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Meetings of Provisional Directors.

London.

1st June 1851 At 1 Charlotte Row: Mansion House.

Present:

William Gore Ouseley Esq: Chairman
James John Cummins Esq:.
Sir George Rose Sartorius
John Hackblock Esq:.
William Bouscher Esq:.
and Mr Bischoff - Mr A. R. Lajone invited
to attend.

Adjourned to June 20th 1851

Present:

William Gore Ouseley Esq: Chairman
James John Cummins Esq:.
John Hackblock Esq:.
William Bouscher Esq:.
Sir George Rose Sartorius and
Mr Bischoff, solicitor.

The share list was read by
the Secretary - Four hundred and fifty
shares being now subscribed for and it
being considered that the remaining fifty
shares to make up five hundred will
certainly be taken it was the opinion of
the meeting that the preliminary
arrangements for forming the Company

might safely be proceeded with but that it would not be prudent to commence active operations until 700 shares are taken -

A letter dated the 29th of May last and addressed by Mr A: R: Lafone to the Secretary stating the terms on which his brother and he were disposed to make a transfer of their property and rights in the Falkland Islands to the Company was then read and considered - Mr A: R: Lafone was then invited to attend and further explain his views and to consent to certain modifications of his proposal -

It was moved by Mr Bouteiller
Seconded by Mr Cummings and

Resolved -

That a contract for taking the transfer from Mr S. F. Lafone be now entered into, such contract to be conditional upon a charter satisfactory in terms to the Directors being obtained from the Crown
that the transfer do include all the rights and benefits of the grant which the Crown has agreed to make to Mr Samuel Fisher Lafone and of the contract for the same, all tame cattle, horses sheep and swine which on or since the

1st day of January last past have been
in his possession upon the Falkland
Islands together with all dwellings
buildings corrals walls and fences
belonging to him there and the house
and premises lately purchased from
Mr William Henry Moore and also include
all stores at Hope Place and the other stations
(except such as were imported by the Russian
vessel "Maria") as well as the benefit of all
claims which Mr Lafone may have against
the Government up to that date, the Company
taking upon themselves Mr Lafone's liabilities
under the Contract with the Crown - that
the purchase money for the above be the
sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds together
with the cost price of the purchase of Mr
Moore's House at Stanley - that Mr Lafone
is to take Two hundred shares of one hundred
pounds each of the Company's Stock and to
give credit to the Company for Ten Thousand
Pounds being fifty per cent paid up on such
200 shares in part payment of the £30,000
purchase money - that this contract be further
conditional on Five Hundred Shares being
subscribed for over and above the Two hundred
shares so taken by Mr Lafone - that in the
event of no more than 700 shares in all being

taken Mr Laffone be paid from time to time
seven tenths of the amounts received from
calls to the extent of fifty per cent on the
amount subscribed - but that as more
shares are sold he be paid a like relative
proportion of the proceeds until the whole
Twenty Thousand Pounds be paid up - that
the Contract be considered as concluded on
the 1st June inst and bear date accordingly
and that from such date Mr Laffone shall be
entitled to receive interest at the rate of
five per cent per annum on the sum of
£20,000 or the unpaid balance of the purchase
money - that all outlay and expenses entered
into or incurred since the 31st December last
past by Messrs Laffone on account of the
establishments at the Falklands including
salaries wages purchases of sheep horses
and other animals and stores and the
transport thereof are to be reimbursed by
the Company within twelve calendar months
from the date of contract Messrs Laffone
giving credit for all sales of cattle horses
sheep other animals and meat since the
said 31st December and for all stores hides
skins tallow &c collected sold or consigned
since that time - Interest in account
current to be calculated at five per cent -

and finally that the Company are to pay all the law-expenses which have been or may be incurred in negotiating and obtaining a Charter of Incorporation for the proposed Company and the expenses of the assignment and conveyance of the property sold.

That the Solicitor be and is hereby instructed to prepare a draft of a contract for carrying out the preceding portion of this resolution and that as soon as same be ready it be immediately taken into consideration —

That the Solicitor be also and is hereby instructed to take the necessary steps to get the draft Charter finally settled in such mode as this meeting has indicated would be satisfactory and also, in conjunction with Mr. Lafone, to procure such beneficial modifications of the contract with the Crown as the Grantee may reasonably be considered entitled to —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

M. G. Pursey

Chairman.

London. At 1 Charlotte Row. Mansion House -
30th June 1851.

Present -

William Gore Guseley Esqre Chairman -
Sir George Rose Bartorius

James John Cummins Esqre

John Hackblock Esqre

William Butcher Esqre

Mr Bischoff - Solicitor -

The Minutes of the meeting
of the 19th inst^h having been read by
the Secretary -

It was moved by Mr Cummins
seconded by Mr Hackblock and

Resolved -

- That the minutes of the last
meeting of this Board, as now read, be
confirmed -

It was then arranged that
the Draft Prospectus as agreed be
completed by the Solicitor and Secretary
and that printed proofs thereof be forwarded
to each one of the Directors on Thursday
next and that this meeting be adjourned
to Friday next the 4th July at 12 o'clock
to finally settle same -

Meantime leave was given
to Mr Cummins to confer with Mess^{rs} Glyn

Mills H^o, as to their having the Banking Account
of the Company.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.-

W. G. Qualey

Chairman.—

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London. At 1 Charlotte Row² Mansion House
1st July 1851.

Present -

William Gore Ouseley Esq^r Chairman -
John Hackblock Esq^r
Sir George Rose Bartorius
William Butcher Esq^r

Mr Bischoff Solicitor -

Proof Prospectus examined corrected
and finally agreed - Mr Shavers directed to
have same printed and circulated amongst
the Shareholders - also to prepare print
and circulate a second edition of the
Pamphlet corrected in accordance with the
most recent intelligence and the terms of
the Prospectus -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. G. Ouseley

Chairman -

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London. At 1 Charlotte Row, Mansion House -
19th August 1859.

Present -

William Gore Gresley Esqre. Chairman -
John Hacklock Esqre
William Bouscher Esqre
James John Burmains Esqre
Sir George Rose Bartorius -

Mr. Bischoff - Solicitor
and Mr. A. R. Lajone -

The Minutes of the last two meetings held upon the 30th June and 1st July having been read by the Secretary -

It was moved by Mr. Bouscher, and seconded by Mr. Hacklock -

"That the minutes as now read be confirmed and signed by the Chairman".

Minutes signed accordingly -

The Solicitor then reported progress - he stated that in conjunction with Mr. A. R. Lajone he had opened a communication with the authorities of the Colonial Office, which, after some negotiation, had resulted in the preparation and presentation by the Colonial Authorities of a short supplementary Agreement the object of which was simply to remove doubts as to the construction of the original Agreement of January 1850 made between the

Crown and Mr. S. F. Lafone - that said supplementary Agreement defined the Crown's right to sell any land not conveyed or intended to be conveyed to Mr. Lafone under the original Agreement and over which, until so sold, that Agreement gives the right of pasturing and pursuing cattle - that, subject to such explanation, the original Agreement could not be further modified by the Colonial Authorities - that it was considered improbable that any bona fide demand to purchase waste lands of the Crown, not included within the grant to Mr. Lafone, would arise during the term of his dominion over the wild cattle, - but that, in the opinion of Mr. Bischoff, it would be most fortunate should such demand for land thenceforward arise, as it would tend to improve the value of the Company's property and as it had been intimated by the Colonial Authorities that no intention existed on their parts to reduce, during the terms specified in the Agreement with Mr. Lafone, the upset prices which they had placed upon lands within the Colony, which is for country districts 8/- per acre -

- The Supplementary Agreement was then read by the Solicitor, who added that within a week he expected to receive the

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Draft contract between the Company and
Mr. Lafone and the Draft charter completed.

- Explanations being required from
Mr. Lafone regarding his endeavours to procure
certain modifications of the original Agreement,
he stated that he had not succeeded to obtain
any; but, that, in respect to the clause which
provides that a certain number of sheep are
to be placed and kept upon the East Falkland,
Mr. Elliott has informed him that should
the Company hereafter discover that sheep could
not be reared and supported in the colony the
Government would not press compliance with
this clause provided the Company, on applying
for permission to avoid it, came prepared to
offer to Government some equivalent advantage
in lieu thereof - that however, until any
necessity should arise for such application
on the part of the Company, no stipulation
in that sense could be introduced into
the Agreement. In explanation of Lord
Grey's reasons for declining further to modify
the Original Agreement and for rendering
the Supplementary Agreement, Mr. Lafone
laid before the Board two letters addressed
to himself on the 21st July and 15th August
1857 by order of Earl Grey of which the
following are copies -

"Downing Street
22nd July 1851

"Sir,

"With reference to the arrangement
now pending for the transfer of Mr.
"Lafone's rights under his Agreement
with the Crown to the Royal Falkland
Land, Cattle Seal and Whale Fishery
Company, I am directed by Earl Grey
to state, that it appears to his Lordship
"that it will be necessary, before that
arrangement is concluded, that all
parties should come to a clear
"understanding as to one point on
"which some doubt has been expressed.

"It has been suggested by Mr.
"Lafone's Agent (as was mentioned in
my letter to you of the 28th June 1849)
"that the effect of the Agreement already
subsisting is, to prevent the Crown
from pursuing the object of establishing
Colonists in the Falkland Islands,
"inasmuch as the appropriation of any
part of the waste lands for purposes of
settlement would interfere with the
enjoyment by Mr. Lafone of his rights
and dominion over the wild cattle.

"This was certainly not

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"intended to form any part of the
Agreement nor does Lord Grey conceive
its language to be in reality open
to such interpretation - But the
question having been raised it becomes
of importance that it should be set
atrest before any transfer takes place
of Mr. Lafone's rights to other parties -

"For this purpose I am
to submit to you a draft supplementary
Agreement, which his Lordship's purposes
should be executed by Mr. Lafone, and
then referred to in the Charter, so as
to become binding on the Company
equally with the existing Agreement -
"It declares that it was not the object
of the latter to interfere with the Crown's
right to sell waste lands, or reserve them
for public purposes, except so far as
regards the land agreed to be sold to
Mr. Lafone -

"I am to state that Lord
Grey has no wish whatever to cause
any unnecessary or vexatious interference
to take place with the enjoyment by
Mr. Lafone or the Company of their
right to the wild cattle, nor indeed is
it probable, judging from the ex-

"experience of the Settlement that any
"sale of waste lands will take place
"there to such an extent as to affect
"that right in any injurious degree.
"But he thinks it essential that no
"obstacle should be offered to the
"gradual progress of regular colonization,
"if parties should be found desirous of
"establishing themselves permanently
"as agricultural settlers; - and he
believes that their doing so would
"prove very advantageous to any
"parties in possession of Mr. Lafone's
"rights.

"I am,

"Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

(signed) "B. Hawes."

"A. Lafone Esqre."

Colonial Office.

"15 August 1851.

Sir,

"I am directed by Earl Grey to
state that he finds it impossible, on the
part of Her Majesty's Government, to
accede to any of the modifications
proposed in your letter of the 4th of this

'month to the draft supplementary
'Agreement -

"It appears to his Lordship
"that the former letter, which he caused
"to be addressed to you on the 21st
"Ultimo, sufficiently shewed that such
"modifications would be inadmissible.
"But in order that the gentleman
"with whom you are in treaty may
"fully understand the reasons of his
"refusal, he is anxious, even at the
risk of repetition, to state the grounds
of it -

"The Agreement entered
into between yourself and Her Majesty's
Government was never intended by the
latter to infringe in any degree on the
Crown's absolute and unrestricted right
to sell land in the Falkland Islands,
or to reserve it for public purposes -

"Nor does his Lordship at all believe
that any part of the Agreement can
be so construed - He wishes to refer
you, for instance, to clause 9, where
the right of Mr. Lafone to erect corrals &c
is limited to lands which may not have
been previously granted, thereby, as it
appears, clearly recognizing the Crown's

"right to grant them -

"It was, in short, his Lordship's
full understanding, that you were ready
to accept the agreement, subject to the
possible contingency of some part of
the land being granted away during
the continuance of that agreement to
bonâ fide settlers -

"His Lordship would therefore
have been perfectly satisfied to leave
the Agreement where it stood - But
a difficulty was raised, not on the
part of Her Majesty's, or the local
Government, but of your Agent Mr.
Williams - That gentleman contended
in a protest addressed to Governor
Moody, that by giving Mr. Lafone
dominion over the Wild Cattle of the
Island of East Falkland, the Crown had
precluded itself from granting away
any of the soil, and thereby diminishing
the area over which the Wild Cattle
might roam -

"However unfounded such a
pretension might appear, it seemed to
Lord Grey nevertheless indispensable that,
before your agreement passed into other
hands, the doubt, once raised, should be

'set fully at rest, and the Agreement
interpreted by mutual consent in that
'sense in which it was assuredly
entered into on his part - For this
purpose, and with no other object,
the Supplementary Agreement is
rendered to you -

"The alterations which
you propose would recognize a limitation
to the original Agreement which would
very materially impair the rights of
the Crown - One of them would
abridge the right to sell land by the
stipulation that it should not materially
interfere with the dominion over the
'Wild Cattle' - a stipulation quite new
in itself, and obviously tending, from
its uncertainty, to continual litigation -
Another would restrict the right of
the Crown to construct public works,
in any part of the Islands, to those
particular classes of public works to
which it is now limited in the
particular district covenanted to be
granted to Mr. Lafone - The last
seems equally open with the first to
the objections of uncertainty and
tendency to litigation -

"Lord

"Lord Grey is particularly anxious
that the gentlemen with whom you are
in treaty will fully consider for them-
selves the substance of this letter, and
of the former one of the 21st ultimo.

"He is anxious that they should
understand that as Lord Grey has no
wish to infringe on any rights already
granted, so he is obliged to decline
granting any new ones - If the
gentlemen in question are willing
to deal with you on the faith that
"no unnecessary and vexatious
obstruction will be interposed in their
way by Her Majesty's government
here, and that instructions will be
transmitted to the local government
to act towards them in the Islands
"in a similar spirit, he believes that
"their security will be greater than
"could be attained by the attempt to
"insert additional clauses in the Agreement
"at the risk of provoking further discussion
"and litigation - But if they are
"substantially dissatisfied with the
"Agreement as it exists, and in the sense
"which the supplementary Agreement
"is intended to define, his Lordship

"although regretting that an undertaking
which promised to promote the interests
of this infant Colony should be abandoned,
yet feels that its continuance cannot be
purchased by further concessions on
his part.

"I am,

"Sir,

"Your most Obedient
"humble Servant,

(signed) "B. Hawes"

"A: R: Lafone Esqre

"Gresham Club"

H — The Secretary then reported progress as regarded the disposal of shares — he stated that in compliance with resolutions of the Directors passed at meetings held on the 30th June and 4th July, Mr. Cummins had waited upon Messrs. Glyn & Co., and invited them to keep the banking account of the Company which they, after examination of the proposed prospectus, had consented to do. — That the Prospectus, as agreed, had been printed and circulated amongst the subscribers and also amongst other persons considered likely to become subscribers — that a new edition of the pamphlet, corrected to date and in accordance

with the most recent information and in correspondence with the terms of the Prospectus, had been prepared printed and circulated privately - that the number of shares sold at the date of the last meeting of this board were four hundred and sixty five and the number now sold amounted to five hundred and fifty one and that the sale of the remaining One hundred and forty nine shares to make up Seven hundred was guaranteed by Mr A. P. Lafone and others to be completed on or before the 31st December next, Mr Lafone undertaking to put said guarantee in such legal form as the Solicitor Mr Bischoff might advise -

Mr Lafone requested permission to state to certain subscribers that their subscriptions in full might be paid under discount at the rate of five per cent per annum, and, in reply, was informed that the Board, as at present constituted, had not power to make an order to that effect, but that it might be understood that persons desirous of paying up in full were at liberty to do so under discount so soon as a banking account were opened and that such mode of payment would in due course be formally authorized —

It was moved by Mr. Cummins
and seconded by Mr. Boutcher and carried
unanimously -

That 551 shares being now
subscribed for and the sale of 149 shares
in addition thereto being guaranteed by
Mr A. R. Lafone and others the full operation
of the Company do commence so soon as
the charter be obtained -

That the Supplementary
Agreement tendered by the Colonial Office
as now read by Mr. Bischoff be accepted and
duly executed -

That it is advisable for the
Company to enter into a contract with
Her Majesty's Government to carry the
Mails between Montevideo and Stanley
on the terms proposed in the letter of
Mr. B. Hawes to Mr. Lafone, dated the 14th
April 1851 if more advantageous terms
cannot be obtained -

That Mr. A. R. Lafone be
and is hereby authorized to arrange and
complete said contract on the understanding
that same be transferred to the Company
so soon as the charter be signed or, if not
previously completed, that it be made direct
between the Crown Authorities and the

Company.

- It was moved by Mr. Cummins
seconded by Mr. Boutcher, and carried unanimously.

That a call of ten shillings per
share be made immediately - that the Secretary
prepare print and forward to all subscribers
a circular notice accordingly, and that, in
conjunction with the Solicitor, he do arrange
with the Bankers of the Company Messrs. Lynn
Hills & Co. the form of the account and prepare
a proper form of receipt to be issued and
of counterfoil to be retained as voucher
by the Bankers -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting-

J. J. Cummins

Chairman.

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London. At 1 Charlotte Row. Mansion House.

24th December 1851

Present.

William Gore Gauseley Esqre

John Hackblock Esqre

William Butcher Esqre

James John Cummins Esqre

Sir George Rose Bartorius

Mr. Bischoff solicitor

and Mr. A. H. Lafone.

At the request of Mr. Gauseley
the chair was taken by Mr. Cummins.

The minutes of the last
meeting held 19th August 1851 were read by
the Secretary, confirmed, and signed by
the Chairman.

The Charter was laid on the
table read and explained by the Solicitor.

Resolved -

- That the Royal Charter as
read be and is hereby accepted. -

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The draft contract between
Mr. Lafone and the Company was
then explained by the Solicitor, the
Chairman comparing its clauses with
the instructions given for same by
a resolution of this Board passed
at a meeting held on the 20th of

June last - the Solicitor explained that the instructions did not provide for the payment to Mr. Lafone of the balance of purchase money in case no more than 700 shares be taken; and proposed that words which he had inserted in the draft Contract and which he read, to fix the date of payment of said balance should be approved notwithstanding their variance from the resolution referred to which contained his instructions -

Resolved -

- That the draft Contract between Mr. Lafone and this Company as now read be altered and explained be accepted engrossed and executed -

The draft Contract between the Colonial Land and Immigration Commissioners acting on behalf of the Crown and the Company for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails six times per annum between Stanley and Monte Video for the sum of £700 payable by reduction of instalments was next explained by the Solicitor -

Resolved

Resolved -

- That the draft Contract between the Colonial Land and Immigration Commissioners on the part of Her Majesty the Queen and this Company for the Conveyance of Her Majestys Mails between Stanley and Monte Video as now read is approved and be accepted -

The copy of a letter bearing date the 17th Dec^r instant addressed by Mr A. R. Lafone to Lord Grey acceding on behalf of his brother and the Company to the wishes of Government to reclaim the dominions of the Wild Cattle & on West Falkland provided the Crown would in consideration of such concession remit the payment of an instalment of £2,000 due the 1st day of January next was read to the Board and it was announced by Mr Lafone that no answer to it had as yet been received -

Resolved -

- That the letter of Mr Lafone to Lord Grey as read is approved by this Board and that it be entered upon the Minutes -

Resolved -

Resolved -

— That in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus and of the allotment of Shares the Secretary do issue a notice to all the Shareholders requiring them to pay the first instalment of 25 per cent to Messrs Glynn Mills & Co on or before the 10th January next less the deposit of 10/- per share if same be already made by them — and that the Secretary do address a Circular Letter to the Shareholders informing them that the Charter is obtained whereby their liability is limited to the amount of their individual subscriptions — that the contract between Mr Lafone and the Company has been finally settled and that the operations of the Company have now commenced —

It was then agreed that the following Gentlemen were to form a SubCommittee to consider with Mr Bischoff the details of their Deed of Settlement and report thereon to the next meeting of this Board —

James John Hummins Esqre

John Hackblock Esqre

William Boulcher Esqre The

The Secretary was desired by
the Chairman to place the Charter for
safe custody in the hands of Messrs
Glyn & Co.

signed on behalf of the Meeting.

W. G. Owen

Chairman.—

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London. At 1 Charlotte Row. Mansion House -
28th Jan'y. 1852

Present,

James John Hummins Esq're.

Sir George Rose Sartorius

William Gore Ouseley Esq're in the Chair,

William Butcher Esq're

John Hackblock Esq're

Mr. Bischoff - Solicitor

Mr. A. R. Lafone at the request of
the Board -

The Minutes of the last
meeting held 24th Dec'r 1851 were read by
the Secretary, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman -

Mr. Bischoff announced
that the Deed of Settlement had been
finally approved by the Board of Trade -

Mr. Hummins, being
deputed to confer privately with Mr.
Lafone as to the date at which interest
should commence to run upon the
amount of £20,000 (agreed to be paid to
his brother and himself) taking into
consideration the great delays which had
taken place, and that no accounts had
yet been received from the Falklands,
announced that Mr. Lafone had very

handsomely met the views of this Board
and on behalf of his brother and himself
had consented to postpone the rating of
interest on the amount of £20,000 from
the first of June 1851 as previously agreed
by a resolution of this Board on the
19th of that month, until the 1st day of
January inst. from which day said sum
is to bear interest in the manner
described by the resolution referred to.

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Resolved —

— That Mr. Boulcher, Mr. Hackblock
and Mr. Burmire are hereby deputed
to effect the purchase of ^{a suitable} vessel for carrying
cargo and Her Majesty's Mails between Stanley
and Monte Video with full discretionary
power as to price and all other matters
appertaining to the procuring, equipping,
and manning the vessel ready for sea as
speedily as possible without further reference
to this Board and are requested to report
their proceedings accordingly when completed.—

A letter addressed by Mr. John
Pownall Dale, under date of the 22^d Inst.,
to the Directors offering himself to take the
office of Colonial Manager was then read

Resolved —

— That a letter be addressed by the

Secretary to Mr. Dale informing him generally of the nature of the duties which the Colonial Manager will be expected to perform and of the terms on which the Company are prepared to engage his services in that capacity - namely that he will have to furnish approved securities to the extent of £5,000 in the form usually adopted and to appoint and pay his own Clerk - that he will be provided with a suitable residence in tenable condition rent free and a free passage to the Colony and that the remuneration for his services will be £700 per annum clear of any deductions and without any extra allowances whatever - the first year to commence from the day of his leaving England - these terms to be considered fixed for five years subject to revision and modification by this Board on the expiry of two years after the arrival of the Manager at the Colony but the engagement may be determined by the Directors on giving six months notice of their desire to put an end to it, or after the expiration of two years by either party on giving like notice to the other - notice in all cases to date from the day of its receipt.

