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WAIKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY  
MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
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1864.

January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Col. Macdonald

G. H. Cripps Esq

W. Butcher Esq having looked  
over the business of the day was obliged to leave.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board  
held on the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed  
a Balance of £359. 11. 8 in favor of the Compt<sup>y</sup>.

Read Letter from Mr. Emery Executor to  
the Estate of the late Alfred Ricketts applying  
for authority to transfer the Shares in this Compt<sup>y</sup>  
held by the Deceased, as follows -

Five to Thomas Drew Esq

Five " Edmund M. Ricketts Esq

Ten " Alfred Lafone Esq

Ordered - That this Transfer be sanc-  
tioned and the necessary measures adopted for  
the Scrip being prepared.

Read - Letter from Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Lafone  
dated the 7<sup>th</sup> January protesting against the  
5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of the Director's last Report to  
the Shareholders and conveying a proposal  
from Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Lafone for the Board to get  
small English Speculators to commence Sheep

Grazing at the Falklands, the Company finding half expenses in Land, House and Stock - also asking for information upon the last Report, as well as that particulars of Stock shall be given at the next Meeting.

Ordered - That a Reply as now suggested be prepared and submitted for approval at the Board's next Meeting.

Read - Letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> instant from M<sup>r</sup>. A. R. Lafone notifying that Interest upon the Promissory Notes in connection with the Company's Chancery Suit will be payable at Liverpool on and after the 14<sup>th</sup> instant.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted an account of this Interest as sent in by M<sup>r</sup>. Lafone shewing the amount due to be £ 82. 9. 8 - together with a Statement prepared in the Company's Office which shews this debt at £ 836. 16. 11.

Read a Case prepared for the opinion of an Accountant to settle which of these methods of calculation is correct.

Ordered - That this Case be submitted for the opinion of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Coleman Turquand & Co. Accountants, and that their answer be presented at the next Board's Meeting.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reports that he has received a vast number of applications for the Clerkships at Stanley which are now being enquired into.

Ordered - That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do select

such candidate for this appointment as may appear best qualified as an Accountant, particular regard being paid to his moral character, general business capacity and fitness for taking the Manager's duties during occasions of his being absent.

The Board is informed that Bills will become payable at the Company's Bankers exceeding the balance now in their hands before the Cargo of the 'Matilda' shortly expected, can be realized.

Ordered - That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nesbitt the Brothers, whose turn it is to have the sale of the next Cargo, be requested to advance £1,500 in anticipation of its arrival.

Ordered - That Forms of Debentures be filled up at £250 each for about £3,000 in expectation of an opportunity for putting them out.

The Cancelled Debentures N<sup>os</sup> 138, 9, 140, for £2,000 £2,000 and £1,000 are exhibited.

Bills for £475 Matilda's Freight and £528. 17. 10 Georgiana Grenfell's Freight are accepted.

The follow<sup>g</sup> Cheques are ordered Vigned -

Interest of London Joint Stock Bank	73. 10. 8
London Office	56. 13. 4
Society of Apothecaries	19. 16. 6

Signed, on behalf of the Meeting W. E. Cuseley  
Chairman

1864.  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Ouseley

Colt. Macdonald

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £ 341. 17. 14 in favor of the Company.

An application is submitted from Capt<sup>m</sup> B. R. Wilson to obtain some papers which he left in the Company's Office several years ago and it is ordered - That they be given to the person who is sent by Capt<sup>m</sup> Wilson to receive them.

The arrival of the 'Matilda' from Stanley on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant is reported and the Board is informed that she is discharged, but that regardless of an offer made by her Owner to the Company, which was accepted pending confirmation by the Board, her Broker Mr. Langridge has accepted a Charter from Capt<sup>m</sup> Anderson to carry out Stores for Mr. Dean - it being obviously expected that this Vessel will get out in time to secure fresh supplies to Mr. Dean before those for the Company can arrive.

The Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> informs the Board that from a vast number of Candidates examined a Mr. Julius

Forster, aged 28, who has a Wife and one child has been selected and engaged at the heretofore Salary to go to Stanley in capacity of Head Clerk to the Colonial Manager.

The Testimonials to Mr. Forster's character & ability being read his appointment is confirmed & the usual Agreement is ordered to be prepared binding him to serve the Company for three or five years in consideration of which a Passage is to be found for himself and family with a Furnished House for his residence at Stanley and advance made (to be afterwards deducted from his Salary) to assist him in preparing for his voyage.

In order to meet Mr. Lane's urgent demand for Stores it is - Ordered - That a fast Vessel be immediately engaged in which proper accommodation will be available for the Passage of Mr. Forster & family and that she be despatched with the Stores indented for by Mr. Lane as soon as possible.

The Board is informed that the large Timber so much wanted at Stanley has been purchased at Cardiff and is now being shipped there on board the Company's Chartered Coal Ship "Paula" in which the two Cows applied for by Mr. Lane, with 20 Cocks, old Ewes in year and Rams will also be shipped in charge of an Emigrant Shepherd, who with his Wife and a Ship's Blacksmith and Wife also Emigrants are Passengers to be paid for by the Emigration Board.

Ordered that so soon as the expenses connected with the shipment of these Emigrants and the Stock are known a Cheque is to be signed for paying them.

Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 149 from M<sup>r</sup> Lane for 'Matilda' is submitted and the Board is informed that the particulars required for going on with the Appeal and Gunpowder Cases have come home by this Vessel.

The Board is informed that in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last Meeting an application was made to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nesbitt for an Advance of £1500 against the Cargo of 'Matilda' and that they paid this sum to the Company's Credit at Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn's.

Seeing that the Loan of £4,000 from the London Joint Stock Bank due on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> will be only partially renewable, and that the sum of £2,000 becomes due to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Mills & Co on the 6<sup>th</sup> prox<sup>o</sup> whilst the Company's Cash Balance in their hands is reduced to £341.17.6 the Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>t</sup> reports that he has made enquiry about getting out the proposed Debentures but finding that at this time when the Bank minimum is 8 per Cent this would entail great loss he consulted Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn and those Gentlemen consent to advance £5,000 on Loan to the Company for six months upon the individual and general guarantee of the Directors.

The Board having carefully considered the Company's present Financial Position & finding that money must be procured for its current necessities -

Resolves - That the offer of a Loan of £5,000 for six months from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn be accepted upon the personal guarantee of the Directors which is now given as follows -

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Mills & Co: 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1864.  
Gentlemen,

In consideration of your advancing on Loan to The Falkland Islands Company the sum of £5,000 (Five Thousand Pounds) for Six Months we the undersigned do jointly and severally guarantee the due repayment of the said Loan with Interest.

(signed) { W. G. Cuseley W. Anning  
J. H. Macdonald W. Boucher G. H. Cripps

and that before this Loan becomes payable a Loan be raised upon Debentures to liquidate it.

Resolved - That in order to hold the Directors harmless for the aid rendered by the Guarantee which they have given to protect the Company's interests the amount due upon this Loan and that from the London Joint Stock Bank shall be liquidated by a Call upon the Company's Capital should it be found necessary to pay them off before Funds are otherwise at the Company's command for that purpose.

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>s</sup> informs that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Coleman Turquand & Co: have not yet made a Report upon Mr. Lafone's Interest Question and it is therefore,



Ordered - That the Board's decision upon this & the other Letter, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> ~~instant~~ received from Mr. Lafone do lie over for future consideration.

The following Cheques were ordered Signed -

Colonial Remittances	7. 5. 5
Ford Hanning	50. 5. 9
Petty Cash	50. 5. 5
Income Tax for last Year	33. 10. 10
London Office	56. 13. 4

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
W. G. Duseley  
Chairman

1864.  
February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Anning Esq

Col. Macdonald

W. Boutcher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £3,182..3..8 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Board is informed that the 'Matchless' is chartered to carry out the Consignment of Stores to Stanley and will sail next week taking out Mr. Forster, the new Clerk, and family - and that the 'Paula' is now loaded and will probably leave Cardiff tomorrow.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reports that Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Glyn Mills & Co. have, as arranged at the last Board's Meeting, placed £5,000 to the Company's Credit on Loan for six months, paying therefrom the £2,000 that became due to themselves on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submits Statements which have been prepared to illustrate the results that have been derived from Mr. Lane's Administration during the past five years - with a Rough Profit & Loss Account upon the transactions of last year -

which shew that the concern is making sufficient progress to justify efforts being made to keep pace with its advancing requirements.

The Board is reminded that the Loan due to the London Joint Stock Bank becomes payable on Monday next, and that there is no prospect of their consenting to extend any assistance unless half the amount of this debt, viz: £2,000, is at once paid off.

After careful consideration it is Resolved - That a Cheque be now drawn to pay off £2,000 of this debt, and that the London Joint Stock Bank be requested to continue their Loan of the other £2,000.

It is also Resolved - That immediate efforts be made to borrow £6000 upon Debentures running at Six per Cent for five years, and that in the interval of these being got out a Loan be contracted for £2,000 with one of the new Credit Companies, for a few months as circumstances will admit - the Chairman being requested to see Mr. Bramley Moore, one of the Directors of The General Credit & Finance Company of London (Limited), to ascertain if they will be willing to make this Loan.

Read Mr. Lafone's Letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> ultimo offering to pay 5 per cent Interest upon the Promissory Notes given by him on settlement

of the Company's disputes in Chancery.

Ordered - That the Promissory Notes be sent to Mr. Bard of Liverpool with request that he will receive this Interest and remit it to London.

The Board is informed that a Consultation with Counsel in the Gunpowder Case will be held this Afternoon preparatory to the Trial on Tuesday next.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -

Mr. Julius Forster	30. . . .
General Purchases	50. . . .
Bachelor Bro <sup>s</sup> .	327. 7. 8
Boord H <sup>c</sup> :	45. 12. 4
Burrows Hon	411. . . .
Williamson	9. 12. .
Batty H <sup>c</sup> :	13. 16. 6
C. Fite	13. 10. .
H. Cole	126. 15. .
London Joint Stock Bank	2,000. . . .

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. E. Duseley  
Chairman

1864.

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Col. Macdonald

W. Boucher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 15<sup>th</sup> ult. were read & confirmed.

The Bankers Account submitted shewed a Balance of £2,092. 1. 2 in the Co's favor.

The sailing of the 'Paula' with Coals, Emigrants and Live Stock from Cardiff on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult., and the departure of the 'Matchless' with Mr. Forster and family and a General Consignment from London on the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. for Stanley, are reported.

The Board is informed that a Judgment has been given against the Company upon the claim set up for Gunpowder damaged when stored by permission of the Manager at Stanley in the Company's Vessel 'Lily' - but that the amount of damages is to be subject for further enquiry.

scrip Shares N<sup>o</sup>. 376 to 380 for E. M. Rickells, N<sup>o</sup>. 371 to 375 for J. Drew and N<sup>o</sup>. 381 to 385, 981 to 985 for Alfred Lafone, are impressed with the Corporation Seal under the attesting Signatures of two of the Directors present.

Despatches Nos 150 and 151 with their Enclosures from Stanley are submitted with the Board's last Despatches to the Manager.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reports that according to the Board's wishes application has been made to the "General Credit and Finance Company of London Limited" to know if they will make a Loan to this Company for two or five years of £8,000, to be secured by Debentures and Acceptances from the Board, but that no answer has yet been given.

Ordered - That directly any definite reply is received, a Board be assembled to take <sup>it</sup> into consideration it being of importance to obtain this money as soon as possible so as to derive full discounts upon Cash payments for the Consignment sent to Stanley by the 'Matchless'.

Bills drawn on the Directors by the Colonial Manager for £106.9.6 and £44.9.4 to pay for Stores purchased at Stanley are accepted under the Signatures of two of the Directors.

