies as at present. As I have stated in paragraph 9 above, their employers' interests are naturally the first consideration with most of the managers and the commercial prosperity of the farms committed to their charge taken precedence of any claims the Government may have upon them as judicial officers. Further, all Government officials on the island, and the Assistant Colonial Surgeon in particular, have been subjected, from time to time, to treatment which can only be described as scandalous; a state of affairs which is an
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intolerable for the Government as it is unpleasant for the victim. I feel that the presence of a Magistrate at Fox Bay would go far to check a recurrence of the indignities which public servants have repeatedly suffered at the hands of the station managers on the West Falkland. As might be expected, resident owners displayed during Governor Grey-Wilson's administration a more disinterested attitude towards Government than that which has characterized the dealings of their successors. I venture to submit, therefore, that his arguments in favour of abolishing the post of Magistrate at Fox Bay have no longer the same application as formerly.

17. I have consulted my advisers on the general question of the desirability of creating the proposed new appointments, and they concur with me in urging the necessity for stationing a responsible officer and representative of Government on the West Falkland. The extra expenditure incurred annually, if these proposals receive your sanction, would be as follows:-

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| Salary of Magistrate, etc., | £ | 300 per annum. |
| Salary of Constable | | 72 per annum. |
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| Less present salary of Deputy Collector and Postmaster | | 36 per annum. |
| | | <u>£336</u> |

This amount would, in my opinion, be insignificant when compared with the recovery the revenue would undoubtedly make under proper supervision, and the benefits which
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Private Secretary,

Confidential Secretary of the Governor, 1914

would be derived by the Administration in the work of
the Legal, Customs and Postal Departments.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Governor.

I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you will be able to return to the office in the near future. I have been in the office since my return from leave and am glad to hear that you are well.

I will see you again soon, and will be glad to hear from you again.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. [Name]

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Yours faithfully,

J. P. [Name]

Falkland Islands.
Enclosure to confidential despatch of 21 July, 1913.

Captain P. Saanum to Mr. S. Miller.

S.S. Columbus,
at Fox Bay,

8/5/13.

S. Miller Esq.,

Dear Miller,

I am very sorry for speaking as I did at Port Howard; but I must ask you to pardon me for I had really no meaning in what I said. I must have been in a damned bad temper, combined with Scotch, so please do not take any notice of it.

I will see you again soon, and make everything good, so take care of yourself until then.

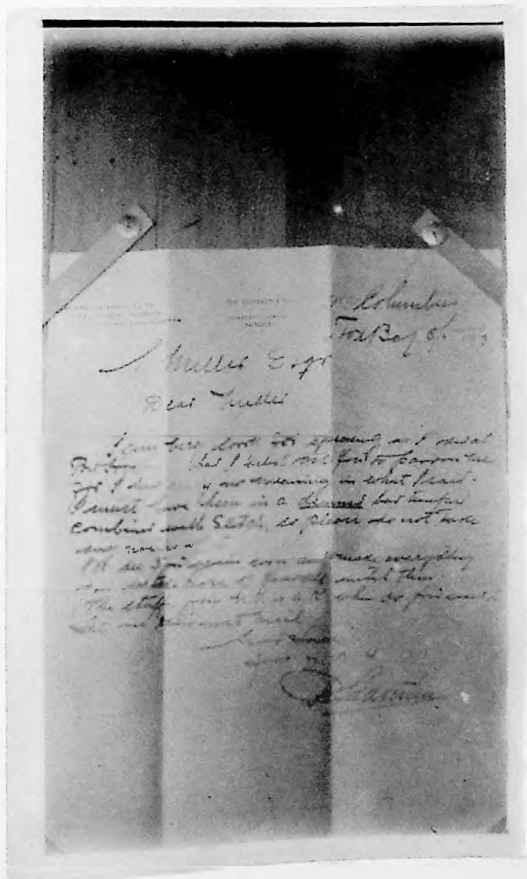
The stuff from N.I. is O.K. When do you want it. Let me know next mail.

Good Luck,

Yours as B.4.

(sgd) P. Saanum.

Photograph of original.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 24th day of JULY, 1913. per S.S. "SORATA".

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Enclosure No 1 to Confidential despatch of 23 July, 1913.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House, Stanley,

23 July, 1913.

Colliers' Hall.

St. John's.

Surrey.

23 July, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter received yesterday from a Mrs T. Cook (?) addressed to

The Resident Doctor,

Victoria Cottage Home,

Port Stanley,

enquiring as to the whereabouts of Nurse A.H. Grigg, who, as you are aware, suddenly resigned her position as Nurse Matron on 15th April last.

2. In paragraph 4 of my Confidential despatch of 12 May I alluded to the intimate relations which existed between Mr F.A. Thompson and the Nurses, and my private opinion is that Mr Thompson is in a position, if required, to give the address of Miss Grigg.

3. I attach a copy of the letter which I have caused to be sent to Mrs Cook.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W.A.
Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street.

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Encls. N° 2.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No I to Confidential despatch of 23 July, 1913.

6 Marlboro Road,
Colliers Wood,
Merton,
Surrey,
June 24th, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I should be extremely obliged if you could give me any information concerning Nurse A.H.Grigg, who was attached to the Cottage Hospital.

By the last mail (7th inst) letters which I wrote her were returned without any explanation as to their non-delivery, other letters have also been received since, which were written by other friends.

My family and I last heard from her beginning of April, she then made no mention of leaving the Island, we are very anxious about her and if you could inform us of her present whereabouts we should be very grateful to you.

Yours sincerely,
(sgd) Mrs T.Cook

p.S. I also sent parcel containing mackintosh and other things by later mail up to present this has not been returned, would you please enquire if parcel has been received.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No 2 to Confidential despatch of 23 July, 1913.

Colonial Secretary to Mrs T. Cook.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, 23 July, 1913.

Madam,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge your letter of 24 June addressed to the Resident Doctor, Victoria Cottage Home, and to inform you in reply that Miss A.H. Grigg suddenly resigned the appointment of Nurse Matron of the above Institution on 15 April and left the following morning in the R.M.S. 'Oronsa' bound for Liverpool.

2. No communication has since been received from Miss Grigg, but she left instructions for certain parcels to be sent to her at your address, and the Postmaster has given effect to her wishes.

3. Should you require any further information I am to refer you to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Downing Street, London, S.W., who might possibly be able to assist you.

I am &c.,

(sgd) Jno. Quayle Dickson
Colonial Secretary.

213/13.

Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

31st July, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of 4th July approving, with certain slight amendments, the draft Circular submitted in my confidential despatch of 28th May with regard to the whaling policy to be introduced in the Dependencies.

2. I enclose herewith ten copies of the Circular which has now been issued to the whaling companies licensed to operate in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land and the South Orkneys.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Governor.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

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Circular.

No. 213/1913.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,
 25th July, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that the Government has for some time past had under consideration the questions of licensing additional floating factories and of checking the waste of whale carcasses which still goes on in the Dependencies.

2. The reports of the officials who accompanied the expeditions to the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, and the South Orkneys, respectively, during the 1912-13 season, shew that in many instances the blubber only was frenched off the whales.

3. The whaling season at these Dependencies is a comparatively short one, lasting, at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land, probably not more than five months, and at the South Orkneys three and a half months. The prevailing climatic conditions seriously interfere with and obstruct the utilization of the whole carcass; and the number of whales in any one locality is subject to great variation from day to day.

4. The Government is nevertheless convinced that its policy should be to reduce waste to the smallest limits possible, and that this can best be done by employing a somewhat improved type of floating factory, or in any case a floating factory provided with an adequate number of pressure boilers for dealing with the carcass, as distinct from open boilers for treating the blubber. The land factory erected at Deception Island is still in the experimental stage and its success as a commercial enterprise has yet to be proved.

5. Some of the companies now operating at the South Shetlands and Graham's Land have already applied for permission to use an additional floating factory during the 1913-14 season, and this has been granted on condition that the Licensee shall have installed on board the second floating factory not less than twelve pressure boilers, each 10 feet long by 7 feet diameter (or of equivalent cubic capacity), for the reduction of the whale carcass. The Managers of the expeditions who have been consulted admitted that when the blubber only was utilized, half the value of the whale was lost, and that measures should be taken to enforce, as far as practicable, utilization of the other portions of the carcass. They therefore raised no objections to an increase in the number of pressure boilers at present carried by the whaling companies. It is estimated that twelve pressure boilers of the above dimensions would be able to reduce the carcasses of an average daily catch of two blue whales or their equivalent, after the blubber had been frenched off.

6. In order to provide for an extension of the pressure boiler plant where necessary, the Government has decided to issue in future an annual whaling licence authorising the use of two steam whalers in conjunction with two floating factories from and after 1st October, 1914. The fee for this licence will be £200, and, if a third whale catcher is licensed, there will be an extra charge of £100 as heretofore. No whaling licences will be granted after that date except on these terms, and the issue of all licences will be subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (a) where permission to use not more than two whale catchers, whether in conjunction with a second floating factory or not, is applied for, the vessel or vessels of the applicant will be required to carry in all not less than nine (9) pressure boilers, each 10 feet long by 7 feet diameter, or of equivalent cubic capacity, for dealing with the residue of the carcass after the blubber has been removed;
- (b) and where application is made for a licence for a third whale catcher, the plant of the applicant will have to include not less than twelve (12) such pressure boilers.

7. Under the terms of their lease of land at Deception Island, the Hektor Whaling Company have the right to take over such discarded whale carcasses in Deception Harbour as will keep their shore and floating factory fully employed, and undertake to utilize the whole of the carcasses of all whales caught by their steam whalers, and, if necessary, the whole of such other whale carcasses as will, together with those caught by their steam whalers, amount to not less than the equivalent of five blue whales per diem (on the basis of four humpback whales being equal to one-and-a-half fin or one blue whale) during the whaling season. In order, therefore, to safeguard the Hektor Whaling Company's interests, every licence allowing the employment of two floating factories in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land will be issued subject to the further condition that permission to use the territorial waters of Deception Island will be withdrawn if, at any time during the life of the above-mentioned lease, it is shewn to the satisfaction of the Governor that the operation of the second floating factory seriously impedes that Company in fulfilling the conditions of their lease.

8. New regulations in the sense of the foregoing paragraphs will be drafted in the course of the year and will come into force on 1st October, 1914.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Colonial Secretary.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 6th day of August, 1913, 19 per S.S. 'Oronsa'

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Falkland Islands.

Government House, Stanley.

Confidential.

4th August, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 25th June, relative to the list of whaling licenses issued for the approaching season.

2. With reference to the concluding paragraph of your despatch, no further communication has been received from the applicants for whaling licenses for the Sandwich Group for the 1912-13 season; it is consequently presumed that they do not intend to renew their applications. Of the licenses which were issued for last season, all were returned or subsequently refused.

3. There has been only one applicant for a license to operate at that Dependency during the 1913-14 season (Mr. K. O. Stone, Master of the floating factory "Normanna"), and on further consideration he is not desirous of paying the license fee. The truth is that so little is known of this archipelago, and those who have been there have reported so unfavourably on the ice and the local conditions generally, that there is at present but little inducement to conduct whaling operations in those waters.

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The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

4. No addition to or material alteration of the list of whaling licenses forwarded with my confidential despatch of 25th April has yet been made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. G.
Governor.

PAKLAND ISLANDS.

Office Administering the Govt

Government House, Stanley.

PAKLAND ISLANDS.

Confidential.

50th August, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential circular of 21st July with reference to legislation for the protection and preservation of plumage birds.

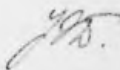
2. No law exists in these territories which includes the prohibition of the export of the plumage and skin of protected birds and steps will be taken to amend the law in this direction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble,

obedient Servant,



Administrator.

The Right Honourable,

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Officer administering the Govt

*Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the ~~Governor~~ of the
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*See Admin No 55. Comd of 21 Oct 13
See Comd of 12 Nov 13*

Government House,
Stanley, 22nd September, 1913.

Sir,

On the 17th September I appointed a Surprise Board of Survey on Volunteer Equipment and the Report of the Board, together with an inventory of rifles, etc., is attached.

2. This Report, which from a personal knowledge I can endorse, speaks for itself.

3. Captain I. West has resigned the Command of the Volunteers and up to the present I have not appointed another Commanding Officer. Sergeant Major Sullivan is carrying on the duties under my direction.

4. It would, in my opinion, be nothing less than a public farce to continue the Volunteers as at present, the roll being 3 Officers, 88 non-commissioned Officers, 40 Men and 7 (so called) Gardener. The Band was dissolved at the end of last year.

5. I shall give this matter attention as soon as the mail steamer for England has sailed, but in the meantime I am instructing Serjt. Major Sullivan to approach the non-commissioned Officers with a view to their reverting to the rank of private, and I have little doubt that this will be done.