— Mr A. R. Lafone having communicated to this Board the obliging consent of his brother Mr Samuel Fisher Lafone of Monte Video to undertake gratuitously the management of the Company's operations in the colony for the period of two years after his receipt of their letter of authorization —

Resolved —

— that Mr. Samuel Fisher Lafone be requested to undertake the office of Resident Director and the management of the Company's Colonial operations accordingly with full authority and control over the Company's servants in the colony —

Resolved —

— that in compliance with the foregoing resolution the Secretary is directed to address a letter to Mr S. F. Lafone informing him generally of the constitution of the Company under the Charter and Deed of Settlement as also of the steps already taken relative to appointment to the purchase of a vessel and the contract to carry the Mails — handing a copy of the preceding Resolution and requesting him to adopt the needful measures for carrying it into effect. — Resolved —

Resolved -

- that the Deed of Settlement as approved by the Board of Trade and now read by Mr Bischoff, with the formal blanks as now filled in, be engrossed and prepared for execution immediately. -

Resolved -

- that the Form of Share Certificate now presented as examined by Mr Bischoff is approved and that the Secretary is directed to have a plate engraved accordingly and One thousand Blank forms printed and bound by the Counterfoils. -

Resolved -

- that the design for a common Seal of this Corporation now presented is approved and that the Secretary is directed to have it engraved on Steel in the best manner and fixed in a proper press complete and also to procure a suitable Office Seal in brass for ordinary use. -

Resolved -

- that the Forms of Banker's Cheques and Bills of Exchange now presented are approved and that the Secretary is directed to have plates engraved accordingly and a sufficient quantity of impressions struck off for one year's supply. -

Resolved -

Resolved -

- that Mr. Cummings, Mr. Hackblock,
and Mr. Butcher or any two of them be
appointed a sub-committee with power
to engage offices for the Company's use
and to fit and furnish the same, to arrange
what books of account &c will be required,
the form in which they shall be kept,
and order them to be purchased, to inform
the Bankers of the mode of drawing upon
the account and hand them the signatures
of persons authorized to draw; and to
agree upon and publish in the Daily
Papers an advertisement calculated to
promote the sale of so many more shares
as it has been considered desirable to issue.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting -

M. G. Quigley

Chairman -

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Memorandum.

21st January 1852.

A Deputation from the Board of Directors consisting of Mr. Ouseley (Chairman) Mr. Cummins Mr. Butcher and Mr. Hackblock waited, by appointment upon Earl Grey at the Colonial Office on the subject of the expenditure of the money yet to be paid to Government under Mr. Lafone's Contract, and his Lordship intimated his willingness to entertain any suggestions which the Corporation might make for the application of these funds to objects calculated to promote the improvement of the colony.

The Directors then informed Lord Grey that they had purchased the "Amelia" a suitable vessel to carry the Mails under their Contract with Government and expressed their wish to be permitted to hoist the Admiralty or Post Office Flag on board her and so place her on the footing of a Royal Packet, citing in support of their request several instances in which this privilege had been conceded to vessels purchased under like circumstances. His Lordship admitted the propriety of the application and promised his aid to procure the compliance of the competent authorities.

The next object brought under his

Lordship's notice was the erection of a Light House on Cape Pembroke the vast importance of which to British shipping generally and to the Colony was fully set forth - his Lordship assented to the proposition that such an erection should be constructed and paid for out of the instalments payable by the Corporation, suggesting that the Company might build it here and send it out ready made, or offer a tender to construct it for the Government. The Directors thereon proposed to undertake the erection of the lighthouse and his Lordship suggested that their proposal should be submitted to him in writing accompanied by proper specifications and plans.

The important advantages which would accrue to the port of Stanley and to shipping calling there by the laying down of a patent slip were next explained to his Lordship and his consent solicited that such a work should be undertaken by the Government, in which case the Corporation would provide for its execution - Lord Grey did not feel inclined to entertain this proposition as he considered such works were more appropriately left to private enterprise -

Upon the Directors inquiring that the subject had already been submitted to and received the consideration of Government, Lord Grey observed that he was not aware of any application or correspondence on the subject.

Lord Grey was informed of the Agreement that the sums due by Government to Mr. Lafone for supplies furnished by him should be placed to the credit of the Company against the instalment now payable but his Lordship was not aware that any sums were due or that Mr. Lafone had any claims upon Government; if however such claims could be properly substantiated the amount thereof would be disposed of as provided by the Company's contract with Mr. Lafone.

In reply to a question put by the Directors Lord Grey observed that there was no fund at present from which to aid or defray the expenses of emigrants to this colony on the part of Government, but he recommended that application should be made to certain Scotch landed proprietors who were desirous of sending out some of their tenants and labourers, more particularly those on the Western shores and Islands the inhabitants of which seemed to him well

adapted for the climate and soil of the
Falklands -

Reference was then made to a discussion which had taken place in the House of Commons and the false impression likely to be created by statements then made, that no vessels or at most only two or three in a year touched at the Falkland Islands - and it was shewn to his Lordship that a progressive increase in the number of vessels calling had actually taken place - the numbers being 15 in 1847 to 1848 - 36 in 1850 - and upwards of 30 in the first six months of 1857 - which his Lordship appeared to consider an important fact.

Lord Grey then intimated his wish that the Directors should address him officially on all the topics entertained when their communications should have his attention - The interview then closed.

The Secretary was desired to procure and lay before the Committee on Monday next a plan and estimate for an iron lighthouse

P. G. Grey
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London. At 1 Charlotte Row. Mansion House
10th February 1852

Present.

William Gore Curseley Esq:re

James John Cummins Esq:re

William Butcher Esq:re

John Hackblock Esq:re

Sir George Rose Lantorian

Mr. Bischoff - Solicitor

& Mr. A. R. Lafone -

The Minutes of the Meeting
of the 28th January were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the proceedings
of the Committee then appointed, at their
meetings on the 29th and 31st January,
and on 4th, 6th, 11th and 12th February were
read, confirmed and approved by the Board.

The Draft Report of the Directors
to the General Meeting to be held on Wednesday
was then read -

Resolved -

That the draft Report as now
read is approved, and that same be fair copied
and presented at the General Meeting of the
Proprietors to be held on the 18th inst.

An extract of a letter relative to
the choice of Scotch Shepherds for the Falklands,
addressed by Mr. Thomas Gillespie to Mr. Cummins

was read - Mr. Cuseley also read a letter from Scotland on the same subject.

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Cuseley were requested to reply to the enquiries contained in these letters and seek to obtain further information for the guidance of the Board.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain the cost of an approved meat compressing apparatus.

The draft of a letter to be addressed to Lord Grey proposing to erect a lighthouse on Cape Tembroke for the sum of £2,753 was read, approved, and the Secretary instructed to address his Lordship accordingly, and to enclose copies of the specifications and plans furnished by Messrs Holmes and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. A. R. Lafone was authorized to make purchases of such articles, say bricks, lime, iron, timber &c as he may think most suitable for shipment to the Colony by the "Amelia" and it was ordered that Capt. Wilson be instructed to refer to Mr. Lafone for any advice he may require relative to the equipment of his vessel.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting -

M. G. Cuseley

Chairman

London. At 1 Charlotte Row. Mansion House.
18th February 1832.

Present -

William Gore Ouseley Esq^r

John Peacockblock Esq^r

William Boulcher Esq^r

Sir George Rose Bartorius

Mr. Bischoff Solicitor

Resolved -

That the Report as now read
is approved and be presented by the Chairman
to the General Meeting.

The account of disbursements
by Mess^{rs} Ricketts, Boulcher & C^o. amounting
altogether to £390, 19, 8^d was laid before the
Directors and a cheque ordered to be drawn
for the amount.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting -

signed in my book

J. G. Llewellyn

Chairman -

W. J. G.

London.
26th Feby. 1852

Meetings of Directors.

At 1 Charlotte Row, Mansion House.

Present:

John Hacklock Esq^r

William Boucher Esq^r

James John Cummins Esq^r

Sir George Rose Sartorius

Mr. Bischoff Solicitor

Mr. Lafone -

The Minutes of the last Meeting of Provisional Directors, and of the general Meeting both held the 18th Inst. were read, and confirmed.

The Secretary announced, that, as directed in Resolution I passed at General Meeting, the Report of Provisional Directors had been printed and distributed to all the Proprietors.

Ordered that twenty Debentures for One thousand pounds each drawn by Mr. Bischoff in terms of the Directors' Report be now sealed with the Corporation seal.

Ordered that the common Seal of the Corporation be now affixed to the Deed of Settlement.

Ordered that the common seal be affixed to the shares when ready in the presence of two Directors.

Ordered that the keys of the
Common Seal be now given one to Mr. John
Blackblock, and one to Mr. J. S. Burmin.

Resolved -

- That Mr. Bischoff be requested
to prepare an agreement between the Company
and Mr. Dale and the proper form of security
to be furnished by him, and that Mr. Bischoff
be provided with copies of the 2^d. resolution
passed at the meeting of provisional Directors
Jan'y 28th. and of the correspondence with Mr.
Dale relative thereto.

Ordered that a cheque for
£902.15.3^c be given to Messrs Chas. Moss & Co. for
new Copper Sheathing supplied for the "Amelia".

Ordered that a cheque be
given for £350 as an advance of salary to Mr.
Dale, under the guarantee of Mr. A. R. Lafone
by his letter of this date.

A Certificate addressed to
the President of the Board of Trade in compliance
with the Provisions of the Charter that upwards of
one half of the Capital was subscribed for, and
upwards of one sixth of the Capital paid up, was
signed by the Directors and Mr. Bischoff was
requested to lodge it and procure from the
Board of Trade the corresponding endorsement
on the Charter.

Ordered

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Ordered that a cheque for £¹, 1, 11²
be given to Mr. S. F. Lafone for 15 days interest on
£20,000 from January 1st 1852 to the date of
the Debentures.

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Resolved -

- That Mr. Cummins, Mr.
Boutcher, and Mr. Hackblock enter into
the usual bond with H. M. Customs for
obtaining a sailing licence for the "Amelia"
with indemnity from the Company against
all consequences and that she be entered to
hail henceforth from the Port of London.

Resolved -

- That Mr. Cummins Mr.
Hackblock and Mr. Boutcher or any two
of them be appointed a sub-committee with
power to engage offices for the Company's use
and arrange what books are to be kept and the
form of them and order furniture and office
fittings as also to agree the draft of a letter to
Mr. S. F. Lafone for the March Packet
signed on behalf of the Meeting

John Hackblock

Chairman.

1/25.

London At 1 Charlotte Row. Mansion House.

21st March 1852

Present.

William Bouscher Esq^{re}

James John Cummins Esq^{re}

John Shacklock Esq^{re}

William Gore Buseley Esq^{re}

Sir George Rose Bartons

Mr Bischoff Solicitor

The reading of the Minutes of
the last meeting was postponed to afford
time for the immediate business before the
Board -

Mr Bischoff read a letter from
Mr A.R. Lafone dated the 29th Inst^s and stating
his objection to sign a Fidelity Bond for Mr
Dale including a clause which rendered
the sureties responsible for the default of
Mr Dale's clerk -

Resolved -

That Mr Bischoff is instructed
to insert such words in the Company's Agreement
with Mr Dale as will render him responsible
for the acts of his clerk and security for him.

Resolved -

That the preceding resolution
being carried into effect the words objected to by
Mr Lafone in the Fidelity Bond for Mr Dale

will be unnecessary and that they be therefore expunged, and the Fidelity Bond engrossed and forwarded to Mr. Lafone for execution, as altered in accordance with his wish.

Ordered that the Common Seal of this Corporation be now affixed to the following documents - namely - to 250 Shares numbered 1 to 250 - to the Company's Agreement with Mr. Dale as now amended - to the Company's Power of Attorney granted to Mr. Dale to enable him to sue and recover in the name of the Corporation - and to the Company's Agreement with Mr. Hicks appointed Storekeeper.

Said documents were sealed accordingly in the presence of two Directors Mr. Boutcher and Mr. Hackblock.

Ordered that the following cheques be now signed for Mr. S. P. Irish Engraver & Miniaturist £65.1/- for expenses attendant on Messrs. Dale & Sons visit to London to meet the Directors £20,17/- for Petty Cash in charge of Mr. Winkworth £20.00 and for £565.10.8^d being the instalment of £2,000 due to the Crown on the 1st June less £34.9.4 which appears by Mr. Walcott's letter to Mr. Lafone of the 1st Inst. to be due for Beef &c supplied to Government.

Ordered that the Secretary address a letter to Mr. Elliott the Assistant Under Secretary of State for the Colonies stating to

him for the information of Sir John Parkington
that in compliance with the desire of
Sir John Parkington communicated
by Mr. Elliott through the Secretary to
this Board they have paid up the
instalment of £2,000 to the account of
the Colonial Land & Emigration Com-
missioners at the Bank of England in the
full confidence that it will be applied to the
erection of a lighthouse on Cape Pembroke in
accordance with the promise of Lord Grey which
the Directors believe was confirmed by Sir
John Parkington whose decision thereon the
Directors hope shortly to be favored with.

A letter dated 16th March and
addressed by Lord Desart with copies of
correspondence from the Falklands to Mr. Lafone
was read -

Ordered that the Secretary
address a letter to Secretary Sir John Parkington
acknowledging the communication of this
letter & enclosures by Mr. Lafone at Sir John's
request and expressing the Directors thanks -
stating that they do not feel called upon to offer
any observations on matters of a strictly
personal nature occurring between Mr. Lafone's
Agent and the Governor seeing that Mr. Williams
has never been their servant and has not

received any appointment in their establishment assuring Sir John of the hearty concurrence of the Directors with his views as to the duties of persons who in small communities employ many dependants of which they think they have afforded good proof in the appointment for their Colonial Manager of a gentleman well known, as they believe, to Government, an appointment which they expect will secure on their part the establishment of that cordial co-operation for the benefit of the Colony between the local government & the Company's Chief Agent which they agree with Sir John in deeming most desirable - and that they are gratified to learn that Sir John will take the measures to secure this object which are alluded to in the last paragraph of Lord Desart's letter.

Mr Bischoff handed in revised proof of the Charter with marginal notes to be printed for the use of the Directors as per resolution passed the 11th February 1852 (Committee)

Mr Cummins read a letter which he had received from Mr Dale requesting to be furnished at an early date with a code of general instructions for his guidance.

Ordered that the Secretary

prepare a draft of instructions for the guidance
of the Company's Colonial Manager, and submit
same to the Directors for their consideration.

Resolved -

- That Mr. Pontcher, Mr. Cummins,
and Mr. Hackblock sign bond with the Customs
as "owners of 64/64th parts of the Schooner "Amelia"
in order to procure a new Register.

Bond signed accordingly at
the Custom House, and the Secretary directed
to take up the Register at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Resolved -

That Mr. John Pownall Dale
be and is hereby empowered to appoint
ordinary servants for, and on behalf of the
Corporation, and to enter into, and sign agreements
with them accordingly, in the form prepared by
the Company's Solicitor, and approved and
furnished by this Board.

Ordered that the Secretary
write to Mr. Dale and hand him a copy
of the preceding Resolution.

Ordered that the Secretary
write to Mr. Pyle, and inform him that the
Company's wages for a Shepherd will not be
less than 30/- per week, and that if engaged
in that capacity a free passage out for himself
and family, and at the end of five years

service a free passage home provided his discharge did not take place in consequence of misconduct on his part.

Ordered that the Secretary call upon the proper Authority at the general Post Office and ascertain what authorization is to be furnished to Capt. Wilson of the "Amelia" to receive and carry the mails and what steps are needful to be taken to regulate the periods of her departure from the Ports of Monte Video & Stanley.

Mr. Bischoff was requested to see that the Mail contract with Government be put forward for immediate execution.

Mr. Lafone having written to say that he proposed chartering a vessel in Liverpool Mr. Boutcher was deputed to determine (when there) whether it be more adviseable to take another vessel in Liverpool or in London.

Mr. Boutcher was requested to take down with him to Liverpool the Deed of Settlement and procure its execution by the Liverpool Proprietors also the Agreement with Mr. Dale and Power of Attorney for him with the Fidelity Bond and procure the execution of the Agreement and Bond.

Ordered that a cheque be written for Mr. Thos. Gillespie for £48, 11/- cost and carriage to Liverpool of 32 sheep bought by him

for the Company and that the Secretary remit
same to him with the Directors thanks.

Signed on Behalf of the Directors

John Peatman
Chairman

London - At 1 Charlotte Row - Mansion House
7th April 1852

Present

William Gore Onseley Esqre
John Hackblock Esqre
James John Cummins Esqre
William Bouthcer Esqre
Sir George Rose Bartorius

Mr Bouthcer having returned from Liverpool reported generally as to the condition of the "Amelia" & the nature of her cargo and that he had given orders for her sailing on Saturday next the 10th Instant

Ordered that the Brigantine "Amelia" and her apparel valued at £2,000 be insured for twelve months by Messrs Ricketts, Bouthcer &c.

Ordered that Messrs Ricketts, Bouthcer &c. be requested to open a policy of insurance for £1,000 One thousand pounds on cargo and stores of "Amelia" as interest may be hereafter declared.

A draft of general instructions for the Colonial Manager Mr Dale was read -

Ordered that the general instructions for the Colonial Manager as now approved be forwarded to Mr Dale

before the sailing of the "Amelia".

A draft of sailing orders and general instructions for Captain Wilson of the "Amelia" was read and approved.

Ordered that the sailing orders and instructions for Captain Wilson, as now read and approved be forwarded to him forthwith.

A letter from Lord Desart dated 31st March conveying Sir John Pakington's decision that the erection of the Lighthouse be postponed and therefore that payment of the instalment due to the Crown need not be delayed was read and considered.

Ordered that the Secretary address a letter to Lord Desart requesting him to inform Secretary Sir John Pakington that the Directors observe with regret the postponement of the Lighthouse but reserve further remarks until furnished with his reply to their letter of 17th March that meantime they have paid the instalment in the full confidence that it will be applied to the erection of a Lighthouse as promised by Earl Grey.

The Secretary informed the Board that Mr Alex^r Wood one of the Colonial Land and Immigration Commissioners had requested Mr Bischoff to remind the Board

that the instalment was due and should be paid, and had been informed by Mr. Bischoff that the payment was ordered the 1st Inst. & doubtless made, that Mr. Wood also requested that a letter might be addressed by the Secretary to his Department communicating the general nature of the Company's operations since they took transfer of Mr. Lafone's Contract with the Crown. -

Ordered that Mr. Wood's request be taken into consideration at the next meeting of this Board. -

Resolved -

- That a vessel be chartered to take out the Store and Cottages ordered by Mr. Lafone at Liverpool for the Company and also the Storekeeper and such other persons as it may be deemed advisable to send out.

Mess^rs Lafone's Fidelity Bond for Mr. Dale being referred by Mr. A. R. Lafone to this Board for amendment

Resolved -

- That the Fidelity Bond for the Colonial Manager as amended by Mr. Lafone be accepted -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. D. Ureley

1852.

April 21st - at Charlotte Row. City

Present.

Das. J. Cummins Esq.

John Hackblock Esq.

Willm Boulcher Esq.

and W^r Bompas for the Solicitor.

The Contract for the Carriage of the Mails between Montevideo and Stanley as approved by W. Bischoff and now engrossed for execution was read.

Ordered that the Common Seal of this Corporation be now affixed to the Contract for the Conveyance of Mails between Monte Video and the Falkland Islands made between Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners and the Falkland Islands Company as now read and approved.

A letter addressed to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, communicating to them the general proceedings of the Directors, in accordance with the request of Mr. Commissioner A. Wood was read and approved.

A letter dated the 19.th inst received

from Mr. H. Merivale in reply to this Board's letter of the 7th inst. was read.

Ordered that the Secretary address Mr. Merivale in reply for the information of Secretary Sir John Pakington, stating to him the precise form of the pledge which the Directors received from Earl Grey relative to the erection of a Lighthouse and the steps they have taken thereon in respect to the Government and to the proprietors of the Company's Stock, and earnestly requesting that no further delay may take place in ordering its erection.

A letter dated 19th inst. from Mr. Merivale in reply to the several matters contained in this Board's letter of the 17th ult. was read.

Ordered that the above letter be brought under the consideration of the Board at its next meeting.

Ordered that the following cheques for disbursements made in Liverpool for account of the "Amelia's" outfit and in payment for part of her cargo as per vouchers and Invoices received be now signed. viz

for £198. 18. 0 to Messrs S. W. Silver & Co
for 67. 1. 2 to Messrs T. H. Briscall & Co

7th April
7 April

20th April for £ 261. 13. 6 } for Messrs. Bantcher,
20th April for 455. 10. 9 } Mortimore Gale & C° as Agents
20th April for 17. 9. 7 to Mr. W^m Bennett.

Ordered that henceforth the ordinary Meetings of Directors are to be held on Thursday in every week at three o'clock precisely and that notice be sent to the Directors accordingly.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. H. Garrison

Chairman.

1852.

April 29th - at 1 Charlotte Row - City

Present

James John Cummins Esq.
William Gore Ouseley Esq.
Sir George Rose Sartorius
William Bouscher Esq.
John Hackblock Esq.

Ordered that the following
cheques be signed - viz:

for J. D. Potter . . . £14, 3,

for Captain Wilson, advance, % J. D. Potter, 17, 17, 9

for Messrs Richlieu & Niblow. " 39, 10, 11

for Mr A. F. Moore . . . " 13, 14, 7

for sundry disbursements of

the "Amelia" by Messrs Bouscher,
Mortimore, Hale &c. " 448, 6, 7

A Résumé of the "Amelia's"
accounts was read and examined.

Ordered that the Secretary
address letters to Mr Dale, Captain Wilson,
and Mr Samuel Fisher Lafone calling their
attention to the apparent extravagance of
some of this outlay as now marked by
the Board and observing that as the
quantities of many supplies are obviously
greater than can be consumed on board

the ship the surplus should be sold to the best advantage either in Montevideo or the Colony on arrival.

Mr. Merivale's second letter of the 19th instant was read, and considered.

Ordered that the Secretary address Mr. Merivale in reply stating for the information of Secretary Sir John Pakington - 1st that the Directors observe with pleasure that a renewed application will be made by him to the Admiralty in respect to sending one of Her Majesty's ships to visit the Falklands and that the Directors trust their Lordships will think well to adopt promptly this suggestion of Government -

- 2nd that the Directors did not venture to suggest a limit as to the number of Convicts who might be sent out and that it has occurred to them as a further suggestion that convicts might be transported inexpensively in some one of H.M.'s vessels unfit for other service which would last them as a home for four or five years and that as the Company are bound to supply Beef at 2d. ftb, the provisioning would not be costly - 3rd returning thanks for

the consideration of Sir John Takington in extending the term of Dominion over the wild cattle until 1st January 1860 which will be a stimulus and encouragement to them in carrying out the objects which they believe government are aware of and take as deep an interest in as themselves.