Cheques are signed to pay for the Cargo per 'Matchless' as follows -

Hunter & Reeve	67. 14. 6	G. J. Morton	17. 15. 10
Champion & Co	13. 10. "	Clerihew	33. 8. "
L. Houghton & Co	26. 10. 6	Boat Build <sup>r</sup> . Co	43. 2. "
J. C. F. Field	10. 6. 4	G. Wood & Co	5. 11. 2
A. Southey	28. 2. "	Braby & Son	33. 6. "
Gosnell & Co	8. 14. 3	F. Friend & Co	38. 4. "
Bap & Co	11. 8. "	Whitehead Bro <sup>s</sup>	22. 13. 6

Hewetson V <sup>o</sup> :	65. 3. 11	Overall V <sup>o</sup> :	38. 3. 6
Bell & Black	38. 10. ~	White Bro <sup>o</sup> :	64. 12. ~
Crout	18. 14. 5	Blanch V <sup>o</sup> :	11. 7. 9
J. Davies Hon	57. 17. ~	Anderson	348. 2. ~
Lorry V <sup>o</sup> :	540. 8. 4	Cory Bro <sup>o</sup> V <sup>o</sup> :	74. 7. 3
Walsh Hon	11. ~. 4	Soc <sup>o</sup> of Apoth <sup>o</sup> :	69. 11. 9
Thomas & Mersey	159. 12. 6	J. Biggar	47. 18. ~
G. Crawley	467. 9. ~	W. J. Dock C <sup>o</sup> :	18. 12. 2
Christy V <sup>o</sup> :	37. 3. 6	Hay's Wh <sup>o</sup> :	34. 3. 10
Burney V <sup>o</sup> :	12. ~. ~	J. T. Morton	594. 15. 8
London Office	56. 13. 4	Penn	5. 4. 5
E. Cook V <sup>o</sup> :	15. ~. ~	J. Carter	9. 6. 7
Green V <sup>o</sup> :	5. 8. 10	Muniz's Metal C <sup>o</sup> :	21. 7. 6
Hall Hon	8. 8. 6		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
W. E. Dunsley  
 Chairman.

1864.  
March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Col. Macdonald

W. Boucher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

Mr. Bischoff the Company's Solicitor attended  
at request of the Board.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board  
held on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a  
Balance of £1,628..3..3 in favor of the Company.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submits a Letter from the  
London General Credit C<sup>o</sup> offering to accept this  
Company's Debentures upon terms which appear to  
amount to about 20 p. Cent Interest per annum.

Ordered - That a Letter be written to the  
Manager of the London General Credit C<sup>o</sup> de-  
clining these terms - and looking to the pay-  
ments now overdue for the Cargo of 'Marchle's'  
and it being imperatively necessary that a Loan  
of £8,000 should be immediately secured, the  
Company's Solicitor is called in and consulted.

Mr. Bischoff expresses great doubts of being  
able to give any assistance, but promises to make  
enquiry & communicate the result as early as possible.

Resolved - That if any opportunity



presents of obtaining this Loan at about 7 per 3  
Cent it is to be at once accepted - higher terms 4  
being reserved for the Board's consideration.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed -  
Bristolow 100.8.4 Townend V<sup>c</sup>: 39.6.5  
Bremner 74.4.3 House V<sup>c</sup>: 40.9.5

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. E. Cuseley  
Chairman.

1864.  
March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Present  
Sir W. G. Cuseley  
W. Boutcher Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board  
held on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a  
Balance of £4,643. 7. 8 in favor of the Com<sup>rs</sup>.

Read Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Bischoff informing  
that as promised at the last Meeting he has tried  
without success to borrow the money that was  
required.

The Board is informed that the Imperial

Financial Company has been applied to but declines to negotiate the Company's Debentures.

The Man<sup>y</sup> Dir<sup>s</sup> reports that when these sources had failed Col. Macdonald caused an offer to be made by the Agra Bank to discount an Acceptance under the joint and several Signatures of the Directors for £8,000, at one per cent above the Bank Rate for six months, and that in accordance with the Board's last minute these terms were accepted.

Ordered - That from the sum received from the Agra and United Service Bank £2,000 be at once paid in full liquidation of the long-standing Loan from the London Joint Stock Bank.

An application being submitted from the Company's Solicitors to be paid their Account, a Cheque is now signed to pay those Gentlemen £169. 14. 1 to close their Bill of Costs up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1862.

Resolved - That if the Call upon the Company's Capital which was ordered by the Board's Resolution on the 27<sup>th</sup> January last has to be enforced or funds are imperatively required to meet the Loan now contracted with the Agra Bank a sum shall be called sufficient to cover and repay all sums for which the Directors have given their guarantee on behalf of the Company.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -

Leslie	27.1.10	Myers & Co.	33.14.3
Compton & Co.	415.19.~	London Off.	56.13.4
Johnson & Hammond	62.10.~	Petty Cash	20.~.~
London Joint Stock Bank			67.1.5

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Guseley

Chairman

1864.  
April 13<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Guseley

W. Anning Esq

Col. Macdonald

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £3,967.5.1 in favor of the Comp.

In considering the Company's present Financial Position it was Resolved -

That Three Thousand Pounds of the existing Cash Balance be placed out at the best interest procurable, subject to seven days notice of being required, and the Man. Dir. is authorized to

carry out this Resolution in such a way as upon enquiry may appear most desirable.

Read Letter from Mr. Bigland of Liverpool dated the 4<sup>th</sup> instant suggesting that this Comp<sup>y</sup> might be advantageously changed from its position under Royal Charter to being brought within the Joint Stock Act under a Limited Liability.

Ordered - That a Letter in terms submitted be addressed to Mr. Bigland thanking him for his communication and informing that the subject of it has already been under the Board's consideration.

Mr. Coleman submitted an application for a Bonus in consideration of his extra services during the past year and asking that his Salary may be increased to £200 per annum.

Having regard to the great increase in the Company's Office business and the heavy extra duties as well as their responsible character which devolve upon Mr. Coleman it was - Resolved unanimously that the usual Bonus of £20 be now granted and that Mr. Coleman's Salary be increased as solicited from the beginning of this year - a Cheque is accordingly prepared and signed to this effect for which Mr. Coleman expressed his best thanks.

Bills and Cheques, are signed as follows in payment for part of the Goods, consigned to Stanley H. 'Marchless' -

Bradbury H<sup>o</sup>

Phillips Hon

88. 3. 7

496. 5. 3

Silver H <sup>o</sup> :	514. 19. ~
Torry Paget H <sup>o</sup> :	557. 7. 10
Beach H <sup>o</sup> :	55. 18. 8
Shurt & Sharp	98. 3. 9
Ward H <sup>o</sup> :	500. 1. ~
Mews H <sup>o</sup> :	139. 13. 1
Copestake H <sup>o</sup> :	63. 13. 2
Holt Bro <sup>s</sup> :	217. 15. ~
Frost Bro <sup>s</sup> :	106. 16. 5

Weston 16. 9. 10 Blampied 23. 2. 8

Humphery 12. 9. 8 London Office 25. ~. ~

Despatches N<sup>os</sup> 152 and 153 from the Colonial Manager at Stanley, with the Reply, were submitted.

Mr. A. R. Lafone's Letter, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> January last was again brought to the notice of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. G. Dussley  
Chairman

1864.  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Sir G. R. Sartorius

W. Boucher Esq

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

Col. Macdonald

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £608. 5. 7 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the first moiety of Freight due to the Owners of the 'Matchless', viz: £625. 16. 0, will be required on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant and that Notice has been given to the Agra Bank to withdraw £650 for this purpose.

Despatches N<sup>os</sup> 154, 155, 156 from Stanley, and N<sup>o</sup> 299 to the Colonial Manager, were brought to attention having been before read by the Directors.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that in the Gun-powder Case the Judges had ordered upon a re-hearing that the damages were to be reduced by deducting all costs at Valparaiso.

The Board was also informed that the Appeal Petition in the Cattle Hunting Case had been finally agreed between the respective Counsel & presented to the Privy Council.

The Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that there was reason to believe Capt<sup>m</sup>. Packe had no intention at present of selling his Property at the Falklands, or that he would do so without the Company having timely intimation of it. He also mentioned that some Tubes &c. had been sent out to enable Mr. Lane to try Dr. Morgan's New Meatpreserving Process.

The Accounts to be submitted at the next Annual General Meeting were laid before the Board, and it was Resolved -

That it would be proper to alter the rate heretofore adopted for the value of Stores and to add 12 ½ per Cent for Interest on their Cost & Expenses connected with sale.

A form of Report was prepared for consideration and Ordered - That an amended Draft, with Copies of Accounts to be annexed to it, be sent to each Director preparatory to another Board being assembled to fix the General Meeting.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

Agra Bank Deposit	£ 3,000	Bristol	27. 14. 9
London Office	58. 6. 8	Petty Cash	20. . . .
Forster Lane	11. 5. .	DePukon	625. 16. .
Forster	5. . . .	London Office	58. 6. 8
Petty Cash	20. . . .	Potter	6. 3. 6
Colonial Remittances	£ 12.		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. E. Dudley  
Chairman

1864.  
June 10<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Sir G. R. Sartorius

Col. Macdonald

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.<sup>n</sup> were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £ 1,612 .. 15 .. 6 in favor of the Compt.<sup>r</sup>.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted two notes lent for that purpose by M<sup>r</sup>. Bischoff, who requested that the Board would not, as upon his instance, take any action upon them.

A Draft Report with Balance Sheet, Abstract Cash Account &c. &c. were carefully gone into preparatory to the next General Meeting, which was then ordered to be advertised for Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> instant at Two O'clock.

Resolved with the consent of Col. Macdonald, that when the Report as now read be altered in terms of proposals made so as to meet his approval in consultation with the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>., that it be printed and circulated to the Shareholders with the Balance Sheet and Abstract Cash Account.

Ordered - That the usual arrangements be



made for the Annual General Meeting after the  
Auditors have examined the Accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Euseley  
Chairman.

1864.  
June 24<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Euseley  
Sir G. R. Sartorius  
Colt. J. H. Macdonald  
William Anning Esq  
George H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board  
held on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a  
Balance of £ 1,121 .. 11 .. in favor of the Compt<sup>y</sup>.

The course of procedure to be observed at  
the General Meeting to be held this day was  
arranged, and it was Resolved - That after the  
Report and Re-election of the Directors and the  
Auditor were disposed of, the propriety of declaring  
a Dividend should be submitted by the Chairman,  
but that whether at the rate of Two or Three per

Cent should be left to the Meeting, the Board only explaining that for the rapidly increasing Flocks a corresponding increase of expenditure must be provided for.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. G. Cusley

Chairman

1864.

July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Present

Sir W. G. Cusley

William Anning Esq

Col. Macdonald

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £907. 19. 1 in favor of the Compt.

Warrants for paying the Dividend which was agreed to at the last General Meeting were signed by two of the Directors and ordered to be issued by the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. in terms of the Resolution.

Looking to the state of the Company's Finances and bearing in mind that £5,000 will be due to

Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Glyn Mills & Co: on the 4<sup>th</sup> proximo, and  
£8,000 to the Agra Bank on the 29<sup>th</sup> September -

Resolved - That every effort be made to  
obtain a Loan of £10,000, for 5 or 6 years at  
Six p<sup>er</sup> Cent, upon Debentures for such amounts  
as may be found saleable, but not below £100 each,  
and that Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Glyn be requested to extend their Loan.

The Man<sup>g</sup>: Dir<sup>r</sup>: reported that a threat had  
been received to issue execution for recovery of the  
£498 .. 15 .. 6 due upon the Gunpowder Suit, and  
that in the emergency the Company's Solicitors had  
consented to arrange for the payment on the best terms  
they could manage.

This arrangement was approved of.

Despatches N<sup>os</sup>: 157, 8 and 9 from the Colonial  
Manager, with their Enclosures, and the Reply thereto  
N<sup>o</sup>: 301 were submitted.

The Board is informed that the Appeal in  
the Cattle Killing Case was heard at the Privy  
Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup>, when, Sir Hugh Cairns  
being heard for the Company and the Attorney General  
for the Crown, Judgment was deferred.

Resolved - That pending receipt of the Short-  
hand Minutes of the Proceedings at the last General  
Meeting, it is best to defer appropriation of the £100  
placed at the Board's disposal for payment to the  
Directors and the Auditors.

The Man<sup>g</sup>: Dir<sup>r</sup>: explained the course that  
had been adopted in regard to the enquiry which

had been sanctioned at the General Meeting upon Mr. Hackblock's complaints.

Read a Letter dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. submitted by the Chairman, which had been received by him from Mr. John Hackblock, reviving the complaints which he had promised should be considered to be set at rest by the enquiry sanctioned at the General Meeting to be conducted by the two Auditors and Mr. de Castro.

The whole of this complaint having been carefully looked into with the connected accounting entries - Resolved -

That the Draft Letter now agreed to be sent in the Chairman's writing and signature to Mr. Hackblock.

Cheques were ordered and signed for -

Johnson & Dymond	62. 10. 4
London Office	58. 6. 8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Dousley

Chairman

1864.  
September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseler

W. Butcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

J. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1,006.16.9 in favor of the Company.

The Colonial Manager's Despatches N<sup>o</sup> 160 to 166 were submitted as well as the Replies thereto.

The Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup>. submitted an application from Mr. Hackblock, Capt<sup>m</sup>. and Mr<sup>s</sup>. Critchell, Mr. East and Mr. Cummins to be allowed to sell their Shares in this Company and an intimation that Mr. Swift and Mr. Forster would send in a similar application in a few days.