6. I feel that a small and efficient Volunteer force can be maintained in this Colony provided that a suitable Officer can be placed in Command.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
Sec., Sec., Sec.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

[Signature]
Administrator.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to despatch Confidential of 22nd September, 1913.



Stanley.

Sept 17th, 1913.

Report made by Surprise Board of Survey of all
Volunteer equipments, stores etc.

The following being members of a Surprise Board of Survey, met at the Colonial Secretary's office at 11am September 17th 1913, and proceeded to examine the armoury.

I. Armoury.

(A) This room was found to be in a most disorderly and untidy condition, the various articles as per inventory being found lying about regardless of method or order.

(B). Ammunition.

Particular notice was made of several hundred rounds of ammunition which were found lying about in a careless and dangerous manner. The board considered that this ought to have been stowed in the powder magazine.

The same applies to many fuses and percussion caps.

(C). Rifles.

These in the opinion of the board should be kept in racks and not in cases and table tops, piled up in an indifferent manner.

(D). Clothing.

The clothing was found in various odd places and would be difficult to find if necessary at short notice.

(E). Gun and Rifle equipments.

Various costly instruments e.g. Clinometers, and machine gun appliances etc etc were scattered here & there regardless of value.

(F). Bayonets, Belts, Swords, etc.

The Bayonets & Scabbards were found well greased but stowed in various places. These also would be difficult to

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find if wanted in case of emergency.

The six swords found are said by Capt Watt to be obsolete.

(G). Band instruments.

These were found in a box containing
up capes, music, and coats, & were in a bad condition, being dented
etc etc.

Many articles belonging to the Government but not pertaining to
Volunteer equipment were stowed in the armory. These caused a
limitation of space and probably helped towards ^{the} disorder.

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Powder Magazine.

The magazine was found to contain ammunition and powder as noted in
the inventory. The cases of ammunition were lying about in any
order, and three barrels of gunpowder were lying quite close to the
door, subjected to climatic conditions. The board are of the opinion
that the ammunition should be stored on shelves off the ground and
each case dated. The powder to be stored in the inner chamber of the
magazine, which is the drier chamber of the two. The building itself
was in fairly good condition, except for the roof which was denuded
of slates in places, and the door leading into the magazine was not
provided with efficient lock or handle, so much so, in the case of the
handle, that if the door was shut tight, it could be only opened with
great difficulty.

Capt Watt lent his assistance to the board in making the inventory.

(3).

Rifle Range.

(A). Range hut. This is a small building some 600 yds from the
target, containing articles mentioned in the inventory.
Here again were cases of cartridges lying about unprotected, & a chest
containing some 1,000 odd rounds, placed in a dangerous proximity to
a stove not 3 yds away. These cartridges in the opinion of the
board should be stored in the magazine.

(B). Targets. The targets consist of two first class & two second
~~class~~ class & two signalling dummy targets. The trenches & the marker
huts were in a disgraceful & untidy condition.

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A telephone set was found in one of the markers huts. It is the opinion of the board that it should be kept in a drier place, the ground cleared of debris around the targets, & that the trenches & huts be reconstructed.

Books etc etc
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The board were informed by Capt Watt that the muster roll was at Government House. The following books were handed over to the board, namely Cash book, bank book, 3 equipment books, receipt book, ammunition book. The bank book & cash book do not agree xxx in as much as £2 -18-3 appears to have been paid by Capt Watt, but not drawn from the bank. The board finds it practically impossible to compare the equipment books with the inventory taken, in order to show the amount on the charge list balances the amount in stock & the amount in use. The board understand from Capt Watt that the wet canteen is a private concern, & so in the meantime are awaiting further instructions before visiting the same.

We have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servants

Ernest C. Deed Simpson.
Major-General, J.P.
Chief Inspector of Police

The Hon-

W. Smith
The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.



Inventory of Armoury.

- 33 Service files.
- 1 Sighting "
- 2 Minature "
- 46 Pouches.
- 7 Frogs.
- 3 Belts, complete with frogs & pouches.
- 2 Belts with bayonets, no pouches.
- 12 New leather belts.
- 1 New canvas belt & bayonet.
- 6 Swords.
- 1 Box of sundries, including sword sticks, dumbbells, ropes etc.
- 6 Foils.
- 1 Fencing mask.
- 1 Tape measure in case.
- 1 New revolver case.
- 1/2 bottle of Enos Fruit Salts.
- 4 lamp glasses.
- 1 Pair fencing gloves.
- 1 Box cardboard wads.
- 1 Box of about 200 cartridges.
- 17 packets of playing cards.
- 100 Rounds ammunition, for Snider rifles.
- 1 Box cartridge wads.
- 1 Full box of wads, for sporting cartridges,
- 7 Tins of anvils for percussion caps.
- 1 Leather apron.
- Sundry pull-throughs. App 100
- 5 Tins of percussion caps.
- 1 Box cardboard wadding.
- 2 Signalling lamp boxes, without lamps.
- 6 Cans lubricating grease, partly full.



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- 6 Funnels for same.
- 8 Cleaning rods.
- quantity of books.
- 6 Coats. (Uniforms).
- 5 Pairs of trousers. (Uniform).
- 2 Field caps.
- 1 Box containing uniform complete.
- 1 " " sundry parts of band instruments, decorations, stripes etc & buttons.
- 3 Boxes of Bonax sporting cartridges, 1 partly full.
- 1 Packet of Commission forms.
- 17 Fuses.
- 12 Pounds of shot.
- Sundry registration cards.
- 1 Box containing 19 bayonets & scabbards.
- 1 Bench & vice.
- 1 Box of sight measures etc.
- 3 Slings.
- Packet of blank cartridges.
- Saluting charges for big gun.
- 3 Clinometers.
- 3 Cleaning rods.
- 2 Barrels for Maxim.
- 10 Ammunition boxes for machine gun.
- 3 Time percussion fuses.
- 2 Percussion fuses.
- 11 Tins time fuses.
- 115 Field caps.
- 3 Kk Khaki coats.
- 1 Black coat (uniform).
- Small quantity of blue & white bunting.
- 1 Large drum, strap & stick,
- 1 Leather apron for ~~XXXXX~~ same.



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- 1 Blue flag.
- 1 Officer's belt.
- 6 Band hats.
- 4 Pairs white woolen gloves.
- 3 Rolls cleaning cloths for rifles.
- 1 Small sack of tent pegs.
- 26 Slouch hats.
- 5 Tent poles.
- 3 Cases of Champagne labelled W.L.A.
- 3 Tents in sacks.
- 1 Box containing canteen materials., cigarettes, cigars etc.
- 3 Bottles of oil.
- 3 Straps & pouches.
- 2 Big gun ram rods.
- 4 Mounted targets.
- 1 Pair scales.
- 1 Saw.
- 1 deal table.
- 1 Chair.
- 1 Fender.
- 4 Empty cases(cordite .303)
- 3 Boxes of friction tubes.
- 1 Chest containing sword sticks, baskets, loose cartridges.
- 2 Leather cases. (empty)
- 3 Maxim ammunition cases empty.
- 1 " " " full. (200rounds)
- 3 Full cases of cordite, .303.
- 1 Leather ammunition case.
- 1 Envelope of blank cartridges.
- 1 Bayonet, pouch & belt.
- 5 Bayonets & scabbards.
- 6 Pouches.
- 2 Slings.



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- 6 Frogs.
- 1 Sight finder.
- 1 Box containing spanners.
- 1 " " 28 new Capes, 3 great coats (used), 3 musical brass instruments, red flag, & packet of music.
- 1 Box of utensils & books.
- 2 Coats.
- 1 Pair trousers.
- 5 Hurricane lamps.
- 1 Cup.
- 2 Rolla duck.
- 2 Bayonets.
- 1 Ladies cycle.
- 1 Officer's cap.
- 1 drawer containing parts of rifles etc etc.

These articles were recorded in the order found.

The following are totals of articles mentioned more than once in the inventory.

54 Trenches, 13 Frogs, 6 Slings, 117 Field caps, 15 Straps & belts
25 Bayonets & scabbards, 3 Bayonets & belts.

The following items included in the above inventory have since been removed to the powder magazine.

3 boxes of sporting cartridges, 1 envelope of blank cartridges, 1 box rusty cartridges (Martini-Henri) 1 box containing caps, cartridges, & anvils, 6 blank cartridges for big gun, 1 box of safety cartridges ~~from~~, (4,000), 3 boxes (full) of friction tubes, $\frac{1}{2}$ tin ditto, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ boxes of .303 ball cartridges, 12 lbs small shot, 1 box cartridges in belt for Maxim, 1 box with $\frac{1}{2}$ belt for ditto.
We learn from Capt Watt that a quantity of the above ammunition is personal property.



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Inventory of powder Magazine.

30,460 rounds of .303.

1 full & two half full boxes of blank cartridges.

6 Full barrels of gunpowder.

225 Time & percussion fuzes in boxes.

84 Percussion fuzes.

1 box of Incendary stars.

3,000 rounds Martin-Henri.

1 Tin grease.

Quantity of boxes of empty shells.

16 Boxes of shells (7lb).

Part case of saluting charges.

Quantity of obsolete ammunition, which we are informed that His Excellency has the correct tally of.

Range Hut.

6,770 .303 rounds. (since removed to powder magazine).

Kitchen range.

Stove.

Quantity of cooking utensils.

Target material.

Telephone.

2 Cleaning rods.

2 Benches.

Axe

Wooden chest.

2 Tent poles.

Bundle of iron standards.

Quantity of personal effects.

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Rifle Butts.

Telephone.

Flags.

Marking gear.

2 first class iron targets.

3 second " " "

2 Signalling targets.

Quantity of painting material etc.

The Board find that on comparing the ammunition inventory with the official account kept, that they agree within 300 rounds. Taking into consideration the loose cartridges found in the armoury, the deficiency can be easily accounted for.

The rifle tally is found correct.

The board find it almost impossible to tally clothing etc, as the only charge list on record is dated 1/4/1908.

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Walkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 23rd September, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential circular despatch of 21st July, 1913, with reference to the uniformity in Colonial legislation as regards the prohibition of the export of the plumage and skins of non-edible birds.

The laws of this Colony do not include a prohibition of export of the plumage and skins of protected birds and steps will be taken to amend the law in this direction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble,
obedient servant,



Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
Ac., Ac., Ac.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S. W.

FAIRLAW ISLANDS.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 24th September, 1913.

*See Chron. to S. of S. Conf. of 22 Oct 13
and Conf. of 23 Oct 13
See Conf. sup. from S. of S. of 12 Nov 13*

Sir,

I arrived in this Colony on the 22nd of July and on the afternoon of that day Mr. Allardyce, when speaking to me in my Office, asked me to carry on the work as it had been done in the past. I had not been here twenty-four hours before I noticed that the Colonial Secretary's Office was in a hopeless muddle. When I had been here about a week I spoke to Mr. Allardyce on the subject and he agreed that I should reorganise on the lines that similar Offices are conducted in other Colonies.

2. On assuming the Administration on 20th August I found that several other Government Departments were more or less in a disorganised and inefficient state.

3. Colonial Secretary's Office. The condition of the Colonial Secretary's Office was, in my opinion, due to the hopeless incompetence of the Senior Clerk (Captain F. Watt) who is now retiring. In this and in all other Departments no inventory of Government property has been kept. The following Resolution was carried unanimously at a meeting of the Executive Council held on 20th September: "That there is great need of reorganisation in the Government Service of the Colony with a view to greater efficiency and economy and that this be carried into effect in the Colonial Secretary's Office, the Treasury, and the Post Office as opportunity offers". Steps are being taken accordingly.

The Right Honorable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
Ac., Ac., Ac.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, W.

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4. Government Printing Office. On visiting the Printing Office on the evening of 26th September I found that the Printer was using Government type, ink, paper, etc., for the purpose of printing a revived local newspaper (probably anti-Governor) entitled "The Stanley Comet" and was also engaged on other private work. I understand that during the past fortnight some members and the officials of the Falkland Islands Company have frequently been in the Printing Office on business connected with this paper. You will understand the gravity of this procedure when you remember that the Estimates for 1911 have been in the Printer's hands during this period previous to their being placed before the Legislative Council.

5. Treasury. On passing this Office before breakfast on the 29th August when the Caretaker was cleaning same, and finding the door open, I walked in. I found three cash cheques to the value of £78.5.8 lying on one table and on another the accounts for the previous month, with other important papers.

6. Post Office. On visiting this Office before breakfast on the morning of the 29th August I found the cupboards unlocked and several valuable papers not under lock and key. On an early visit on the 23rd September I found blank Savings Bank Pass Books and also the Postal obliterating stamp lying unprotected.