Mr. Malcott's letter of 26th inst. was then read.

Ordered that the Secretary in reply tender the thanks of this Board to the Colonial Land and Immigration Commissioners for promptly putting forward the Mail Contract and adopt the responsibility involved under the 8th clause as explained by the Commissioners.

Letters respecting shepherds from Mr. Biggar of the 24th instant and from Mr. Ashton of the 26th instant, together with the replies thereto were read and the latter approved.

Ordered that Mr. Biggar's man, if still willing to go, be engaged as shepherd and sent out by the next ship.

Ordered that Mr. Lafone be requested to charter an A.s. vessel capable of carrying \$50. to 500 tons of cargo and

with suitable accommodation for about 12 passengers with the remainder of the sheep.

Mr. Hicks' application to be informed when he is to sail and whether the Directors can offer him employment meanwhile was laid before the Board.

Ordered that the Secretary write Mr. Hicks that a ship in which he is to go is about to be chartered in Liverpool and may be expected to sail within one month - that as soon as she is chartered he will have notice to go down and superintend her loading and passenger arrangements &c.

John Hiscock applied to be appointed Master Ships Smith at Stanley.

Ordered that the Secretary inform John Hiscock that no such appointment will be made at present but that his application will be preferentially taken into consideration when the Company are prepared to undertake such business.

Frederick King and John Cook applied for employment as Cooper and Butcher respectively.

Ordered that the application

of Frederick King and John Cook be granted and notice sent to them accordingly stating that they will be expected to sail within one month from Liverpool.

Ordered that the common Seal of this Corporation be now affixed to Shares numbered 501 to 623 inclusive.

A letter dated 23^d Inst. ^{from} Mr. Lewis Vernet was read.

Ordered that Mr. Vernet's letter lay on the Table for further consideration and that the Secretary write him acknowledging its receipt, and stating that as it appears to relate to claims on the United States or English governments which do not concern this Company the Directors would not be justified in making any observations upon them.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Messrs A. & J. Holme and request to be informed what amount of tonnage will be required for the Houses they have already made up for shipment.

Ordered that a fireproof iron safe at £92 be purchased for the Company's use.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

W G Duley
Chairman

1852

May 6th - at 1 Charlotte Row - City.

Present

William Gore Ouseley Esq^r
James John Cummins Esq^r
John Hackblock Esq^r
William Boutcher Esq^r

The Minutes of the Meeting of
the Board held on the 29th ultimo were
read and confirmed.

Governor Rennie's Alien
Ordinance received the 5th instant was
considered and a letter thereon, addressed
to Secretary Sir John Pakington on the same
day, was read and approved.

Ordered that the Common
Seal of this Corporation be affixed to
Shares numbered 251 to 500 inclusive.

Ordered that the Secretary
deliver all shares to the Proprietors in
exchange for the Bankers receipts or a
note of acknowledgement and issue notices
that they are ready for delivery accordingly.

Ordered that 10 shares each be
allotted to Mr De Castro, Mr Brookes and
Mr Dawson on their applications being
received.

Ordered that a cheque be signed
in favor of Mess^r ^{Bonfichey} Mortimore Gale & Co for £26, 11²?
disbursed by them on account of the Company
and inclusive of £14, 11²? their Commission of
10% on £1456, 12²? the total amount of their
disbursements.

Drafts of letters to Mr. Samuel
Fisher Lafone, Mr. John Townall Dale, and
Captain Wilson were read and approved.

Ordered that the Secretary make
enquiry and ascertain the cost of a small
Font of Type suitable to print a folio news-
paper in Stanley.

Ordered that the Insurance
of the "Amelia" and apparel be increased to
£2,500 and that the insurance of her cargo
and stores be closed at value £1,000.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. H. Gunnings

Chairman.

1852.

May 13th At 1 Charlotte Row. City.

Present

John Hackblock Esq:.

William Boucher Esq:.

James John Cummins Esq:.

Sir George Rose Sartorius

The Minutes of the last Meeting held the 6th Inst. were read and confirmed.

Ordered - that a cheque for £50 on account of services between the 30th April 1851 and 30th April 1852 be given to the Secretary without prejudice to his claim for said services consideration whereof is further adjourned until this Board have communicated with Mr. Lafone on the subject of his contributing a proportion.

Ordered - that a cheque for £50 be given to Mr. Hicks as an advance of three months salary (dating from the 1st May 1852) in compliance with his application.

Ordered - that a cheque for £17 be given to Messrs. Goulding & Son for an Iron Safe & Office Furniture purchased of them.

An estimate for a Printing Press, Type, 12 months supply of Paper, and all

materials for printing a weekly newspaper
in Stanley the whole for £104. was laid
before the Board.

Ordered that the Secretary
write to Professor Cowper & request him to
procure another estimate for the same
quantity of material & lay same before this
Board next Thursday.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

S. J. Cunningham
Chairman

1852.

May 20th

At 1 Charlotte Row - City

Present

William Gore Quicley Esq:re

William Butcher Esq:re

James John Cummins Esq:re

Sir George Rose Bartolini

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held the 15th Instant were
read and confirmed.

Ordered that the common
seal of this Corporation be now affixed
to Shares £24 @ £33 for Mr De Castro.

Mr Samuel Fisher Lafone's
letter of 5th April was read - and letters
received by Mr A. R. Lafone from Mr
Williams with list of shipping arrived
at the Falkland Islands.

Charterparty of the barque
"Record" was laid before the Board -
together with Mr Alexander R. Lafone's correspondence
thereon - and a list of Passengers to go by her.

Ordered that the Secretary
write Mr Alexander R. Lafone tendering
the thanks of the Directors for the trouble
he has already taken and requesting him
to ship as follows:-

Lime

Lime equal to one hundred puncheons
in sugar hogsheads - suitable afterwards
for rough paling.

One hundred barrels of flour - including
that left by the "Amelia".

Fifty barrels sugar - 8^t.

One hogshead refined sugar in small
loaves.

Plates - assorted as he thinks best.

Two to three cast iron Tallow melting Pans.

One hundred dozen Scotch Ale.

One hundred dozen Irish Stout.

Thirty barrels Biscuit.

Forty boxes Reading Biscuit.

Fifty cases Brandy - one dozen each @ 8/- eight
shillings/.

Two pipes good Figueira Wine - sound.

Two pipes good Perécarlo Wine - sound -
both to be bottled in Bond.

Scales weights and measures.

Twenty dozen of gin.

Twenty five Barrels Pitch.

Twenty five Barrels Stockholm Tar.

One dozen half chests Black Tea.

Some canvass - rope - spun yarn and twine.

Brushes assorted.

Brown paper - Sand paper - black lead.

Candles - gunpowder in one pound canisters.

Cart-harness-trucks-plough-harrow
Thirty sheep - whereof seven rams.
One good ^{yearling} Galloway or Ayrshire bull, a
prime animal.

The Deck houses for live stock to
be constructed of whole deals so
as to be useful in the Colony
and to inform him that Mr.
Hicks will be immediately
sent down to assist in preparing
and shipping the cargo.

Mr. Briggars correspondence
relative to Scotch shepherds was laid before
the Board.

Charles Jeffery's application
to go out as apprentice to the store was
considered and approved.

Ordered that the Secretary
complete an engagement with Charles Jeffery
and draw the necessary indentures for execution
by him and the Corporation.

Ordered that the Secretary
write Mr. Hicks and inform him that he is
to go at once to Liverpool and assist in preparing
and shipping the cargo of "Record" under Mr.
Lafone's directions and that he is expected to
make himself thoroughly acquainted with
the quality price and condition of all goods.

going out and furnish a perfect list thereof
to this Board.

Ordered that Mr. Hicks' engagement
by the Company at Two hundred pounds per
annum commence from the 1st instant.

Plan of Cottages furnished by
Messrs Holme was laid before the Board.

Ordered that a cheque on account
for £500 be signed and given to Messrs Arthur &
George Holme.

Ordered that the Secretary purchase
a Printing Press, Type &c, complete to be ready
for shipment of "Record" as per estimate now
before the Board.

Ordered that a cheque for £20 be
signed for Petty Cash to be accounted for by Mr.
Winkworth.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

W.G. Duley
Chairman.

1832.

May 27th At 1 Charlotte Row. City.

Present.

William Gore Ouseley Esq

William Butcher Esq

John Hackblock Esq

Adm. Sir George Rose Sartorius

The minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held the 20.th inst. were
read and confirmed —

The Correspondence had with
W. A. Radfane since last Meeting was
read.

Ordered that the Secretary
address a letter to W. A. Radfane
enclosing to him Mr. Green's Scale of
Provisions for adoption by the Owner and
Captain of the "Record" — requesting
him to purchase 500 iron hurdles six
feet long each at about 4/5 each with
a few herald gates instead of the
railing proposed as a neat stone wall,
is all that is required for the
allotment at Stanley — handing him
the list of extra Articles for shipment
now proposed and instructing him to
buy —

One pipe of Port @ 15/- per doz } to be
One pipe of Sherry @ 14/- " " } bottled
One pipe of Figueira @ £16 } in bond
One pipe of Figueira @ £16 } in the
One pipe of Benecarlo @ £9 } wood.
Another Cart and harness and two sets of
spare wheels - and on no account to lay in
more goods than the "Record" will carry as
it is the particular wish of this Board
that no goods should be left behind.

The Indentures of Charles Jeffries
were read and approved.

Ordered that the Common Seal
of this Corporation be affixed to the
Apprenticeship Indentures of Charles
Jeffery in duplicate same to be at
force only in the Colony.

Ordered that a cheque for £11. 5/6
be signed for Mr. William Hare.

Ordered that Mr. Hicks repair to
Liverpool tomorrow (Friday) in accordance
with the instructions already given to him.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Duseley
Chairman.

1852.
June 3rd At Charlotte Row. City.

Present

James John Cummins Esq.
William Gore Ouseley Esq.
John Hackblock Esq.
William Bantcher Esq.
Sir George Rose Sartorius.

The minutes of the meeting of this Board held the 27th May were read and confirmed

Mr. Cummins reported an interview which he had had with the Assistant Under Secretary for the Colonies yesterday.

Memorandum - The light house was first spoken of respecting which and the three letters of this Board now lying unanswered at the Colonial Office Mr. Elliott said that a reply would be forwarded in a day or two - 2nd Mr. Cummins spoke of the Governor of the Falklands and the Colonial Alien ordinance Act - that the Company's manager should be made a member of Council and a magistrate - Mr. Elliott promised a letter of introduction from the office of W. Dale to Governor Rennie - and will consider the Alien Act

with W. Merivale and see Mr. Cummins again on these matters upon Wednesday next at three o'clock - Mr. Elliott spoke of the extension of term of dominion over the Wild Cattle to Jan'y 1860 and thought that the other conditions of the Contract should be extended in like manner but finally agreed that only clauses restraining the slaughter of young Cows &c should be extended. In respect to Emigrants Mr. Cummins observed that the Government being now in possession of funds should defray the expenses of those sent out by the Company but Mr. Elliott admitting the willingness of Government to apply the funds received from the Company to the benefit of the Colony as suggested by the Directors if their suggestions met the approval of the Colonial Secretary demurred to their being applied to the passage of Emigrants in the case of this Colony which was not constituted like Australia and others. Mr. Cummins informed Mr. Elliott that the Directors were about to establish a newspaper at Stanley which Mr. Elliott said he was pleased to hear inasmuch as it bespoke progress and was an earnest

of the activity with which they meant to follow up the Company's undertakings. Mr. Cummins asked that no Ordinance should be allowed to become law in the Colony without having the previous sanction of the Home Government & being made known here so that the Company and their servants may not be taken by surprise. And Mr. Elliott observed that every care should be taken to make matters run smoothly between the Colonial Government and the Company. He again repeated that official replies to the Directors' applications should be forwarded in a few days.

Correspondence received from the Falkland Islands was read

Correspondence with Mr. A. M. Lafone since last meeting was read

Ordered that the Secretary direct Messrs Christys to send the Hats & Caps required - Messrs Milrays to send the Suddery - Mr. Edgington the tarpaulins Mess Burrows & Son - the Shoes &c and get all dispatched to Liverpool for the "Record" as quickly as possible.

Ordered that the Secretary prepare drafts of letters to Mr. S. F. Lafone &

Mr. Dale and submit same to Mr. Bantchn
or Mr. Hackblock in time to be transmitted
by packet on the 8th inst.

Ordered that the Secretary reply to the
applications of Cook & King now read
by giving them subsistence money on
account of wages until they leave London.

Ordered that a cheque for £ 200 be
remitted to Mr. A.R. Lafone for payment
of accounts for goods supplied to the
"Record" and to be accounted for by him.

Ordered that a cheque for £ 113. 1. 0
be remitted to Messrs T & H Briscall & Co
for Paints and Oils supplied by them for
shipment p "Record."

Ordered that Mr. Lafone be requested
to pay to Mr. Hicks £ 20 as a further
advance of salary in accordance with
his application now read and in exchange
for his receipt.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

J.W. Astorius

Chairman.

1852.

June 30th Memorandum.

At three o'clock Mr. Ouseley and Mr. Bro Hackblock arrived and examined the Correspondence and (in the absence of any other Director, not being able to form a Board) signed, pending a Board's Order, the following cheques for payments to be made prompt tomorrow: namely

for W. Johncock	—	10. —.—
" " Frederick King	—	20. —.—
" " Woolright Chilson & C°	—	445. 6. 2
" Advance notes of "Amelia"	—	22. —.—
" W. Thos Fletcher	—	75. 7. —
" Gibbons & C°	—	17. 3. 8
" Houghton Smith & C°	—	21. 11. 5
" Jackson McConan & C°	—	185. 12. 9
" W. A. F. Moore	—	14. 4. 1
" P. Houlgrave & C°	—	40. 15. 10
" Milroy Sons	—	9. 1. 6
" S. W. Silver & C°	—	314. 17. 10
5. o'clock P.M.		

M. H. HAWS.
Secretary

1852.

June 17th. at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present

Sir George R. Sartorius
John Hackblock Esq.^r
William Boutcher Esq.^r
William Gore Duseley Esq.

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held the 3rd inst. were read and confirmed.

Ordered that the Secretary issue notices to the Shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement to pay up the second instalment of £ 12. 10/- per share on or before the 10th July.

Ordered that the Secretary give notice to Mr. Winkworth on Saturday that his services will not be required by the Directors after Saturday the 3rd of July.

The correspondence with Mr. A. Lafone respecting the Cargo & Record since last meeting was read.

Ordered that the Secretary inform Mr. Lafone that the McLaren family cannot be sent out to the Falklands until there be an opportunity of sending them direct, and request Mr. Lafone to ascertain the amount of expenses which Mr. Biggar has incurred

in procuring and removing to Liverpool
the Smith family and to defray same on
account of the Company.

A letter from Mr. Sam'l F. Lafone dated
Montevideo 24 May 1852 was read.

Ordered that the Secretary write to
Captain Sullivan R.M. and enclose an
extract of the paragraph in Mr. S. F. Lafone's
letter relative to his application of the
19th February.

Letters addressed to the Colonial
Office requesting that the Government
Stones Jetty and Launch at Stanley may
be placed at the temporary disposal of
the Company's Colonial Manager on
arrival of the Record were read and
approved.

Ordered that the Record be detained
until after arrival of the London post on
Saturday next to afford time for receipt
of the Government Despatches.

Ordered that the Secretary address
a letter to Mr. Dale & Record giving him
a full account of the Cargo & Record and
cost of same and all other necessary particulars.

The Solicitor's bill of Costs amounting
to £525. 9. 2 was laid before the meeting
and ordered to be brought forward in July.

Ordered that the following cheques be signed for payment of goods supplied to the "Record" and "Creole" as per accounts rendered—

for John Cook	10. - . -
Frederick King	20. - .
Woolright & Co	445. 6. 2
(Advance notes ('Amelia'))	22. - . -
Thos. Fletcher	75. 7. -
Gibbons & Co	17. 3. 8
Houghton Smith & Co	21. 11. 5
Jackson McComan & Co	185. 12. 9
A. H. Moore	11. 11. 1
Houlgrave & Co	40. 15. 10
Milroy & Sons	9. 1. 6
Silver & Co	314. 17. 10
Mr. A.R. Lafone	400. - . -
	8.
	200. - . -
B. Edgington	44. 2. -
Macfie & Sons	116. 15. 2
Cuthbert & Southey	103. 10. -
Christie & Co	13. 18. 8
J. S. Ashburner	101. 14. 4
Bailey & Co	68. 9. -
Chris. Bushell & Co	165. 17. 9
Burrows & Son	64. 8. -
H. Bennett	82. 10. 8
Ias. Gundry & Co	16. - . -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Duseley.

Chairman

5852

June 24th

at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present

James John Cummins Esq.

William Gore Duseley Esq.

John Hackblach Esq.

William Bantcher Esq.

Sir George R. Sartoris

The minutes of the meeting of
this Board held the 17.th inst.^t were read
and confirmed.

Four letters dated 19.th inst.^t received
from the Colonial Office were read -

Ordered that the Secretary acknowl-
edge receipt of the above letters separately -
stating that the Directors have been informed
by Mr. Moore that it was expressly understood
when he framed the Alien Ordinance Act of
1848 that an exception was made in
favor of the gauchos needed for working the
cattle and that a record may be found

to that effect - that in respect to the Lighthouse
the Directors await with anxiety the decision
of Government as the bad season is approach-
ing and they are concerned for the safety
of the "Amelia," "Record" and other vessels which
in great measure they think depends on such
decision - that the Directors are quite
satisfied with the pledge contained in
Lord Desart's letters relative to the extension
of dominion over the wild cattle and do
not require any supplementary Agreement -
and to return the Directors best thanks
for the promised use of the Store, Jetty
& Launch, any extra expenses incurred in
availing themselves of which they will
gladly defray.

Ordered that the Secretary instruct
Messrs. Bischoff and Cox to prepare a short
temporary Agreement with Mr. Moore for
the sale by him to the Company of an
Allotment No. 4 at Stanley for the sum of
£50 taking security for due performance
of such Agreement by handing over a good
title to the Company.

Ordered that the Secretary write
to Messrs. Holmes for drawings of the
Store or House constructed by them to
enable their account to be checked

and meanwhile that a cheque for £1000
on account be now signed & handed to
them.

A letter was addressed by the
Board to Messrs Glyn Mills & Co requesting
them to place £2000 to the Company's
Credit as a temporary loan repayable
out of the Instalment now coming due.

W. Moore had an interview with
the Board.

Ordered that cheques be now signed,
for Messrs Nod Cummins £7.15.0

W. A.R. Lafone — 100.—

W. Beggan — 30.—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Duseley.
Chairman.

1852.

July 1st

at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present

James John Cummins Esq.
Sir William Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
William Butcher Esq.
John Hacklock Esq.
Sir George Rose Sartorius.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 24th ultimo were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that the Solicitors were unable to frame an Agreement with W. Moore for the purchase of his land in Stanley without being furnished with detailed particulars of description and title.

W. Moore had an interview with the Board and was requested to call upon the Solicitors and furnish them with the information they require.

Four letters addressed to Lord Desartow the 25th ultimo in reply to his of the 19th id. were read and approved.

Messrs' Holme's account as examined was laid before the Board who decided that the overcharges could not be allowed

and that a remonstrance should be addressed to Mess^r. Holmes on the amount charged for the Store and House not being correctly drawn from their estimate.

Correspondence received since the 21st ult^o namely from Mr. Biggar, Mess^r. Holmes, Captⁿ. Sullivan and C.W. A.R. Lafone was read.

Application was made on the part of W. King seeking to be appointed bookkeeper to the Company - same referred to Mr. Bantcher with authority to engage him and agree his salary if his references prove satisfactory.

Ordered that Shares numbered 634 to 643 allotted to Mr. Robert Brooks be now signed that the Common Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto.

Ordered that cheques be now signed for Mr. A.R. Lafone - £169. 12. 1
Mess^r. Davenport & Co - 42. 19. 6
Mess^r. J. H. Find & Co - 117. 8. 8
Mess^r. J. Hutton Son & Co - 42. 12.
Mess^r. Thos. White & Son - 73. 1. 6

Ordered that the next meeting of this Board be held on Wednesday the 7th inst at two o'clock
Signed on behalf of the meeting.

W.G. Dussey.
Chairman.

1852.

July 7th

at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present -

Sir Wm. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
John Hackblock Esq
Lat. Dr. Cummins Esq
Wm. Butcher Esq
Sir George R. Sartoris

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held the 1st inst. were read & confirmed.

The Secretary was instructed to write to W. Sam'l J. Lafore by the next packet - to assure him that Captain Sullivan had preferred no complaint against him personally but against his Agent Mr. Williams for not obeying his instructions - to draw his attention again to the fact of many shepherds being already sent out and state that the Directors hope that a large stock of Sheep will be found on the Islands or be sent down as speedily as possible - to refer him to this letter of the 7th Feby and pray his earliest attention to forward the accounts described therein as until they be received the affairs of the Company must necessarily be in confusion and the Directors be

ignorant both of their liabilities and of
the amount of property they possess — ~~and~~
to inform him briefly of the nature of
the recent correspondence had with the
Colonial Office.

The Secretary was directed to write
to Mr. J. P. Dale by the next packet — to
draw his particular attention to charge freight
on all goods carried in the Company's vessel
whether for their own account or that of others —
to warn him against advancing on Bottomry
Bonds to Masters of ships bound for California —
to urge upon him the necessity of getting
forwarded as speedily as possible the
Accounts between the Company and Mr.
Lafone, fully explaining to him again the
nature of account required because the
Directors have heard that Mr. F. Lafone
did not appear to be aware what accounts
were required — to request him, as soon
as possible, to select the town and
suburban allotments in Stanley which
the Company are entitled to under
the Contract with the Crown — to
inform him that Mr. Moore is in
treaty with the Directors for the
sale of his Suburban lot — and request
him to inform Mr. Dean thereof.

in order to prevent his dealing with said
lot after such notice being given — to
inform him that Captⁿ. Sullivan proposes
to sell to the Directors his town allotment
near the Government Jetty, and request
him to give his opinion as to the eligibility
of this purchase and its fair value — and
to remind him of the necessity for a
large stock of Sheep being brought upon
the Islands to afford employment to the
Shepherds already sent out — also to
request him to procure and forward the
usual "certificates of landing in the Colony"
for all the Emigrants forwarded by the
Company.