Ordered - That the parties accepting these Shares being approved of the usual Transfers are to be prepared for signature at the Offices of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Anning & Cobb in presence of Mr. Coleman.

Her Majesty's Order upon the Appeal Case is submitted and the Board is informed that a Copy of it was sent to Stanley by the last Mail.

The Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup>. submitted a Letter dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. received from Mr. Hackblock addressed

to the Chairman.

Ordered - That as this Letter has remained until Mr. Hackblock is going out of the Company it may remain unnoticed, otherwise it might have been returned to him as being too contemptible to be worthy of any comment.

The Board is informed that the Insurance upon the Company's Buildings and Stores at Stanley have been renewed for £8,000 instead of £10,000, as the valuation upon the Fire Building was considered excessive.

The arrival of the 'Matchless' is reported with a Cargo valued at between £5 and 6,000, which is now in the hands of Brokers for sale.

The Board is informed that Messrs. Annis & Cobb have already advanced £1,000 against the Cargo of 'Matchless'.

A Statement upon the Company's Finances was carefully considered with view to providing for the Loan of £5,000 to Messrs. Glyn Mills & Co., which they have extended till the Cargo of 'Matchless' is realized, and the Loan of £8,000 from the Agra Bank which expires on the 29<sup>th</sup> instant.

Looking at the unprecedented state of the Money Market and for the chance that it may shortly improve and so afford more facility than now exists for liquidating these Arrears by raising money upon Debentures, it is Resolved -

That the Brokers managing the Cargo of

Matchless be requested to give their Acceptance for £3,000 against the Cargo, and that this Bill be sent for discount to Messrs Glyn & Co., with request that they will place £2,000 in liquidation of so much of the Company's Loan - and that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant a Letter, now agreed to, be addressed to Mr. Shipman the Manager at the Agra Bank, requesting that payment of the Loan from them may be extended to the 30<sup>th</sup> December next.

Resolved - That the distribution of money voted at the last General Meeting as compensation to the Directors be deferred until there is a better balance at the Bank to meet it.

The Board is informed that by the Paula's Coal Charter a Bill at 3 months date is to be accepted by the Directors for the second moiety of Freight, upon a Certificate being presented from Mr. Lane that the Cargo has been fully delivered - and that such Certificate has been presented, Mr. Lane reporting that although granted the Bill should not be drawn, as the Ship owed the Company a large Account to be forwarded by next Mail that would go in set-off against Freight.

The Managing Director reports that a Bill has been presented for acceptance of the whole amount of Freight, but that it is referred back to the Owners at Hamburg for them to determine whether to wait presenting it till the Captain's Bill for Ship's liabilities is received.

Resolved - That if reliable parties give assurance that the Captain's Draft will be honored the Bill for the Coal Freight may be accepted when presented, otherwise they must be instructed to "present it when due."

An offer of £4.10. <sup>0</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per ton for the Guano <sup>at</sup> 'Marchle's' is submitted and refused, the Board directing that it may be sold if £5 is obtained.

A Deed of Transfer for a Plot of Land, No. 1 of the Pensioners Cottage Allotments, sold at Stanley by Mr. Lane to Thomas Aldridge is submitted and impressed with the Corporate Seal under the Signatures of two of the Directors.

The Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> mentioned that with the Board's concurrence he would leave London for a Holiday so soon as the state of the Company's affairs would permit, taking care to be within reach if there should be necessity for his presence.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -

North British Ins <sup>r</sup> . C <sup>o</sup>	£96	Petty Cash	£25
London Office	53. 6. 8	Col <sup>r</sup> . Remittances	22. 16. <sup>0</sup> / <sub>100</sub>
G. Dunlop H <sup>o</sup>	6. 16. 7	Soc <sup>y</sup> . of Apothecaries	147. 2. 6
Stafford Allen H <sup>o</sup>	151. 11. <sup>0</sup> / <sub>100</sub>	Direction	£100
Houghton Hous	55. 4. 5	Burrows Hon	144. 1. 7. <sup>0</sup> / <sub>100</sub>
Johnson & Dymond	62. 10. <sup>0</sup> / <sub>100</sub>		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

*J. Ward*  
Chairman.



1864.  
November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Present

Col. Macdonald in the Chair

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £738. 18. 9 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Board is informed that in accordance with its Resolution at the last Meeting Mess<sup>rs</sup> Anning & Cobb's Acceptance for £3000 against Produce ex 'Matchless' was discounted by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Mills & Co and £2000 thereof was paid to them in part liquidation of the Co's debt to them.

Ordered - That as this Acceptance becomes payable on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst and the Wool which was to meet it has not yet been sold, the Man<sup>g</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> do make such arrangements with the Brokers to provide for this Bill, by obtaining from them another acceptance or otherwise, as may appear most suitable.

The Man<sup>g</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> reports that in accordance with the Board's wish the Agra & Masterman's Bank extended their Loan of £8000 to become payable on the 30<sup>th</sup> December next.

It was explained that the Col<sup>l</sup> Manager's charge against the Ship 'Paula' having been received,

the Bill for Freight to that Vessel was reduced to £441.9.8 and accepted for that sum.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hackblock, Cummins, Swift, East, Critchell, Forster and M<sup>r</sup> Critchell having by the Board's permission transferred their Shares to M<sup>r</sup> James George Robinson of Liverpool, the Eighty eight Certificates were signed by two Directors preparatory to being impressed with the Corporation Seal.

Despatches from M<sup>r</sup> Lane N<sup>os</sup> 167, 8, 9 and the Reply to the first two having been previously read, the Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> expressed his regret at being informed that some of the Directors did not think the tone of this reply to be sufficiently encouraging to M<sup>r</sup> Lane.

He begged to assure the Board that in all his correspondence he had endeavoured to express the sentiments of the Board in the way that he thought would be most conducive to the sole object which he had in view of protecting & furthering the Company's interests - the wording of Despatches to the Colonial Manager had always received his most careful and anxious consideration, and in order to ensure their being written in accordance with the Director's wishes he would for the future, so far as was practicable, submit them to a Board before they were posted.

He then read the Despatch to be sent to the Colonial Manager by the tomorrow's Mail.

The Executor to Adm<sup>t</sup>. Purvis' Estate having

written that he had mislaid the last Dividend Warrant and could not therefore draw what was due to the Estate upon the Shares pertaining to it, a Duplicate Warrant in red ink was signed and ordered to be paid, provided the Original, (payment of which had been stopped,) had not been presented.

Read Letter dated the 30<sup>th</sup> September from the Colonial Office, informing that in consequence of the Judgment passed by the Privy Council Mr. Cardwell had instructed Gov<sup>r</sup>. Mackenzie to refund the balance of Fine and Costs paid by the Company in the Cattle Killing Case.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. also read, a Letter dated the 13<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. which, in consultation with the Co<sup>'s</sup> Solicitor, had been addressed to the Colonial Minister in reply.

The Board was informed that all the Cargo of 'Matchless' had been sold except the Wool for which the Brokers reported the Market was very unfavorable - The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that he had submitted Samples of this Wool in several quarters and had made an arrangement for selling 3 bales above the Broker's valuation, having them weighed and examined under his own supervision, in hope of securing a good market for the remainder, and obtaining other data in regard to it which might prove advantageous.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed  
Agra & Masherman's Bank £288. 4. 5

Thames & Mersey Co.	6. 7. 8	London Office	58. 6. 8
J. G. Robinson	15. 15. ~	De Pulon & Rooth	806. 17. 10
Charges on Merchandise	47. 6. 1	London Office	58. 6. 8
Petty Cash	20. ~ ~	Julius Forster	5. ~ ~

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

*W. G. Cuseley*

Chairman

1864.  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Butcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

Col. Macdonald

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 7<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £ 343. 14. 1 in favor of the Comp<sup>o</sup>.

The Board was informed that the arrangement which it ordered to be made with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Anning & Cobb in regard to a renewed Acceptance for £ 2,000 was duly carried out, and the Bill is payable on the 17<sup>th</sup> January by which date the

proceeds from the Wool will be available to meet it.

The Board is also informed that the Wool brought home by the 'Matchless' was sold at Public Auction on Friday last.

The priced Catalogue being submitted & it appearing that Wools of precisely the same quality fell without any apparent cause from twelve pence halfpenny to ten pence, the Board desired to record its surprise & dissatisfaction that the Selling Brokers did not better protect the Company's interests.

The Certificates of Mr. Robinson's Eighty-eight Shares Nos. 239, 240, 251 to 280, 336 to 345, 654 to 678, 696 to 700, 851 to 854 and 857 to 868 were impressed with the Corporation Seal in presence of the Board.

The Analysis of the Nitrate of Soda sent to England by Mr. Lane as Sample was submitted & ordered to be forwarded to him by the next Mail.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. mentioned that Dr. Dalpy is appointed Col. Surgeon at Stanley, in place of Mr. Hamblin who died on his voyage to England.

An application was submitted from Mr. Lane asking that the sum of £400 may be advanced to him in England, to be deducted by Instalments from his Salary as Colonial Manager.

Resolved - That looking to the circum

stances which have necessitated this application it is sanctioned.

The present state of the Company's Finances being submitted it was, Ordered - That this subject do lie over for consideration on Wednesday next at 4 O'clock, to which time this Meeting is adjourned, as it will then be known if the next Mail brings any Remittances from Stanley.

The Board being informed that a Spanish Fleet, which is proceeding to the Pacific, may be in need of Coals & Stores that are procurable at Stanley - Resolved -

That the Copy of the Letter and its Enclosures lately addressed to the Spanish Consul be forwarded to Sir W. Gore Ouseley the Company's Chairman, with request that he will see the Spanish Ambassador and endeavour to obtain his assistance for inducing the Spanish Authorities to take their Supplies from this Company's Stores at the Falklands, but without guaranteeing to furnish any specific quantities without sufficient time is afforded for their being sent out from England.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -  
Arming & Cobb £2,000 Julius Forster 10. 8. 0  
London Office 58. 6. 8 Compton & Co 6. 12. 0  
Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
W E Ouseley  
Chairman

1864.

December 7<sup>th</sup> Pursuant to Adjournment.

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Anning Esq

Col. Macdonald

W. Boutcher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

A statement of the present condition of the Company's Finances being carefully considered, it was Resolved -

That in order to try to obtain a Loan in the Public Market before any other step is adopted for procuring funds to meet existing emergencies, the following Advertisement be published in the Times & other Papers of extensive circulation:

Falkland Islands Corporation. The Directors of the above Company are prepared to receive Loans on Debentures of £100 and upwards for 3 or 5 years at Seven per cent per annum to the amount of £10,000.

By Order

W. G. Cuseley. Chairman.

39A Gracechurch St.

7<sup>th</sup> December 1864.

and that to take this subject into further consideration a Board be assembled on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant at two O'clock.

The Chairman reported that in furtherance of the wish which was conveyed to him from the last Meeting of the Board, he has had an Interview with the Spanish Ambassador, who advised that some person on behalf of the Company should see the Brigadier Monterz at the Royal Spanish Naval Commission, to know if any arrangements can be made with this Company for supplying the Spanish Squadron in the Pacific with Coals or Stores.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. mentions that he has already addressed the Royal Spanish Naval Commission on this subject, and that he will lose no time in availing of the Ambassador's proposal to confer with the Brigadier Monterz.

The Transfer of a House & Ground at the Falklands, (Lot N<sup>o</sup>. 24) which has been sold by Mr. Lane for £48 as being useless to the Comp<sup>y</sup>, was impressed with the Corporation Seal attested by Sir W. G. Cuseley and W. Anning Esq.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. brought to the Board's notice a proposal just received from Mr. Lane (in Despt<sup>n</sup>. 176. P. 6.) for a Vessel to be sent from England about the middle of January with Coals, Lime &c. and some Shepherds, to bring home a consignment embracing the Produce & Adventures that may be on hand to the probable value of about £7000.

Ordered - That this arrangement be carried out and that a Vessel to carry the required



Shepherds be engaged and 300 tons North Country Household Coals be sent out in her, with a view to her bringing home whatever consignment may be provided for her at Stanley.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted an application from the Colonial Manager to know whether the Board would wish him to sell 97 Ewes and 3 Rams to Mr. Dean at £3 each.

Taking into consideration the costly efforts which the Company is making to increase its Flocks, it is decided that until the numbers are increased to their proper standard, it is not desirable to sell any breeding Ewes under £5 each, which is about the sum for which they can be replaced.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. D. Dudley

Chairman.