7. Public Works Department. The waste of public money in this Department has been on such a scale that I felt it my duty to bring the subject forward at a Meeting of the Executive Council on Saturday, 20th September, when the following resolution was carried unanimously:

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"That a considerable proportion of the amount voted for Public Works was not being spent to the best advantage owing to the lack of efficient supervision, want of organization, and forethought on the part of the Head of the Department, and also to the number of undertakings on hand at the same time". To give one illustration of the manner in which public money has been handled I will quote the Colonial Engineer's own figures, i.e. that not more than 170 cubic yards of stone have been broken up for use on the roads during 1913, at a cost, by employing ordinary labour, of £99. This work would have cost seven shillings a cubic yard or \$45.10.0 at the local contract rate !. With my practical experience of road work I fail to see where anything like this quantity (170 cubic yards) has been used. In several other instances the same lack of ordinary business ability is disclosed. The public are very dissatisfied with the way in which this Department has been conducted, especially with regard to the use of monies voted, e.g. a large portion of the amount allotted for, say, improvement of roads, being used for some other purpose.

8. **Vermin.** I am dealing with this subject in a separate despatch.

9. **Boards of Survey, etc.,** are being held in every Department and I have warned several Officers that irregularities must cease forthwith. Marked improvement can already be seen in the conduct of public business by those who are acquainted with the conditions of the past.

10. I regret to say that in only two instances, those of Mr. A.F.P. Pearce and Mr. W.J. Epper, do I consider that the duties of Public Servants are being carried on in this Colony in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Mr. Pearce has greatly assisted me with his advice in the

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difficult situation in which I have found myself placed, and Mr. Roper's services have been available at all hours in order to keep the work of the Governor's and the Colonial Secretary's Office up to date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Administrator.

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Falkland Islands,
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 25th September, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 22nd July with reference to the measures taken by the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia for the termination of a strike of the employees of the South Georgia Whaling Company.

2. I have communicated your instructions to Mr. Wilson for his guidance should a similar situation arise, and I trust to have an opportunity of visiting South Georgia during the whaling season after which I shall be in a position to recommend as to the method of dealing with a like case.

3. In the meantime I am making enquiry of the local conditions, etc., for my assistance in my suggestions to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant

Administrator.

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, F.C.,

Esq., Esq., Esq.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

Holland Islands.

Government House,

Confidential.

Stanley, 20th September, 1917.

Sir,

*See Account No. 5 of S. Conf. of 23 Oct '13.
See Conf. exp. from 5.11 S. of 12 Nov '13*

I have the honour to report that it was brought to my notice on the 20th September by the Unofficial Member of the Executive Council (Mr. L. Williams) that in his opinion Captain I. Watt, Senior Clerk to the Colonial Secretary, was suffering from ill-health. I instructed Mr. Pearce, the Colonial Surgeon, to hold a Medical Examination of this Officer and enclose a copy of his report.

Issue No. 1.

2. Captain Watt, as a Clerk, is the most incompetent person it has ever been my lot to work with in my thirty four years' experience in different parts of the world. His utter disregard of instructions and his faulty memory, etc., have led Mr. Milnevice into several serious mistakes which I have only averted by not giving him any work of the least consequence to perform.

3. As a Volunteer Officer his care of ammunition, rifles, instruments, equipment, etc., has been such as to cause a loss to the Government of many hundreds of pounds. He drew a special wage of £1 a month for looking after arms, etc., from Volunteer funds.

4. Captain Watt's annual pension as computed by the Colonial Treasurer would be at the rate of £51.4.0, and I enclose the necessary forms.

Issue No. 2

5. Mr. W. A. Harding, the Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council made the following remarks on the subject at a Council Meeting held to-day :

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The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

"I understand that Captain Watt's illhealth is due to a large extent to overwork, and would beg to recommend that his pension should be as liberal as possible. In view of the fact that he has taken no leave during his service it seems to me that he is entitled to two years' salary before retiring on pension".

I replied as follows :

"The Honorable Members recommendation will be conveyed to the Secretary of State and I trust that he may find it possible to grant Captain Watt some pension".

G. I would suggest that as an act of grace you should award a small pension to Captain Watt, though I certainly do not feel myself justified in recommending the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Wm. G. G. G.

W.G.G.
Administrator.



The Colonial Surgeon's Surgery.
 Stanley, Falkland Islands.
 20th Sept. 1913

is to certify that I have this day examined
 J. Watt, and that I find he is suffering
 "fatty degeneration" & "irritation" of
 heart with albuminuria.

His sickness is not due to his own in-
 caution, he is likely to be permanent,
 I will therefore in my opinion in-
 suitable him for further service.

A. N. B. Pearce

Col. Surgeon etc. etc.

COLONIAL PENSIONS, &c.

PARTICULARS required to be furnished in reference to Persons recommended for Superannuation, Compensation or Compassionate Allowances, or Gratuities on retirement.

(In filling up this Paper refer to the Instructions on page 4.)

1. Name of Applicant Captain Isaiah Watt
 2. Office or Situation Col. Secy's office and Inspector of Volunteers.
 3. Recommended for Pension of £ 21.4.10
 4. Age 52 years.
 5. Service in Years and Months 12 years, 11 mos + 8 days to 31st Dec, 1913.
 6. Salary or Wages (1500 as Col. Secy's office
100 as Inspector Volunteers) £ 250 - 0 - 0
 7. Emoluments Free house £24 £ 34 - 0 - 0
Fuel £10
- Total amount of Salary or Wages and Emoluments, on which Superannuation, &c., is claimed } £ 284 - 0 - 0
8. Cause of Retirement Ill-health. (Certificate from Col. Surgeon)
 9. Dates of Commencement and Termination of the several Appointments held by Applicant, with their Emoluments, distinguishing Salary from other Allowances, and specifying such Allowances.

| Title of Appointment. | Date of Commencement. | Date of Termination. | Salary. | Allowances, &c. | Nature of Allowances, &c. |
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| <u>Col. to Colonial Secretary and Inspector of Volunteers.</u> | <u>23rd Jan'y. 1901</u> | <u>31st Dec. 1913.</u> | <u>£250-</u> | <u>£34.</u> | <u>Free house and fuel allowances.</u> |

10. Whether each of the Appointments held by the Applicant has been on the Fixed Establishment of the Colony.
11. Whether the duties of the several offices or situations held since the Applicant entered the Civil Service have been such as to require that the holder should give his whole time to the Public Service.
12. Whether holding any other Public Appointment, or receiving or claiming to receive any Public Money by Compensation, Half-Pay or otherwise.
13. If any kind of Pension or other Allowance has been commuted under the Imperial Pensions Commutation Acts, 1869 and 1871, the annual amount of Pension or Allowance so Commuted and the date of Commutation should be inserted.
14. Absence, beyond ordinary Vacation leave, in each of the last 10 years :—

| Year. | Period of Absence. | | Number of Days. | Cause of Absence. |
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Continuous Service.

No leave.

15. Date of Cessation of Duty *31st ... December, 1913.*

16. Date of Cessation of Salary *31st ... December, 1913.*

17. Date from which, inclusively, Pension will commence

1st 9.11.13.
23 January 1914

18. Statement, if the circumstances warrant it, that the Applicant "has discharged his duties "with diligence and fidelity, to the satisfaction of the Head Officer or Officers of his "Department," to be signed by any two of such Head Officers, if there shall be more than one, or by such Head Officer, if there shall be but one, together with "such a "statement as will exhibit the merit, and value, and labour of the services of the Person "recommended, embracing as long a period of his public service as can be authentically "stated," and observations as to Special Services, Suspension, Reprimand, &c., with full particulars of any injuries received on duty, or other claims or matters for consideration.

19. Computation, by the Auditor-General, of the Pension, &c.

I certify that the ^{Pension} ~~Pensions~~ Ordinance (Saltland 19) which may be paid to the Applicant according to the ~~Rules of the Colonial Service~~, amounts to

and I base my Certificate on the following calculation:—

Unbroken official service of 12 years 11 months and 3 days, at the rate of 1/60th of £284 for each years service.

Edw. B. Swine
Actg. Local Auditor

Instructions referred to on page 1

If this Paper of Particulars and the Certificates connected with it, be not sent in original, the copies must be duly attested.

Head 1 of Paper.—In the case of an Officer serving on the West Coast of Africa, a statement is to be added whether he is a native of that Coast. (Colonial Regulations, § 430).

Head 3.—State the description of Allowance for which the Applicant is recommended, viz., Superannuation, Compensation, Compassionate Allowance, or Gratuity, and its amount. In the case of Persons claiming an addition to their Pensions in respect of Professional or other special qualifications, this should be stated, and a reference should be given to the authority under which the claim is made.

Head 5.—If the service has been interrupted by one or more breaks, the word "broken" should be stated before or after the number of years and months, and the causes, dates, and circumstances of the breaks or breaks should be stated under heading 9.

Head 6.—If the Person retiring has been in receipt of the same Salary, or in the class from which he retires for the 36 months immediately before the date of his retirement, the actual annual rate of Salary or Wages at that date should be inserted, preceded by the word "actual." In other cases the average annual amount of Salary or Wages for the 36 months next preceding the date of retirement should be inserted, preceded by the word "average," but if the whole period of service is less than three years the average for the whole period of service should be inserted.

Head 7.—A separate statement should be inserted of the average Annual Value, for the 36 months immediately preceding retirement, of each Emolument (exclusive of salary or wages) which is claimed to be included in the calculation of the Pension or Gratuity.

Whenever the value of a House or House Allowance, so ascertained, exceeds one-sixth of the salary and other emoluments which count for Pension purposes, it is to be reduced to one-sixth of the amount, so that it shall not exceed one-seventh of the whole.

Fees which an Officer is allowed to retain for his own use will be taken into account for Pension purposes, with regular salary, at the annual average of the net receipts of the 36 months next preceding the Officer's retirement. These net receipts are to be ascertained by deducting from the gross amount of Fees such Office Expenses, &c., as an officer may have had to defray from his own resources, in performing the services for which he was remunerated by Fees. No deduction, however, from the Fees should be made in respect of Office Expenses provided from Public Funds in the due discharge of those duties to which a Fixed Salary is annexed. Papers of "Particulars" when forwarded to the Colonial Department should be accompanied by formal Declarations by the retiring Officers, showing the amount received by them for Fees, and the amount defrayed above for Office Expenses, &c., in each of the three years immediately preceding the retirement. It will be the duty of the Colonial Governments concerned to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of these statements before forwarding them to the Colonial Office. In the case of Officers receiving Fees for Salaries and Fees, the Fees will not in ordinary circumstances be allowed to count for Pension purposes to the extent of more than one quarter of the Salaries, and Fees will not in any case be allowed to count for Pension purposes during any period in which the whole time of the Officer receiving them was not given to the Public Service.

Head 8.—In cases of infirmity, if the Applicant is below the ordinary age for retirement, a Medical Certificate is to be furnished showing that he is disqualified by infirmity of mind or body for discharging the duties of his situation, and that such infirmity is likely to be permanent.

In case of ten years' service or more, this Certificate should be signed by two Officers, of whom at least one should, if possible, be a Salaried Officer of the Government.

Head 9.—As to "broken" service see *Head 5*.

If the Applicant has had any "acting" service, the details must be fully given, with a statement whether or not, during the "acting" service, he was connected with the permanent Civil Service of the Colony.

Head 11.—If, in special circumstances, a professional Civil Officer has been allowed to have "private practice" without forfeiting his claim to Pension, the facts are to be fully stated.

Head 14.—If the Applicant is liable to any deduction from his service under Clause 102 of the Colonial Regulations, the facts should be fully stated.

Head 19.—The length of service and other particulars of the computation are to be given. When an average of Salary, &c., is taken, the mode of calculating it (whether by months, &c.) is to be explained.

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 27th September, 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Confidential despatch of the 20th August, 1918, with reference to the Committee formed for the purpose of considering measures to be laid before an International Conference with a view to the protection of whales and the regulation of the whaling industry.

2. Messrs. Finnie and Nowing, the only two Officers here who have had experience with regard to the whaling industry, inform me that very little difficulty has been experienced in enforcing the whaling regulations, and they do not anticipate any, providing that Officials have opportunities of visiting the whaling grounds.

3. On the arrival of the whaling fleet at the end of next month I will interview the Managers of the various Companies with the object of greater facilities being given to Officials accompanying the expeditions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

The Right Honourable
 Lewis Harcourt, P.O.,
 S.C., & Co., S.C.,
 Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Downing Street,
 London, S.W.

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Falkland Islands. Government House,
Confidential. Stanley, 29th September, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 19th August with reference to the suggestion that a good light should be established on Reception Island, South Shetlands.