Signed on behalf of the Collector.

John Gummie,

Chairman.

1852

July 15th

at 1 Charlotte Row.

At three o'clock Mr. Boutcher and Mr. Cummins arrived and examined the correspondence and (in the absence of any other Director not being able to form a Board) decided to see Mr. Bischoff and Mr. Moore who were in waiting on business requiring immediate dispatch, to seal Mr. Dawson's shares and to sign the cheques required pending a Board's Order: -

The following cheques were signed - for
Messrs Briscoe & Son ————— 128. 10. 3
" Library & Sons ————— 62. 17. 9
" John Longton & Co ————— 45. 8. —
for Interest on Debentures ————— 500. — " —
" Insurances ————— 297. 4. 9
" Law Charges ————— 525. 9. 2
" Mr. Moore ————— 50. — "
" Messrs G. MacLquordale & Co 27. 3. 6
" Messrs Glyn Mills & Co 2000. — "

Mr. Boutcher produced 20 Debentures of the Company and received the interest due thereon this day, receipt whereof was duly endorsed upon the Debentures same time. Mr. Bischoff received the cheque for law charges and the Secretary

was directed to obtain a stamp receipt
for same).

M^r. Moore was required to lodge with
the Company the joint guarantee of himself
and his Agent in Dublin for repayment of
the sum of £50 and interest thereon at 5 per
cent per annum provided the conveyance
of his Suburban lot N^o. 3 at Stanley to the
Company be not duly executed by his
Agents Mess^{rs} Dean and Whittington the
discharged mortgagees — the cheque for
£50 to be handed to Mr. Moore on his
handing such letter to Mr. Bischoff.

M^r. Adams applied personally to be
appointed Clerk to the Company and was
engaged in that Capacity at a Salary of
£100 per annum to commence from Monday
next.

Shares numbered 644 to 653 inclusive
were signed and sealed for Mr. Jos. Dowson.

Policies of Insurance effected on the
Ship & Apparel and on the Cargo of America
on Cargo & passengers freight & Record
and on Cargo of Creole were produced &
the premiums ordered to be paid).

5 o'clock P.M.

W. H. Harvey.
J. S. S.

1852.

July 21st. at 1. Charlotte Row—

Present.

William Bantcher Esq
John Hacklock Esq
James John Cummins Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 7th inst. as also the proceedings of the Committee meeting held the 15th inst. were read and approved.

A letter received from the Harbour Department of the Admiralty and the reply thereto were read.

The following cheques were signed mfo Thos Nixon & C° for groceries £ 6. 4. 10 and W. John Ellison for drugs £ 14. 14. 11 supplied to the "Amelia"

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Jas. Cummins
Chairman.

1852.

July 28th

at 1 Charlotte Row, City

Present.

Sir Wm Gore Ouseley KCB.

John Stackblock Esq.

Jas. J. Cummins Esq.

William Boutcher Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 21st inst were read and confirmed.

The Income Tax return was laid before the Board and the Secretary directed to fill it up "Nil" and return it to the proper Officer.

Correspondence dated 5 June received from Mr. Sam'l F. Lafone was laid before the Board with Bill of Lading for 413 hides p "Eliza", Bennet, and policy of Insurance on same for £300.

The Conveyance of Suburban lot no 3 at Stanley made by Mr. William Henry Moore to the Company, a letter of guarantee signed by him & his Agent Mr. Robt Butler, a letter from him to his Agents in Stanley requesting them to sign the conveyance and a draft of instructions to Mr. J. P.

Date to procure the completion of this conveyance were approved and ordered to be sent out to Mr. Dale accordingly.

Ordered that the Common Seal of this Corporation be now affixed to Shares Nos 654 to 673 inclusive for Mr. William Hackblock and Nos 674 to 678 for Mrs. Wilmet Critchell.

Mr. Joseph Sawyer's application to be appointed official Auditor of the Company's account was rejected such an appointment being considered unnecessary.

The following cheques were ordered to be signed, for Petty Cash £20/- for Messrs Cuthbert and Southey for Printing £43. 15. 6 and for a half year's rent of Office due the 24th June £25/-

Ordered that the weekly meetings of this Board be held henceforth on Tuesdays at three o'clock and that the Secretary issue notices accordingly until countermanded.

Mr. John Philo's application to be appointed clerk and bookkeeper to the Company was read and the Secretary directed to inform him that he may may have an interview with the Board on Tuesday next and that the salary

^{not to exceed}
decided upon is £80 per annum.

The Secretary was directed to request Mr. Dale to send home to the Directors samples of every description of Falkland Island produce including such minerals as are applicable to manufactures or building purposes.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mess^r A & G Holmes of Liverpool and express the Directors surprise that no answer has been returned to their letter requesting an amended account.

Mr. Cummins was requested to call at the Colonial Office and ascertain if possible the intentions of Government relative to the erection of a lighthouse for Cape Pembroke and when the work is likely to be completed, as well as to offer freight for it in the brig "Eliza" shortly expected.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Wesley
Chairman.

1852.

August 3rd at Charlotte Row, City

Present.

Ias. J. Cummins Esq^r
William Butcher Esq^r
John Hackblock Esq^r
Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.B.B.

The minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 28th ult^o were read and confirmed.

Ordered that a cheque for £200- for Direction during the half year ending 30th June last be signed and passed to account as handed to this Board.

M^r Cummins reported his interviews with Mr. Merivale and Captain Bethune on the 29th ult^o on the subject of the Lighthouse for Cape Pembroke, the result of which was that the Admiralty would apply to the Company to furnish a tender for the execution of the work on the plan approved in the Harbour Department.

The Secretary reported having seen Mess^{rs} Cottam & Hallen who could not undertake to construct an Iron lighthouse ready for shipment under six months.

A letter of this date from Mr. Lewis Vernet to the Directors was read and the Secretary was desired, in reply, to acquaint Mr. Vernet that it is not in the Director's power to interfere between him and Mr. Lafone any more than between him and the government, but that if he thinks he can afford valuable information the Directors will be happy to see him and enter into any arrangement which may prove mutually agreeable whereby he may see his advantage in doing so.

Ordered that the Bill of Lading for 413 Hides per "Eliza", Bennett, be handed to Messrs Ricketts Butcher & Co.

Mr. F. W. S. Coleman applied to be appointed Bookkeeper and General Clerk in the Company's service at a salary of £100 per annum.

Ordered that the Secretary acquaint Mr. Coleman that his application is granted subject to his references proving satisfactory and to his coming for one month on probation, also that proper enquiries be made at his references.

Ordered that the Secretary in writing to Mr. Sam'l Lafone by next packet impress upon him the necessity of having under the Company's Shepherds such a stock of Sheep as will

enable the Directors from time to time to allot to young settlers in the Colony Flocks of a thousand sheep each to commence their establishments, on the plan of their returning a given number by future instalments — such drafts to be made up by fresh imports so as always to maintain a large stock out of which Young Settlers may be supplied. — also that the Secretary point out to Mr. Dale the Directors wish that all Gaucho and Foreign customs and manners should be gradually discontinued and ^{finally} abolished, with a view to the whole of the Company's Service being eventually carried on by British subjects, and in the most humane manner.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. J. Finnie
Chairman.

August 30th Charlotte Row.

Present

John Hackblock Esq

James I Cummins Esq

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.B.B.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 3rd inst. were read and confirmed.

Ordered that the following Cheques be signed - namely:-

for Mr. Winkworth's Salary - - £ 40 - -

for Royston & Brown - Stationary £ 8, 16 -

for Sir W^m. Gore Ouseley - Furniture - 7 - -

The replies given by Mr. Coleman's Referees to the Secretary's applications were read and approved.

The letters addressed on the 7th inst. to Mr. Sam^l. F. Lafone and Mr. J. P. Dale were read & approved.

Letters of reply addressed to Mr. Lewis Vernet on the 4th and to Mr. A. R. Lafone on the 9th inst. were read and approved

List of Shareholders who have not paid up the second instalment was read and the Secretary ordered

to remind them that Interest would accrue
upon arrears after the 1st inst.

A tender for the Erection of a light
House furnished by Messrs. Cottam & Allen
was read and the Secretary ordered
to prepare the draft of a tender in terms
of Captain Bethune's letter of 29 July.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Duryea

(Chairman).

1852.

August 17th at 1 Charlotte Row.

Present.

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley KCB
Sir Geo. R. Sartorius.
Lat. J. Cummings Esq.
John Hacklock Esq.
William Boutecher Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 10th inst^t were read and confirmed.

A letter dated the 11th inst^t, received from Mess^m A. & G. Holme, was read and the Secretary directed to send a copy thereof to M^r A.R. Lafone and to request his comments thereon in reply.

Letters received from M^r S. F. Lafone and M^r Dale, with sundry enclosures, were read and two letters received from M^r Lewis Vernet were laid before the Board.

A Draft of tender for the Construction and erection of a lighthouse on Cape Pembroke was read as will as draft of a letter

Conveying same to the Harbour Department of the Admiralty.

Ordered that the Secretary send in to the Admiralty, as now approved, a tender to construct and erect the Lighthouse for the sum of £5904; or, if the Company be only required to deliver the Lighthouse &c, as specified, at Stanley to such of the authorities as the Government may appoint for that purpose; to state that the sum of £2525 will be deducted from the above amount.

Ordered that the Secretary procure a Deed Box and lodge all the Company's Deeds and Securities in the custody of mess^m Glyn, Mills & C° the Bankers.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

W.G. Dussey,

Chairman.

1852

August 24th at 1 Charlotte Row. City.

Present.

Sir Wm Gore Ouseley KCB
Jas J. Cummins Esq.
Sir George R. Larterius.
John Hacklock Esq.
Wm Butcher Esq.

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held the 17th inst were read and Confirmed.

Capt Sullivan had an interview with the Board to afford information relative to the means of carrying a lighthouse and materials on to the proposed Site at Cape Pembroke. He recommended that the ship should be anchored within William Islets and the materials &c landed on the north sand beach by means of the government decked lighter of 30 tons burthen and thence be carried by hand or on sledges to the Site which he states to be a hard & solid quartz rock. As regards Insurance he says that Captain Charles Anderson of Lloyds

is well acquainted with the anchorage,
and landing place and would vouch
for the safety of both. He recommends
that Lime should be procured from
Paranagua - and sheep from the Rio
Negro as being better than those from
Montevideo - also that in sending
Stock sheep from England Southdowns
should be selected.

Ordered that the Secretary adver-
tise notice of the 1st general meeting,^{by}
once in the "Times" and once in the
"Morning Herald," to take place at
two o'clock precisely on Monday the
20th of September.

A letter addressed to the Harbour
Department of the Admiralty tendering
for the construction and erection
of an Iron Lighthouse was read
and approved.

Ordered that the Common Seal
of this Corporation be now affixed
to Shares 679 to 683 for Mr Hoare
and 684 to 695 for Mr Bruce.

W. Cummins undertook to
address a note to Mr A.R. Lafone
suggesting to him that he should
contribute towards the remuneration

of the Secretary's services between April 1851 and April 1852, and the Secretary's petition, now read, was ordered to lie on the Table until Mr. Lafone's reply be received.

Ordered that Mr. John Greenway be appointed the Company's Agent in the United States and that the Secretary notify this appointment to him.

Ordered that a letter be addressed to the Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners requesting them to grant Land Orders in the Falklands for the Emigrants sent out by the Compt^y, and intimating the intention of the Directors to make further purchases of land on East Falkland.

Ordered that the Company's Deeds remain in the Custody of Mess^rs Bischoff and Coxe who are to be held responsible for their safety.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. E. Darsley
Chairman -

1852.

August 31st

1 Charlotte Row. City

Present.—

Sir W^m G^rore Ouseley K.B.S.

William Butcher Esq.

Adm^t. Sir G. R. Sartorius

John Hackblock Esq.

The minutes of the meeting of
this Board held the 24th inst were read
and confirmed.

Letters addressed to the Colonial
Land and Emigration Commissioners
and to Mr. Greenway with the
draft Advertisement calling a General
Meeting were read and approved.

The "Eliza's" arrival in Liverpool
was reported to the Board and a
discussion ensued as to the propriety
of employing this vessel to take a
cargo down from New York a
decision whereon was postponed
until the 1st Sept.

Letters were read from And^w
Smith and Captⁿ Patullo of the "Record"
reporting "all well" in Lat. 13° N. Lon.
25° W. on the 20th July.

Two notes from Capt. Sullivan making suggestions as to the construction of a brick tower for the Light House were read.

Ordered that a cheque be signed for £20 for petty Cash.

Ordered that in replying to Mr. J. Lafone's letter of the 5th June the Secy state that the Directors quite coincide with his views as to the increasing importance of the Falklands as a naval station and the necessity of its being efficiently protected and will bring his suggestions under the notice of H. M.'s Government when a fitting opportunity presents itself. That the "Eliza" having gone into Liverpool is not available for the service of the Company, but that another vessel will be despatched from London with a further supply of Sheep and Goods.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. A.R. Lafone stating that the Directors do not seem to be of opinion that the "Eliza" should be taken up, but are desirous of seeing Capt. Bennett and will ^{pay} his expenses to

town and back to Liverpool if ^{he} will
come up and attend their meeting
upon Tuesday next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Wesley

Chairman.

1852

September 7th: at Charlotte Row. City

Present.

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.B.

James Leummis. Eng.

William Butcher Eng.

Adm^t. Sir Geo R Sartorius

John Hackblock Eng.

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held 31st August were read and confirmed.

The discussion as to Chartering the "Eliza" was resumed and, Captain Bennett having had an interview with the Directors, it was decided to engage the Eliza on the following terms - The Brig to be loaded in Liverpool if possible for the Company's account with general cargo or freight for London but not to be detained in Liverpool more than six days after being declared by the Captain ready for sea - in London twenty working days to be allowed to the Compt^y for unloading the Liverpool freight

and loading a full and complete cargo of lawful merchandise including as much live stock and as many passengers as the vessel can accommodate, water for the passengers and live stock to be found by the ship, and when loaded to proceed to Port Stanley direct - payment for the round from Liverpool to London & Port Stanley to be made in the lump sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds - minor details to be settled in Charterparty.

In reference to the sheep shipped from Montevideo early in this year, Captain Bennett informed the Directors that, of the 1200 sent down for shipment on the joint account of Mr. S. J. Lafone and Captain Phillips, a great number died in the boats before they could be got on board - and that his remonstrating with Capt. Phillips on the folly of risking so large a number in one trip, the latter observed that he had no choice

in the matter, the sheep were all sent down to him, he had orders from Mr. Lafone to take them, and he could not leave them ashore. Capt. Bennett observed that mrs. Dean & Williams had benefited largely by their purchase of the goods saved from the wreck of the "Armantine" in which they had invested only £800 - and a portion of which were sold in Montevideo for £3000, another portion of 50 valuable packages having been brought to the same market on a subsequent-trip by Captain Bennett, and a considerable stock remaining for sale on the Islands. Capt. Bennett also described the good results of the purchase of Coals out of the wrecked Vessels "Nonantum" "Margaret" & "Windsor"; of the former only 100 tons (shipped round to Valparaiso & lost by barratry of the master) were sacrificed - of the remainder of these cargoes Capt. B. brought 240 tons to Montevideo on his last voyage up - in his opinion these coals netted over £2000. He also noticed that a very large profit resulted from the

purchase and sale of the vessel "Robt.
Fulton".

A letter from M^r. A. Lafon containing comments on M^rs^m Holmes' letter of the 11th ult^o was read to the Secretary ordered to address a letter to M^rs^m Holmes stating that the Directors have decided to pay their charges made for watching goods delivered on the Quay after Customs entry &c, but that, in all other respects, they adhere to their decision of the 6th July and request an amended account accordingly.

Ordered that the Secretary write to M^rs^m Butcher Mortimore Gale & Co^o of Liverpool requesting them to procure freight for the "Elysia" to London, if that be possible, to with all expedition - ship to be dispatched not later than Tuesday next.

Ordered that the Secretary prepare the draft of a reply to the Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners shewing that the Directors claim to be allowed land orders in proportion to the

number of Emigrants shipped by the Company, is quite an exceptional one and such as could not be made by any other Company and therefore not obnoxious to the objection raised by the Commissioners.

Letters were read from Messrs' Ricketts Butcher & Co with report on Sales of "Eliw" from the Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners and two letters received from Mr. Lewis Vernet were laid on the Table.

M. Coleman's probationary term being expired, ordered that he be permanently engaged as Bookkeeper and general clerk on the terms originally agreed upon and that the Secretary address a letter to him to that effect.
Signed on behalf of the electing

W. G. Duselby

Chairman.

1852.

September 14th at 1 Charlotte Row. City.

Present—

Adm^r Sir Geo. R. Sartorius
John Hackblock Esq
William Bantcher Esq
Jas. J. Cummins Esq
Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K^BB.

The minutes of the meeting of this Board held 31st August were read and confirmed.

Letters addressed per packet on the 8th inst to Mr. S. F. Lafone, M^r Dale, and Capt^r Wilson were read & approved.

Letters received per packet on the 13th inst from Mr. S. F. Lafone, M^r Dale, and Capt^r Wilson were read.

The Draft of a letter to the Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners urging them to reconsider their decision relative to giving land orders in proportion to the Emigrants sent out by the Company was read and approved — and a letter ordered to be immediately forwarded to the Commissioners.

Ordered that a cheque be signed

for £12.15/- advances paid to wives of
seamen on board the "Amelia".

Ordered that the Secretary write
Captⁿ Bennett and request him, as the
"Eliza" cannot bring Cargo coastwise under
the Oriental flag, to come round to this
Port in Ballast.

Ordered that the Secretary prepare
and lay before the next meeting of this
Board a detailed Statement of the
Company's bargain with M^r Lafone
shewing all the property which was to
pass to the Company, independant of the
transfer of the Contract with the Crown,
in exchange for the £30,000 agreed to
be paid to those Gentlemen.

Ordered that the Secretary write
to Mr. A. R. Lafone stating that, as
the Directors have received very meagre
intelligence by the Packet, they will be
glad to receive any communications
from Mr. Dale which he can furnish
to them, being greatly disappointed that
they have no information from that
Gentleman to lay before the General
Meeting.

The Secretary was directed to
mark off upon the list of goods shipped

by Messrs' Leland's per "Eliza" such articles as have been already shift per "Record" and submit the reduced list to the Board on Tuesday next.

Resolved that the Directors now present meet in Committee upon Friday next at half past twelve o'clock to consider a draft Report for the General meeting which is meantime to be prepared by the Secretary and to contain only such matters as are actually completed.

R. G. Duseley.

Chairman

1852.

September 21st at Charlotte Row. City.

Present.

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

Jal. J. Cummings Esq.

John Hackblock Esq.

Will^m Bantcher Esq.

Sir Geo. R. Sartorius.

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held the 14th inst were
read and confirmed.

A letter from W. Arklafour
dated 15th inst. was read and the
Secretary ordered to inform him that
McLaren the Stonemason with his
wife and two children may have
a free passage to Stanley in the
"Eliza" if she have sufficient accom-
modation for them.

A note from Captⁿ Sullivan,
offering his suburban lot N.^o 2 and
his town lot N.^o 19 for £100, was
read and the Secretary ordered to
inform Captⁿ Sullivan that the Di-
rectors are not disposed to purchase
more land until they have received

Mr Dale's report.

The applications of Colwⁿ. B. Reynolds and Gen. Hopkins to be sent out to the Colony were laid before the Board and ordered to be considered after arrival of the "Eliza" and receipt of a reply from the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners.

A Letter from W. S. Walcott dated the 20th inst. was read and the Secretary directed to prepare a list of the proposed Emigrants for the "Eliza" and ascertain from Mr. Walcott whether they will be allowed for by Government, on the Company paying their money into the Bank of England, for land, in the customary manner.

M^r. Boutcher and M^r. Hackbles were appointed a Committee to order a full cargo for the "Eliza" and make all necessary arrangements for the Passengers and Live Stock.

The Secretary was directed to obtain from 40 to 50 tons of goods on freight if possible on the best terms obtainable, say

at £4 per ton for measurement goods
and 20/- per ton for $\frac{1}{4}$ the quantity of
dead weight.

Ordered that Mr. Montague be
permitted to take passage to Stanley
per "Eliza" on payment of the sum of £30.
in full.

M. Lafone had an interview
with the Board relative to the Sect's
Salary for 1857.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

W. Dussey
Chairman.

1852

October 5th

at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present -

Rev. Mr. Cummings Esq.
John Hackblock Esq.

There not being a quorum the minutes of
last meeting were not read.

A letter was read from Mr. A.R. Lafond
suggesting that an advertisement should
be inserted in the Papers and otherwise
circulated to the effect that the Directors
are prepared to give letters of introduction
to their Colonial manager to any respectable
Shipowners who may have vessels trading
to the Falklands or in their neighbour-
hood and stating that fresh provisions
water &c can be procured there on
moderate terms — and the Secretary
was directed to prepare a hand bill
accordingly and post it as suggested.

Instructions were given to the
Secretary for letters to be addressed per
Packet to Mr. Dale & Capt. Wilson

Account Sales of Hides in "Eliza"
net proceeds £ 294.. 5/- received from
Messrs' Ricketts Butcher F.C' were laid

before the Board and the Secretary directed to ask for a cheque unless the Sale carries interest in Account Current.

The Secretary was desired to ship 20 Kgs more butter Cork 1st in half barrels with salt round the bottoms - some hand flour mills - 20 bushels more tar - some Tweed & Shepherd's plaid - some oil cake & turnip seeds - and to fill up with more flour, oats, canvas, cordage and ships stores generally.

A letter from Capt. Sullivan offering his town lot in Stanley N° 17 for £ 250 was read and the Secretary desired to state to him in reply that the Board would take his proposition into consideration at a full meeting.

Msp.^m Holme's account was examined and the Secretary directed to inform them that the Directors see no reason to alter their former decision which is consistent with the original understanding, that they cannot enter into reconstructed accounts into which new items are introduced and therefore that they are reluctantly compelled to withhold payment of the balance which they consider due to Msp.^m

~ Holme until agree that its payment
will be a final settlement in order that
there may be a sum to pay into Court
should Messrs. Holmes persist in taking
what the Directors maintain to be an
erroneous view of the Account.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

J. H. Farnam
Chair

1852.

October 12th

at 1 Charlotte Row, City

Present

Sir W^m G^rore Ouseley R.C.B.
James Inglumins Esq.
John Hackblock Esq.

The minutes of meetings of this Board held the 21st ultimo and 5th inst were read and confirmed.

The consideration of Captⁿ Sullivan's proposal to sell town lot 17 at Stanley to the Company was adjourned until Mr. Dales despatch No. 2 be received.

Letters received per "marie Francesca" from Mr. Dale and Captⁿ Willow were read

Letters addressed to W. S. T. Lapone to Mrs^m Holme & to Captⁿ Sullivan were read and approved.