1864.  
December 21<sup>st</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Sir G. R. Sartorius

W. Boucher Esq

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £792..16..2 in favor of the Company.

The Advertisement as ordered at the last Meeting was submitted in Print and the Board informed that as yet it had not elicited any offers.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that as desired he had seen Brigadier Montez in regard to Supplies for the Spanish Squadron in the Pacific, and had been informed that all arrangements upon this subject were in the hands of a Merchant from Lisbon who had done what was required and returned to Spain.

A Bill drawn by Mr. Lane upon the Directors for £100 in favor of Capt<sup>r</sup>. Dillingham was submitted & accepted by the Signatures of two Directors.

The Board is informed that according to instructions given at the last Meeting the 'Francis Drake' of 205 tons Register has been chartered at £1125, half payable four months after sailing

the rest at two months after her return, to leave Sunderland about the 20<sup>th</sup> proximo with Coals, Shepherds &c and to bring home such Cargo as Mr. Lane may provide for her at Stanley & Darwin Harbour.

Ordered - That if possible the full number of Shepherds that the Vessel may by rule carry be sent out through medium of Land Orders from the Emigration Commissioners, and a Draft is now signed to pay £100 to enable the Vessel to be surveyed in London, another £100 to be paid if required by the Emigrants exceeding five, as it is possible the Commissioners may permit eight persons to be shipped if two are inserted as Cabin Passengers.

In asking if all the Stores, Coals & Mercurial Ointment indented for by Mr. Lane are to be sent out in the 'Francis Drake', the estimated cost of the whole with Freight, being about £2,300, the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. called attention to the state of the Company's Finances and mentioned that Mr. Bischoff had made urgent application to be repaid £498..15..6, which the Solicitors had temporarily advanced in July last to avoid Execution being issued in the Gunpowder Case.

A long discussion ensued upon various points connected with the Administration of the Company's affairs and it was eventually, Ordered - That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. was to purchase & send by this opportunity the Stores, Coals & Mercurial Ointment

for which the Colonial Manager had asked.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. suggested the reading of his last Despatch to Mr. Lane, with the connected Correspondence, and noticed that no decision had been given in respect to appropriating the £100 voted at the last General Meeting for compensation to the Directors and Auditors - but it being late the Board broke up.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed -

Julius Forster	10. 8. 0
London Office	58. 6. 8
do	6. 12. 0
Emigration Commissioners	100. 0. 0
do	100. 0. 0

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Wesley  
Chairman

1865.  
January 5<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Boucher Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 21<sup>st</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £799..10..4 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> reported that the Board called for the 27<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> to determine on what steps were to be taken in respect to the Loan of £8,000 payable to the Agra & Masterman's Bank on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> did not assemble, and that he therefore wrote (with the approval of M. Boucher) & asked that this Loan might be extended to the 30<sup>th</sup> March next. The Bank's consent, dated the 31<sup>st</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> reducing the Interest to 7 p<sup>er</sup> cent, with 1 p<sup>er</sup> cent Commission was then read, and the terms being agreed to a Cheque was signed for £218..1..7 to pay this Interest & Commission in advance as was stipulated for by the Bank.

A Financial Statement was submitted which shewed that before sufficient Remittances could be expected from Stanley further funds would be required for current operations, and a Draft Letter then approved was ordered to be

written, asking upon what terms the General Credit & Finance Company would grant a Loan of £10,000 to this Comp<sup>y</sup>. for two years.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. informed the Board that as the last Despatches from Mr. Lane had only this day reached the Office after being circulated amongst the Directors, the reply to them could not be submitted to this day's Board preparatory to the Mail, which will be closed W<sup>d</sup>. day after tomorrow.

The departure of the 'Francis Drake' for Sunderland was reported, as also that she had been prepared under approval of the Emigration Officers for receiving Shepherds, some of whom have been engaged, others being now treated with & some having determined not to go after their Agreements, Certificates &c. had been completed.

A Deed sent home by Mr. Lane for Adm<sup>t</sup>. Sullivan's sanction of Sale to be recorded upon it was submitted, duly endorsed, preparatory to its being returned to Stanley.

A Letter was submitted from the Solicitors, dated the 19<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>., confirming the reply sent to Mr. Lane upon the responsibility which is incurred by accepting rent for the Storage of Goods in the Company's Hulks, and ordered that it be forwarded for the Col<sup>l</sup>. Mgr<sup>r</sup>. information & guidance.

Read a Letter dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst<sup>o</sup>. reporting the death of Mr. J. H. R. de Castro and asking the value of the Ten Shares which he held in this

Compt. The Reply was also submitted explaining that the Directors could not afford further information upon the value of these Shares, than that they each represent £100, whereof only £85 has yet been called up, and that the most recent sales are believed to have realized from £20 to £35 per share.

The distribution of the sum voted at the last General Meeting for compensation to the Directors and Auditors was again brought under consideration by the Man<sup>d</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. submitting a calculation under which the £100 could be appropriated.

The arrangement submitted being objected to the disposal of this money was deferred until the Directors had been each forewarned of the day on which the subject would be disposed of.

The following Cheques were ordered (signed)

Emigrants Expenses	£40	Julius Forster	£5
London Office	58.6.8	Petty Cash	20. . . .
J. Baynes	5.7.3	Bass H <sup>o</sup>	17.2. . .
W. Carter	12.2.8	Johnson & Dymond	62.10. . .

The Man<sup>d</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. submitted the Colonial Minister's Reply, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, to the Board's previous Letter in regard to Ordinances proposed at Stanley for the Protection of Wild Cattle and Penguins at the Falklands, and the answer to be sent was read and approved of.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting W. G. D. D. D.  
Chairman

1865.  
January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Anning Esq

W. Butcher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £303..17..5 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Read a Letter from the Manager of the General Credit Company declining to make the Loan, which was asked for by the Board's Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant.

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted a Finance Statement which shewed that Funds must be immediately provided to meet the Company's current emergencies.

After full consideration it was suggested and - Resolved -

That two Bills be now drawn for £5,000 against the Cargo expected fr<sup>m</sup> 'Francis Drake' which Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Anning & Cobb consent to accept, at four months date from the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, with promise of renewal (if necessary) provided a guarantee is given that the Bills of Lading for this Vessel's Cargo will on arrival be



delivered to them.

These Bills being drawn out, Resolved -  
That they be given to Mr. Boucher to get them  
discounted, and that when this is done such  
portion of the debt to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn be liquidated  
as the funds will permit, after other requisite  
payments have been disposed of upon Cheques  
that are signed.

The Board is informed that the 'Francis  
Drake' has left Sunderland carrying out  
nine & a half Emigrants.

A Bill is accepted by two of the  
Directors for £562..10.. payable on the  
24<sup>th</sup> May, being the first moiety of the 'Francis  
Drake's' Freight.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -

Emigrants' Expenses	£30	S. Allen H <sup>o</sup> :	119. 1. 2
Bartholomew	11. . . .	G. Crawley	42. 18. .
Burney H <sup>o</sup> :	9. 5. .	Houghton H <sup>o</sup> :	11. 12. .
Whyte & Harper	7. 15. .	J. T. Morton	21. 12. 9
J. Adkins	5. . . .	Petty Cash	20. . . .
Wright & Langridge	129. 19. 6	J. Biggar	18. 2. .
Bischoff, Coxe & Bompas			499. 18. 6

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. E. Duxley

Chairman

1865.  
February 7<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cussey

W. Boucher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1156 „ 1 „ 4 in favor of the Company.

The Letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> December last from the Colonial Office in regard to the Company's claim for compensation in the Cattle Killing Case was read, and a draft Answer being submitted -

Resolved - That this be adopted and at once sent in.

The Board was informed that in accordance with its Resolution at the last Meeting the two Bills drawn for £3000 and £2000 were discounted as instructed at 5½ per Cent with One per Cent Commission.

The necessity for raising a Loan to pay off the debt due to the Agra Masterman's Bank on the 30<sup>th</sup> of next month being considered - Ordered -

That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do cause another Advertisement to be published inviting a Loan not exceeding £10,000 upon Debentures at 7 per cent and stating that such Loan would be founded upon Security of the Company's Uncalled Capital, which

exceeds the sum desired to be borrowed, as well as upon the Company's Landed Estate and Stock at the Falklands.

Upon application of Mr. Bischoff a Cheque was ordered & signed to pay him £ 21. 11. 8 being Interest at 8 per cent upon the Loan of £ 499. 18. 6 which he made to the Company in July last to pay the Court's Judgment upon the Gunpowder Case.

A short discussion took place upon the distribution of compensation voted at the last General Meeting for the Directors which was interrupted by the arrival of the Colonial Manager's Despatches N<sup>os</sup> 177, 178 and 178a, which were then read.

Cheques were ordered and signed for—

Julius Forster	5. . . .	London Off <sup>r</sup>	58. 6. 8
Emigrants' Exp <sup>s</sup>	5. . . .	do	52. 8. .
Compton H <sup>c</sup>	113. 19. 3	Petty Cash	20. . . .
Ward H <sup>c</sup>	27. 14. .	Short & Sharps	6. 18. .
Rownson H <sup>c</sup>	36. 12. 10		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

*W. E. Dudley*  
Chairman

1865.  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Anning Esq

Col<sup>l</sup>. Macdonald

W. Boucher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1192..15..8 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Board was informed that Probate of the late M<sup>r</sup>. de Castro's Will has been exhibited by the Executors Justinian Pelly Esq and John Henry Mackenzie Esq, in terms of the Deed of Settlement and duly registered.

In pursuance of the Order passed at the last Board Meeting the 20 Forms of Debenture for £100 each were impressed with the Corporation Seal attested by the signatures of two Directors, with Coupons similarly signed for three years Interest at 7 per cent, and orders were given to have them got ready for delivery to parties who may apply for them.

The Colonial Manager's Despatches Nos 180 and 181 were submitted and after a long discussion upon Sheep Management it was -  
Resolved - That a competent Man be

immediately engaged, at a Salary not exceeding £200 per annum, to proceed to the Falklands & take general superintendence & management of the Company's Sheep, and four or five qualified Shepherds be engaged to accompany him - the Board having no objection to sending out married couples if in other respects the men are considered suitable.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed -  
A. Southey £ 7 Colonial Remittances £15  
J. Forster 5 Petty Cash 20

Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
W. Boucher  
Chairman

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Present

W. Boucher Esq in the Chair  
W. Anning Esq  
Col<sup>l</sup>. Macdonald  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1,749.4.5 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.  
W. Boucher having advised that a Circula

be addressed to the Proprietors inviting them to take up the Debentures, which the Board has determined to issue for obtaining a Loan of £10,000 - two drafts were submitted but not being considered suitable it was ordered that a form be prepared in the terms now instructed to be approved by Col. Macdonald and then circulated to all the Shareholders.

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submits a Debenture N<sup>o</sup>. 21 for £2,000 made out with an interlineation of the following words between the sixth & seventh lines, "Uncalled Capital to the extent of Ten Thousand Pounds (the amount for which Debentures are to be issued)" as desired by M<sup>r</sup>. Millar, one of the Shareholders, who has applied for it upon a Loan of that sum by him for two years.

The Form adopted being approved it is im-pressed with the Corporation Seal attested by two Directors, who have also signed the connected Coupons, and the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. is instructed to have it completed and issued.

Read Despatch N<sup>o</sup>. 310 to the Col<sup>l</sup>. Mang<sup>r</sup>. to be sent by this day's Packet, which with some alterations is ordered to be adopted.

A Cheque is ordered and signed to refund to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Manning W<sup>o</sup>. of Liverpool the sum of £3.16.8, being the charge for Protest & Commission, which was twice paid at Stanley by mistake upon their Ship 'Yzalco'

The Board is informed that five Debentures

N<sup>os</sup> 1 to 5, for £100 each, were issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant to Mr. Will<sup>m</sup>. Langworthy of Brighton.

Resolved - That any payments received for Debentures be deposited at interest with the Agra and Masterman's Bank, to go in part liquidation of the Company's Debt of £8,000 when it becomes payable to them.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. read the Letter he had written to Agents for procuring a Sheep Manager and some Shepherds according to the instructions given at the last Board Meeting, as well as two replies that had been received thereon, when opinion was expressed that it was not necessary for the Sheep Manager to be able to make Reports.

Cheque was ordered and signed for London Office £58. 6. 8 -

Signed, on behalf of the Meeting,

J. H. Macdonald  
Chairman

1865.  
March 18<sup>th</sup>

Present  
W. Boucher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £ 1,707. 1. 1 in favor of the Compt<sup>y</sup>.