2. I have considered this question and, after consulting Mr. Finnie, I would recommend that a suitable light should be established on Reception Island.

3. I regret it will be quite impossible to have the same erected in time for the 1913-1914 whaling season, but I am having an estimate prepared of the cost of a light capable of burning for three months without attention to be erected in time for the dark nights of the 1914-1915 season and will communicate with you further on the subject at a later date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
K.C., M.P., &c.,
The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 1st day of October, 1913, per S.S. "Orissa"

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See Circular 25th February, 1882: In duplicate Circular 5th October, 1894.

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Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 6th October, 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a Report on the Falkland Islands Volunteer Corps for the year ended 30th June last, together with a Report on the Field Practice carried out in Camp on Saturday the 15th February, 1913. Both of these Reports have been prepared by the late Commanding Officer, Captain I. Watt.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

J.D.

Administrator.

The Right Honourable,
 Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
 &c., &c., &c.,
 Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Downing Street,
 London, S.W.

WALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure No. 1 to Confidential despatch of 6 Oct 1913.

Report on the Walkland Islands Volunteers

for the year ended 30th June, 1913.

The strength of the Corps on the 30th June, 1913, was 119 as against 117 on the 30th June, 1912. The number of efficient was 56 as against 55 for the previous year.

The non-efficient with 5 exceptions are employed in the country districts, one of the non-efficient is a recruit who joined late in the year. Seven of the non-efficient attended drills ranging from 5 to 8 and 5 qualified in marksmanship, I am unable to compare the result of the marksmanship course with that of the previous year as the course fired is that laid down for the Territory and is different to that fired last year.

Five N.C. Officers and men were exercised in machine gun drill and practice.

Marksmanship Returns herewith.

Miniature cartridge practice could not be carried out during the winter owing to there being no place available.

Signalling is satisfactory:

A week end encampment was held and some useful work done, chiefly field practice without ammunition; afterwards with ammunition, judging distances, cut posts, &c., The Corps was inspected by Captain John Luce, N.Z.S. Glasgow (at a field-day held in the vicinity of the Wireless Station. Captain Luce and Major W. J. G. Gairright; Reserve of Officers, acted as Inspectors. The work was very satisfactory on both sides. Our difficulty with regard to

a suitable Head Quarter still exists, but I am glad to say this will soon be overcome as the erection of the Town Hall, which is to be our Head Quarters, is making satisfactory progress.

A sum is being placed on the 1914 Estimates for much needed new moving targets.

A large number of the rifles in use have had much wear and ought to be replaced by new ones I would suggest a loan of 100 Lee Enfield the same as we have in use now, being made to the Corps so that more less unserviceable arms might be replaced. The Rifles withdrawn might be kept as a stand by in case of need.

The following were the principal prizes competed for by the Corps during the year.

A silver Cup presented annually by His Excellency Governor W.L. Allanby, C.M.G. for general efficiency the Challenge shield presented by Captain Richard Webb R.N.S. "Anethwit" in 1910 with £5 presented by the Honourable Vere Packe for general efficiency, a prize of £2 given also by the Honourable Vere Packe for drill and shooting with the Maxim Gun, and one & a-half dozen silver spoons for the fortnightly Club shoots presented by the Honourable T.A.V. Fest now Colonial Secretary Leeward Islands.

(Signed). I. WATT. Captain,

Commanding Leeward Islands Volunteers.

FALLIAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure No. 2 to Confidential Report of 6 Oct. 1913

FALLIAND ISLANDS VOLUNTEERS.

Field Practice carried out in Camp on Saturday the 15th Feb. 1913

Twelve heads and shoulders targets were placed in three zigzag lines of four each across our front at unknown distances. The Company advanced in extended order from about 300 yards from the first line of targets.

Fire was opened at about 550 yards, one round being fired by each man at each of the first five halts.

From within about 400 yards from the first line the advance was carried out by rushes of alternate squads two rounds being fired at each of the next eleven halts.

When within about 250 yards of the last line bayonets were fixed on at the last halt, (about 120 yards from the targets) three rounds rapid fire were delivered followed by the charge. On approaching within about 150 yards of each successive line of targets fire was directed at the next line so that no target was fired on at a closer range than about 150 yards. 23 men were exercised, each man fired 50 rounds and a total of 1174 hits was made giving a percentage of 80.56. The weather was good, but the sun shining in our faces from the right front made the targets difficult to see.

(Signed). I. WATTS, Captain,
Commanding Falliand Islands Volunteers.

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4th September, 1913.

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 20th October, 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 18th September, 1913, with reference to Mr. Allardyce's proposals for the revival of the appointment of Magistrate and Deputy Collector of Customs at Fox Bay. This despatch was received on the evening of the 14th instant and I replied by wireless telegram "With reference to your despatch Confidential of 18th September no action will be taken. Explanatory despatch follows".

2. My reasons for taking this step were that I feel confident that Mr. Allardyce's suggestions would not, at any rate at present, have the effect that he desires, i.e. the suppression of smuggling, and I would most strongly urge that no such appointment be made until I have had an opportunity of visiting the West Falkland and other islands. I hope to be able to do this after the mail leaves for Liverpool about the 26th November. My visit would have been made earlier but for pressure of work at Headquarters.

The Right Honourable
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&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

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3. The only successful method of stopping smuggling here is to intercept the article on its first landing in the Colony. It is agreed that at present the goods are mostly brought first to New Island, hence, before I received your despatch, I had arranged for the Collector of Customs (Mr. W. A. Thompson) and three Customs Officers to be stationed at that port while the whalers were there, and I see no reason why this should not be repeated on the return of the whalers from the South.

4. I think it is to be regretted that Mr. Allardyce did not consult the Acting Collector of Customs (Mr. Craigie-Malkett) before sending his Confidential despatch of 21st July. This Officer expressed the opinion strongly to me prior to the receipt of your despatch that, should you concur in Mr. Allardyce's suggestions, the appointment of a Magistrate would be a waste of public money and that the Officer would have little or nothing to do.

5. I would draw your attention to the fact that it is many years since Mr. Allardyce visited the West Falklands and I feel confident that he was not, when he wrote his despatch, in possession of the true and full facts of the case.

6. I see no difficulty in allowing a senior Officer, e.g. the Colonial Secretary, the Collector of Customs, or the Postmaster, to visit the outlying islands from time to time, and, with an experience of similar work elsewhere, I feel sure that this would be much more effective than appointing an Officer to a post where there is no work to do. Even if smuggling is taking place at Fox Bay the centre of activity will be moved

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moved immediately the Magistrate is appointed.

7. Should you, in spite of the foregoing, decide to make the appointments I think it would be inadvisable to appoint Mr. Wilson. If he is conducting the Official work in South Georgia in a satisfactory manner he should be allowed to remain there.

8. I am strongly in favour, as opportunity offers, of doing away with the Office of Postmaster and adding his duties to those of the Treasurer, and of transferring the work of the Collector of Customs to the Colonial Secretary. We have one too many senior Officials in Stanley for the work that has to be accomplished, so that, if you should decide to make the appointment in the West Falkland, I would suggest Mr. Halkott.

9. What is really required for the Service here at present is a capable Junior Clerk with a good general business knowledge, particularly with regard to book-keeping and correspondence. At present I have only one Officer in the Service capable of conducting official work as it is carried on elsewhere (Mr. W. J. Roper), and if the wastage of stores, mistakes in audit, and inaccuracy in accounting is to cease it is necessary that I should have at least two such officials.

I would strongly urge that you authorise the Crown Agents to send out by first steamer such an Officer on a three years' agreement at a salary of £120 per annum with annual increments of £15 to £150 per annum. This Officer should be attached to the Colonial Secretary's Department, not for work in that Office but in order that I may direct his duties in organising the other Departments of the Service, especially that of the
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Colonial Engineer (Mr. Baseley). This latter Officer spends many hours, when he should be superintending buildings, etc., over letters and accounts which any capable junior could accomplish in one-fourth of the time. I beg to request that you will wire me as to the date of departure from England of the Officer whom you may select.

10. In future I hope to be able to fill junior appointments with local boys. I have two such in training at present and so far I have been well pleased with the progress they have made.

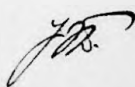
11. I have not mentioned this matter to either the Unofficial Member of the Executive Council or of the Legislative Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 21st October, 1913

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch of 6th September, 1913, with reference to the Minutes of the Executive Council forwarded to you with Mr. Allardyce's despatch No. 97 of 6th July.

2. In future no addition to the number of vessels authorised to take whales in the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies will be made without reference to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 21st October, 1913.

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Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch of 22nd September on the subject of the Falkland Islands Volunteers, I am pleased to be able to report that all non-commissioned Officers have voluntarily reverted to the rank of Private and so given me an opportunity of organising the Corps on a workable basis.

2. On enquiry it was discovered that several Members of the Corps had not taken the oath as laid down by the "Volunteer Ordinance, 1892", and in consequence I propose to have every Member sworn in before myself or some other Justice of the Peace. A Volunteer was sued in the Magistrate's Court, Stanley, some six months ago for his capitation grant, owing to his not having put in the requisite number of drills. His defence was that he was not a Volunteer as he had never been sworn in. The case against him was dismissed.

3. Every Member who desires to remain in the Corps is being medically examined by Dr. Pearce and so far forty men have been passed as physically

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Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

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4. I have decided, in compliance with the wish of the men, to retain the command for a few months in my own hands and I feel confident that I will then be able to hand same over to an Officer capable of holding it.

5. The Accounts for the year ended June, 1913 do not show by any means a correct statement of the finances of the Corps, but as these have been signed by Capt. Watt, Mr. Binnie, the Acting Local Auditor, and have been approved by the Governor, Mr. Allardyce, I do not propose to publish a corrected statement unless I receive your instructions to do so. The 1913-14 Balance Sheet will be drawn up without any reference to previous statements. I had hoped that I would have been able to forward to you an approximate statement by this mail, but, as Capt. Watt seems absolutely incapable of giving me any assistance in the matter, I am communicating with any firms in England with whom the Corps has had dealings, and upon receipt of replies will draw up a statement. An account arrived by the last mail and several local accounts have also been presented, after Capt. Watt had signed a document that to the best of his knowledge and belief I was in possession of all bills.

6. The more one investigates the question of arms, equipment, etc., the greater difficulties one has to contend with. I hope by the end of the year to have received into store all such that

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it is possible to recover. When I state that some are scattered all over the Falkland Islands and some even in Chile the difficulties will be appreciated.

7. The keeping up a requisite supply of ammunition is of such vital importance to the scheme of defence for the Colony that it is almost impossible to believe that it has been so neglected. It has taken a considerable amount of time to place the Magazine in anything like a presentable condition. I am keeping the reserve and the ordinary Volunteer ammunition separately. For years, I understand, the Volunteers have had almost free use of the reserve ammunition, which stands now at 38,500 rounds. The reserve for the Colony laid down some twelve years ago was 55,000 rounds. If you wish the reserve to remain at that figure I would suggest that immediate instructions be given for the balance required to be sent here, or, if considered preferable, I could endeavour to procure the amount required from Capt. Luce of H.M.S. "Glasgow" on his visit to this port in February, 1914.

8. Very few rifles are fit for use; no doubt some of them are worn out, but the damaged state of several has been increased by want of care. They have not been regularly oiled and are badly rusted. I am having every one well cleaned and will then have some tested and those unfit for further use or repair will be condemned.

9. The Volunteer Canteen and all other matters

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in connection with the Corps are receiving attention and I trust to be able to start 1914 with every prospect of making the Corps a credit to the Falklands.

10. I have been able to enlist the support of Messrs. Harding, Williams, and other leading citizens.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

See Gov. G.P.O. Conf. 27 Aug. 1914. 127.0

Government House,
Stanley, 22nd October, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch of 24th September regarding the Civil Service of this Colony, I have the honour to forward a further report.

2. Colonial Secretary's Office. On fuller examination I find this Office in even a greater state of muddle than I had anticipated, but even now, though very little time has been available for organisation in this direction, we are able to conduct public business in a more efficient manner.

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3. Treasury. Mr. Halkott is, I believe, endeavouring to improve matters in this Department. Mr. A.C.Kirwan, the Treasury Clerk, Shipping Master, etc., is a very careless individual and I have had to warn him that his irregularities must cease. During the past week I have not had cause to complain.

4. Post Office. I believe Mr. Binnie does his best but I do not consider him at all a suitable man to be in the Civil Service of the Colony.

5. Public Works Department. I have given attention to the stores of this Department. No reliable stock book has been kept for many years and goods which we are at present buying locally have been

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&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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been discovered. Had it been known that such existed in stock a considerable saving would have been effected. The Survey Board which I have appointed has not yet reported and it will be some months before the stores of this Department are on a satisfactory basis.