The draft of an advertisement offering to respectable shipowners letters of introduction for their Captains to the Company's Colonial manager was read and approved and the Secretary directed to have it printed and distributed.

The Secretary was directed to arrange terms with Capt: Bennett for the victualling of passengers not to exceed £10 per head.

The following cheques were ordered to be signed - viz: for
W. Butcher - 20 sheep - £44. 7.-
Hodges 70° - Gin - 85. 6. 10
Keeling 70° - Nuts - 4. 4. 1
Jones Bros. - Butter - 78. 2. 10
White 70° - Bricks - 43. --
Gutch 70° - fish & tackle - 16. 12. 6
Hackblock 70° - Leather - 15. 16. 2
and for the Secretary - 50 --
being the balance of his salary
from the 30 April 1851 to 30 April
1852.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

G. J. Gunnison

Chairman.

1852

October 19th

at 1 Charlotte Row. City

Present

Jas. J. Cummings Esq.

William Bouthier Esq.

John Hackblock Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 12.th inst were read and confirmed.

Letters received per Packet from W. S. F. Lafone, W. Dale and Capt. Wilson were read and the Secretary directed to reply to W. Dale and Capt. Wilson by the Eliz.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed - namely for Silver £6^o Tents &c 20 " " Burrows & Son Boots &c 98 " 3 " 10 Hudson £6^o Candle moulds 4 " 18 " G & J Oliver Ship-stores 27 " 3 " Chapman - Butter Barrels 4 " 13 " Petty Cash . T Coleman - 20 " " Grant & Haddon Tobacco - 112 " 5 " 5 Capt. Bennett - Journey to town &c 6 " 6 "

A check was received from Messrs' Ricketts Bouthier & Co for £294. 18/-

being net proceeds of Hides per "Eliza"
and interest from date of prompt.

The Secretary was directed to
write to Mess^r Cottam & Hallen and
require to know if they adhere to
the terms of their tender of August
last for the Light-House.

Also - to write to Mr. Dale
respecting his having Guano ready
dried, heaped & thatched for ship-
ment - and the same of Peat, to
fill up the "Amelia" when no other
cargo offering.

Robert Greig's application to
be employed & sent out as a Printer
was received and the Secretary
directed to enquire of Mr Unwin
respecting his character and if
found satisfactory to engage him
at £150 to £170 per annum.

Signed on behalf of the electing

B. G. Duseley
Chairman -

1852.

October 26th

at 1 Charlotte Row, City

Present.

Sir William Gore Ouseley KCB
Das. John Cummins Esq.
William Butcher Esq.
John Hackblock Esq.

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held the 19th inst. were read and confirmed.

Letters addressed to Mr. Dale and Capt. Wilson by the "Eliza" were laid before the Board.

The Secretary reported the sailing of the "Eliza" on the 23^d inst. with all her Passengers on Board.

The Secretary was directed to call upon Mr. Waller and ascertain from him what amount would be returned to the Company for the Passage of each Emigrant out of monies paid to the Account of the Colonial Land & Emigration Commissioners at the Bank of England for the purchase of land in the Colony.

Ordered that £2 given by the Secretary to McLaren for part payment

of his expenses in coming from Liverpool
to London be allowed.

Letters received from Mess^rs Holme
and W. Lafone were read and the Secretary
desired to state in reply that the Directors
are prepared to pay the balance they
consider due to Mess^rs Holme, in exchange
for a proper receipt, that the work done
by them being for the use of the Company
W. Lafone will be held harmless in
respect of any liability thereon, that
the Directors have ordered no plans,
but Mess^rs Holme have had the benefit
of those they furnished by getting an
order upon them, and that the Company's
Solicitors are Mess^rs Bischoff & Cox
who will accept process on their behalf if
Mess^rs Holme on reconsideration cannot
discover the error in their account.

A letter received from the
Colonial Office respecting the Lighthouse
and one from Mess^rs Cottam & Hall
were read and the Secretary was
directed to address a letter to the
Harbour department of the Admiralty
stating that the Directors having
received the above letter from the
Colonial Office and having had no

rejection of their tender made in August last, feel obliged to communicate the substance of a letter received from the parties who had prepared estimates for it and in accordance therewith must now add fifteen per cent to the amount of tender at which rate they will execute the work — and entreat you to immediately answer as the markets for material are daily rising.

Three Analyses of Guano from the Falkland Islands sent by M'Dale were laid before the Board and considered to be of little value, ^{unless it can be shipped more clean}, on account of the large proportions of Sand & water.

A draft form of introduction of Shipmasters to the Colonial Manager was examined, approved and ordered to be printed.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed for
Teschemeacher's Analysis - 6.6.—
Capt. Bennett. freight advanced 250 " — "
The same - for passengers - 60 " — "
The same - for Mr. Montague 30 " — "
Dray & Co - flour mills - 16.8.6
Thompson - Sheep pens - 14.3.8
Mason & Co - Sugar &c - 239.18.11

G. & H. Anderson - flour &c — 326.15.3
J. Whiting - Tar — 33.3.—
W. Collings - Blocks — 16.10.—
W. Porter - Slates — 30.—
Jamesons - Canvas — 104.7.6
Burrows & Son - Candies — 29.5.—
Brocklebank - Timber — 151.3.11.
Gilbert Bros? - Books — 16.14.—
Beach — Soap &c — 63.19.—
Jones Brothers - Butter — 82.17.5

Signed on behalf of the Meeting


W.G. Dussey
Chairman.

1852

November 2nd

at 1 Charlotte Row.

Present.—

Sir William Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

William Butcher Esq.

James John Gunnins Esq

John Hackblock Esq.

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held the 26th ultimo were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported an interview with Mr. Commissioner Wood and Mr. S. Walcott respecting the amount of allowances to be made for Emigrants shipped by the Company under certain regulations, and was ordered to pay into the Bank of England, to the account of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, the sum of £300. for purchase of Land in the Falkland Islands, and thereof to give the Commissioners the usual notice, recapitulating at the same time the understanding which he conceives to have been agreed upon with Mr. Commissioner Wood, in

order to the avoidance of any future
misapprehension of the terms on which
the Company are to ship Emigrants
to the Colony.

A letter from Earl Desert of
the 23^d ult^o; one from W. Elliott of the
20th ult^o were read - and the Secretary
directed to acknowledge the former,
with thanks for the enclosed Copy of
Governor Rennie's Despatch - and the
latter with an intimation that the
Directors are in communication with
the Harbour Department of the Admiralty
respecting the Light House.

M^r Sam^l Lason's letter of the
27 Aug^t was read and the Secretary
directed, in reply, to draw his attention
to great care being bestowed by his
Agents not to ship diseased Sheep
from Blyres - also to state that the
Directors are disappointed not to have
received the Accounts which were to
have been brought up by M^r Williams,
& to inform ^{him} of the decision of H^r M^s's
government respecting the Light House
as well as of the nature of Governor
Rennie's despatch communicated by
Sir Ivo Peakington.

Ordered that the next meeting of this Board be fixed for Tuesday the 16th inst. unless any reply from the Admiralty be meanwhile received of which due notice is to be given to each Director by the Secretary.

A cheque signed on the 12th ultimo for £85. 6. 10 in favor of Messrs Hedges was cancelled in consequence of an error in their delivery of goods

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed — for

Myers & Co.	Toys	14. 5. 3
Mr. Lucy	Herrings &c	17. 5. —
Batty & Co.	Pickles, Cheese &c	30. 11. 10
Ricketts & Co.	Insurance	30. 19. 3
Magnay & Co.	Paper	17. 10. 8
Deane & Co.	Pails & Brooms	9. 17. —
McMullen & Co.	Seeds	6. 13. 2
Burnett & Co.	Ship Brokers	7. 11. 10
Hodges & Co.	Gin	84. 15. 10
Bmlyale & Co.	W. Toy.	5. — .
Petty Cash -	Mr. Coleman	20. — .
Colon. Land & Emigr. "Comps."		300. — .
London Dock Charges		8. 2. 6

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Dusley
Chairman.

1852.

November 16th at 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

William Bouthier Esq.

James John Cummins Esq.

Sir Will^m Gore Ouseley K.B. B.

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held the 2nd instant
were read and confirmed.

A letter written to Mr. S. Walcott
respecting the transport of Emigrants
was read and approved - and letters
written to Lord Desart, Mr. Elliot, Mr.
Dale and Mr. S. F. Lafone were laid
before the Board.

A reply received from the
Colonial Land and Emigration
Commissioners accompanied by three
Land Orders for £100 each, a form
of Bond, and of Receipt for the orders;
as well as a Certificate of certain
Emigrants being now on board the
"Eliza," were read and the Secretary
directed, in reply, to return the receipt
Signed and to observe that the
Company's Emigrants should not

be limited to the "Strictly labouring classes" as a schoolmaster, overseers and superior mechanics were essentially necessary to the Colony, also that the Directors presume the intimation, that a Surgeon must be carried in all their ships, only applies to cases where the number of Emigrants shipped requires the attendance of a medical man under the ordinary regulations.

A letter received from Mr^r Holmes' Solicitor, waiving claim to £103, and offering to accept the sum agreed to be paid by this Board, provided an item of £32.7.5 for spare timber be allowed, was read: and the Secretary directed to instruct Mess^s Bischoff and Cox to acquaint Mess^s Holme that, rather than submit Mr. A.R. Lafone and Mr. Arthur Holme to the annoyance of being brought into the witness box, the Directors will order a cheque for the sum now claimed in exchange for a final receipt.

Letters received per Packet from Mr. Dale, Mr. S. J. Lafone and Captain Wilson were laid before the Board and it was agreed that each Director should take them into consider-

-tion before next Meeting.

The Secretary was directed to address a letter to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners requesting that Clause 11^o 3 of the Agreement for the Mail service may be modified so as to admit of the "Amelia" discharging Cargo at Hope Place prior to taking the homeward Mail on board: as all expectations of any advantage to be derived from carrying goods would be frustrated by the present regulations if persevered in: — also to state the trips she has made and what alteration is required, and to add Mr Lafone's suggestion that the vessel should be allowed, on the downward voyage, to go to Hope Place and send the Mails overland at Ship's expense — requesting to be favored with an early reply.

Ordered that a cheque for £25.^m be given to Mr Coleman for 3 months Salary due the 8th Inst.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

W.C. Waller,

Chairman.

1852.

November 23rd

at 1 Charlotte Row. City.

Present.

William Bouthier Esq.

Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.B.B.

John Hackblock Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of
this Board held the 16th instant were read
and confirmed.

Letters written to Mps^m Bischoff
& Cox, Mr S. Walcott and the Colonial
Land & Emigration Commissioners were
read and approved.

A receipt by Mps^m Holme for
the balance of their Account was read
and accepted in exchange for a cheque
for £278. 18. 10 remitted them through
Mps^m Bischoff & Cox.

Ordered that a Bill for £100
drawn by Mr. Dale upon the Directors
and numbered 1. be accepted.

A letter received from Capt^r
Bethune was read and ordered to lay
on the Table - and the Secretary was
directed to call on Mps^m Cottam and Hallen
and ascertain if possible who has got

the order to build the lighthouse for Mr
Wilkins.

Instructions were given for part of
draft of a reply to Mr. Dale's last letter.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Duseley
Chairman

1852.

November 30th

at Charlotte Row, C.I.

Present.

William Bouthcher Esq
James J. Cummins Esq
John Hackblock Esq
Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 23rd Inst. were read and confirmed.

The Secretary was directed to acknowledge Captⁿ Bethune's Letter of the 20th Inst. observing that it contains the first intimation of the Directors estimate required by him being set aside and requesting to be informed when the Lighthouse will be ready for delivery.

The draft of a reply to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners on the subject of a relaxation of the Mail Contract was read and, as modified, and approved by the Board, ordered to be forwarded at once.

Drafts of advices to Mr. Dale were read and agreed.

Mr. Bouthcer stated to the

Board that Mr. A. R. Lafone had declared his opinion that no vessels were included in the sale of his Falkland Islands Adventure to the Company and in confirmation of this opinion had observed that the word "Ships" was not mentioned in the Contract. The Directors expressed their surprize at this declaration so contrary to the spirit and terms of their understanding with Mr. Lafone and, after some discussion, Mr. Cummins was requested to embody the sentiments of the Board in a letter from himself as Deputy Chairman to Mr. A. R. Lafone and to address a copy of such letter by Packet to Mr. Samuel Lafone as a formal record of the Company's claim to all property and chattels whatever appertaining to the Falkland Islands Adventure of the Mss^r. Lafone and existing in the possession of themselves or their Agents on the 31st December 1850.

The Secretary was directed to address a separate Despatch to Mr. Dale to the effect that, hearing from Mr. Lafone that the Company's rights respecting certain matters were called in question the Directors have thought it right

to address a letter to Mr. A. R. Lafone of
which he will receive a copy and they
require Mr. Dale to act accordingly.

Ordered that a Cheque for £1.
be signed on account of Wages advanced
to Mr. Laren.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

W. G. Duseley

Chairman.

1852.

Dec^r. 7th at Charlotte Row.

Present

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

John Stackblock Esq.

Ias Munnings Esq.

W^m Butcher Esq.

The Minutes of the meeting of
this Board held the 30th ultimo
were read & confirmed.

A letter addressed to Mr. Walcott
on the 30th ultimo requesting modifica-
tions in the Mail Contract and
explaining the "Amelia's" log was read
and approved - Mr. Walcott's reply, stating
that the Colonial Land & Emigration
Commissioners would not object to
recommend the Secretary of State to
authorize the Governor of the Falklands
to exercise his discretion in modifying
the mail Contract in a manner
consistent with the public service,
was also read.

A letter addressed by the Deputy
Chairman to Mr. R. Safone on the
1st inst was read and approved.

W. Lafone's reply to the foregoing was then read and the Secretary was instructed in rejoinder thereto to repeat that W. Lafone's letter contained nothing to alter the opinion of the Board on the subject of all ships forming part of the Falkland Islands Adventure and being in the possession of W. Lafone or his Agents on the 31st Dec^r 1850 now forming a portion of the property sold by him to the Company — also that his admission of certain ships being included in the Contract proves that no mere omission of the word "ships" in the Deed can avail him anything whilst the terms thereof are large enough to include every description of property in and about the Colony.

A letter addressed by the Secy to the Harbour Department of the Admiralty requiring to know when the parties contracting to construct the lighthouse for Cape Pembroke were bound to complete that work was read and approved.

The Secretary was directed to address a letter to W. S. F. Lafone handing him copy of the Deputy Chairmans letter to

W. A. R. Lafone and urging him to forward the General Account so repeatedly requested as well as comprising the Directors opinion on the subject of their property in the Ships above alluded to.

The Secretary was also directed to address a second letter to W. S. F. Lafone enclosing copy of the rejoinder to W. A. R. Lafone and informing him of the decision of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners as to the modification of the mail-
Contract

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Dussey

Chairman

1852.

December 14th

at Charlotte Row - City -

Present.

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
Jas. I. Cummins Esq.
William Butcher Esq.
John Hackblock Esq.

A Letter rec^d from M^r. A.R. Lafone dated the 8th inst was read and also his letter of the 4th inst with the 2nd paragraph of the Secretary's letter of the 7th inst and the Secretary was directed to explain to M^r. Lafone that no charge was intended to be conveyed by said paragraph the contents of which were called forth by his letter — also to state that the Directors find with surprise that M^r. S. F. Lafone has drawn for £1947. 9. 9 before sending forward the old accounts which have been so frequently demanded.

Ordered that M^r. S. F. Lafone's draft for £1947. 9. 9 in the hands of Mess^m Ricketts Butcher & Co be now accepted.

Ordered that a cheque be signed for £15. 8/- for Mess^m G & A Anderson for

Oatmeal shipped p "Queen" to Montevideo
for transhipment p "Amelia" to Stanley.

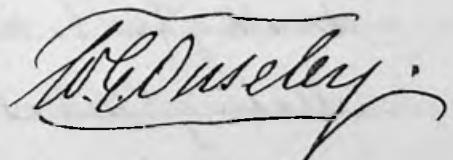
W. Boulcher read to the Board
a private letter from W. A. R. Lafone dated
10.th inst^t his reply thereto and another letter,
from W. A. R. Lafone dated the 13.th inst.

Certain Complaints made by the
Passengers onboard the "Eliza" were laid
before the Board and considered and,
the Secretary directed to write to them
and state that a reply would be forwarded
when the subjects of their complaints are
thoroughly investigated.

The Secretary was directed to issue
the usual notices for payment of the
third instalment (£12.10/- per share) to
Mess^s Glyn & Co on or before the 10.th proximo.
Despatches addressed per packet on
the 8.th inst^t to Mr. S. T. Lafone & Capt.
Wilson were read and approved.

Despatches received from Mr. Dale and
Capt^r Wilson were also read.

Signed on behalf of the meeting



P. G. Duseley
Chairman.

1852.

December 21st.

at 1 Charlotte Row, City

Present

Sir W^m. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
James J. Cummings Esq
John Hackblock Esq
William Butcher Esq

A letter to Mr. A. R. Lafone dated the 15th. was read and his reply thereto of the 17th. Regarding Mr. A. R. Lafone's request to be furnished with Copies of Mr. Dale's Despatches, it was considered they were confidential and only for the perusal of the Directors, but reply deferred till next Meeting.

Sir W^m. Gore Ouseley laid before the Directors a Report handed to them by Mr. A. R. Lafone and pointed out some passages relating to Ships shewing that same were included in purchase of the interest of Messrs. Lafone.

A letter from the Harbour Department of the Admiralty dated the 15th. Inst. stating the Lighthouse was contracted to be ready for shipment within eight months from the 17th. November last was read.

The Secretary's Letter to Passengers

P. "Eliza" was read & approved.

M^r. Boulcher laid before the Directors the Protest of Capt^r. Bennett relative to M^r. Laren, whose conduct throughout was considered very reprehensible: M^r. Boulcher informed the Board, of his interview with M^r. Hopkins, who told him she and her two children had decided not to accompany her Husband, and prayed the Board to cancel his Agreement provided two of her friends would become securities for the repayment of the advance made to him, which request was conceded it appearing that the man was in delicate health.

M^r. Cummins named a young man in Bristol who had had six months training in an Agricultural School and was desirous of going out to the Falklands; and it being considered adviseable to fill up the vacancies in the "Eliza" M^r. Cummins was requested to write to the young man & instruct him to join the Ship on Friday. This young man is not to enter into any agreement, but to be recommended for engagement by M^r. Dale if found efficient.

The Notice calling for

payment of the Instalment due the 10th
January next was read.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Otseley

Chairman.

1852.

December 28th.

at Charlotte Row.

Present.

Sir William Gore Ouseley K.B.B.

William Butcher Esq.

John Cummins Esq.

John Hackblock Esq.

The Minutes of the Meetings of
this Board held on the 7th 14th and
21st instant were read and confirmed.

A letter from Lord Desart was
read relating to the reception of the
Record by Governor Rennie — also one
from Mr. Stephen Walcott appointing
a time for payment of the half passage
money of the Emigrants per "Eliza"—
and the Secretary was directed to
delay calling for that money until
after the sailing of the "Eliza".

A further complaint signed by
three passengers for Eliza was laid
before the Board but it appearing
that the signature of at least one
of the three had been procured by
the master McLaren under the mis-
representation that this paper was

simply a duplicate of the memorial laid before the Board on the 14th. inst and as another of the passengers had discharged himself by the Board's consent the present complaint was ordered to be filed.

A letter was read from Capt. Bennett announcing that for the safety and peace of his ship he had put the mason McLaren ashore and handing protest of himself and mates to justify that proceeding which he alledged was rendered necessary by McLaren's conduct.

Ordered that the Secretary address a letter to W. Laren stating that the Board, being informed that for his ill conduct Capt. Bennett had turned him out of the ship and that his wife is near her confinement which is a contradiction of the statement made by him upon which his engagement was founded, he will be held responsible for any loss or damage that may accrue to the Company thro' his misconduct.

The guarantees of Graves and Thomas for repayment of the advance made to George Hopkins were approved.

An extract from W. Dales private letter to W. A. R. Lafone of 17 Sept was read - and in reply to W. A. R. Lafone's

letter of 17th inst. — The Secretary was directed to acquaint him, that the Directors entertain no doubt as to their right to all property ships included belonging to his brother & himself on the 31st of December 1850 and being required by them in their Falkland Island Adventure — that it does not rest with W. Dale to form the Inventories of property to go on and about the Islands but simply to verify, as instructed, those handed to him by the late possessor — and that the Board do not object to furnish such extracts from W. Dale's correspondence as may be interesting to him — so far as that is consistent with the usual understanding that such communications are confidential to the Directors.

The Secretary was directed to forward to Admiral Sir George Sartoris Copies of the Correspondence with W. A. R. Lafone relative to the Company's property in ships with such other memoranda as will refresh his memory as to the nature of the bargain entered into with the mfo^r Lafone and to request that Sir George will have the goodness to favor the Board with his opinion thereon and to state same by

letter to each of the mrs^ms^m Lafond - as
each of the Directors here have done.

The Chairman was requested to
write to Mr. Lafone to the effect that
at the close of the year when the affairs
of the Company should be brought into
the narrowest compass it is highly incon-
venient that any question should remain
open as to their rights to property of any
description which they must consider
as touching upon the fulfilment or non-
fulfilment of Mr. Lafone's contract and
that it is especially expedient that this
discussion should be brought to a close
now seeing that the first list of the
Company's Debentures become due upon
the 15th proximo.

The Secretary was desired to
acquaint Mr. J. F. Lafone with the Directors'
wish that no more sheep the produce
of the Banda Oriental should be
shipped from Montevideo, they being
evidently unsuited for the climate of
the Falklands.

Ordered that the Secretary address
a letter to the Secretary of State for
the Colonies quoting the remarks made
by Mr. Dale as to the substitution of

British for Foreign Sheep in the numbers
undertaken to be exhibited by the Company^{is}
to the local government, referring to
Governor Rennie's Despatches on this
subject and stating the relative cost
of each description of sheep when
landed on the Islands, with a view
to induce H.M. Government to modify so
this portion of the Contract so as to
admit of a smaller proportion of English
Sheep being exhibited in order to its
fulfilment.

The Secretary was directed to
make an Analysis of the letters received
from the Colony by last mail and
lay same before this Board on
Monday next at 2 o'clock to which
day the meeting stands adjourned.

Ordered that a cheque be signed
for £25 being for a half years rent of
the Counting House occupied by the
Company & due on the 25th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting)

W.G. Dusley
Chairman.

1853.

January 3rd.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present

Sir W^m G. Ouseley K.C.B.