The Man<sup>y</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> submitted a Debenture N<sup>o</sup> 22 for £ 1,000 which had been drawn out as applied for, with the same interlineation as the one sanctioned at the Board's last Meeting, but to run for three years.

This being approved it was impressed with the Corporation Seal attested by two of the Directors, who also signed the connected Coupons.

The Board further ordered that the Corporation Seal be affixed to two more Debentures, which was done with the attesting Signatures of two Directors, and the Man<sup>y</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> was instructed to have these perfected and issued for such amounts as may be applied for, not exceeding the balance to be issued of the £ 10,000.

Mr<sup>r</sup> Boucher submitted a Letter he had received, which mentioned that three good Shepherds had been just thrown out of employ on the Brocadale Estate in the Isle of Skye, & that they might be heard of through the Clergyman of the Parish, the



Rev.<sup>d</sup> John Fletcher, Manse Brocadale, Broadford,  
Isle of Skye.

Ordered - That a Letter be addressed to  
Mr. Fletcher on this subject, in the hope that some  
of these men may be found suitable to go out to the  
Falklands as Shepherds in the Company's service.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

J. A. Macdonald  
Chairman

1865.  
March 30<sup>th</sup>

Present

Col. Macdonald

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Crippis Esq

The Minutes of the Meetings of this Board held  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> instant were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a  
Balance of £1,628.. 6.. 1 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Man<sup>y</sup> Dir<sup>y</sup> reports that the Loan of £8,000  
from the Agra & Masterman's Bank is payable to-day  
and that they have consented to extend the period for  
paying £5,000 of this debt to the 30<sup>th</sup> June next,  
Interest to be paid at 5½ per cent (being 1 per cent

above the Bank of England rate) and 1 per cent Commission upon the renewal, the remaining £3,000 being liquidated by this amount received from Debentures N<sup>os</sup> 21 and 22 deposited with them at Interest.

This arrangement being accepted a Cheque is signed for £115..15..5 to cover the Interest and Commission, less the sum of £3..10..11 due by the Bank to the Company for Interest on the £3,000 deposited with them.

A Cheque is signed to pay Mr. Dalgleish £100, being an advance of Salary to Mr. Lane in terms of the Board's Resolution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December last and which Mr. Lane is to refund at Stanley.

Read Letter dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. from the Rev.<sup>d</sup> John Fletcher of Bracadale, Isle of Skye, informing that the Shepherds which the Board wrote about on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. are not suited for the Co's employ.

Mr. Lane's application to have 12 Shepherds (besides the 8 shipped ff. Francis Drake) sent out to arrive at Stanley by September next having been considered, the Man<sup>r</sup>. Director was instructed to procure as many of this number as can be obtained good (with wives and children if requisite) and to try and get a ship to convey them to Stanley under the Emigration Rules if possible.

The propriety of sending out a few Cheviot Rams as applied for by Mr. Lane having been

considered, it was decided that if a suitable opportunity was available about 18 young ones had better be bought, and sent out in charge of the Shepherds who will be able to take good care of them.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. was requested to pay the Members of the Board and the Auditors the sums falling to them under the arrangement proposed by M<sup>r</sup>. Butcher, for distributing the £100 voted for their services at the General Meeting in June 1864.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -  
Julius Forster £5 Johnson & Dymond 62.10.0  
London Office 58.6.8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
W. G. Cuseley  
Chairman

1865.  
May 31<sup>st</sup>

Present  
Sir W. G. Cuseley  
W. Anning Esq  
Col<sup>l</sup>. Macdonald  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed

a Balance of £930..16.. in favor of the Company.

Read the Secretary of State's Letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> instant enclosing a Table of Dates for Mails to and from Stanley, with the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>s</sup>'s acknowledgment, which was approved of.

The Board was informed that only £3,500 of Debentures had yet been sold and that of late no further applications had been received.

Taking into consideration the payment due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of next month to the Agra & Masterman's Bank and the great need of funds to supply the Stores applied for by M<sup>r</sup>. Lane, the importance of getting out the remaining £6,500 of Debentures was very carefully considered and with hope of inducing Brokers and others to assist in the disposal of these - Colonel Macdonald moved and seconded by the Chairman, it was -

Resolved - That if better terms cannot be obtained the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>s</sup> is authorized to offer One per cent Commission upon the sale of these Debentures.

Despatches from the Colony N<sup>os</sup> 182 to 185 (already read by the Directors) were submitted and the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>s</sup>'s Despatches N<sup>os</sup> 311, 312 & 313 were read and confirmed.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>s</sup> explained that having heard of an opportunity to send out some of the Shepherds ordered at the last Board, he availed of it fearing that there would be great difficulty

in obtaining transit for so large a number in one ship under the Emigration Board's Rules, but that though four Men were engaged two only arrived - one having broken his jaw and been obliged to defer his departure, the other having absconded.

Read an application from the Owner of the Vessel asking £10 compensation for having prepared the Vessel with Berths & Provisions for two more Emigrants than were paid for.

Ordered - That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do arrange this matter by paying such amount as he finds will be a just compensation for the 'Ocean Sprite'.

The question of purchasing Capt<sup>m</sup>. Packe's Property at the Falklands, as proposed by Mr. Lane, was carefully considered and it was deemed the most expedient course for the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. to address Capt<sup>m</sup>. Packe upon the subject, with view to submitting any answer that might be received to the Board for guiding its future action.

Resolved - That Mr. Lane's request to be instructed as to future purchases under Land Orders do remain unanswered pending the result of proposed enquiries from Capt<sup>m</sup>. Packe, as if this Property be purchased it will of course be proper to regulate the future selections from Crown Lands with due regard to the improvement of that Farm, otherwise Mr. Lane to be instructed that he had best keep in constant view the desirableness of securing the lands on Choiseul Sound, so as to preclude the Company

being ejected from them.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. applied for the Board's instructions in regard to sending out the Stores and Shepherds, which Mr. Lane wished to be sent to Stanley in September, for that if they were to go arrangements should be at once taken for their leaving England by the middle of July. The Stores if sent in full would cost about £5,000 and the Vessel a trifle under £1,000, but this would cover the Shepherds' passages. In reply to enquiries the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. explained that it was very difficult to obtain suitable Vessels of sufficient size to put into the Falklands with so many emigrants, but that an opportunity was open on the above terms (which were unusually reasonable) if now agreed for.

After very carefully considering the Comp<sup>t</sup>. Finances and the whole connected circumstances, it was thought that the final decision upon this matter should be deferred, Mr. Anning undertaking in the meanwhile to have a conference with Mr. Boucher in regard to it.

The Draft of a Report, Balance Sheet and Epitomized Cash Book, upon the last year's transactions, were read over & left for future consideration.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

Colonial Remittances	£5	Petty Cash	£20
London Office	58.6.8	Emigration Comp <sup>t</sup> .	£100
Wages	£40	Mr. Forster	£10
S. Allen & Co.	35.3.4	Wright Haugridge	£40

Mr. Forster £5      Mr. Biggar 18.10.~  
London Office 58.6.8      H. Burnett & Co: 98.14.6  
L. Houghton & Co: 20.12.9

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Ouseley  
Chairman

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Present

Sir W. G. Ouseley

W. Boutcher Esq

Sir G. R. Sartorius

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £838. 19. 4 in favor of the Company.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. informed the Board that he had consulted Mr. Bischoff in regard to getting out the Debentures, who observed that the Commission offered was far below what other Companies of good standing were paying - he would gladly assist the Company if any opportunity were open to him &

he would readily supply a Certificate of the validity of the Security, which is all that Company's Solicitors are expected to do in such matters: he believed that, as had been expressed by Mr. Glyn, the only method of floating these Debentures would be by the Directors to their friends.

The subject was further considered and hopes expressed that the terms offered may yet prove sufficient to cause the remainder of these Debentures to be taken.

The Colonial Manager's Despatches, N<sup>o</sup>. 186, and his Annual Report received yesterday p. 'Ada' were then read, and looking to the expectations which they hold out and to the connected application for Stores and Shepherds - it was moved by Mr. Auning, seconded by Sir G. R. Portorius and carried -

That the Man<sup>o</sup>. Dir<sup>o</sup>. do at once engage a Ship suitable for the Shepheads and purchase Stores intended for by Mr. Lane to go out in her, Freight & Purchase of Stores not to exceed £6,000, any Goods that can with apparent safety be left out to be omitted in consequence of the extreme paucity of Funds.

Ordered - That the description of Shopmen applied for by Mr. Lane be engaged as soon as may be practicable, in hopes of his going out in the Ship to be now chartered.

A Bill drawn by the Col<sup>l</sup>. Manager for £60 in favor of Capt<sup>m</sup>. B. L. Atkinson was accepted by the Signatures of two of the Directors.

The Man<sup>o</sup>. Dir<sup>o</sup>. again submitted the Draft



Report, Balance Sheet and Abstract of Cash Acct. for the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1864, which were laid before the Board on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, a long discussion ensued upon the mode of keeping the Books and it was generally wished that all doubts upon this point should be removed by obtaining a Professional Accountant's opinion upon it, and whether the Profits upon which Dividends might be computed are properly entered. It was then decided that Copies of these Accounts be circulated for the Directors remarks, with the Statement of Liabilities & Assets for 1863 and 64, the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. undertaking to enquire from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Coleman Turquand & C<sup>o</sup>. whether the plan adopted in framing the Balance Sheet and computing the Profits available for Dividends is the proper one, the opinion so obtained to be circulated if possible with the Accounts.

A Letter dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March last was submitted from Mr. Lane, requesting that his Island Salary may be paid to Col. Macdonald in England in the following proportions -

"In 1865 Five Hundred Pounds

In 1866 Four Hundred Pounds

and in 1867 and each following year during which I may remain in the Company's service One Hundred Pounds per annum."

Moved by Mr. Boucher seconded by Mr. Anning and carried, That this arrangement is sanctioned.

Upon an application from Col. Macdonald  
to receive One Hundred Pounds on this account  
when funds can be conveniently provided for it -

Ordered - That a Cheque be prepared and  
signed for this £100 so soon as it can be  
provided for.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

*W. Butcher*

Chairman

1865.  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Present

W. Butcher Esq in the Chair

Sir G. R. Sartorius

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a  
Balance of £697. 16. 10 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. read Capt<sup>n</sup>. Pack's Note  
dated the 7<sup>th</sup> instant declining to sell his Pro-  
perty at the Falklands.

Ordered - That a Copy of this Note be  
forwarded to Mr. Lane.

The Draft Report for the Annual General

Meeting amended in accordance with the views of the Directors was read and ordered to be circulated to the Shareholders, with the usual Accounts and Audited Balance Sheet.

The Board was informed of Mr. Cobb having sent in Notice of his intention to propose at the next General Meeting, that Mr. Alexander R. Lafone be elected a Director - and that similar Notice had been put in by Mr. Emanl. Boucher of his intention to propose Mr. J. G. Robinson - Mr. Alfred Lafone having given Notice of his intention to move on the same occasion, that the number of Directors be increased.

A Bill for £2000 is submitted & signed, drawn upon Messrs. Anning & Cobb in connection with the arrangement adopted by the Board on the 25<sup>th</sup> January last.

Sir George Sartorius mentioned that intending to go abroad and so be unable to attend to the Board's business, he purposed at the next General Meeting to resign his seat on the Direction.

Cheques were ordered and signed for -  
R. Hector Esq, Advance of Wages £13  
Wright Langridge, Emigrants Expenses 8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. E. Dingley  
Chairman.

1865.

June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

and the Company's Solicitor

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant were read and confirmed.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted Notice from Mr. Millar (received yesterday) intimating intention to apply at the General Meeting for a Statement in regard to Stores - with a Form that had been prepared to meet this request.

The Motions to be submitted by the Chairman were then read over and the routine arranged as approved by Mr. Bischoff.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. Bantles

Chairman

1865.  
July 6<sup>th</sup>

Present

W. Boucher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
G. H. Cripps Esq

A Letter was read from Sir G. R. Saborius  
(dated this day) regretting his inability to attend &c.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board  
held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a  
Balance of £4070..11..10 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Referring to the Board's Resolution of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
June directing £6,000 to be appropriated to purchase  
Stores indented for by Mr. Lane and Freight for  
conveying them, as well as Shepherds &c. to Stanley,  
the Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup>. submitted an Indent (dated 27<sup>th</sup>  
April last) subsequently received and it was -

Ordered - That these Stores be also purchased  
and sent out in the Vessel now loading for the Falklands.

The Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup>. read Testimonials in favor  
of Mr. Robert Greenshields for the office of Flockmaster  
at the Falklands, and informed the Board that he  
had been told the Salary was £150 with House  
accommodation and prospect of increase according to  
merit, instead of £200 at once as originally sanc-  
tioned by the Board.

The Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup>. reported having had a long

conversation with this man and believed him to be a very suitable Candidate, but that he expressed some difficulty in getting relieved from his present employment.

Ordered - That a Letter be written to Mr. Robert Greenshields offering him the situation upon the terms above mentioned, and as the Board is most anxious for his immediate departure it wishes a Gratuity of £30 (or even more if necessary) to be offered for inducing him to leave England by the 'Julie Tatham' now loading, even if the doing so causes her to be delayed for one or two days.

Read - An application from Mr. Alf. Lafone (dated 1<sup>st</sup> July) asking for a Copy of a Statement produced at the last General Meeting, showing the Company's comparative Liabilities & Assets in 1863 & 1864.

Read - also the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>rs</sup> reply (dated the 4<sup>th</sup> inst.) informing Mr. Alfred Lafone that a Board's Order (dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 1853 which was submitted) peremptorily prohibited any Documents being issued from the Company's Office without especial authority from the Board, founded upon a specific application addressed to the Directors in writing.

The Statement applied for being submitted with an explanation from the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>rs</sup> that the valuations might be questionable having been hastily computed -

Ordered - That a Copy of this Statement be sent to Mr. Alfred Lafone as requested by him.

Read a Letter from Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Lafone (dated the 4<sup>th</sup> instant) asking to be furnished with a Copy of the Deed of Settlement upon his paying the cost of preparing it.

Read also the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>'s reply intimating to Mr. Lafone that in conformity with the Deed's requirements his application would be submitted at the Board's Meeting of this day.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. informed the Board that his reply to Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Lafone was in conformity with the Board's prohibitory Order (of the 26<sup>th</sup> July just read) founded upon the 58<sup>th</sup> Clause of the Deed of Settlement, which prohibits this Deed from being even shown to any Proprietor except by a Board's Order, and that although a different view had been expressed at the last Gen<sup>l</sup>. Meeting the Board, acting under advice, had formerly refused such Copies.

The Board considered it desirable to comply with Mr. Lafone's request and Ordered accordingly, that the Copy Deed should be furnished in terms of Mr. Lafone's application.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. reported that he had on Friday last sold Debentures to the value of £1,500 whereby he was enabled to arrange with the Agr<sup>y</sup> & Masterman's Bank that its Loan of £5,000, payable on Saturday, being reduced to £4,000, should be extended for three months, but that Mr. Boutcher having that Afternoon agreed for a Loan from

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Poutney & Son, Wool Brokers, for £4,000 at 7 per cent, (secured by Debentures to that amount) to run for one year certain, upon an understanding that the Company's Wool should be placed for Sale in their hands, he wished and it was so arranged, that another £1,000 should be paid to the Agra Bank reducing the current debt to £3,000 (at which it now stands), the remainder of the Loan being sent to the Co's Bankers.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. also reported that M<sup>r</sup>. Boucher and M<sup>r</sup>. Auning had attended to sign the Coupons and attest the Corporate Seal being affixed to the eight Debentures of £500 each to be sent as Security to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Poutney & Son, as well as to two other Debentures of £500 each, to be ready by the 15<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>., for a purchaser to be introduced by M<sup>r</sup>. Boucher - it being agreed with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Poutney that they should return any of these Debentures upon an equivalent proportion of the Company's debt to them being paid, and upon the understanding sent to them by the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. that their having the Company's Wool could not be pledged beyond the currency of this transaction.

Four of the Debentures last prepared having been wrongly filled up are now cancelled, and four substitute Debentures signed and impressed with the Corporate Seal.

Ordered - These Ten Debentures being perfected with the Inland Revenue Stamps, eight are to be



sent to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Southey and the other two to be sold to the intending purchaser.

A Statement was submitted framed as in last year for distributing the £100 granted at the General Meeting for compensation to the Directors and Auditors.

Ordered - That this arrangement be adopted and that the Man<sup>gr</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do receive the £100 and distribute it as follows.

Total allowed by the General Meeting		£ 100	
Compensation to the 2 Auditors 5 Pounds ea			<u>10</u>
Total for distribution amongst the Directors			<u>90</u>
Sir W. G. Ouseley	15 Chairs @ £ 2	30. . . .	
	15 Attendances extra @ $\frac{7}{4}$ ea	5. 10. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	35. 10. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Col. Macdonald	1 Chair	2. . . .	
Mr. Anning	12 Attendances @ £ 1	12. . . .	
	12 Attendances £ 1. 12. . . .		
	12 Extra do	<u>4. 8. 9. 13</u>	do extra
			<u>4. 16. 13<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></u>
			18. 16. 13 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mr. Boucher	10 Attendances	10. . . .	16. 8. 9
	10 do extra	<u>3. 13. 11<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	13. 13. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sir G. R. Parsons	4 Attendances	4. . . .	
	4 do extra	<u>1. 9. 7</u>	5. 9. 7
			<u>£ 89. 19. 11<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

B The Colonial Manager's Despatches Nos 186 to 188 with Enclosures, having been previously read, were submitted.

The Board was informed that in accordance with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution passed at the Genl. Meeting a Policy has been taken out for adding £5,000 to the amount of Stores already insured and that

terms are being arranged for insuring at £1500 the Hulk and their contents against Seerisk and Fire, but that this will not be effected under 5% per cent per annum if so low.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted that to get out under Emigration rules all the Company's Servants to sail in the 'Julie Tatham', either two or three Land Orders must be purchased and for which Cheques are prepared to be used as may be found necessary.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

Somerset House	6.5.~	Rent	62.10.~
Petty Cash	20.~.~	London Office	58.6.8
Col. Remittances	15.~.~	Store at Stanley	50.~.~
Wages	50.~.~	Direction	100.~.~
Agra Bank	60.4.11		
Emigration Commissioners	£200 & £100		
North British Insurance Co.	53.12.6		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting upon the understanding that from A to B be expunged.

W. E. Dunsley  
Chairman

1865.  
July 14<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Boutcher Esq

Col. Macdonald

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the last Meeting being submitted objection was expressed to their containing any record of how the compensation voted to the Directors and Auditors was distributed - Question was also raised as to the propriety of Receipts being required from the recipients of this payment.

The Man<sup>o</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. regretted if he had erred in these matters, the distribution was a part of the Board's Proceedings and he felt that as such it ought to be upon the record, and that the Receipts had been asked for as Vouchers in Audit.

*Mi.* The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman as being correctly entered, upon the understanding that the record of the compensation, disbursement was to be considered expunged, and it was decided that Receipts were not to be required from the parties to whom such compensation was paid.

The Bankers Account submitted shewed a Balance of £3355..17..4 in favor of the Compt<sup>y</sup>.

Moved by Mr. Boutcher seconded by Col.

Macdonald and Resolved -

That the Dividend of Three per Cent declared at the last General Meeting be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup>. August next.

Read - A Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Lafone, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, expressing his surprise at their being any delay in granting him a Copy of the Deed of Settlement and intimating that he had applied to the Board of Trade for a Copy.

Read also the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>'s Reply, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, explaining that the delay complained of was necessitated by the provisions contained in the Deed.

Read an Application from the Company's Solicitors dated the 12<sup>th</sup> instant to obtain payment of their Account.

Ordered - That the payment of this Account must be deferred.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> informed the Board that according to its desire M<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Greenshield was offered and had accepted the appointment of Flockmaster at the Falklands and will sail in the 'Julie Tatham', upon the understanding sanctioned by the Board to receive a gratuity of £20 for thus expediting his departure, his Salary to be £150 a year with the usual conditions as to House accommodation, Meat & Passages - and upon stipulation, which was conceded, of his receiving £40 advance of Salary for his Outfit, and his wife being paid £8 a month on acc<sup>t</sup>.

of his Salary from 1<sup>st</sup> September till she is found a passage for Stanley.

The Board expressed desire for the Flock-master to be made understand that he was subordinate to Mr. Lane, who was the Company's Representative at the Falklands, and that he must carry on his duties (independent of the Camp Manager) with a conciliatory spirit towards all with whom he is associated.

The Chairman submitted a Letter, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, which had been addressed to him by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hall & Webster complaining that the Company's Wool, which had always been entrusted to their Sale, was threatened to be transferred to another Firm.

The Chairman being called away expressed regret that he could not then go further into this complaint than to enter his Protest against the measures which had occasioned it.

Ordered - That this Letter do lie over for future consideration.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. E. Duseley

Chairman

Protest.

As Chairman of The Falkland Islands Company I protest against the measures recorded in the Board's Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup>, which signed pro forma and, as correctly recording the

proceedings of the Directors who attended that Meeting, but not as agreeing with them.

1.<sup>st</sup> - Because it appears to me that borrowing money at double the <sup>market</sup> rate of Interest from Messrs. Southey by transferring to them the brokerage of the Co.'s Wool, and pledging Debentures which were created at the high rate of Interest of 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  % for a different object, when money could have been obtained from the Brokers Messrs. Hall & Webster at half that interest, without any such pledge will be a loss to the Co. that ought to be avoided.

2.<sup>ndly</sup> Because the reasons which Messrs. Hall & Webster's letter asserts to have been assigned to them for depriving them of the Company's business, which they have for so many years conducted - viz: "That the Co.'s Wool was to be transferred to Messrs. Southey because a Gentleman in that firm was connected with another Company in which there were some Gentlemen who were also interested in the Falkland Islands Co." - are wholly inadequate to justify such procedure, and are calculated to bring the Company into disrepute.

(signed) W. G. Cuseley

Chairman  
of the Falkland Islands Co.

1865.  
July 31<sup>st</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

W. Anning Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £3,156.. 5.. 11 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that the 'Julie Tatham' sailed for Stanley on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant with the Stores, Rams, Shepherds, Shopman and families as ordered by the Board and that the whole cost will amount to upwards of £1,000 less than was sanctioned - Advantage was taken of some Government Passengers, as well as a little Freight procured from various quarters which just filled the Ship.

In answer to enquiry from the Chairman whether the Board had seen any of these Officers, the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. explained that from the time of the Company's first formation it had never been the practice for the Board to see such servants before they embarked, indeed with Shepherds it was almost impossible for they were mostly engaged in Scotland and only sent up just in time for shipment under the Emigration Laws, so as to avoid any extra expense.

in boarding them. In all cases the Board's Order was for the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. to engage & send the description of person wanted and the Board had never expressed a desire to see the parties selected, so far from it that when in this instance the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. wished the Board to see the proposed Head Shepherd before he was appointed, it declined to do so and desired him to be at once appointed and if possible sent out immediately.

The arrival of the 'Francis Drake' on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant from Stanley was reported, and her Manifest as well as Despatch 189 and all Papers brought by her were submitted. The Board was informed that the Bills of Lading of this Vessel have all been handed to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Anning and Cobb, who have passed on the Wool to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Southey, How for sale, according to the Board's arrangements.

The Despatch to Mr. Lane (N<sup>o</sup>. 316) by the 'Julie Tatham', with the instructions written to the Head Shepherd who went out in her, as well as his Agreement, were submitted & approved.

The Acceptance of a Bill for £293..4..7 drawn on the Directors by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Cross & Co. of Valparaiso, in payment of Flour &c. sent to Stanley upon Indent from Mr. Lane was confirmed.

Dividend Warrants totalling £2439..15..6 were then signed, to be issued for payment tomorrow, in terms of the 7<sup>th</sup> Resolution passed at the last General Meeting & the Board's Order of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant.



Cheques were signed for Stores sent out ff.

'Julie Tatham' viz: -

W. A. Anderson	228. 19. ~
T. Baynes	16. 8. 5 Muntz's Metal C <sup>o</sup> 9. 9. 3
Champion H <sup>o</sup> :	8. 1. 3 Hewetson H <sup>o</sup> : 49. 13. 7
Beach H <sup>o</sup> :	29. 6. ~ Bell & Blacke 19. 5. ~
Gebhardt H <sup>o</sup> :	19. 5. 4 Houghton Hons 59. 14. ~
Braby Hon	10. 6. ~ Forrest Hon 26. 13. 5
Yates Hon	12. 3. ~ G. Wood H <sup>o</sup> : 34. 11. 6
G. Crawley	378. 19. 8 Batty H <sup>o</sup> : 14. 10. 7
Friend H <sup>o</sup> :	62. 3. ~ Baker & May 6. 4. 6
Bafo H <sup>o</sup> :	45. 10. 4 Gourley H <sup>o</sup> : 6. 15. ~
H. H. Rosher	6. 15. 8 Huntley & Palmer 9. 7. 6
E. Cook H <sup>o</sup> :	16. 10. ~ Hall Hon 11. 3. 3
Carter Hon	9. 2. 7 Houghton H <sup>o</sup> : 17. 4. 3
White Bro <sup>s</sup> :	27. 19. ~ Clerkew H <sup>o</sup> : 10. 17. 6
Carson Hons	16. 8. 2 Keating 12. 5. ~
L. B. Crout	17. 3. 6 Gosnell H <sup>o</sup> : 15. ~. 9
Boord H <sup>o</sup> :	19. 16. 8 Morton 11. 17. 9
M <sup>r</sup> . Leslie	35. 12. 5 J. T. Morton 242. 13. 5
R. J. Bristow	25. 2. 6 Christy H <sup>o</sup> : 13. 7. ~

and Orders were given for the acceptance of Drafts to pay for those which were to be drawn for - Messrs Phillips' Bill £296. 5. 9 for Provisions was accepted.