I find that the blacksmith employed by this Department has been doing a large amount of private work in the Government smithy. The Colonial Engineer informs me that he has been using Government coal. I have no doubt myself that he has also utilized other material belonging to the Department for his own benefit and also been engaged in private work in official hours. I have given instructions that this must cease.

6. To assist in transporting material for the erection of the Wireless Station here, which was completed in 1912 (September), a lighter was borrowed from Mr. Louis Williams. I find that this vessel has never been returned and has been damaged both through the work she has had to perform and also owing to the exposure in the harbour. The Colonial Engineer estimates that at least £40 will have to be spent on the vessel before she is in a fit state to be returned to the owner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Confidential Despatches of 1913.

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 23rd October, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 21st instant, which has been addressed to the Colonial Secretary by Capt. I. Watt, late Senior Clerk to the Colonial Secretary.


2. I am quite unable to recommend Capt. Watt's request (vide my Confidential Despatches to you of 24th and 26th September, 1913.).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,


 Administrator.

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

Esq., Esq., Esq.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 23rd October, 1913.

Captain I. Watt,

to the

Colonial Secretary. 21st October, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my proposed retirement on pension on account of my breakdown in health, I have the honour to ask whether the Administrator would be willing before the question of my proposed retirement is definitely settled, to recommend to the Secretary of State that I should be given long leave in order to give me an opportunity of recovering so that if I am found later to be sufficiently fit for further service I may be given a transfer to another Colony. I have been under very great strain for a long time. The nature of my duties have been such that I have had no time for rest or recreation, and so long and continuous has this been that it is really no wonder that my health became impaired. I feel however that with a reasonable rest and care I shall be able to resume work, and as I have a family depending on me I hope His Excellency will do what he can to assist me in this matter.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) I. Watt.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
 29th day of October, 1913. per S.S. "Tropesa"

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 20th November, 1913.

Falkland Islands. **Government House,**
Confidential. Stanley, 20th November, 1913.
Deputy Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 7th October, 1913, which I have received from Mr. J.I. Wilson, the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia, in which he applies for six months leave of absence, as also a copy of a letter which I have caused to be addressed to Mr. Wilson in reply.

2. I am convinced that all is not as it should be in South Georgia and it would be a grave mistake to allow Mr. Wilson to proceed on leave of absence until a visit of inspection has been made to that Dependency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

J.P.O.
Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 20th November, 1913.

Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia,

to

Colonial Secretary.

7th October, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to respectfully apply to His Excellency the Governor for six months leave of absence, on half salary, from my duties at South Georgia, in order to visit my family in Scotland, and at the same time, in the event of returning to South Georgia at the end of that period, to possibly make certain arrangements for them to accompany me.

My total service in the Colony will have reached eleven years on the 16th April, 1914, during which period I have only had five months vacation leave, part of which was officially employed. I would accordingly be very grateful if His Excellency could conveniently arrange my relief not later than towards the end of the present season, I.E. sometime in February or March, 1914, when I would then have an opportunity of proceeding direct home from here. I might add that by that time - March - the busiest part of the year is generally over, and as I have spent four severe consecutive winters in the Dependency, a relief during the above period applied for would be of great benefit in every way.

Owing to the often long delays in the receipt and despatch of mails from the Dependency, I would be very glad if all necessary queries, if any, respecting my relief (should His Excellency be pleased to favourably consider my request) could be arranged at Headquarters in Stanley, to enable me to be definitely instructed

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in your reply, which ought to reach me not later than
the end of January or beginning of February.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. Innes Wilson.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 22nd November, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have strong reasons for believing that several of the Civil Servants of this Colony are holders of shares in Whaling Companies operating in the territorial waters of the Falklands and Dependencies, contrary to Section 21 of the Regulations for His Majesty's Colonial Service.

2. Mr. F.E. Rinnie is one of the Officials financially interested in the whaling industry and, as he holds only a temporary appointment, I have given him notice that the same will terminate on 31st December, 1913. I consider this Officer to be quite unsuitable for the Civil Service; his want of care in dealing with Government business, his inattention in carrying out instructions, his conduct on the bench as an Acting Magistrate and his general behaviour is such that the continuation of his services is impossible.

3. As I anticipate that the number of Officials implicated may be large I refer the matter to you before taking further action.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

&c., &c., &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies, Administrator.

Downing Street, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Falkland Islands.

Government House,

Confidential. Certificate of Leave

Stanley, 24th November, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatches

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marginally noted I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the Certificate of Leave of Captain I. Watt.

2. You will note that I am willing that this Officer should draw his house allowance of £24 per annum until the end of the current year, subject to your approval. After this date no house allowance will be available.

3. Captain Watt has been on full pay leave since 23rd September, 1913.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Administrator

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Certificate of Leave.

Colonial Regulation 89 and Appendix 3.

I HEREBY Certify that

Officer Administering the Government

(1.) The Governor has granted to

Captain Isaiah Watt.

~~months~~ leave of absence, to commence on the **23rd** of

September, 1913 and to end on the date approved by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies

on the ground of

Service, and retirement on account of ill-health.

(2.) **Captain Watt will have**

~~has~~ been in service of the Colony for **12** ^{**342**}/_{**365**} years from the date of

first arrival, viz., the **23rd** January, 1901, to **31st** December, **1913.**

(3.) In the course of that service he has been absent on leave (other than vacation leave and leave without salary) on several occasions at the dates and for the terms specified, below, viz. :—

1st. For _____ months beginning on

and ending on

2nd.

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No leave taken - Service continuous.

(4.)

has notified to the Governor his intention to apply to the Secretary of State for an extension of leave and that the Governor has granted him permission to do so.

(5.) Provision has been made for the due execution of his office during his

absence by the control of the Falkland Islands Volunteers being

taken into hands of His Excellency the Administrator and the

duties of Chief Clerk to the Colonial Secretary being

performed by **Mr. W. J. Roper.**

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| 2. Deduct total absences since arrival (other than vacation leave) whether with or without salary. | - | - |
| 3. Period of resident service | 12 | 11 ⁸ / ₃₁ |
| 4. Maximum amount of leave authorised by regulations in respect of the above period of resident service (viz., one-sixth of resident service plus six months). | - | - |
| 5. Leave on half salary already taken since first arrival in the Colony. | - | - |
| 6. Leave now granted (other than vacation leave) | - | - |

H. Koper
for Colonial Secretary.

I HEREBY Certify that **Captain I. Watt.**

has received full salary at the rate of **£250 - 0 - 0. p.a.**

a year up to the **31st October, 1913,**

as **Chief Clerk to Colonial Secretary (£150)** and **Instructor (£100).**

and that he is entitled to salary at the net rate of **£250 - 0 - 0.**

a year from the **1st November, 1913.**

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to the date to be approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and thereafter to salary at the rate of together with a house allowance from the 25th November to the 31st December, 1913 only, (inclusive), if approved by the Secretary of State.

being the net amount due to him after deducting his contributions to local funds

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AG. Colonial Treasurer.

[The salary of the above-named officer will be drawn ^{in the Colony} through the Crown Account for the Colonies.]

1. Note.—Every Officer proceeding on leave of absence must be furnished with a duplicate of this certificate which he must produce to the Crown Agents if required, in order to receive his salary.

2. Note.—On arrival in England, an Officer on leave must report his arrival by letter to the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents, mentioning the place of his residence; and he must similarly notify any change of residence.

3. Note.—Leave of absence beyond one-sixth of resident service will not be granted by the Secretary of State except on medical certificate from the Medical Officer employed by the Colonial Office, or on urgent private affairs, the nature of which must be stated and must be satisfactory to the Secretary of State.

4. Note.—Any Officer desiring an extension of his leave of absence must, if in Europe, apply to the Secretary of State for such extension, in sufficient time, if practicable, to allow of reference to the Colony.

5. Note.—Any Officer desiring to forego a portion of his leave should obtain the previous permission of the Secretary of State in sufficient time to allow of at least one clear month's notice being given to the Governor; and on his arrival in the Colony he cannot claim as a right to resume his own appointment before the expiration of the leave granted to him, but must place himself at the orders of the Governor.

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Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 25th day of November, 1913, per S.S. "Oronsa"

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Enclosure to Confidential Despatch of 10th December, 1913.
Colonial Secretary

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 10th December, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch Confidential of
m C.O.11.11. 29th September and to the telegraphic despatches margin-
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m C.O.28.11. ally noted I have the honour to inform you that, in
spite of the comments contained in the Magistrate's
Report covered by Mr. Allardyce's despatch No.88 of
10th June, 1912, the Managers of the various Whaling
Companies whom I have been able to interview at
Stanley do not seem at all anxious for the establishment
of a light on Deception Island.

2. Should it be finally decided that a light be
placed in the South Shetlands they do not consider
Deception Island the most suitable site.

3. With the object of obtaining a census of the
opinions of those interested in this subject I caused
the enclosed letter to be addressed to Captain L. Bryde
of the Odd Whaling Company, and upon receipt of the
Managers' Report I will again communicate with you.

4. Should this Report show that a light is not
urgently required I hope to be in a position to propose
some other scheme for the benefit of the whaling popula-
tion of the Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Administrator

the Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 10th December, 1913.

Colonial Secretary

to

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Captain L. Eryde, Odd Whaling Company.

The Office of the Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th November, 1913.

Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to request that you will confer with the various Managers of the Whaling Companies operating in the territorial waters of the South Shetlands and Graham's Land during the 1913-14 season as to the advisability of establishing a light in that Dependency.

2. The suggestions of the Managers interested are particularly desired upon the following points :

- (1) the best site available;
- (2) the power of light required;
- (3) the means of transport and erection;
- (4) the probable cost.

3. I shall be obliged by a detailed report, signed by the gentlemen with whom you may confer, upon your return to Stanley at the close of the current whaling season.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. J. Roper.

for Colonial Secretary.

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See Ross to S.S. 21 Nov 1914 re case of W.C. Hallhead 1029/76

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 15th December, 1913.

See return of 19 March 1914 to S.S. and reply of 23rd March to S.S. See Cont. depts of S.S. in

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Miscellaneous despatch of 21st October, 1913, and in reply thereto to forward herewith Confidential Reports complete with index of the senior Civil Servants in this Colony.

2. A note has been made to ensure the regular transmission of these Reports in future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Administrator.

Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 15th December, 1915.

Duties he has to perform -----

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON PUBLIC OFFICERS.

1. Mr. R.E. Baseloy, Colonial Engineer. A hardworking and temperate Officer, lacking in business aptitude, and without the qualifications necessary for the many duties he has to perform. Mr. Baseloy is, I believe, an efficient marine engineer.
2. Mr. H.C. Craigie-Halkett, Postmaster. This Officer, I regret to say, is a heavy drinker and gambler, in debt to a considerable extent to local people, whose respect, in my opinion, he does not adopt the best measures to command. He has reasonable ability and should be given a fresh start in another Colony. See
G.S.S.
21 May 1914
W.S.
3. Mr. A.H.B. Pearce, Colonial Surgeon. This gentleman is highly thought of by his patients, and is a thoroughly satisfactory Medical Officer. I also find him an exceedingly loyal adviser.
4. Mr. W.J. Roper, Chief Clerk to the Colonial Secretary and Acting Private Secretary. I have the highest opinion of this Officer's capabilities and industry. During my fortnight's absence on duty in the West Falkland Mr. Roper carried on singlehandedly the work of the Governor's and Colonial Secretary's Offices to my entire satisfaction.
5. Mr. G.F. Royle, Colonial Dentist. A capable practitioner whose excitable nature renders the firm hand of a good Chief absolutely essential to the satisfactory execution of his official duties.
6. Capt. G.H. Smith, Harbour Master. An industrious and hardworking man without tact or initiative.
7. Mr. A.H. Souter, Schoolmaster. I have not yet met this Officer, but from all I have seen of his work I think

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he is an excellent Official and well suited to the duties he has to perform.

8. Mr. W.A.Thompson, Colonial Treasurer. Mr. Thompson is of a highly excitable nature, in no way suited to have direct dealings with the public, especially foreigners. He loses at times all self-control, even in minor matters. I anticipate serious trouble sooner or later, perchance loss of life, if he is permitted to remain in his present position. I would strongly urge that Mr. Thompson be transferred to another Colony, where he could be employed as number 2 or number 3 in a large accounting Office.

9. Mr. H.W.Thomson, Chief Inspector of Stock. An efficient veterinary surgeon, whose pleasant, diplomatic manner smooths over difficulties which an Officer holding such an appointment must always encounter in dealing with isolated Colonial farmers.