James J. Cummings Esq

W^m Butcher Esq

John Hackblock Esq

The minutes of the Meeting of
this Board on the 28th Ult^r were read
and confirmed.

Mr. Cummings reported an interview that he had had with Mr. A. R. Lafone and communicated that Gentleman's wish that the question of the Company's rights to Ships should be left to their decision - which Mr. Cummings thought adviseable, inasmuch as if they did not agree, they would at least discover the precise points of difference.

Resolved that Mr. Cummings be requested to meet Mr. Lafone & endeavour to settle the question of the Company's rights to Ships, on the basis of Mr. Cummings' letter to Mr. Lafone of the 1st Ult^r.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Colonial Land & Emigration

Commissioners stating Governor Rennie's erroneous interpretation of the Mail Contract, as described in Mr. Dale's letter of the 17th September, and requesting them to explain to Governor Rennie that, due regard being had to the performance of the public service, the Company have an undoubted right to employ their Vessel in any manner convenient to themselves.

The Secretary was directed to call on Messrs Ogilby Moore &c. and ascertain upon what terms they would consent to land English sheep on the Falklands from their Coal ships supplying the Pacific stations.

The Draft of a letter to the Duke of Newcastle, soliciting a modification of the Contract with the Crown as regards the quality and number of Sheep to be annually exhibited in the Colony, was read and approved.

Ordered that a Cheque for £20 be signed for Petty Cash.

Letters addressed to Mr. A. R. Lafone and to Mr. Laren the Mason were read and approved.

An Analysis of the last Colo-

-nial Despatches was laid before the Board
and the Secretary instructed, in replying
per Packet, to observe to Mr. Dale that, in
the location of Houses received &c. "Record
not more than one fourth should be al-
located to Stanley and the remainder so
placed as to form the centres for sheep-
walks and at the same time be readily
approachable by water - also that a
good Homestead capable of carrying
500 head of tame Cattle fit for the knife,
a supply of vegetables, winter stock &c.
should be established within a convenient
distance of Stanley - and to Mr. S. F.
Lafone that his draft for £1947. 9. 9
is accepted for the honor of his signature,
but that it would have been far more satis-
factory to the Directors to have been
previously furnished with the Account
so often asked for since February last.

A letter was read from Mr.
Laren demanding to know what he
is charged with under the head of ill
conduct.

Ordered that the Secretary send
to Mr. Laren a Copy of Capt. Bennett's
Protest against him and of the decla-
ration signed by him on his entering

The Company's service.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Duseley
Chairman

1853.

January 11th.

at Charlotte Row.

Present

Sir W. G. Ouseley K.C.B.
John Hackblock Esq
James J. Cummins Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held the 3rd Inst. were read and confirmed.

Ordered that a Cheque for £500 be signed for Interest on Debentures due the 15th Inst. and that the Secretary, on handing it, see that the receipt of this payment be duly endorsed on each Debenture by the holders.

Ordered that a Cheque for £7000 be signed and handed on the 15th Inst. to the holders of Debentures N^o. 1 to 7 in exchange for those documents and that same be forthwith cancelled and their Seals brought before this Board at its next meeting.

Ordered that the following Cheques be signed - viz:
for Mess^r. Hackblock's H^c. Leather 44.13.
D. Grindery 11. 6.

for Mr. Coleman 2 mos Salary 16. 13. 4
Mss^r. Martin & Scott Freight 24. 5. 6

Two letters addressed per
Packet to Mr. Dale were read and
approved. — A letter received from
Mr. Vernet and the reply thereto were
also read.

A letter received from Mr.
Laren the mason was read and the
Secretary directed in reply to rectify
all his misstatements and signify to
him that by his ill conduct he has for-
feited his passage, and broken his en-
gagement with the Company, and
therefore that the advance he has re-
ceived must be repaid into the
Company's Office.

A claim by Mr. A. R. Lafone
for payment of £5. 4. 3 was laid
before the Board who declined paying
the sum of £3. 17. 6 charged for
postage of Mr. Williams' correspondence
with Governor Rennie same being
private business of Mr. Lafone.

A letter from Mss^r. Ricketts & C^o
claiming £16. 14. 10 for keep of Sheep
landed from the "Eliza" was read, and
the consideration of this claim deferred

ill next Meeting.

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Mr. Cummins reported his interview with Mr. A. R. Lafone — which commenced by Mr. Cummins stating in writing his view of the Contract and requesting Mr. Lafone to state his objections who declined to do so, — but required Mr. Cummins to say what under like circumstances he himself would be prepared to do; who observed that he would estimate the profits of certain Ships and Cargoes and proffer that profit to the Company. The result was that the following paper was signed —

"Mr. Lafone gives up his share in the "Margaret" and allows £550 to satisfy the Company in regard to the share in the "Nonantum" & her cargo, but without admitting that his view of the Contract was incorrect. It is understood that the above sum is to put an end to all claims in regard to Ships or coals bought prior to the 31st December 1850 whether in conjunction with Mr. Dean or otherwise. — Should the "Margaret" have been sold previous to advice getting out Mr. Lafone's

"part of the proceeds is to be given to
the Company."

Agreed January 4th 1853.

(Jas. J. Cummins.
signed.) A. R. Lafone.

Resolved that the above ar-
rangement as made by Mr. Cummins,
be confirmed.

At Mr. Lafone's request it was
ordered that a Cheque for £600 with
Interest from the 1st June 1851 up
to the date of the above Agreement—
less £550 therein named be handed
to him in payment for Mr. Moores
House at Stanley.

Mr. Cummins reported a
conversation with Captⁿ. Mangles
and other Directors of the Royal
Mail Steam Packet Company, who
expressed anxiety to have a Coal
Depôt at Stanley — which would
be an inducement for Steamers to
return to England by way of
Cape Horn instead of the Cape of
Good Hope as at present.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Dussey
Chairman.

1853.

January 18th.

at Charlotte House

Present

Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

John Hackblock Esq

William Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held on the 11th Inst. were
read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Stephen
Walcott relative to the Company's right
to use their Mail Packet on other than
the public service was read and the
Secretary was directed to forward a Copy
thereof to the Colonial Manager.

A claim made for keeps of
Sheep put ashore from the "Eliza" was
referred back for further particulars as
to the proportion charged for attendance
and for food — it being agreed that the
Company should pay for fodder and
fresh sea Stock but not for the custody
of the Sheep.

A letter addressed to C. P.
M^c. Laren was read and approved.

A letter from W. A. R. Lafone

acknowledging receipt of £97. 18. 4
being the balance of purchase money
due to him for Mr. Moore's house at
Stanley after deducting the sum allowed
for the "Nonantum" and her Coals
was read.

The Secretary reported having
paid £500 to the holders of the Com-
pany's Debentures as Interest thereon
to the 15th Inst. and having seen same
endorsed as ordered.

The Secretary reported having
paid £7000 to the holders of Debentures
No^os 1 to 7 and laid said Debentures
before the Board which were forthwith
cancelled as ordered.

Ordered that Mr. Dale's
Draft for £196. 4. 3 as advised in his
Despatch No^o 9. be now accepted.

Ordered that Cheques be
signed for,

Mrs. Wilcoxon - Office Furniture £37. 8. 6.
do - Chairs reported 35. 8.

Despatches received on the
17th Inst. from Mr. Dale, Mr. S. F.
Lafone and Captⁿ. Wilson were read.

The Secretary was directed
thereon to extract for Mr. James Biggar

Mr. Dale's Report on the Smith family — to refer to Mr. Bischoff to decide whether the Title Deeds of Mr. Moore's House require the signatures of Mr. Moore and Mr. A. R. Lafone — to extract Mr. Dale's note on Convicts for transmission to the Colonial Secretary should the Board so determine at their next Meeting — to have a small chart engraved, printed on thin paper and generally distributed in this Country and North & South America — to insure £500 or as Interest may appear on specie f. "Amelia" Montevideo to Stanley.

The Secretary was further directed when next writing to Mr. Dale to request him to raise Horrocks' wages to the same rate as those allowed to Parry & generally to exercise his own discretion in matters of this kind according to circumstances — to inform him that half the "Margaret" belongs to the Company and that he is to purchase Mr. Dean's half if possible at or under £200, but that if in the mean time Mr. Williams has sold said half to Mr. Dean the proceeds thereof belong to the Company — to notice Mr. Lafone's objection to his purchase of Horses and state that the Directors wholly

differ with Mr. Lafone on this subject
in which Mr. Dale will, doubtless agree
with them — especially as Mr. Lafone
has never been on the Islands & cannot
therefore so well judge of the expediency
of purchasing sound and useful horses,
on the spot.

Ordered that Captⁿ. Wilson
be reprimanded for his conduct in
respect to his loading of coals at
Stanley having reference to Mr.
Dale's Despatch N^o. 9.

Ordered that a Cheque for
£95 be signed for Mr. A. R. Lafone
in remittance of cash received for his
account by Mr. Dale from Mr. Montague.

Ordered that a circular be
issued to all Shareholders who have
not paid up the Third Instalment,
informing them that interest will be
charged from the 10th Inst.

Signed, on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Dusley
Chairman

1853.

January 27th.

at 1 Charlotte Row—

Present.

Sir W. G. Ouseley K.C.B.
William Butcher Esq
James J. Cummins Esq
John Hackblock Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 18th Inst. were read and confirmed.

In regard to the letter to Captⁿ. Wilson it was considered better that he should be required to enter into an explanation of his conduct in not giving proper attention to the loading of Coals at Stanley and then, if necessary, be reprimanded.

The Secretary reported having issued notices to Shareholders in arrear with their third Instalment.

Ordered that an account of the attendances of the Directors for the half year ending December 31st be prepared for the next Board.

M^r. Cummins laid before the Board a proposal for establishing a

Schoolmaster on the Company's Property; who should also have a certain quantity of land to cultivate, it was considered the Stock to be placed thereon should not be too numerous as it would diminish his attention to the School, 50 Cows and 200 Sheep sufficient to commence with; also that the Directors should have power to discontinue him on giving six months notice and their approval of his conduct at the end of Five years to enable him to purchase the Farm.

A letter was read from Henry Jeffery relative to his Son's outfit and it was agreed the matter should be left to Mr. Dale's judgment.

The particulars of Messrs. Ricketts Butcher &c's claim for expenses on Sheep landed during the repairs of the "Eliza" at Cowes was laid before the Board, and as the point was raised whether being put ashore to enable the Vessel to undergo repairs, the Ship was liable to pay for their custody and attendance, it was agreed the Board should be

quided by the decision of a Ships Broker and Mr. Cummins undertook to obtain Mr. Brooks' opinion on the matter.

The letter addressed to Mr. Charleton relating to his Cousin who had expressed a wish to emigrate to the Falklands was read and approved.

Sir W. G. Ouseley informed the Directors that he had had an interview with the Duke of Newcastle at the Colonial Office yesterday and related the substance of what transpired on that occasion.

Mr. Bischoff's opinion as to the necessity for the signatures of Mr. A. R. Lafone and Mr. W. H. Moore being attached to the conveyance by Messrs. Dean and Whittington of Mr. Moore's property to Mr. Lafone was explained to the Board and as Mr. Bischoff considered it was not absolutely necessary seeing that Mr. Moore had already given his consent by disposing of the property to Mr. Lafone, the Secretary was instructed to make Mr. Dale acquainted with the Solicitor's opinion and inform him that he need not

forward the Deeds for the above purpose.
The objections of Government to forming a small establishment for Convicts as contained in Mr. Merivale's letter of the 19th April 1852 were pointed out & it was ordered that that letter lie on the table for further consideration.

J. S. Hemmings

Chairman.

1853.

February 1st.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present

Sir W. G. Ouseley K.C.B.
William Butcher Esq
James J. Cummings Esq
John Hackblock Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held on the 27th Ult. were
read and confirmed.

An Account of the Attendances
of the Chairman and Directors at the Board
and Committee Meetings for the half year
ending the 31st December was laid on
the Table and a Cheque for £200 for
Direction was signed.

The Secretary reported having
effected Insurance in £500, or as Interest
may appear, on Specie shipped by M^r. S. F.
Lafone from Montevideo to M^r. J. P. Dale
at Stanley F^r. "Amelia".

Ordered that a Cheque be signed
for £112. 10. - Nine Months' Salary
to the Secretary.

Letters from M^r. Biggar & C. F.
M^c. Laren were laid before the Board.

The Secretary was directed to see Mr. Bischoff relative to his procuring payment of the expense of bringing home the Boy John Rosedon from Montevideo.

A Letter from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle in answer to an application from the Company to be allowed to exhibit One English Sheep for every twenty of other breeds, as named, in the Contract was read, and the Secretary was directed in reply to refer His Grace to extract of letter from ^{the} Colonial Manager which has escaped his attention, to remind him that the Directors in their efforts to benefit the Colony have heretofore made direct applications to H. M. Government which have been favorably received, as in the case of the modification of the term of dominion over wild Cattle by Sir John Pakington, and others, the position of this Settlement being different to older Colonies containing numerous inhabitants — & generally renew the application.

A. Gummus
Chairman.

1853.

February 15th.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

William Butcher Esq

James J. Cummins Esq

John Hackblock Esq

Ordered that a Cheque for £8. 4 .. be signed being for passage of John Rosedon from Montevideo as per Captⁿ. Wilson's Order on the Directors in favor of Captⁿ. Rubin of the "Lavinia", and the Secretary was directed to inform Captⁿ. Wilson that as he had improperly incurred the expense of £10 in sending home the boy which should have been defrayed by the British Consul at Montevideo the Directors hold him liable for the amount.

Mr. Butcher proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded, that the sum of Seventyfive Pounds be placed at the disposal of Sir W. G. Ouseley for Printing Expenses, Advertisements &c touching Convicts.

Sir W. G. Ouseley related

what transpired at an interview he
had had with Lord John Russell
relative to Convicts.

Ordered that a Cheque for £16. 19. 3 be handed to Messrs.
Ricketts Butcher &c: for expenses
incurred on Sheep landed at Cowes
ex "Eliza"

J. Gunnins

Chairman

1853.

February 22nd

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

James J. Cummins Esq
William Butcher Esq
John Hackblock Esq

The Minutes of the Meetings of this Board held on the 1st. and 15th. Inst. were read and confirmed.

Matters of Finance were discussed, it appearing that £5200 were needed to meet the current liabilities — and it was determined to make an order on this subject after arrival of the next Mail from Stanley on the 16.th proximo, which may bring supplies or indicate when such may be depended upon.

A letter addressed to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle as ordered was read and approved — the reply thereto was also read and considered final as deferring His Grace's decision on substituting English for foreign Sheep until reference can be made to Governor Rennie.

The last letters addressed to Mr. S. F. Lafone and Captain Wilson were read & approved — those received from them by Packet on the 18th Inst. were also read.

The Secretary was directed to find the man Reynolds & arrange for his going out to the Colony as early as possible.

The Board were informed of a claim for wages set up by the Mother of the boy John Rosedon, which was declared to be wholly inadmissible — he having performed no services and having put the Company to a considerable expense which his parents ought to procure to be refunded.

The expediency of seeking an audience with His Grace the Duke of Newcastle on the subject of the employment of the "Amelia" extra the Mail Contract — of the Governor having sanctioned the cessation of the Import of Sheep — and of sending out Convicts was discussed; and it was decided to communicate verbally with Her

Majesty's Government only on the latter subject at present, & therefore to form a deputation to wait upon Lord Palmerston and to request Mr. Glyn and Mr. Masterman to accompany and introduce it.

The Secretary delivered a message from Captⁿ. Ross that Sir George Sartorius wished Captⁿ. Ross to hold his shares, as a pro tem. qualification, and to sit at the Board during his (Sir George's) absence from England, and was directed to inform Captⁿ. Ross that the Company, being a Corporate body, could not add to the Board or substitute any member of it without first taking the votes of the Shareholders in General Meeting, when the appointment made would be final for one year.

Sir William Ouseley having applied by note to have a Member of the House of Commons added to this Board, the Secretary was directed to return him a like answer & at the same time to hand him a Cheque now signed for £75 to defray expenses of Advertising &c. as previously ordered.

The Secretary was ordered to compile and have printed for circulation a memorandum on the advantages presented by the Falkland Islands as a Depôt for Convicts.

Ordered that in the next Despatch to Mr. Dale — he be reminded to claim certificate of the landing of Caroline Carleps upon the arrival of the "Eliza" — also to send forward a list of the amounts due by Government for Stores, Cattle &c and continue same by each packet — that he be informed that Mr. Lafone's share of the Codls ex "Margaret" became the property of the Company and therefore that he need not treat with Mr. Williams for them & must recover any amount he may have paid for them — that he be asked whether he has ordered flour in Montevideo, and if so why he did not advise same — and be informed how bad a market Montevideo is for the article which should be procured either from the United States or Rio Janeiro — also be requested to state what

cash he has received of Mr. Williams & why he has not already advised its receipt — also generally to be very accurate in advising accounts — and to settle all matters of collecting freight and delivering small parcels received by "Amelia" each voyage.

Ordered that Mr. S. F. Lafone be informed that his last draft has been accepted for the honor of his signature, but that the Board cannot accept the accounts upon which it is drawn without explanation, seeing that they are charged again with Commission and that the balance of cash handed over by Mr. Williams to Mr. Dale is included in the draft & drawn for, before any account is rendered to ascertain whose property it was.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

John H. Gummere

Chairman

1853.

March 1st.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

James J. Cummins Esq
John Hackblock Esq
William Butcher Esq
Sir W. G. Ouseley K.C.B.

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held on the 22nd ultimo
were read and confirmed.

The Secretary stated that a
Clerk of the Colonial Land & Emigration
Commissioners had called to make
enquiries respecting the Emigrants for
"Eliza" left behind — and on the part
of Mr. Engelbach to remind the Board
that the Instalment due to the Crown
on the 1st January had not been paid
— and a letter from Mr. Secretary Walcott
on the part of the Commissioners re-
questing the Secretary to call upon
them was read.

Ordered that the Secretary
wait upon the Colonial Land and
Emigration Commissioners tomorrow
and give whatever information they

may require in respect to the Emigrants left ashore by the "Eliza" — and that in regard to the Instalment here require to be furnished with the Credits due to this Company for Stores and Mail Service and when the balance due to the Crown be ascertained bring the amount before the Board for settlement.

The Secretary reported that Edward B. Reynolds having expressed his wish to be forwarded to the Colony he had procured for him a passage before the mast in the "Ranney's" to Montevideo but that the man had then declined to go or give any satisfactory reason for refusal.

Ordered that the man Reynolds be summoned to shew cause why he should not pay back the money paid to him as advanced wages & in default be compelled to do so.

Ordered that Mr. Dale and Mr. Lafone be informed that the Directors are much disappointed not to have received any produce from the Islands or any returns whatever for their outlay and be asked to inform the Board whether there are not many outstanding debts due

to the Adventure in the Falkland Islands collected by Mr. Williams & therefore to be handed over by him to the Colonial Manager — Ordered that Mr. S. F. Lafone be informed of the regret with which the Directors find themselves deprived of several thousand pounds the probable balance as represented to them, coming to the Company from the Settlement of Accounts which Mr. Lafone still delays to render and that it is impossible for them to continue calling up Capital or to attempt to issue new shares with no better prospect than that now before them to present to the Shareholders.

Ordered that the Members of this Board or such as can attend do meet as a Committee at 12 O'clock on Friday next to consider & settle the drafts of letters to Mr. S. F. Lafone Mr. Dale, and Captⁿ. Wilson which the Secretary is directed to prepare and lay before them.

Ordered that the next Meeting of this Board be adjourned to Wednesday the 9th inst^d. Tuesday next the 8th being the Brazil Mail day.

The Secretary reported that he had sent to Press a memorandum on the eligibility of the Falklands as a place of transportation and was directed to embody in it suggestions as to the convenience of the Islands for a Naval Station — for the establishment of a Patent Slip — as a Dépôt for Coals for Steamers & for Provisions of all kinds.

The propriety of treating in any way with the Auckland Whale Fishery Company was discussed and Mr. Cummins and Sir W^m. Ouseley were requested to ascertain from persons of influence in that Company whether they were desirous of leasing or purchasing any privilege about the Falklands from this Company & if so to what extent and on what terms.

A conversation ensued as to the probability of the Falklands being made a Convict Settlement and the means of bringing about an arrangement so beneficial to the Colony as a Crown Property,

The result of which was that — Lord Campbell and Captⁿ. M^cKinnon M. P. would each as far as laid in their power support an application to Her Majesty's Government —

Lord John Russell and Lord Campbell
are both generally favorable to the project
on the same grounds — Lord Brougham
would perhaps bring the subject forward
to advantage in the Lords — and Lord
Palmerston in the Commons — that if
the latter approved, and would support
the idea it would probably be carried
out most satisfactorily —

Many Members of the Commons &
some Peers are prepared for it & some of
the Lower House take a voluntary
interest in the question —

Mr Adderley would be likely to support
the question though opposed to Government —
That the present efforts of the Board
should be directed to ascertain Lord
Palmerston's feeling on the subject
of receiving a deputation to bring
this question under his notice as the
primary disposal of Convicts is in
his Department — for that he could
not approve of a system like that of
France, which having no Colonies is
constrained to discharge a multitude
of convicts amongst her people at home
after being effectually brutalized by the
galley service.

The Deputation contemplated should be numerous and composed of Members of this Board and Company, Philanthropists, those who desire to relieve Government of Convicts and those who desire to see the Falklands made the key of the Pacific.

The Deputation should be arranged to wait on Lord Palmerston during the Easter Reefs.

The following persons may be requested amongst others to support a deputation —

Lord Ashley
Lord Dudley Stuart
Lord Robert Grosvenor
Lord Mountcashel
W^r Divett
W^r Adderley
W^r Turner
W^r M^c Kenzie
W^r W. Brown
Captⁿ M^c Flinnion
W^r Maskerman
Sir G. C. Glyn
Sir James Duke
Ald^r Challis

Capt. Ross D. Maugles
Sergt. Murphy
W. Fagan.
Lord Bernard
W. Whiteside Q.C.
W. Napier Q.C.
Sir A Cockburn
W. Bothell
W. Ino Abel Smith
W. Raikes Currie
W. Ino Boham Carter

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Dr. Gunnison

Chairman.

1853.

March 9th.

at 1 Charlotte Road

Present.

Sir W. G. Ouseley K.C.B.
James J. Cummings Esq
John Hackblock Esq
William Butcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held on the 1st instant were
read and confirmed.

Mr. Cummings reported
having seen Mr. Brooks who informed
him that the Auckland Fishery Company
were about to remove their Establish-
ments to the North Seas & consequently
that no inducement remained for them
to enter into any arrangements with
this Company.