By wish of the Chairman (in which the said Sir George Sartorius concurred) the further consideration of Messrs Hall & Webster's Letter submitted, at the last Board Meeting was deferred until a future day when he would bring it forward.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed  
R. Greenields £60 J. Biggar £40  
London Office 58.6.8 J. Forster £5  
Compton H<sup>o</sup>: 5.8.~ H. Burnett H<sup>o</sup>: 127.10.~  
West India Dock C<sup>o</sup>: £12 Wages £40

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. E. O'Neely  
Chairman

1865.  
October 18<sup>th</sup>

Present

Sir W. G. Cuseley

Col. Macdonald

J. G. Robinson Esq

W. Anning Esq

W. Butcher Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held  
on the 31<sup>st</sup> July were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a  
Balance of £1541. 12. 6 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

In a discussion that ensued it was agreed that  
when the Board has ordered Shepherds to be sent to

the Falklands their selection and appointment must be left to the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>'s discretion, but that in the appointment of Superior Officers involving Salaries amounting to £200 a year the Board's sanction should be given.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. explained that this had been the invariable practice heretofore.

An application was submitted from M<sup>r</sup>. Lane to obtain an immediate advance of £250 against his Salary for 1866, in lieu of £200 of the payment authorized to be made on his account in next year by the Board's Minute of 7<sup>th</sup> June last.

It being explained that by this arrangement M<sup>r</sup>. Lane's greatest embarrassment would be at once settled and that his only other difficulty had been already provided for, the payment solicited was sanctioned.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted a Statement of the Company's Financial Position, and informed the Board that £1500 of the Debt due to the Agra & Masterman's Bank was paid on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, the Balance due to them, viz: £1500, being extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> December next at 5 per cent Interest by paying the usual Commission of 1 per cent.

A Statement was submitted of the sale of the 'Francis Drake's' Cargo showing that it would realize about £8600.

The Correspondence which had passed for obtaining compensation upon the Cattle Killing

Controversy was brought under attention, and the Board was informed that the payment of £620.1. promised by the Colonial Office was to be made within a few days.

Read a Letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> September from a M<sup>r</sup>. Robertson complaining of the Company having taken Robert Greenfields from his employ, and also the Reply thereto dated the 11<sup>th</sup> instant explaining the nature of his engagement which was confirmed.

The Board is informed that in accordance with the Order in the last Minutes the following Bills had been accepted for the 'Julie Tatham's' Cargo of

Stores - Short & Sharp	Linens	71. 14. 3
Torry Paget & Co:	Groceries	668. 7. 6
Ward & Co:	Hosiery	108. 7. 10
J. Mews	Timber	195. 4. 4
J & W. S. Holt	Beer	221. 12. 6
Silver & Co:	Clothing	272. 4. ~
Frost Brothers	Rope	149. 6. 5
H & G. Russell	Canvas &c:	155. 6. 11

and that the Balance of Freight £ 543. 19. 8 upon the 'Francis Drake's' Charter had been accepted in favor of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wright & Langridge.

The following Cheques were ordered -

Wesson & Westall	92. 16. 8	Coults & Co:	9. 7. 6
E. J. Davis	13. 15. ~	J. Forster	13. ~. ~
Walsh & Son	10. 19. 8	R. Hector	10. ~. ~
Petty Cash	20. ~. ~	London Office	58. 6. 8

W. Dalgliesh	50. . . .	A. Southey	6. 17. 3
North British Ins. Co.	90. . . .	Rowson & Co.	260. 6. .
Agra Bank	1,500. . . .	Johnson & Dymond	42. 3. 6
J. Forster	13. . . .	London Office	58. 6. 8
Petty Cash	20. . . .	Agra Bank	33. 18. 1
Eley Bro.	9. 1. 3	C. R. Tatham	485. 10. .

M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson gave his Signature, as a Director of this Company for the guidance of the Bankers.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. G. Ouseley  
Chairman

1865.  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Present

Sir W. G. Ouseley

Col. Macdonald

W. Boucher Esq

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,538. 4. 6 in favor of the Company

The death of Mr. Thomas Winkworth, one of the Company's Auditors, was reported.

The Board's authority was asked to transfer the 15 Shares now registered in the names of the Executors of the late Mr. Mortimore and Mr. Foster Mortimore to Mr. Alfred Lafone.

Ordered to lie over until the usual written application has been furnished.

Read a Letter dated the 7<sup>th</sup> instant from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Adam Monteith & Earston, Solicitors at Glasgow, demanding that reparation be made to Mr. Robertson for Robert Greenshields having been taken from his employ by this Company.

Ordered - That in conformity with the decision expressed upon this matter at the last Board Meeting, the present demand be left unnoticed unless put into Court, when it must be referred to the Company's Solicitors.

Read Mr. Lane's Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> last applying for leave of absence.

The Chairman ~~suggested~~<sup>moved</sup> that there were questions as to Salary and connected arrangements which it would be well to take time to consider upon, and that in the meanwhile the Company's Solicitors <sup>should be asked</sup> whether the granting of Mr. Lane's request would affect the validity of his Security.

~~Mr. Butler, Mr. Norton & Mr. Robinson considered that granting Mr. Lane leave of absence in the terms solicited could not~~

The majority of the Board dissenting from this -

~~for justice his Security,~~ Resolved -

That in consequence of Mr. Lane's bad health leave of absence be granted to him for the Winter and that he be directed to make the necessary arrangements during his absence.

Ordered - That in communicating this Resolution to Mr. Lane, he be requested to take precautions before leaving Stanley to prevent any disruption of harmony amongst the Shepherds, or of the general management of the Sheep without previous authority being received from the Board of Directors.

Read Mr. Lane's Despatches Nos 192 & 3 - and Ordered - That in replying to them the Board's hope be expressed that the instructions & arrangements already communicated to him will have removed all risk of any ill effect from the appointment of a Head Shepherd and paved the way for his being a valuable addition to the Establishment: -

Also that Mr. Lane be authorized to sell the House and Lands referred to in Par 14 of Despatch 192, and to purchase the Tracts lying North of Stanley Harbour as proposed by him, so as to avoid the inconveniences which have attended the tenancy of the Peninsula and Government Farms.

The Board was informed that in consequence of Mr. Lane's intimations a Letter had

been addressed to the Colonial Office (but not yet answered) asking compensation for Cattle killed by authority from Government upon the Company's Farms, and another to the War Office, asking that the supplying of Meat for the Troops at Stanley may be opened to competition by inviting Tenders upon the system that is observed in other places.

The Charges for Commission upon the Sale of Wool and Oil ex 'Francis Drake' were submitted and sanctioned.

The Board was informed that the £250 advance Salary to Mr. Lane was paid as directed at the last Board Meeting.

The following Cheques were ordered -  
Messrs. Bischoff Cox & Boncompas for Mr. Lane £450  
Green Shields and Forster £13

W. Hopcraft, Debenture Advertisements 9.15.

London Office 58.6.8

Bristol for Casks &c 33.5.4

J. Biggar 55.17.2

C. R. Tatham for Passengers of 'Julie Tatham' £90.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. D. Dudley  
Chairman



1865.  
December 18<sup>th</sup>

77 Board

Present

Sir W. G. Ouseley

Col. Macdonald

W. Boutcher Esq

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £305..4.. in favor of the Company.

The death of Mr. Edw. Wheeler Mills a Shareholder in the Company was reported.

Correspondence with the Admiralty in regard to supplying Meat to the Troops at Stanley was submitted and also a Letter to the Colonial Office in regard to the Government of Stanley omitting to send a Mail bag by the 'Ocean Sprite'.

Despatches from Stanley N<sup>o</sup>. 194, 195 - and to Stanley N<sup>o</sup>. 321 were read.

A Finance Statement being submitted showing that the Loan of £1500 from Agra & Masterman's Bank is payable on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. whilst other payments will have to be made next month for which there are not sufficient Funds at the Bankers, owing to the difficulty Mr. Lane reports in obtaining Bills for making

Remittances of his surplus Cash.

Resolved - That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn be requested to place £3000 to the Company's Credit on Loan for two months.

Ordered - That the debt due to the Agra & Masterman's Bank be paid off at maturity upon the above Loan being obtained from the Company's Bankers.

The following Cheques were ordered -

Mr. Forster & Mr. Greenhields monthly Instalmt.	£13
London Office	58. 6. 8
W. Dalgliesh Esq for Mr. Lane	£50
Petty Cash	£20.
Bischoff Cox & Bonpas	£200

Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
Am Moutchier  
Chairman

1866.  
January 19<sup>th</sup>

Present

W. Butcher Esq  
Col<sup>l</sup> Macdonald  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £741. 11. 3 in favor of the Company.

The Board was informed that in accordance with instructions given at the last Meeting a Loan of £3,000 was obtained from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn Mills & Co<sup>ys</sup> payable on the 19<sup>th</sup> proximo, and that from it the debt of £1,500 due to the Agra and Masterman's Bank was paid off and the Directors' personal Guarantee withdrawn.

The Guarantee was submitted and by order destroyed.

Applications were submitted and sanctioned for transferring the Shares at present registered to Mr. Foster Mortimore and to the Executors of the late Mr. W. Mortimore to the name of Mr. Alfred Lafone

Ordered - That these Transfers be executed at the Company's Office or Residences of the respective parties in presence of reliable Witnesses.

Upon an application from Mr. W. Hughes Hughes

representing that he has mislaid his last Dividend Warrant and the payment of it being stopped at the Bank - Ordered - That a Cheque be prepared and given to Mr. Hughes Hughes to enable him to draw the amount that is due to him upon his giving a written guarantee to protect the Company from a double payment.

The Board is informed that in terms of the Deed of Settlement Probate of the Will of the late Edward Wheter Mills has been submitted and duly registered, the Trustees being Messrs George Grenfell Glyn, Sr. Leger Richard Glyn, Frederick Nathaniel Micklethwait and Charles Henry Mills.

A Deed sent home by Mr. Lane for Transferring a House and some Land sold by the Company to the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Charles Bull (see Board's sanction 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.<sup>r</sup> 1865) was duly impressed with the Corporation Seal attested by two of the Directors.

The Board was informed that a Capt.<sup>m</sup> Atkinson, introduced by Mr. Lane, had been at the Office to offer his services at a small salary for spreading information as to the facilities afforded by this Company for repairing and providing requirements to Shipping at Stanley.

Despatches from Stanley Nos 196, 7, 8 and two Letters from Mr. Greenshields (which had been previously read by two of the Directors) were partly read and then handed to Mr. Anning

for his perusal. Read the London Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 322 to Stanley, as also two Letters addressed to the Colonial Office, one upon the Mail Packet Service with its reply, the other in regard to Medical Aid for Settlers at the Falklands - also a Letter, and its Reply, to the Postmaster General upon the desirableness of establishing a Money Order Office at Stanley.

A Statement of the Company's Finance was submitted.

Mr. Lane's application for Stores and the necessity of providing Freight for Wool & other Produce from Stanley being considered, it was -  
Moved by Col. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Anning and Resolved -

That the Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup>. do engage at once a suitable Vessel to proceed to Stanley and back, and purchase and load in her the Stores indented for by Mr. Lane, Mr<sup>s</sup>. Greenshield's and family, to go out by this opportunity.

Ordered - That if it will economise the transmission of these Passengers a Land Order is to be purchased from the Government to cover their passages.

Referring to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph of Stanley Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 196, Mr. Lane is to be informed that the Directors are very desirous for his future Indents to state the quantity on hand of each article applied, <sup>for</sup> as it is of great importance for the Board

to be able to judge how to appropriate funds, when they are insufficient to provide for the whole amount of the Dividends received.