10. Dr. H.N.Stanley Turner, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, West Falkland. A clever surgeon, but of an excitable and quarrelsome nature, and consequently always at enmity with some colonist or other. Of a temperament more suited to a less cramped sphere of duty.

11. Mr. J.James Wilson, Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia. Much that I have heard of this Officer is of an unsatisfactory nature, but I will report fully after my visit to South Georgia.


Administrator.

Government House,

Stanley, 15th December, 1913.

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| 6 | Smith, G.M. | -do- | Inspector of Nuisances. |
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Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 16th December, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge and thank you for your Confidential despatch of 6th November, 1913, in which you request a report on the services in this Colony of Mr. L. H. Poileau, Private Secretary and Clerk to Councils.

2. As you are aware Mr. Poileau left the Falklands fourteen days after my arrival here, and in consequence I have no real personal knowledge of his character. From all that I can gather, however, I have much pleasure in reporting that he appears to have been an almost ideal Private Secretary to Mr. Allardyce. He was universally respected in the Colony and possessed diplomacy and tact far in advance of his youth.

3. On the matter of his actual work in the Governor's Office I am able to speak with greater experience. I find his clerical work excellent in every way, with both accuracy and neatness combined, and my Private Secretary assures me that he has never before taken over the duties of a Public Officer in which a greater state of efficiency had been maintained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,


Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 17th December, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 10th November, 1913, with regard to the proposal to lease the fur seal rookeries of the Falkland Islands.

2. I will invite offers from any Company whom I may consider suitable, but I doubt if I shall be in touch with the Managers of the various likely Companies until I visit South Georgia as they have now all proceeded South for the whaling season.

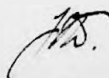
3. Before any lease is concluded the same will be referred to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,


Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

*See Conf from S.S.
11 April, 1914. 1920*

Falkland Islands.

Government House,

Confidential.

Stanley, 18th December, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch of 20th October, 1913, I have the honour to report that on Tuesday the 25th November I sailed from this port at 7 p.m. in the s.w. "Hanka" for the West Falklands and returned to Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday the 8th December in the s.w. "Foule".

2. During my stay in the West I met all the Managers of the Stations situated on the mainland. I also visited the following Stations : Port Howard, Fox Bay East, Fox Bay West, Chartres, Roy Cove, and Hill Cove. I regret that owing to the long distances to be covered on horseback time did not permit of my visiting Port Stephens and Spring Point.

3. I understand that no visit has been paid by a senior Official to this Island since 1906, and the farmers feel rightly or wrongly that they have been to a certain extent neglected.

4. The question of most interest to the community discussed at my meeting with the farmers was the continuation of the appointment of Dr. H.M. Stanley Turner as Assistant Colonial Surgeon for the West Falkland. As you are aware this Officer draws £200

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Secretary of State for the Colonies,
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a year from Colonial funds and the balance of his salary, which is approximately £700 a year, is paid by the farmers.

5. At a Meeting held on 19th October it was decided that in future the Medical Officer employed by the West Falkland Farmers' Medical Association should not be a Government Official, and also that the salary offered by the Association should be £600 per annum. After discussion it was decided to offer the appointment to Dr. Turner. This was done but he refused to accept the offer.

6. I pointed out to the farmers that if they pursued the course suggested they would very probably find themselves without a Medical Officer, as in my opinion it would be almost impossible to procure one to arrive here in time to take over Dr. Turner's duties on the expiry of his agreement with the Government and the Farmers' Association early in April. The farmers all acknowledge that Dr. Turner is a most capable surgeon, etc., but they are opposed to him owing to his quarrelsome disposition. It was finally agreed to renew his appointment for one year on the same conditions as formerly and I feel convinced that this arrangement will be in the interests of all concerned. I was also able to arrange several minor matters, such as the supply of provisions, etc., to Dr. Turner and other Government Officials, and I trust matters will work more smoothly in future at Fox Bay.

7. After my visit I am strongly of opinion that it would only lead to greater friction with the farmers than even that which has occurred in the past if a

Magistrate

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Magistrate is appointed for Fox Bay. He would be an Officer with practically nothing to do and hence would, from my experience in other parts of the world, be very apt to interfere in matters which concern neither himself nor the Government.

8. That in my opinion is wanted is a periodical visit, say every six months, of the Colonial Secretary, or, if he is unable for any reason to leave Headquarters, some other senior Official who could discuss matters with the farmers, deal with Court cases should they arise, etc., and so relieve the necessity of Dr. Turner dealing with such work. This visiting Officer would also be in a position to supply the Governor with first-hand information on any subject regarding this Island which might require official consideration.

9. I thoroughly believe that the present state of ill-feeling existing between Headquarters and the outlying stations of the Colony and Dependencies is due almost entirely to the lack of detailed local knowledge of the interests of the Colonists by any senior Official.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

John Laugel Dickson.

Administrator.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 19th December, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Confidential of 15th November, 1913, with reference to recommendations regarding some really useful expenditure on the Dependencies, particular attention being paid to the needs of South Georgia.

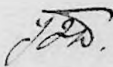
2. I hope shortly to be able to furnish you with a Report, but, before doing so, I think it most essential that I should visit South Georgia and glean first-hand local information, and also learn the views of the Managers of the Whaling Companies. At present no senior Official of this Government has any idea of even how the industry is conducted. Through stress of weather on my return from the West Falkland I had to spend a whole day at anchor in the company of a whaling gunner who had spent a season in the South Shetlands and from the information I received I feel that it is only by personal observation that one will be able to avoid a useless expenditure of Government funds.

3. I think it is almost certain that I will have an opportunity to visit South Georgia in January or February and on my return will forward the report requested. In the meantime I am collecting all possible information on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,



Administrator.

Right Honourable,
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the ~~Governor~~ of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
 23rd day of December, 1913, per S.S. "Orcoma"

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Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 20th December, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Confidential of 12th November, 1913, with reference to the inefficiency of certain Public Offices.

2. Since writing my Confidential despatch of 24th September efforts have been continued to remedy defects in organisation and I feel confident have been the means of curtailing a considerable amount of loss of public property and also waste of time of Government Officials. Much yet remains to be done, but, where Officers have in so many instances worked quite independent of both supervision and system some considerable period must elapse before a highly efficient Service can be established.

3. I enclose a copy of a letter which has been written to Mr. Worthy, the Government Printer, under my direction and his reply thereto. I understand that it is correct that printing had been undertaken for the public prior to his arrival in the Colony. The Management of this Office seems to have been more to blame than the employee, as, although a Member of the Colonial Secretary's Department, he was permitted to work to a great extent independently.

4. I have taken steps which will prevent the possibility of any future cause for complaint in this direction, as all work will be supervised by the Colonial

Secretary

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

Esq., Esq., Esq.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

London, S.W.

*see reply from
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Secretary and no outside printing, even under exceptional circumstances, will be undertaken prior to the sanction of the Officer Administering the Government.

Mr. W.J. Worley, Govt. Printer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Sir,

With reference to the letter humble servant, of 1st October, 1913, and connecting correspondence, in which you were informed that ^{W.D.} the practice of publishing private printed Administrators, and contravention of Clause 4 of your Agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies dated 23rd November, 1909, and that such a practice should cease forthwith, I am directed by His Excellency the Administrator to request that you will inform me upon what authority and conditions such printing has been accepted by you and the extent to which it has been carried on.

A full explanation in the above directions is particularly requested in connection with the practice in the Government Office of the "Stanley Coast", one file of which was found in your hands by the Administrator on 20th September last.

I have also to request information as to whether the general public of Stanley have been in the habit of calling upon you personally at the Government Printing Office for matters of business instead of addressing themselves to the Head of your Department.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) W. J. Worley.

For Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No. 1 to Confidential despatch of 20th December, 1913.

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Confidential

Colonial Secretary to
Mr. W.J.Worthy, Govt. Printer.

Colonial Secretary
17th December, 1913.

Sir,

1. With reference to the letter from this Office of 1st October, 1913, and connecting correspondence, in which you were informed that your past practice of undertaking private printing was in distinct contravention of Clause 4 of your Agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies dated 29th November, 1907, and that such a practice should cease forthwith, I am directed by His Excellency the Administrator to request that you will inform me upon what authority and conditions such printing has been accepted by you and the extent to which it has been carried on.

2. A full explanation in the above directions is particularly requested in connection with the printing in the Government Office of the "Stanley Comet", the first page of which was found in your hands by the Administrator on 26th September last.

3. I have also to request information as to whether the general public of Stanley have been in the habit of calling upon you personally at the Government Printing Office for matters of business instead of addressing themselves to the Head of your Department.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) W. J. Roper.

for Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure No. 2 to Confidential despatch of 20th December, 1913.

Mr. W. J. Worthy, Government Printer,

to the
Colonial Secretary.

18th December, 1913.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of December 17th I beg to state that I have taken private work in the knowledge that it has been the practice for many years past, and in the belief that the Government would raise no objection, so long as it was kept within certain limits. Even before my Agreement was signed I was told that my predecessors had been in the habit of doing private work; Clause 4 of my Agreement appeared to be looked upon merely as a protecting Clause.

Although I have received no special authority for doing private work the Government was cognizant of the practice, seeing that I have done work at different times for many of the Government Officials, and the first person to bring me a private job was a Government Official.

I have never solicited private work, as was the case with a former printer, nor have I printed anything with a view to selling. (It is possible to purchase in Stanley to-day a book of views printed in the Government Printing Office by a former Government Printer).

The "Stanley Coast", which I had partly set, was accepted by me on the understanding that there was to be but one issue.

The private work I have undertaken has only amounted to occasional jobs, which have been executed in the evenings or on Saturday afternoons.

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Copy for jobs was sometimes brought to me at the Printing Office, sometimes sent by letter, and at other times taken to my lodgings.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W.J.Worthy.

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 11th January, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer you to paragraph 8 of my Confidential despatch of 20th October, 1913, on the subject of the proposed revival of the appointment of Magistrate and Deputy Collector of Customs at Fox Bay.

2. Although I am still strongly of opinion that we have one too many senior officials in Stanley after further consideration it would, I think, be better, provided that the Officer entrusted with the duties of Treasurer and Collector of Customs is one who is capable of working amicably with the public, to combine the duties of the Offices as at present, and to add to those of the Colonial Secretary the duties of Postmaster. In a small Service such as this the number of the staff is of little importance in comparison with a spirit of loyalty one to the other when, as sometimes happens, the Officers of one Department are having a busy time while the Officers of another are having little to do.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,


Administrator.

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*See Conf. from S.S.
11th Oct, 1914. 672.9
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*Replied to
to S.S. conf. 11
12 March 1914. W.S.*

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 12th January, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the house accommodation and fuel supply as it concerns the Government Servants in this Colony.

2. In my opinion a considerable amount of the discontent at present existing in the Service here is due to the granting in these directions of privileges to one Officer and not to another. For example the Postmaster and the Colonial Engineer both draw the same salary but the latter receives a house and fuel free whereas the former has to pay for both, despite the fact that the Postmaster is the senior Officer; this is only one instance of many.

3. At the present time a house suitable to the needs of a Colonial Secretary is absolutely unprocurable at any figure. The first suitable house which is likely to be available is one belonging to Mr. Vere Packe; this may be vacant in August. A rent of at least £60 a year will most likely be asked, but even if it was to be had rent free it would be impossible for an Officer holding the above position to occupy same, for the upkeep of the conservatories and gardens, etc., would require half his salary. As an example of the dearth of

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The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
London, S.W.

of better class house accommodation in Stanley I need perhaps only instance the fact that Mr. W.A. Thompson, the Colonial Treasurer, is living with his family, by sheer compulsion, in a dilapidated disused shop, for which he pays a rental of £50 per annum !.

4. Even of more importance to the moral well-being of the Service than the foregoing is the pressing need for the suitable housing of the bachelor Civil Servants of the Colony. Apart from the hotels, which beggar description, there is only one suitable boarding house. This house could, perhaps, if taxed to its utmost, previously provide for three Officers; here I spent my first four weeks in the Falklands. I regret to say that all the rooms but one are now occupied by maternity cases and hence are not available to Civil Servants. I will give two general instances of the rooms Government Officials from England have to occupy in Stanley : (1) By necessity a young clerk had to board with a lady whose two children were illegitimate; (2) The Government carpenters and other workmen are mostly forced to lodge at the houses of women of easy virtue. Rook Cottage, lately occupied by Capt. Watt, would make most suitable quarters for four or five bachelors and I beg to recommend that, owing to the exceptional local circumstances and the great benefit such a house would be to the young Civil Servant, I may have your permission to provide heavy furniture such as is supplied to Officers in the Western Pacific High Commission, to be recoverable by an annual five-percentage in a similar manner to that of Government House. Naturally the bachelors under my charge are most keen on the

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provision of such accommodation. The Officer Administering the Government would, of course, hold the controlling influence in this establishment and from experience I am sure that such a scheme will be greatly to the benefit of the Service and tend to make life in this bleak, isolated part of the world more endurable to the young Britisher. For such men the only pastime, an expensive one, which the Colony provides is horse-riding, and even this exercise can only be indulged in for about four months in the year. Upon receipt of your approval to the scheme outlined above I will lend my personal assistance to its satisfactory materialization.