The Secretary reported an
interview with Mr. Commissioner
Wood touching the Emigrants of "Eliza"
and the January Instalment due to
the Crown. Mr. Wood required an
explanation of all the circumstances
attendant upon the abandonment of
the "Eliza" by some Emigrants and

others being put ashore — I was furnished with full details of the mishaps that occurred, thro' stress of weather, to this Vessel and of the ill conduct of the man Mr. Laren — whose name and description he took a note of to record the existing objections in case of any future application for a free passage on the part of this man. He was informed that the lady of the Shipendiary Magistrate Mr. Montague, with one free Emigrant a young farmer, and the girl Caroline Carleps had proceeded in the Brig and expressed himself satisfied with the steps taken by the Company in this case; but advised that no proceedings should be taken, to compel the repayment of advances made to the Emigrants; seeing that such would probably result in fruitless expense to the Company, as the Commissioners knew by frequent experience of like circumstances.

Mr. Wood required payment of the Instalment of £ 2000, but, on being informed that the Credits due by the Crown to the Company, for

Stores received and Mail Service performed, were not as yet furnished and that such must by Contract be allowed by deductions from the said Instalment, he suggested that a payment on account might be made & the balance be settled when the credit Certificates be brought forward — none having been received by the Commissioners from Governor Rennie since last year.

Ordered that a Cheque for £1000 be given to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners on account of the Instalment of £2000 due the 1st January.

A letter addressed to the Commissioners informing them that payment of £1000, as above, is made to their Account at the Bank of England, and stating precisely why the Directors have decided upon making this payment on account (pending the receipt of Credit Certificates) was read and approved.

Letters forwarded by Packet on the 8th instant, to Mr. S. F. Lafone, Mr. Dale and Captⁿ. Wilson, were read

and approved.

A draft Memorandum, ⁱⁿ on the eligibility of the Falklands for a Convict Settlement and a Naval Station, was read, and, as altered, approved.

K Ordered that — in case no General Account be received by the incoming Packet from Mr. P. F. Lafone — the Secretary give notice to Mr. A. R. Lafone, on behalf of his Brother and himself, in terms of the Deed of Settlement, that no Shares held by them will be allowed to be transferred until their Contract with this Company be fulfilled.

L Ordered that a Cheque be signed for £16. 13. 4, the amount of two months' Salary due to Mr. Coleman.

It was agreed that each Member of the Board should individually secure all possible support for a Deputation to wait upon Lord Palmerston during the Easter Recess for the purpose of drawing his attention to the expediency of sending Convicts to the

Falklands.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. H. Hummin

Chairman.

1853.

March 15th.

at Charlotte Row

Present.

Sir W. G. Ouseley K. C.B.
William Boutcher Esq
John Hackblock Esq

The Secretary absent from illness addressed a note to Mr. Boutcher drawing the attention of the Board to the necessity for providing further funds, the present balance at the Bank being £1100 - arrears, overdue but not likely to be paid up within a week, £1060 and an Acceptance payable for £1950 due on the 17th instant.

Ordered that as the Balance at Bank this day is only £1105. 11. 2 to meet a prompt of £1947. 9. 9 due the 17th instant, that a note be addressed to Mr. Cummins informing him of the circumstance & requesting him to call upon Mr. Boutcher tomorrow to confer upon the propriety of requiring a further loan from Messrs. Glyn & C:

Signed on behalf of
the Meeting)

J. H. Gunnison

Chairman.

1853.

March 22nd

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present

James J. Cummins Esq
John Hackblock Esq
William Butcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meetings
of this Board held on the 9th and 15th
instant and the Minutes of the Com-
mittee Meetings held on the 4th and
16th instant were read & confirmed.

Ordered that a Cheque be
signed for £6 for Colonial Remit-
tances to be forwarded to James
Clarke, of Cork, Ireland.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. J. Cummins

Chairman.

1853.

March 29th.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

John Hackblock Esq
Jas. J. Cummins Esq
Sir W. G. Ouseley K. C. B.

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held upon the 22nd inst.
were read and confirmed.

A Memorandum relative
to the advantages presented by the
Falkland Islands as a Convict
Settlement, a place of Refuge for Mer-
chantmen and a Naval Station was
laid before the Board - 2000 Copies
being ready for publication.

Ordered that the publication
of the above Memorandum be deferred
until the mode of its distribution be
further considered.

Ordered that an especial
Meeting of this Board be held for the
purpose of appointing a Clerk for the
Colonial Manager and an efficient
Submanager possessing the qualifications
indicated by Mr. Dale and that the

Secretary meantime endeavour to find
properly qualified persons to fill
these posts.

Ordered that the Secretary
ascertain at what rate Emigrants
and Sheep can be conveyed to the
Falklands by vessels bound to
California with passengers & report
to the Board.

Ordered that the Secretary
wait upon Mr. Commissioner Wood
and communicate the results of the
working of the "Amelia" with a
view to obtaining a modification
of the Mail Contract.

Ordered that the following
Cheques be signed,
For Colonial Remittance, to Jane Murry, £6
" Petty Cash — — — - £20

Signed on behalf of the Meeting)

W.G. Duseley

Chairman.

1853.

April 5th

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present

Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

William Butcher Esq

James J. Cummins Esq

John Hackblock Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of
this Board held upon the 29th ultimo were
read and confirmed.

Letters written to Emigrants
recommended by Mr. Dale were laid
before the Board and the Secretary desired
to ship them if accepted by the Colonial
Land and Emigration Commissioners
and the cost of passage does not exceed
that allowed by the Commissioners.

The Secretary was ordered
to address Mr. S. F. Lafone by Packet
on the 8th briefly and in confirmation
of the tenor of the last Despatch.

Maps and Charts of the
Falklands intended for distribution
were laid upon the Table and the
Secretary ordered not to publish them
at present.

A letter received from the Colonial Office stating that no mention was made of Sheep in Governor Rennie's Despatch was read.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

J. W. Gunnison

Chairman.

1853.

April 12th

at Charlotte Row

Present

John Hackblock Esq
William Boutcher Esq
James J. Cummins Esq
Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held upon the 5th instant
were read and confirmed.

The Secretary laid upon
the Table Copy Policy of Insurance
on the Mail Packet "Amelia" for 12
months from the 8th instant and read
letters from James Clarke of Stanley
to his Father in Ireland and from Mr.
A.R. Lafone.

Ordered that three Copies
be made of James Clarke's letter and
the original returned - and that Mr.
Lafone be informed that the Company
will land, store and reship Coals in
Stanley Harbour for 20/- per ton.

A draft letter to the Colonial
Land and Emigration Commissioners
seeking a modification of the Mail

Contract was read and as altered
approved and ordered to be for-
warded.

Ordered that Cheques be
signed for

Insurance P. "Amelia"	154.17.6
W. Coleman, 1 Month's Salt.	8.6.8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Duseley

Chairman

1853.

April 19th.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

William Boulcher Esq

John Hackblock Esq

James J. Cummins Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held upon the 12th instant
were read and confirmed.

Letters received from M. S. F.
Lafone, The Colonial Land & Emigration
Commissioners, Admiral Purvis and
persons in Ireland desirous of emi-
grating were read.

Ordered that Admiral Purvis
be furnished with the information he requires
relative to the progress of the Company's
operations.

Ordered that the Secretary lay
before the next Meeting a summary of
Mr. Dale's last Despatch and draft
reply.

Ordered that the distribution
of Maps Charts and Memorandum
respecting Convicts be deferred for

further consideration.)

Signed on behalf of
the Meeting

W.G. Dussey
Chairman

1853

April 26th.

at 1 Charlotte Row.

Present

John Hackblock Esq
William Butcher Esq
Sir William Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
James J. Cummings Esq

The Minutes of the meeting of this Board held upon the 19th instant were read and confirmed.

The Draft of a Letter to Mr. J. P. Dale for Despatch by the clay Packer was read and, as altered, approved and ordered to be forwarded

Returns made by persons in Ireland desirous of emigrating to the Falklands were read and the Secretary ordered to communicate with the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners thereon.

Ordered that Mr. Dale's Indent of Glass and Lead be shipped by first Vessel to Montevideo for transhipment to Stanley for "Amelia".

A draft form of application for Consular Appointments in favor of the Colonial Manager was read and approved

and the Secretary ordered to transmit same
to the Representatives here of France,
Belgium, Denmark, Sweden and the
Hanseatic Towns, giving the Chairman
notice in each case of his having done
so.

Ordered that Insurance be effected
in £1500 by Ship or Ships at and from
a Port or Ports in the Falkland Islands,
with risk of transhipment to Stanley
or direct, to Montevideo, transhipment
there, and to a market in the United
Kingdom, or to United Kingdom
direct, with risk of Craft; shipment
on or before 31 December 1853; free
of particular average and free of
Capture and seizure — on salted Hides
or other lawful produce.

The offer of Messrs Ogilby and Moore
to land 1000 tons of Coals at Stanley
on Company's account at 60/- per ton or
to take them on freight from London
at 45/- cannot be accepted.

Ordered that the Correspondence
with Mr. Alexander R. Lafone be
inserted upon the Minutes of this
Board and that it be laid before the
Solicitors of the Company to peruse

and consider in reference to the Company's
Contract with the Messieurs Lafone and with
instructions to report thereupon to the next
Board meeting.

London. March 28. 1853.

Dear Sir,

It becomes my duty to make you fully acquainted with the sentiments of our Board respecting the present position of the Falkland Islands Adventure, which I assure you is to us all a source of very great anxiety and disappointment; and to seek your aid in such an arrangement for the future as may enable us to go forward with the enterprise with any degree of confidence, or with any hope of success.

In doing this allow me in the first place to state expressly that not one of our Directors entertains the slightest idea that we have been in any degree intentionally misled by either yourself or your brother, in the expectations held out to us when we were in treaty on behalf of the Company for the purchase of your interests, but I will not at all conceal from you the fact, that the expectations we were led to form, from

the information given to us, both documentary and otherwise, were far different from the convictions of the reality which are now, I regret to say, forced upon us; and I cannot but feel assured that you yourself must by this time have begun to feel painfully the same sentiments of dissatisfaction which we are compelled to express.

I need scarcely state to you that one great cause of this dissatisfaction arises from our not being furnished up to the present moment with any account of the pecuniary transactions of the year commencing 31 December 1850 nor of the result of those commercial speculations which were extant in connection with the Falkland Island operations of your brother, and which passed to the Company by the terms of the Contract. You are well aware that we had formed large expectations as to this favorable result of these operations, and indeed we understood that it only required that your brother should know the terms of the Contract and the date of the commencement of our interest to have led him to forward the most ample information and explicit accounts of these matters, and to have

brought from him directions home to Mr. Bautecher & Co to hand over to the Company certain large remittances which were understood to have been received by them on account of the Falkland Island transactions. If we could have at all conceived that nearly a year would have elapsed without our receiving the accounts stipulated for in the Contract, or one penny of remittances arising out of these transactions, we certainly should never have entered into any such arrangements with you, as those which led to the formation of the Company. Arrangements which we are compelled to say have conferred most unequal advantages upon the seller, and left nothing as yet but disappointment to the buyers. We complain too of the non-production of these accounts as being a breach of Contract on your part, the more especially as we have learned, that although Mr. Dale has been put to sad inconvenience by the removal of his son to Hope Place, for the purpose of assisting Mr. Williams in making up these Accounts, a matter with which the Company had in reality nothing whatever to do, yet that at the date of the last advices from Hope Place, they were not even then commenced, a fact which leads

us strongly to suspect that no certain data
are in existence from whence they can be
truly extracted. Another ground of our
complaint is, that all expectations held out
to us of large receipts being almost certain
to arise from the slaughter of Cattle, the
shipment of Hides, horns, bones &c have
hitherto proved a failure; the extent of
these expectations may be easily gathered
from the calculations laid before us on
your behalf, from which it appeared
that the only limits to large annual
profits were those which arose from the
propriety of abstaining from killing
cattle, with a view to the increase of
the tame flocks. You are aware that
the only receipts which have as yet
come into the Director's hands from this
source are £^{264. 13. 2.} The sale of
^{from depositaries}
^{Dec 1st.} Meat at Stanley was another item in our
prospective Revenue, and this has yielded
only what the Government has been pleased
to name to us for supplies made on
public account, and which we obtained
very much as a favor, having no accounts
whatever whereupon to ground any claim
upon them. The cattle Contract too,
which we were led to believe would have

paid the way of the Amelia), leaving us valuable freightage free of cost, we find now to entail heavy annual loss. We cannot help adding to all this the additional grievance that the goods sent out from Liverpool, especially the Iron and flour are pronounced very inferior so that we cannot compete in sales with those offered for sale in the Island by another party. I am almost unwilling to name the unfortunate mistakes made in the selection of Sheep in South America and in the mode of transit adopted, and the heavy loss thereby incurred — this may have been error in judgement.

I enclose for your serious consideration a Statement of our Financial position, by which you will see, that even if the whole of the merchandise shipped had been profitably sold and remitted for, it would be impossible for us to go forward with those plans which have been suggested to us as being essential for the beneficial result of the enterprise, or indeed to incur any additional outlay, without making a heavy call upon the Proprietors; to whom we have intimated that no further calls of Capital should be made; until we had satisfied ourselves

as to the profitable character of the investment; that we are not so satisfied, will be too evident to you from the contents of this letter, and we are not therefore prepared to incur the responsibility of asking for more Capital unless we shall be able to do so with a degree of confidence, which we do not at present possess.

It would be painful to us to contemplate the abandonment of the enterprize, it is possible that in such an event the property may sell for as much as would satisfy the demands of the Government, but there would remain a dispute between the Corporation yourself and brother which it would be beyond our power either to control or to settle. To compel the Proprietors by mandates to pay up Capital in order to satisfy your claims under a Contract the conditions of which have not hitherto been fulfilled by the seller, would we believe be impossible, and to what counterclaims such an attempt may give rise we cannot determine, but we are not prepared to be the parties either to decide upon, or attempt to carry out the steps which under such a supposition, may become

necessary, We think it right however to mention them to you, not at all in an unfriendly spirit, but that you may know what we think likely to arise should we be obliged to meet our proprietors without being able to lay before them some more satisfactory communication, than that which it is now in our power to render.

You will see that I have written this letter with some hope on the part of myself and the other Directors, that, with all the facts before you, your brother and yourself will be disposed to aid us in some more favorable arrangement for the future; I will now therefore state plainly what it is we have in view, and I trust I may succeed in proving to you that the suggestion which after mature consideration the Directors feel justified in making to you is not only calculated to produce the satisfaction we desire, on the part of the Company, but is also one which ultimately will prove beneficial to you.

The grand impediment in our way in attempting to go forward with this enterprize is in reality the large amount of Bonds placed in your hands as representing the purchase money under the

Contract; were this amount diminished
in any important degree, so as to leave
the new fund which may arise from calls,
or be produced by the issue of unappropriated
Shares, available for future outlay
and improvement of the Property we could
see our way far more satisfactorily than
we now do, and we know of no way
in which this could be brought about,
except by your meeting us liberally
and fairly on the following proposition.
There are 300 Shares unappropriated
representing £30,000 of Capital, now
if you will take 200 of these Shares
paying upon them as far as £50 per
Share, in Bonds of the Company for
£10,000, we will undertake to place
the remaining 100 shares amongst the
existing Proprietors, or other friends, thus
with a debt diminished by £10,000 and
the power of calling £5000 on the 100
Shares, we believe we could surmount
all difficulties and pursue with new
ardour that course which would make
the enterprise a profitable one, indeed
there are probabilities which may make
it a very profitable one, in which case,
your additional Shares would prove

of far greater advantage to you than anything you could ever get out of the bonds now in your possession.

I am, Dear Sir,

To & Co

(Signed) W. G. Duseley.

To A. R. Lafone Esq. Liverpool.

Liverpool April 14th 1853.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo the contents of which are anything but flattering ; I regret that you should have thought it requisite to make a proposal in such a forced way, and I must here remark that it has not been I who have broken any clause in the original Contract.

I regret exceedingly the disappointments that have taken place, and should be only too glad if it had been in my power to prevent them. I think your account as regards Mr. W. Dale having been taken from Stanley to Hope Place for our convenience, is unjust and cannot possibly be proved. The remarks about goods for "Record" are scarcely fair, the Iron was bought of Messrs Bailey Brothers, the first men in the town; perhaps

in the Kingdom, I have written to them
and await their answer. The flour was
the best in the Market and was both fine
quality, and sweet when shipped; this
article is at all times subject to turning
sour in a week after one voyage; Mr.
Butcher has shipped it for us to
Montevideo from London, and it was much
complained of but if I remember right
there were only 20 Barrels, and I have
no doubt it would sell for 50% profit,
and therefore cannot be of much con-
sequence. There seems to be a strong
prejudice against everything done here,
and altho' I am sorry for it, I must say
that I think it is unfounded, as I am
certain that all kinds of Provisions
can be obtained here quite as good as
in London, and looking to quality, at
easier rates.

I do not see how the Directors
could have expected any large amounts
from transactions in 1851, as I never
heard of any one, excepting the Goods
purchased from the French Wreck. And
as to those in 1850 which were talked
about; at the suggestion of one of the
Directors, who considered the outlays of

that year might exceed the proceeds of those transactions, the Directors altered the original understanding (with my consent) giving us the benefit of the dealings, and there can be no doubt that the shares in the two ships belonged to us, but I yielded to the wish of the Board, as I did in the case of the £500 interest which was due to us. I am annoyed as much as any one of the Board that the accounts are not to hand, but I cannot add to what I have already said about this.

I can scarcely be made responsible for the want of a Store, nor for the loss from the severity of the winter, but I do not think the latter will be so great as mentioned, as I expect many Cattle would stray and get back to their own grounds, or join the wild Herds. You speak of large remittances made to Mess^r Ricketts & Co^o, there must be some mistake, those Gentlemen furnished me with a memorandum of the Amounts which were to appear in Account Current, and I forwarded them to my brother, I now enclose you Copy, by which you will perceive, that after deducting the sums paid by Mess^r Ricketts & Co^o for goods shipped in 1851, which were ordered

from the Falklands, the balance is very small, the amount of produce being £831.10.7 less freight from the Islands to Montevideo.

However I do not conceive that censure of any kind will assist in improving the present state of affairs, and I am quite wishful to do anything in reason that I can. Your proposal is impossible, all the members know that when I sold the Grant my object was to realize some of our Property, as we were locked up in Montevideo, when the Directors altered the payment, it caused me uneasiness, however I disposed of the Bonds and have not any further control over them. Any shares which we may feel inclined to take in future, we must pay for as any other persons taking Shares, the number named (as the amount required on each is large) is too many, I am willing to agree to a reasonable proposal either in the shape of an extra call, or to take so many more shares paying up in a certain time 50% on certain conditions, but if the number be too many, I cannot do anything without consulting first with my brother, - I hope this will not be managed like the last

you wrote to my brother, and then did not wait for his reply, but pushed me against my inclination to comply with your wish without a reference to him. With all the drawbacks as pointed out by you, I would prefer holding my shares in this, than in half the things going. I shall remit to my brother a Copy of your letter and Copy of this.

I shall be glad to hear of your determination of what is to be done, if possible before the 8th instant. I quite agree with what you say in your private note "that if we all put our shoulders to the wheel much may be done" and I am quite ready

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully

"Signed" A.R. Lafone

To Sir William Gore Ouseley R.C.B.

COPY OF ENCLURE IN THE FOREGOING

(Copy)

Extracts of amounts charged to S. & F 88
A.R. Lafone's Falkland Islands Account
with Mr. Ricketts Butcher & Co^o.

1851

Jan. 9. Cash paid for Boots & Shoes

			Cash date
	for "Corsair" by order of A.R. Lafone	48.13.	Jany 9
Jan. 16	do do Freight of do do	18.2	" 16
Aug. 2	do do Woolwright & Co goods per "Village Girl" by order of A.R. Lafone	232.10.9	Aug 7
" 25	Invoice of 2 cases foods shipped for "Adeline" London to M. Video		
	 1 case Boots } 1 , apparel }	137.18.10	" 30
Sept. 20	Cash paid R. Williams order in favor of Mrs. Bonner	5.-	Sep. 20
Dec. 3	Invoice of 5 packages of Merchandise per "Champion"		
	 3. 1 Sale } 4/5. 2 Cases } Wearing app'ls		
	32/33. 2 trunks Boots & shoes	297.1.11	Dec 6
Nov 18	Insurance per "Harriet L" to Video to the Islands as ordered by S. F. Lafone £800 @ 3% per cent policy	14.6.9	" 8
Dec 31	Invoice of "Falklands" one case men's thigh riding boots per "Bro Laird" ordered by A.R. Lafone	16.18.4	" 31
	N.B. Interest at 5% per annum upon these amounts from the various due dates noted above must be charged to the 30 th June 1852 when same will be payable		

(Copy)

Memorandum of amounts to be placed
to credit of Account Current to be rendered
by S. F. Lafone of Montevideo, produced

from the Falkland Islands for 'Wilhelmine'
Net proceeds of 529 dry Hides

23 Horse Hides

8 Seal Skins 179.13.4 cash 28 Jan
1125 salted Hides 636.7.2 " 2 Feb

1 Bale Hair 15.10.1 " 3 "

subject to freight from Falkland Islands to
Montevideo and expenses incurred at Monte
Video.

Corporation of the Falkland Islands Company

London April 5. 1853

Dear Sir,

The Directors cannot regard
your letter of the 24th inst. addressed to
me, as being such a reply to our serious
remonstrance as they had a right to
expect from you. It leaves us scarcely
any alternative but to lay the whole
correspondence before the Proprietors
and after due consideration and advice
to determine upon the course we our-
selves should pursue, and that which
we shall recommend them to adopt:
we much wish you had enabled us to
take another line of action.

As you stated in a former
interview with the Directors that you
were now in a position to take the

whole concern off the hands of the Company
reimbursing them for the expenditure
hitherto made they will not hesitate to
recommend to the Proprietors the adoption
of such a Settlement of the matter, if
you are now willing to carry it out.

But if the Company is still
to work together, a fair adjustment of
the burden must be arranged between
you and us, and the proposition, made
in my letter, was the very least which
the Directors could name as likely to
satisfy the Proprietors — nor would they
ask you for a degree of relief which
they did not think you ought to yield,
as an honorable and fair concession
of a portion of the unequal advantages
given to you in the bargain made
under representations which have not
been sustained, and in the expecta-
-tion of benefits which have not been
realized

I remain,

Dear Sir

Se Se

(Signed) W. G. Ouseley.

To A.R. Lafone Esq.
Liverpool.

Liverpool 6 April 1853.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., and to say that I can scarcely find words to express my regret, that the Directors should have viewed my letter of the 4th instant, in a very different spirit, to that which was meant. I have every wish to assist in every reasonable way, in carrying out this business, which I am sure has every prospect of ultimate success, but up to the present day, I am grieved to find that more patience is not shewn for different branches to develope themselves - Your manager has only just settled in his abode, your store is not erected. Mr. Dale Jr. who was to take the superintendance of the Camp Department, is not fully installed, and I would ask boldly, and without fear, whether a fair trial has been given, sufficient time not having elapsed for any of the Company's Capital to have come into operation.