5. Another question of urgency is the housing of the third class Officials and public works labourers. As in the case of the senior Officials some of these men receive houses and some of them do not. The Police Cottages, which have had very considerable attention recently, are the only dwellings of this class which, in my opinion and that of the Colonial Surgeon, are fit for human habitation. The first public work of any importance to be undertaken in this Colony should be the building of a row of cottages for working men and of quarters for the Colonial Secretary, to be followed by the erection of those for other senior Officials. The construction of such cottages as I suggest would not only greatly improve the conditions of life for the married artisans, some of whom are at present living in frightful hovels, but would alter the bachelor workman's mode of living in a manner highly beneficial to both the individual and the Service. The question as to whether the houses are to be given rent free or otherwise is a minor one compared with the absolute

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absolute need of suitable accommodation being provided.

6. In the same way as a difference exists as to the allocation of quarters so it does as regards fuel or fuel allowance. This is a matter of vital importance in a climate such as that possessed by the Falklands and I have the honour to suggest that fuel, or a fuel allowance, be furnished to all Officers on the pensionable Establishment of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 21st day of January, 1914 per S.S. "Orissa"

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Falkland Islands.

Government House,

Confidential.

Stanley, 13th January, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 9th December, 1913, on the subject of private work undertaken by the blacksmith employed by the Public Works Department.

2. A Clause of the blacksmith's agreement with the Government, dated 30th September, 1912, reads as follows : "The person engaged shall have the right to use the Government Smithy in his spare hours, and for his own advantage, provided that no inconvenience, especially in regard to sickness, is caused thereby to the occupants of the Chief Constable's cottage, and provided that the privileges granted by this Clause may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Governor".

3. For the reasons given in paragraph 5 of my Confidential despatch of 22nd October, 1913, I considered it essential in the interests of the Service that this privilege should cease.

4. The wage paid to the blacksmith was only £7 a month and, upon it being pointed out to me that this man could not live with his family on the pay, I increased same to £8 a month, approval being asked for this payment in the Supplementary Estimates.

Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

London, S.W.

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5. I believe that the blacksmith employed by the Falkland Islands Company is a better qualified man, but he receives a wage of £16 a month, or double the sum paid at the present time to the Government blacksmith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

*Ref SS. 16 lines 1914
See Conf. despatches
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Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 22nd January, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter, dated 20th January, 1914, which has been addressed to you by Mr. E. B. Binnie with reference to the termination of his temporary appointment in the Public Service of this Colony.

2. The reasons on which I formed my decision in this matter are explained in my Confidential despatches marginally noted.

.13, par.6.
.13, par.4.
.13, par.2.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient,
Obedient Servant,

Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Falkland Islands.

Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 22nd January, 1914.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
January 20th. 1914.

SIR,

I beg to address you on the subject of the termination of my services with the Falkland Islands Government and to appeal for some further employment or failing that some compensation for the summary determination of the appointment I held, seeing that I have served the Government for over six years it can scarcely be contended that my appointment has been "temporary" this I think must have been the error of H.E. the Administrator, for you will see from the appended record of my service that I had actually received instructions to proceed to South Shetlands. The ostensible grounds for terminating my service namely: the report of the Acting Treasurer is so trivial that the idea is forced upon me that the Administrator was merely seeking an excuse. I first joined the service in November 1907 as Custom Officer to accompany a whaling expedition to South Shetlands, on my return to Stanley in 1908 brought with me a vessel which had been whaling without a License, for which I received the following commendation from Governor Allardyce:-

"135/07" Read with interest,

I commend Mr Finnie for his action in connection with the "SVIP" and "NOR" and his vigilance in protecting Colonial interests.

The form of his diary is one that might advantageously be adopted by Custom Officers accompanying whaling expeditions.
(Int.) W.S.A. IS. 3. 08.

shortly after was appointed to take temporary charge of the Post

Post Office and Customs work at Fox Bay, in June was instructed to perform Custom services in Stanley acting at the same time as Treasury Clerk ; in May 1910 was appointed Deputy Collector and Postmaster for New Island , returned to Stanley in May 1911, in order to proceed to South Georgia as Acting Stipendiary Magistrate and Coroner during the absence of Mr Wilson ; on my return to Stanley in March 1912 I received the following letter from the Governor :-

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SIR,

I am directed by the Governor to express to you His Excellency's satisfaction at the tactful and efficient way in which you performed your duties as Actg. Stipendiary Magistrate and Postmaster at South Georgia from 2nd. September to 3rd. February 1912, (sgd), P.A.V. EST 10. 3. 12.

during the ensuing winter I was occupied on clerical duties in the Treasury, and in November was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate and Coroner for South Shetlands , I returned at the close of the whaling season and was appointed to the following duties in Stanley Acting Postmaster, Stipend. Magistrate, and Registrar General, and Local Auditor, and carried out these duties to the satisfaction of both the Governor and the Colonial Postmaster.

On Saturday the 1st. November the Administrator instructed me to hand over the Post Office to the Acting Treasurer, in order to again take up my duties as Magistrate for South Shetlands, which I did; Mr Craigie-Halkett expressed his satisfaction and signed the usual books including the Post Office account, which was also signed by myself. I did not prepare any other form for handing

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handing

over as it had not been customary here to do so. I had received my letter of appointment and Commission as Magistrate for South Shetlands, and was awaiting the arrival of the steamer when to my surprise I received the enclosed report on my work in the Post Office, marked "A" dated 7th. November (six clear days after handing over,) and at the same time a letter cancelling my appointment.

I should like to take the opportunity of supplementing my reply, copy attached, to that report by explaining that, that particular Saturday morning was the most inconvenient time that could have been selected for handing over Post Office work; being the 1st. November the Telephone returns for the month of October came in; at that moment I had arranged all the other monies amounting to something like £75 for handing over, and in order not to complicate this, I suggested to Mr Halkett the Actg. Treasurer that he should take over as prepared and give a separate receipt for the Telephone money to which he agreed. Hence it follows that these accounts were not entered up and as Mr Halkett agreed to have this done after I had handed everything over, it is distinctly unfair to charge me with neglect in this matter.

On that morning Mr Halkett expressed his complete satisfaction with everything, and, yet six days later this report is drawn up and is made the pretext for terminating six years of service which has been commended in two special letters above quoted and on other occasions by minute recorded on the various papers. I have stated in my opening appeal to you, that the report seems to have been an excuse, in support of this I may say that, referring to the "Vault Key". I spoke with H.E. the Administrator on this subject soon after handing over and after explaining to me that I

4.

I , should have handed it to the Colonial Secretary ,said, he would would see the matter put right, this question was then at an end. It is again brought up in this report as "having been found in the Postmaster's desk" this (as I have already stated in my reply) was not so, as it was handed personally by me to the Actg. Treasurer. If the Key was found in the Postmaster's desk six days after handing over, then censure was misplaced.

Had this report been other than an excuse for terminating my services I should surely have been entitled to some better opportunity of defending myself.

My substantive appointment at New Island seems not to have been confirmed, but, I was not aware of this, after having served three and half years one could scarcely regard it as temporary and, had I known that after so many years it could possibly be regarded in that light, I would certainly have sought other means of employment. It will be readily understood that if my services are now dispensed with, I shall have practically lost the last four or five years and at a time of life which renders such loss irretrievable, for it is a period which is invaluable towards gaining experience which fits one for promotion or permanent employment.

I am,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant

The RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Copy.

" A ".

Treasury

Stanley, 7th. November 1913,

SIR,

I have the honour to report that no handing over statement was given to me by Mr E. B. Finnie, the Acting Postmaster.

3. I should like to draw attention to the following points.

Postmaster's key of the vault. This was in the Postmaster's desk, but should have been handed over to the Colonial Secretary by Mr Finnie.

Agreement Memoirs, Pitalusa. This was forwarded to Mr Finnie by me to be placed in the Registrar General's safe. I see the Deed is still in the Postmaster's desk.

Postmaster's desk. Full of dust and generally untidy.

Paid Postal Notes. Three paid Postal Notes in Paid Postal Order book. My attention was drawn to these by Mr Finnie.

Wireless Telegrams. Casual examination of these would seem to show that they require placing in order and arranging in a proper manner.

Telephone service account. This account for the month of October not entered in the book.

Registrar General's Book. Receipts in this should have been neatly posted instead of being put in loosely.

Cemetery Register. Not posted to-date.

Registered Letters. 6 Registered letters addressed to Mr Van Water Schoot in Postmaster's desk. These have now been taken out and placed in the safe.

3, The amount of Postal monies handed over to me by Mr Minnie was correct.

4. The Cupboards are not in a tidy state. These will be put straight.

I have, etc,

(signed) H. Craigie-Hollett

As. Colonial Treasurer.

The Honble.

the Colonial Secretary.

S t a n l e y.

C o p y.

/12.

Port Stanley Falklands
November 8th, 1916,

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-days date, together with copy of report forwarded by Mr H.C. Halkett, the various points referred to by Mr Halkett are replied to on the attached leaf. With regard to the first paragraph of this report, I would like to draw attention to the fact, that, the Post-Office was handed over to Mr Halkett in the same manner in which I received it, no handing over statement was, other than the signing of the Post Office Journal and the Postal Order Book, which was done in this case,

I have the honour to be

I have the honour to be

SIR,

your obedient servant

(sgd) Edw. B. Minnie

Durable

The Colonial Secretary.

Copy of Reply.

Postmaster's Key of Vault. This was not left in the desk by me, I always kept it in the safe, until the morning of handing over. I regret not having handed it to the Colonial Secretary, although I think Mr Halkett could have mentioned this to me at the moment.

Agreement Messrs. Pitalusa. This also was taken out of the Registrar General's safe on Saturday morning, from Volume VI, as it was loose, I placed it in the top of the desk and drew Mr Halkett's attention to it.

Postmaster's desk. With regard to the dust and mere fact of the desk being placed so near the fire, will explain that although it was dusted regularly every morning, the desk was made untidy by pulling out the various books etc to show Mr Halkett that all was in order, when I gave Mr Halkett the key of the desk along with others, he closed the desk before anything was put straight.

Paid Postal Notes. These are always kept in the book, and not entered until the end of the month, when each denomination is placed separately, only three had been paid up to date, and they were got out to show instead of cash.

Wireless Telegrams. One of the first things I did in the Post Office was to sort out the telegrams from Sept, 1913, and have them rivetted together and labelled, the present system has only been adopted since July, and have been awaiting for the returns from Rio-Grande in order to have the amount how distributed entered in each month, as I showed Mr Halkett was in a separate parcel and marked R. or S. The telegrams for the current month cannot be properly arranged until the returns are received

received from the Wireless Station, as there are many telegrams go direct to the station. This I also explained.

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Telephone service account. The returns were sent up from the Exchange at about 11 am. on Saturday morning about an hour before I handed over to Mr Halkett, and I then explained to him that the Clerk was working them out.

Registrar General's Book. I have never made a practice of pasting in receipts until the page is filled, on account of their being in the way when writing. The same case with the P.O. Journal.

Cemetery Register. This I regret was not posted to-date it is so seldom used one is apt to forget it.

Registered letters. These were handed personally by Governor Allardyce, before he left, and I was asked to retain them until after the whaling season, as they had already been signed for the Post Office Officials could not be held responsible, this was a private concern between the Postmaster and Governor Allardyce.

4. The cupboards on the West end were seldom used by me the small cupboards were used in preference having a better fastening and they were quite in order, the one on the East end where the different forms are kept perhaps was not as tidy as it could be.

Covering letter attached.

*Pres. S.S. 16 March 1914
 Ref. 16 by S.S.
 cont. of 31 March, 1914. 1720*

Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 10th February, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I left Stanley on horseback on Friday morning the 23rd January and returned to Headquarters at noon on the 30th ultimo. During this short tour I visited the settlements of Teal Inlet, Douglas Station, San Carlos, Darwin, and Fitzroy.