I am willing to meet the Board in any fair mode, but for me to accede to the proposal as made in your letter of the 28th ult^o, and be open at some

period, to another "serious remonstrance", would expose me to run all risk and, which would do away with all the benefits, supposed to accrue from a Charter.

You speak of the unequal advantages given to us in the bargain - I was quite willing, previous to entering into the Contract, that the Company should have taken the Grant &c for the amount of our outlay expenses and interest; therefore I do not see that our advantage has been so great, after the trouble and anxiety we had, in obtaining the modifications from the Government.

There is one paragraph in your letter which I certainly cannot adopt. I refer to the second paragraph, as I am quite ignorant of ever having said, that I was now, in a position to take the whole concern off the hands of the Company, reimbursing them for the expenditure hitherto made - the only thing I ever remember to have said, was, what had I been differently situated, and had known the trouble and anxiety I should have had to go through, I would never have tried to obtain a Charter;

Were I to accede to the extent

you wish, we should place ourselves in a most unfavorable position, we should own nearly half of the whole concern and we should not possess an adequate influence in the working of the Company.

I beg to repeat, that I am most wishful to act in a liberal way, but at the same time I do not fear meeting the proprietors in a body, providing you insist upon pressing the matter, without giving me time to communicate with my Brother upon a business of such magnitude.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully
(signed) A. R. Lafone.

To Sir William Gore Ouseley, K.C.B

~~to the Board~~

London 20th April 1853

My Dear Sir,

The non-arrival of Mr. C. Bantcher by the Packet, which for every reason we all exceedingly regret, leaves the question between our Board and yourself in the same very unsatisfactory position in which it was previous to my last interview with you. We have canvased the whole matter over again

at our Board yesterday and have but one
feeling, — that which I have already expressed
to you, namely, that we cannot take upon
ourselves the responsibility of going forward,
or of calling upon the Proprietors for more
Capital, without laying before them our
view of the results hitherto, and the
grievous disappointment we feel at the
state of things which alone we have
it in our power to communicate to them—
leaving it in their hands as to what
course they should pursue.

The only way in which this
can be avoided, would be by your meet-
ing us frankly and fully in the proposi-
tion submitted to you in Sir Wouseley's
letter.

I think the subject to be so
important to yourself as to require
your immediate personal attention, in
asmuch as we cannot postpone any
longer the communication of our
whole position to the Proprietors.

Believe me, my Dear Sir,

very truly yours

(signed) J. I. Cummins.

To Alex. R. Lafone Esq
Liverpool.

Liverpool 25 April 1853.

Jas. J. Cummings Esq

London

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 20th instant came duly to hand, the contents of which have had my most serious attention and I regret to say that it is impossible for me to accede to the proposal made.

As regards that part in which you throw out an intendo that the Directors are possessed of some information which I may not wish to be brought before the Shareholders, I beg leave to say, that I have not the slightest fear of meeting the Shareholders in a body, if such is considered expedient. At the same time you will please understand that I am ready and willing to give all the assistance in my power, and to shew that I still think well of the business, I now, on my own responsibility offer to take (upon certain reasonable conditions) Fifty shares more in the Adventure, providing the Directors agree to place the other 250 - and if time be given me I will consult my brother who may give his sanction to increase the number fifty.

more.

I shall be glad to hear the decision
of the Directors in this matter at your earliest
convenience and remain

My Dear Sir

Yours very truly

(signed) A.R.Lafone

London 26 April 1853.

A Lafone Esq

Dear Sir,

I have to own receipt of your
letter of yesterday's date which I have placed
before the Directors of the Falkland Islands
Company this day.

In regard to that letter I
have only need to remark, that I made
use of no kind of innuendo whatever,
neither is it my habit to do so. I have
stated to you plainly and freely my views
and intentions and I now leave the subject
in the hands of the Board.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your obed Servt

(signed) Jas. S. Cummins.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

W. Dusley.
Chairman.

1853.

May 3rd.

at 1 Charlotte Row.

Present.

John Stackblock Esq.

William Butcher Esq.

James I. Cummins Esq.

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K.B.T.B.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Board meeting was postponed owing to press of business.

Mr. Bright of the firm of Gibbs, Bright & Co had an interview with the Directors on the subject of his placing a Depot of Coals at Stanley and bringing the Steamer "Great Britain" to coal there on her homeward voyage from Australia. He stated that he would wish the Company to undertake to land, store, and deliver the Coals - that they must be kept in covered sheds and that the vessels employed would draw from 18 to 20 ft of water, but that he would not require to send any Coals out for some time to come indeed that the project was only in embryo and depended much on the support he might obtain from the

Company by having the carriage of their passengers, sheep & goods put into the hands of his Firm - The Directors generally agreed in his views as to taking charge of and delivering the Coal and as to giving his undertaking such support as they may be able to offer.

Mr. Boischoff attended at the request of the Board to advise generally on the recent correspondence with Lafone and particularly in respect to any breach of Contract. He stated that notice might be served upon the Messrs Lafone and upon their Agents Miss Ricketts Boutcher & Co and on Mr Boutcher (as the presumed holder) requiring them not to deal with the Company's Debentures — that an injunction might be procured to restrain the Vendors to the Company from receiving any further payments until they have rendered their Accounts as per Contract — that if a case of misrepresentation were fully made out, and large concessions, equivalent to meet the circumstances, were not made, the Contract might even be repudiated : but that in all cases the Board must keep in mind their

position in respect to the Crown having adopted the Mefo-Lafone's Contract. He observed in regard to what constituted misrepresentation - that the Contract was grounded upon statements made to the Committee of Investigation which emanated from Mr. R. Lafone and were made for by him or were personally communicated by him and if those statements were afterwards discovered to be unfounded in fact, that would amount (to use a legal term) to a fraudulent representation, and the Company would have their Action against Mr. Lafone for recovery of the amounts already paid by them under the Contract. Mr. Bischoff however recommended that, before any measures be determined upon, he should carefully examine the minutes and other proceedings of the Board and give the whole matter a full and more careful consideration.

Ordered that the Secretary place the minutes and all other necessary documents before Mr. Bischoff for his examination on his attending for that purpose at the Company's Office.

Sir W^m Onslow stated that he had

communicated with Lords Lansdowne, Aberdeen, & Canning as also
with Lord Lyndhurst Mr Falconer & several others on the
subject of placing Convicts at the Falklands.

It transpired that in one year 800 convicts
have been returned as "lost" at Van Dieman's
Land — that is, escaped, without anyone
knowing how.

Ordered that the Secretary despatch ^{it}
at once to all Members & supporters of H.M.
Government Copies of the memorandum
on Convicts and at the close of this
week to all Peers and as many members
of the Commons as possible.

The Secretary related his conversa-
tion with Mr Commissioner Ward and
read a letter relative thereto from that
gentleman and was directed to
write to the Commissioners of Emigr^{ta}
and request a reply to the
Boards letter of 13th ultmo observing
that the request therein made must
stand as the Directors confidently
expect H.M. Government will not
exact the precise fulfilment of an
oppressive Contract.

Ordered that the Colonial
Manager be advised of the negotiations
on foot with Mr Bright and required

to report on the facilities at his command for managing a Coal Depot and on what materials he would require from this Country, as well as to direct his especial attention to pointing out the most eligible site for this Establishment.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. A.R. Lafone to the effect that the Directors, having learned that he had expressed his readiness to come up to town and meet them, will abstain from taking any other step or communicating with Montevideo until they shall have seen him which they hope to do at 11 o'clock upon Friday morning the 6th instant if convenient to him.

Ordered that a special meeting of this Board be held here at 11 o' clock upon Friday next the 6th instant to confer with Mr. A.R. Lafone on the matters contained in the recent correspondence with him).

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Ordered that a cheque be signed for £37.10/- balance of Secretary's Salary to 30 April 1853.

as above } W.G. Daseley
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1853.

May 6th

at 1 Charlotte Row.

Present

John Hackblock Esq.

James Ileummins Esq.

William Butcher Esq.

Sir Wm Gore Ouseley K.C.B.

A letter was read from Mr. A.R. Lafone expressing his intention of meeting the Board this morning in compliance with the request of the Directors.

Ordered that a cheque for £20 be signed for Petty Cash.

Mr. A.R. Lafone had a long interview with the Board during which several propositions were set up and discussed but without any definitive resolution being adopted: instructions for a despatch to Mr. S. F. Lafone were deferred till the mail of the 8th June.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Ouseley.

Chairman.

1853.

May 10th

at 1 Charlotte Row City

Present.

Sir W^m Gore Ouseley K^{CB}
John Hackblock Esq.
Col^d Cummins Esq.
W^m Butcher Esq.

The Minutes of the Meetings
of this Board on the 26th ultimo and
3rd inst were read and confirmed.

Ordered - that a cheque be
signed for Mr. Coleman 1 mo salary - £8, 6, 8

Two letters from the Colonial
Sand & Emigration Commissioners were
read and the Secretary was directed to
see Mr. Commissioner Wood and ascertain
whether, if the Directors propose to run
the Mail Packet eleven times per annum
instead of six for an extra pay of £800
merely to cover the extra expenses, such
a proposition would be recommended
by the Commissioners to the Colonial
Secretary.

Mr. A. R. Lafone had a
lengthened interview with the Board in
reference to the propositions raised at

the last Meeting and a note was drawn
up for the consideration of the Directors
and Mr. Lafond with a view to some
resolution being taken upon Tuesday next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Bussey.
Chairman.

1853.

May 17th.

@ 1 Charlotte Row

Present.

Sir W. G. Ouseley R. C. B.

James J. Cummins Esq

William Butcher Esq

John Hackblock Esq

The Minutes of the Meetings
of this Board on the 6th and 10th instant
were read and confirmed.

The Secretary communicated
a proposal from Mr. Bright to load a
hulk with Coal and after discharging at
Stanley sell her to the Company.

Mess^rs Bennett & Field's claim
for Costs £9.4 - incurred by Mr. Lafone
in correspondence with Government relative
to Governor Rennie's treatment of Mr.
Williams was laid before the Board &
the Secretary directed to return it to
Mess^rs Bennett & Field informing them
that the Company have nothing to do
with it, the Directors having explicitly
declined all interference in the matter.

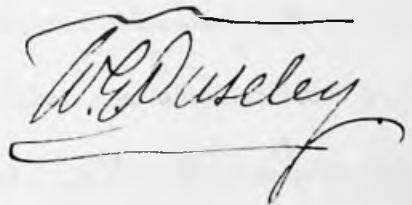
A Draft minute proposed by
Mr. Lafone's Solicitor Mr. Field as a

settlement of the recent Correspondence with Mr. Lafone was considered but no resolution taken thereon.

Ordered that Mr. Steele be informed that if interest be paid upon his instalment it will be endorsed as not in arrear but that otherwise a deduction will be made from the first dividend.

The Correspondence received from the Falklands per Mail this day was read to the Board.

Signed on behalf of the
Meeting,



Chairman.

1853.

May 24th.

at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present.

Sir William Gore Ouseley K.B.T

William Butcher Esq.

James Inglummins Esq.

John Hacklock Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting
of this Board held upon the 1st ^u inst.
were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr A.
Lafone and the Secretary was directed
to inform him that the decision of
the Board not to pay Mr Field's claim
for Costs could not be altered - to
request that he will furnish a list of
all claims upon Government that may
be still unsatisfied with the documents
needful to establish them and, to express
the Directors regret that they had
not received notice of these claims
so far ago as by this time they might
have been recovered.

Ordered that Mr A. R. Lafone
be furnished with the Duplicates of
Mr. Dale's late Despatches, Copies of

his last and of his letter to Mr. S. F. Lafone
touching the Porcupine, as also Copy of
Mr. Hicks' letter to the Board).

A draft of a Circular proposed to
be issued to the Proprietors, calling upon
them to take rateably, according to the
Shares they now hold, the 300 reserved
shares, was considered and referred
to Mr. Cummins and Mottackblock
as a Committee to decide upon
the form in which it shall be
issued.

Ordered that Captain Wilson
of the "Amelia", for having risked
the loss of his ship out of the
service on which he is engaged,
be superseded, and that instructions
to that effect be transmitted, by
the next mail, to the Resident
Director at Montevideo and to
the Colonial Manager at Stanley.

Ordered that the Colonial
Manager be instructed to investigate
and report upon the conduct of
Mr. Hicks the Stockkeeper and if
it be found that he is neglectful
of his duty thro' habitual intempe-
-tance to dismiss him from the

Company's service).

The Secretary was directed to make known to Mr Dale the dissatisfaction of the Directors with his proceedings, as gathered from his late Despatches, and especially as regards his not having purchased the "Actions" Cargo of Coals and not having shift the Hides now lying in the Company's ^{Stores}, or bought those offered to him, at old prices, by Capt' Packer and Mr Whittington, whereby it would appear that the Company's interests have been prejudiced to a very considerable extent.

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Ordered that the proposal of Mr A.R. Lafone, to take 150 of the 300 reserved shares and to pay up £50 per share thereon by acceptances (payable half in six months and half in twelve months) provided the Directors take or place the remainder, within 20 or 30 shares, and that £12. 10/- per share be paid up thereon, and that no further call shall be made upon the 700 Shares previously issued or upon the 150 shares proposed

to be taken by him until £.50 per share
shall have been paid up or become
due upon the remainder of the reserved
Shares so taken or placed by the
Directors, be accepted subject to an
offer of said reserved Shares being
first made ratably to all the present
Proprietors — and it is understood
that this arrangement, if carried out,
will close the correspondence lately
carried on between Mr Lafone and
the Directors in a manner mutually
satisfactory to both parties and
that no future application will be
made to Mr Lafone touching the
finances of the Company except
in common with other Proprietors.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

R

T. G. Dusley,
Chairman

1853.

May 31st at 1 Charlotte Row.

Present.

Sir W. G. Ouseley K. C. B.
William Boutcher Esq
James J. Cummins Esq
John Hackblock Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held upon the 24th. instant were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Captⁿ. Wallinger soliciting to be appointed to the command of the "Amelia" and handing testimonials — Ordered that the Secretary write him to furnish reference to a mercantile House who know him personally and that enquiry be made of the persons named in his testimonials.

Two letters from W^r. A. R. Lafone & the replies thereto were read.

M^r. Cummins & M^r. Hackblock submitted a proof of a Circular to the Shareholders which was approved and ordered to be printed & issued forthwith.

A letter addressed to the Colonial Land and Emigration Com-

-missioners requesting a modification of the
Mail Contract was read & approved.

The Secretary was directed
to examine and report upon the claim
against Government for £ 360 paid
into the Colonial Chest at Stanley in
1847 as forfeit for non-delivery of Horses
by Mr. Lafone's Agent.

Ordered that the following Cheques
be signed -
Ullathorne ff: - Grindery - £ 12. 6. 5
Champion ff: - Lead - 24. 5. 8

Signed on behalf of the
Meeting.

A. F. Cummins
Chairman.

1853.

June 6th

at 1 Charlotte Row - City.

Present -

Jas. Ino. Cummins Esq.

William Hackblock Esq.

William Boutcher Esq.

The minutes of the Meeting of this Board held upon the 31st ultimo were read and confirmed.

The Secretary announced that in accordance with a minute of the preceding Board, a Circular had been issued to all the Proprietors offering to them, rateably, the 300 reserved Shares and requiring their replies on or before the 14th inst.

Ordered that application be made to H. R. the D. of Newcastle to order the release of the £360 forfeit for non delivery of horses, deposited in the Falkland Islands Colonial Chest in 1849, on delivery to the Governor of 20 trained horses.

The Secretary reported the result of enquiries made of Captⁿ. John Fenwick respecting the character and abilities of Captⁿ. Wallinger, which was deemed satisfactory and it was ordered ^{that} he be engaged to command the "Amelia" Mail Packet at a salary of £20 per month without perquisites with a free passage to Montevideo by the "Ceres"

or "Gardyne" and full pay from the date of his reporting himself to the Resident Director ready to take the Command of the Packet.

Ordered that as the Captain of the "Lennella" has not kept terms in sailing at the time specified the Sheep now here and intended for that Vessel be forwarded via Liverpool per "Gardine" to Montevideo for transhipment to Stanley per "Amelia".

Ordered that Mr. S. F. Lafone be requested to endeavour by sale of the Porcupine and such coals as she may take to Montevideo to purchase and equip a suitable Vessel of 70 to 100 tons burthen for the Island service - Also that his attention be drawn to the lamentable oversights lately committed at Stanley and to retrieve as far as possible the losses thereby sustained - and that he be requested to engage a fit person at a small fixed salary with a fair Commission on all business done to take the entire charge of the Store at Stanley and conduct all sales and purchases on behalf of the Company.

Signed on behalf of the ~~Meeting~~.

R. G. Duseley
Chairman.

1853.

June 14th.

at 1 Charlotte Row, City.

Present—

Jas. J. Cummings Esq.
Sir William Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
William Bantcher Esq.
John Mack. block Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of
this Board held upon the 1st inst. were read
and confirmed

Letters addressed per Packet on
the 8th inst to S. F. Lafone Esq., J. P. Dale Esq
and Captⁿ Wilson were read & approved,
as was also a letter addressed to the Duke
of Newcastle soliciting remission of a
forfeiture of £ 360 as ordered last meeting.

Letters received per Packet from
S. F. Lafone Esq and Captⁿ Wilson were
read.

Ordered that W. S. F. Lafone's
Draft for £ 1018. 1. 5 made for specie remitted
to the Colonial Manager be accepted.

Ordered that a cheque be signed
for £ 8. 6. 8 one month's salary to Mr. Colenau.

Ordered that the Secretary address
a letter to the Duke of Newcastle renewing

the application made on the 3rd January last
for a modification of the Contract with the
Crown as regards the exhibition of Ships,
on the ground that there has now been
time to have received the Governor's
observations thereon.

Bell that on the 17th inst^t a circular
be addressed to such shareholders as have
not replied to that of the 31st ultimo re-
quiring them to declare whether they accept
their share of the reserved Shares in order
that the Directors may have time to
decide upon issuing said Shares or
making further calls, and informing them
that the first instalment upon the new
shares, if issued, will be due on the 10th
July.

The Secretary was directed to remind
Mr. Samuel Lafone that the Indents required
by the Company's Storekeeper in Stanley must
be subject to the approval of Mr. Dale or this
Board.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

W.G. Daseley,
Chairman.

1853.

June 21.

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present—

William Boutcher Esq.

John Hackblock Esq.

No other Director being present the above Gentlemen resolved themselves into a Committee to carry out business previously ordered.

Resolved that at least 125 of the Reserved Shares, on the 31st ultimo rateably offered to the Proprietors, being accepted the arrangement entered into with Mr Lafone is now complete.

Ordered that the Reserved Shares accepted be now allotted accordingly and notice be given to the Allottees to pay £ 12.10/- per share thereon on or before the 10th July.

Ordered that the 150 Reserved Shares be now allotted to W. A. R. Lafone and that drafts upon him be drawn for £ 50 per share, as agreed, one half of the amount at 6 months and one half at 12 months date from this day.

A check was signed for Cost of Sheep
to Mr. Bailey — £ 61.2.6
and one for Petty Cash — 20.-

Signed by the Committee

John Huchbork

J. Huchbork

K'

1853.

June 28th

at 1 Charlotte Row

Present

Sir W. Gore Ouseley K.C.B.
John Hackblock Esq
William Butcher Esq
James J. Cummins Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held upon the 14th instant were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held upon the 21st instant were read and the proceedings thereof approved by this Board who confirm the orders then made with the understanding that if the Bills then ordered be not already presented to Mr. A. R. Lafone for acceptance they be redrawn from this date.

Ordered that Cheques signed by said Committee be issued to Mr. Bailey for Sheep P. "Gardyne" £61. 2.. 6 and to Mr. Coleman for Petty Cash £20.

The Secretary announced that notices had been issued to the Allotees of the Reserved Shares to pay an instalment of £12. 10/- each thereon or before the 10th

proximo to the Company's Bankers.

M^r. Hulme was recommended by M^r. Cummins as a fit and proper person to discharge the duties of Schoolmaster & Spiritual Reader at Hope Place and letters testifying to his character & acquirements were read from the Lord Bishop of London, the Rev^d. A. Rogers M.A. Incumbent of the Episcopal Chapel Regent Square and M^r. R. Westbrook Government Master &c and Certificated of the East St. Pancras National Schools.

The Secretary was directed to address the Colonial Office to the effect that this Board having been applied to by the people in the Country Districts around Hope Place, situate 60 miles from Port Stanley, and also on behalf of many English Shepherds whom they have established there calling upon them for some means of educating their Children and receiving religious instruction for themselves are desirous of sending out M^r. Hulme Copies of whose testimonials they attach & are willing to provide for his passage out to find him a residence and allow him a certain quantity of land at a nominal rent in the Colony provided Her Majesty's

Government will allow him a stipend of £100 per annum

The Agreement signed by Captⁿ. Wallinger as Master of the "Amelia" was read and the Secretary directed to have a $\frac{1}{6}$ stamp affixed thereto.

Ordered that the £300 received from Mr. John Hackblock on Loan upon the 22nd instant be repaid out of the instalment due the 10th proximo with interest at 5%.

A letter received from the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners respecting a modification of the Mail Contract was read.

Ordered that a letter be addressed to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle requesting that he will receive the Chairman & Directors accompanied by a deputation from the Corporation respecting - 1st - the appointment of a Schoolmaster for the Country Districts of East Falkland - 2nd - a modification of the Company's Mail Contract - 3rd - an alteration in the Schedule of the Company's Contract with the Crown regarding the exhibition of Sheep - 3rd - a Claim for remission of £360 deposited since 1849 in the Colonial Chest at Stanley and - 4th - respecting a contribution from Government

towards the laying down of a Patent Slip
at Stanley. — And that said letter be
handed to the Chairman to be brought by
him under the especial notice of His
Grace the Colonial Secretary.

It being reported that the
"Archimedes" with a cargo of Coals has
put into Stanley and must probably be
discharged — ordered that Mr. P. F. Lafone
be informed (with reference to the Directors'
disappointment occasioned by the oversight
of the Colonial Manager respecting the Coals
p. "Actæon") that this Board approves
the steps he has taken in sending his
partner Mr. Powell to purchase Coals
from Mr. Dean and will take the half
interest in the Adventure which is offered
to them as it is their object to secure to the
Company the trade with the Islands for-
merly conducted by Mr. Lafone.

Signed, on behalf of the Meeting

W.G. Dusley.

Chairman.