2. I discussed with the farmers several questions of interest to them, the most important being the appointment of an Assistant Colonial Surgeon. The absence of such an Officer is a great hardship to many of the inhabitants of the camp, for, to be of efficient service, the doctor should be able to visit every station in his district at least once in six months, and this, Dr. Pearce, owing to his other duties, is unable as Acting District Surgeon to perform; as a matter of fact he has not visited any of the camp settlements during the last six months except when called upon to do so on the occasion of some serious illness. It should be borne in mind that half of the salary of the Assistant Colonial Surgeon of the East Falkland is

contributed

The Right Honourable
 Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
 &c., &c., &c.,
 Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Downing Street,
 London, S.W.

contributed by the farmers, and I fear that if an Officer is not appointed before the next contribution becomes due several of the present contributors will refuse to subscribe.

2. Another matter of general interest raised during my tour was the proposal to establish an experimental stock station. Many of the farmers expressed the wish that, when opportunity offered by the death of one of the lessees of a suburban land area near Stanley, an experimental station should be established. I am in favour of this suggestion, for if disease to the sheep should unfortunately be introduced the outlook to the inhabitants of this Colony would be anything but a bright one. In Mr. Tomison, the Chief Inspector of Stock, we have in the Colony an Officer who would be able to combine with his other duties those of Manager of such an experimental farm, and the expense to the Colony would be small in comparison to the anticipated benefits.

3. The question of the interest accruing to the accumulated balances of the Land Tax Fund was also raised. The farmers hold that the interest should not be absorbed into the general revenue of the Colony, but credited to the Stock Fund and hereafter used in some manner for their especial benefit.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,



Administrator.

*Recd SS. 14 Feb 1914
RBS*

Falkland Islands.

Government House,

Confidential.

Stanley, 14th February, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of 10th January on the subject of investments held by Government Officials in whaling and other local undertakings.

I have directed that a circular letter be addressed to all public Officers drawing their attention to Colonial Office Regulation No. 41. A summary of the replies received will be transmitted to you later with any other information I may be able to obtain, together with my recommendations on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

The Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
 12th day of February, 1914. per S.S. "Orinoco"

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Falkland Islands.

Confidential.

Government House,
 Stanley, 14th February, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Confidential of 9th January on the subject of Captain Watt's pay and pension.

2. In accordance with the instructions contained in your despatch No. 142 of 12th November, 1913, I appointed Mr. W.J. Roper to be Chief Clerk to the Colonial Secretary with effect from 23rd December as reported in my despatch No. 171 of 15th December, 1913.


3. I would respectfully draw your attention to the fact that in the letter from the Colonial Office No. 14346 of 7th January, covered by your despatch under acknowledgment, the Crown Agents were authorised to pay Captain Watt's salary up to the 22nd January, whereas the three months' leave granted by you expired on 22nd December.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,


 Administrator.

Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

London, S.W.

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Falkland Islands.

Government House,

Confidential.

Stanley, 12th March, 1914.

Sir,

As reported in my telegraphic despatch of 28th February I was unable to proceed from Buenos Aires to South Georgia owing to the cancellation by the Compania Argentina de Pesca of their s.s. "Cachalote" which was due to leave that port at the end of February, vide copy of letter enclosed. This sailing was cancelled on account of the small catch of whales in the early part of the current season, reported on the vessel's arrival from South Georgia, and the company are contemplating selling the steamer. I made every possible endeavour to charter a vessel, subject to your approval, but the price was prohibitive.

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2. Within the next few weeks I hope to have two opportunities of visiting South Georgia. Messrs. Salvosen and Company's cargo-boat "Coronda" is shortly expected at Stanley, at my request, and, if this should fail, the Compania Argentina de Pesca are willing to let their s.s. "Harpun" call here for me instead of proceeding direct from Buenos Aires to South Georgia. I regret very much the delay, and the more I enquire into the subject the more I feel convinced

convinced

Right Honourable

Louis Harcourt, P.C.,

Ac., Ac., Ac.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

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convinced that in the interests of all parties further Regulations will have to be adopted if the whaling industry is not to be a thing of the past within a very limited number of years.

3. As you are aware I proposed that Mr. Roper should accompany me to South Georgia but owing to the difficulties raised by Mr. Thompson during my absence in Buenos Aires I am forced to leave the Farmer Officer, who is well versed in the routine work of the Colony, at Headquarters to assist Dr. Pearce. Mr. Allardyce will no doubt have explained to you Mr. Thompson's policy of obstruction, which would not be tolerated for a day in any Colony possessing a larger Service. As reported to you in my Confidential despatch of 20th October last apart from Mr. Roper there is no qualified clerk in this Service of even the third class, and as time goes on the need for additional assistance in this direction becomes more and more pressing. The present distribution of work is both costly to the Colony and unfair to the individual.

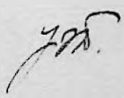
4. Having no clerical assistance I fear I may be detained in the Dependency longer than I otherwise would have been, for I do not wish to leave South Georgia until I am able to report from personal inspection as fully on the industry, etc., as the lateness of the season permits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,


Administrator.

PAÑIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA
 SOCIEDAD ANONIMA
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Enclosure to Confidential despatch of 12th Mch'14.

Buenos Aires, 28 th of January 1914
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Mr.

W . J . R O P E R , Esq.

Falkland Islands

Government House.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your esteemed letter of 20 th of January ,we beg to inform you ,that at present we have no steamer here .

We expect the next boat from the Station at South Georgia in these days or at the beginning of February and hope we can despatch it to the end of February for the return trip to South Georgia.

We hope that this information will satisfy His Excellency the Administrator.

We have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servants

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA
 SOCIEDAD ANONIMA

J. L. Lopez
 PRESIDENTE

Falkland Islands.
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Government House,
Stanley, 13th March, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Confidential of 18th December, 1913, respecting the law of this Colony as regards the exportation of plummage.

2. An Order will be issued under Section 8 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1913 transferring the "Grebe" from Schedule II to Schedule I.

3. I have communicated with the Officer who is at present representing the Government in the South Shetlands with a view to obtaining a few specimens of the giant petrel, and I hope to be able to forward same to you upon the return of the whaling fleet next month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,



Administrator.

Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, F.C.,
Esq., Esq., Esq.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
18TH day of **MARCH** 1914, per S.S. "OPONSA"

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Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 14th March, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Confidential of 19th January on the subject of the proposed increase from £200 to £1000 of the security given by Mr. J. Innes Wilson.


2. At a Meeting of the Executive Council held on 17th October, 1913, the question of the security given by public officers was considered in relation to the amount of cash held by them. A very small amount is held in Stanley by any individual officer as nearly all the cash, etc., is kept in the strong room and cannot be obtained without the presence of three officers who hold each a separate key, whereas the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia often has large sums of money and has so far not been subject to any visit from an Auditor or to a surprise inspection by a Board of Survey. For the reasons given above Council advised that the Guarantee Bond of Mr. Wilson be increased in the manner above stated in view of the remoteness of the Dependency from the Colony and the large sums of money passing through this Officer's hands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Right Honourable
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
London, S.W.


Administrator.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the ~~Secretary~~ Administrator of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 14th day of April, 1914, per S.S. "Oriona".

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Government House,
Stanley, 31st March, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer you to my Confidential despatch of 15th December, 1913, forwarding the annual Confidential Reports on the Senior Civil Servants of this Colony.

2. With regard to my report on Mr. Craigie-Malkett, Postmaster, I have no reason to doubt that the same was a true statement of facts as they existed at the time the report was made, but I have pleasure in adding that for the last three months I have noticed a marked improvement in this Officer's conduct and he has been doing all he possibly can to assist me in my endeavours to make the Civil Service of the Colony a credit to the Empire.

3. Mr. A.M. Souter, Schoolmaster, returned to duty early in January and I have found that the reports I had received of his work in no way exaggerate his suitability for the appointment he holds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,



Administrator.

Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.,

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

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

London, S.W.

Falkland Islands.
Confidential.

*Part of SS. 8 June 1914 723
See Cont from SS. 9 25 June 1914 722*

Government House,
Stanley,
5th. May 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 7th March respecting the security required from Mr H.C. Watt with regard to his appointment as Deputy Collector of Customs at New Island.

2. Mr Watt was appointed, vide February Gazette 1913, to act temporarily and provisionally as Deputy Collector at New Island, and in the following September was appointed to be Postal Clerk, Stanley, vide the October Gazette.

3. I am somewhat doubtful whether in fairness to Mr Watt he should be asked to give security for the post he held temporarily and provisionally at New Island, and consider that it would be preferable to request him to give security for £50 in respect of his now appointment. This is the amount of security which the Board of Inspection recommended should be given by the holder of the post.

4. Mr Watt has a good record and I am not aware of any reason why the Guarantee Society should not accept his proposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

W.R.G.

Right. Honble.
Harcourt, P.C.
&c. &c.
Secretary of State for the
Colonies,
London, S.W.

Balkland Islands.
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley,
6th May 1914

Recd. SS. 8 June 1914 TJS
Subst. for SS. 9 25 June 1914 TJS

Sir,

With reference to the Confidential correspond-
ence noted in the margin in respect of the increas-
ed amount of the Guarantee Policy of Mr J. Innes
Wilson, Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia,
I regret to be unable to accept as either entirely
satisfactory or conclusive the explanation given
in the Administrator's Confidential despatch of
14th March, for the following reasons:-

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wh. C. L. do 14 March 1914

(a) It is not the fault of the Magistrate
that owing to local conditions, and the
inaccessibility of South Georgia, the
Local Auditor has not hitherto been able
to pay a visit to the Dependency; there-
fore the Stipendiary ought not to be penal-
ized on this account.

(b) The increase of the security from £200
to £1000 appears to be altogether out of
proportion to the amount of public money
handled by the Magistrate, almost all of
which is not coin but paper, and much of
the latter not negotiable by that Officer.
The total revenue collected last year at
South Georgia may have been £4000, and as
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Right Honble.
Harcourt, P.C.
c. &c. &c.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

London, S.W.

the Guarantee has now been raised to £1000 it means that the Magistrate has to find security for 25% of the monies received by him. Compare this with the case of the Treasurer of the Colony who is directly responsible for, say, £120,000 per annum. He is asked to find security for £500. Comment is needless.

2. The composition of the Inspection Board which recommended the increase was as follows:-

The Chief Inspector of Stock,
The Harbour Master,
The Chief Clerk to the Colonial
Secretary.

It is doubtful whether any member of the Board had any previous experience of this class of work, or understood the local conditions at South Georgia.

3. The risk of defalcation there seems to me to be even less than at the Falklands; there is nothing to spend money on, no shops, no exchange no hotel, no racecourse, no society, no week-end, snowed up for half the year, &c., &c., and the only regular communication with the outer world is once every six weeks via Buenos Aires.

4. Personally I do not consider that the
Stipendiary

Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia should be called upon to provide any larger guarantee than is given by the Colonial Treasurer of this Colony, i.e. £500. I have conferred with Mr W. A. Thompson, the Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Customs, on this subject and he is of opinion that the guarantee should not exceed £500. I shall therefore be glad to receive your instructions in the matter.

5. With respect to the audit of the books of the Stipendiary Magistrate at South Georgia, the simplest way to arrange this would be to call upon the Marine Biologist, who is likely to proceed there annually for some time to come, to make a yearly examination.

6. I have known Mr Wilson for quite a number of years and have every confidence in his honesty and probity. I am not aware of any reason why the Guarantee Society should not accept his proposal for any sum that may be decided upon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

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Governor.

Falkland Islands
Confidential

Government House

Stanley

7th May 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 31st March notifying me that you desire in future when an officer is called upon to give a bond involving an application from him to a Guarantee Society in Great Britain that the fact should be reported to you.

2. In this connection I beg leave to refer you to my Confidential despatches of the 5th and 6th instant, as also to the following points upon which I should be glad to receive your instructions:-

- (a) When an officer proceeds on leave ought the acting officer to be called upon to provide a bond for the interim period pending the return of the officer on leave or the appointment of his successor?
- (b) When an officer is appointed provisionally to a new appointment of a temporary nature for which a bond is required, and he vacates it owing to promotion or otherwise before the termination of the period for which he was appointed, ought his successor in office to be called upon to provide a bond for the balance of the period in question? In the latter case I presume the Guarantee Society

Right Honble.
Lewis Harcourt, P.C.
Secretary of State

for the Colonies, London S.W.

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Society would make a refund of the premium pro tanto to the officer who provided the bond in the first instance.

3. I am called upon to ask for a ruling on these subjects as there is no local law or regulation in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. A.
Governor.

Falkland Islands
Confidential

Government House
Stanley
8th May 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have read with surprise Administrator Dickson's Confidential despatch of the 24th September 1913 reporting on the inefficiencies of certain Public Offices in the Falkland Islands.

As anticipated in paragraph 3. of your Confidential despatch of the 12th November I shall furnish you hereafter with my observations on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. G.
Governor.

The Right Honble.

Lewis Harcourt, P.C.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

London, S.W.