In regard to the appropriation of Land Orders upon which Mr. Lane desires further instructions than those already furnished, Mr. Lane to be informed that the views expressed in Despatch 315 Par 7 were those which occurred to the Directors in the absence of any data for regulating their judgment, beyond the facts they mention to influence them: if there are cogent reasons known upon the spot, which would lead to these Orders being more advantageously appropriated, the Directors had no intention of obstructing their being acted upon.

The following Cheques were ordered—  
Agra & Masterman's Bank £1,500  
Mr. Greenfields £13 London Office 58. 6. 8  
Johnson & Dymond 68. 15. — Income Tax 16. 3. —  
W. H. Hughes Jr. 12. 10. 9.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
Wm. Butcher  
Chairman

1866.  
February 28<sup>th</sup>

Present

W. Boucher Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. were read and confirmed, the Chairman repeating an often expressed opinion that the record was too detailed and ought to be more strictly confined to the actual results.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £ 868 . 6 . 4 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Scip for 15 Shares transferred from the names of Mortimore's Executors and F. Mortimore to that of M<sup>r</sup>. Alfred Lafone were impressed with the Corporation Seal, attested by two Directors.

Read Correspondence with M<sup>r</sup>. Lyndon of Liverpool in regard to the sale of New Island and ordered - that he be asked if the sellers will guarantee the transfer of any given number of healthy Sheep, and in whose charge they have been kept.

The Man<sup>y</sup>. Dir<sup>y</sup> reported the departure of the 'Matilda' on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant for Stanley

(as ordered at the last Board) with a Cargo of Stores and some Emigrants.

Referring to the 10<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of Mr. Lane's Despatch N<sup>o</sup>. 197 - Ordered - That the proposed increase of Salary to the Bookkeeper at Stanley be disallowed.

The Loan of £3000 from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Glyn & Co. which was payable on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. was reported to have been extended to the 19<sup>th</sup> May next.

Despatches N<sup>os</sup>. 199 and 200 from Mr. Lane and those to him N<sup>os</sup>. 323 and 324 were submitted.

Read Secretary of State's Letter of 20<sup>th</sup> January last, and Enclosure, regarding Mail Bags by private Vessels from Stanley to England.

Financial Statement submitted showing necessity for further Funds being obtained to meet current necessities.

Ordered - That the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do obtain an advance of £2000 from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Anning & Co. against Cargo expected fr. 'Matilda', which must be insured to protect this Loan - and that Bills be accepted for value of Stores last sent to Stanley according to terms arranged.

The Board's attention was brought to Entries in the Stanley Accounts of three Loans made by Mr. Lane of money belonging to the Company.

Mr. Lane to be informed that the Board entirely objects to such Loans and desires that they may not be repeated upon any consideration, it



being the wish of the Board that all Cash in excess of what it is proper to keep on hand for local requirements shall be remitted to England by every safe opportunity.

A Bill was accepted for £162.15. for Coals sent out per 'Matilda' and the following Cheques were ordered -

Piore at Stanley	50. . .	London Office	58. 6. 8
Tatham H <sup>o</sup> :	475. . .	Teall H <sup>o</sup> :	19. 19. 11
Biggart H <sup>o</sup> :	38. 18. .	Forster	13. . .
Emigration Com <sup>rs</sup> :	100. . .	Betts	36. . .
G. A. Anderson	72. 5. .	G. Crawley	65. 2. .
G. C. Ransome	109. 5. 11	White Bro <sup>s</sup> :	20. 10. 6
Linoleum C <sup>o</sup> :	17. 6. .	J. House H <sup>o</sup> :	15. 7. 6
Overall Son H <sup>o</sup> :	6. 12. .	Colt's Fire Arm C <sup>o</sup> :	17. 5. .
F. Friend H <sup>o</sup> :	25. 18. .	J. J. Sanders	6. 15. 6
Bass H <sup>o</sup> :	27. 6. 3	N. J. W. Fenner	64. 1. 5
L. B. Crout	22. 3. .	J. T. Morton	72. 1. 4
Braby Hon	38. 6. .	A. Bremner H <sup>o</sup> :	148. 13. 8
Burney H <sup>o</sup> :	10. . .	Clerihew	15. 3. .
W. Dalgliesh	50. . .	Wright H <sup>o</sup> :	48. . .
W. P. Dock C <sup>o</sup> :	8. 11. 3	Torry H <sup>o</sup> :	84. 8. 10
Burrows Hon	494. 19. 3	Wright H <sup>o</sup> :	37. 16. .
London Office	58. 6. 8		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Am Bantcher  
Chairman

1866.

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Special Board called by requisition from  
three Directors.

Present

W. Anning Esq

W. Boulcher Esq

Col. Macdonald

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The following requisition for the Meeting  
having been read -

"London. 21<sup>st</sup> March 1866."

"Dear Sir

"We the undersigned Directors of the Company  
"request you to call a Special Meeting of the Directors  
"for Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> instant at 2 O'clock P.M.  
"to appoint a Chairman in room of the late Sir W<sup>m</sup>  
"Gore Ouseley and for other business"

"We are, Dear Sir "

"Yours faithfully "

(signed) { "J. H. Macdonald "  
"W<sup>m</sup>. Boulcher "  
"W<sup>m</sup>. Anning "

"G. H. Cripps Esq "

"Managing Director "

"of the Falkland Islands Comp. "

upon the Motion of Col. Macdonald, seconded by

Mr. Anning -

The Man<sup>o</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup>, assumed the Chair pro tem:  
and it was Resolved -

That a Letter of condolence be addressed to  
Lady Cuseley upon her late bereavement in the  
death of Sir William Gore Cuseley who was the  
Chairman of this Board.

Moved by Mr. Boucher that Col<sup>l</sup> Macdonald  
be now elected Chairman of this Board - Col<sup>l</sup>  
Macdonald, regretting that his health would not  
permit of his undertaking this Office, proposed,  
seconded by Mr. Anning - That Mr. Boucher  
be elected Chairman in the place of the late Sir  
William Gore Cuseley and this being carried,  
the Man<sup>o</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> resigned the Chair to Mr. Boucher.

The Board then decided upon proceeding  
with other business.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board  
held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed  
a Balance of £1069<sup>..</sup>4<sup>..</sup> in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

~~The Man<sup>o</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> explained and the Board~~

Mr. Boucher having referred to the Loan  
ordered from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Anning & Cobb, the Man<sup>o</sup>  
Dir<sup>r</sup> explained and the Board approved of that  
Loan having been subsequently taken from Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Nesbitt and of the next Cargo of Produce promised  
to them.

The Transfer of Five Shares from Mr.

E. M. Ricketts to the name of M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Ricketts was confirmed and the new Scrip impressed with the Corporation Seal under attestation of two of the Directors, the old Scrip being at the same time cancelled.

An application was submitted & sanctioned for M<sup>rs</sup> Bruce to transfer 17 Shares standing in her name to the names of James Bruce, Eliza Bruce, Thomas Acland Lawford and Horatio Sydney Coulson.

Read M<sup>r</sup> Lyndon's Letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant declining to guarantee any number of Sheep with the sale of New Island, and his subsequent intimation of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, that the Assignees would conditionally guarantee 2,000 Sheep.

M<sup>r</sup> Lyndon to be informed that the terms proposed are not such as the Board feels disposed to entertain.

Read Despatches from Stanley N<sup>os</sup> 201, 2, 3, when the appointment of M<sup>r</sup> Turner as Storekeeper was discussed - and also Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 325 from the London Office to Stanley.

Read the Colonial Office Letter dated the 16<sup>th</sup> instant with the proposed Reply thereto (which was approved) upon the Company's claim to receive back Royalties paid at Stanley for Cattle Killing.

Col<sup>l</sup> Macdonald reported that the Man<sup>o</sup> Dir<sup>t</sup> had expressed to him a want of confidence

in Mr. Lane the Colonial Manager of the Board, considering that this subject needed to be looked into - Ordered - That a Special Board be convened for the purpose on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> prox<sup>o</sup> at One O'clock.

According to the last Board's Order the following Bills have been accepted for Stores &c.

M <sup>r</sup> . Matilda - Wright Langridge	£ 580 -
Russell	65. 5. 5
Phillips Hon	240. 1. 7
Frost Bro <sup>s</sup>	161. 13. 9
Beach H <sup>c</sup>	69. 3. 9
Mews	161. 11. 1
Rownson H <sup>c</sup>	148. 7. 6

The following Cheques were ordered and signed -

Houghton H <sup>c</sup>	7. 7. 4
Walsh Hon	8. 8. 4
Forster Campbell	13. 5. 5
Forster	8. 5. 5
London Office	58. 6. 8
Petty Cash	20. 5. 5
Johnson & Dymond	53. 15. 5

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
Mr. Stretcher  
Chairman

1866.

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Special Board

Present

W. Boucher Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> read the Notice calling the Meeting and the Chairman called upon the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> to give a general idea of the grounds upon which he had expressed to Col. Macdonald a want of confidence in M<sup>r</sup>. Lane.

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> having given this outline, the Board resolved itself into a Committee to proceed with the enquiry - and the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> then gave a sketch of matters connected with the following subjects, viz: -

1<sup>st</sup> - Advances of Money made to Camp Manager Bonner as displayed by documents of dates quoted.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Unreliable reports in respect of Bookkeeping.

3<sup>rd</sup> - In respect to M<sup>r</sup>. Lane's procedure in regard to M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. Garrell the late Storekeeper at Stanley.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. not having yet prepared  
all the evidences connected with these subjects  
and others that he had to submit, the Committee  
adjourned to Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> instant at Two  
O'clock.

Wm. Mather  
Chairman of Committee

1866.

April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned Committee

Present

W. Boucher Esq

A. R. Lafone Esq

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

Numerous Despatches, Reports and  
Accounts from M<sup>r</sup>. Lane were gone into upon  
the subjects before the Committee and the Man<sup>r</sup>.  
Dir<sup>r</sup>, reluctantly yielding to the urgent desire of  
the Committee, submitted some Correspondence  
that had passed between the Clerks of the London  
and Stanley Offices.

The Committee adjourned till the 10<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>.  
at One O'clock, notice thereof to be sent to the absent  
members.

1866.

April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned Committee

Present

W. Boutcher Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
G. G. Robinson Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Managing Director having been requested to leave the room, whilst the Committee prepared its Report, was again admitted.

When the Report was read the Committee closed its proceedings, and it was agreed that a Board Meeting be convened for tomorrow the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, at One O'clock, to present the Report and for general business.

Wm Boutcher

Chairman of Committee



1866.

April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

A. R. Lafone Esq

G. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

Minutes of the Special Boards held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and the 6<sup>th</sup> instant were read and confirmed.

The Committee appointed on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant presented their Report.

"1. We consider the whole affair very unsatisfactory indeed - we consider Mr. Lane's conduct very unsatisfactory and open to suspicion, we consider that explanations are necessary both about money advanced to Bonner, which we expect are explainable, and more especially about Mr. Garrell's case, where we consider Mr. Lane has at least behaved wrongly when actually in correspondence with the Managing Director about Mr. Garrell, that Mr. Lane should conceal from the Board in England the fact that Mr. Garrell had been absent from the Store for months, and that he was actually not in the Island at the date of the letter -"

"2. We also consider the letter signed by Mr. Forster and forwarded by Mr. Lane about the state of

'the Books as highly discreditable to both of them, as  
'one of them admits the falsity of it—'

'3. We also consider the conduct of the Mana-  
'ging Director open to great blame for the manner in  
'which evidence has been got up and letters written to  
'subordinates in the Island in the name of Clerks from  
'here, approved by Managing Director and not brought  
'before or mentioned to the Board—'

'4. We are of opinion that as Mr. Lane  
'has applied for leave of absence that he should be  
'desired to return home to give an account of several  
'of these things, and that the Board should resolve  
'who is the most responsible person in their employ  
'to take charge of affairs during his absence - We  
'are also strongly of opinion that it is necessary to  
'remodel the management of the Company both here  
'and in the Falkland Islands—'

(signed) "W. Boucher-Provided" (signed) "J. G. Robinson"  
'that the evidence upon which" do "Wm. Anning"  
'the above report has been arrived" do "A. R. Lafone"  
'it is proved—'

Mr. Boucher adding the words which  
appear after his Signature.

Ordered - That a Copy of the Committee's  
Report be sent out to Mr. Lane by the new Governor  
of the Falklands, with request that he will kindly  
deliver it if he meets Mr. Lane either at Monte  
Video or at Stanley, otherwise to forward it by  
Post to where Mr. Lane may have indicated to

be his address.

Suggestions were made as to the proper person to take over the Company's affairs from Mr. Lane, and Mr. Butcher agreed to ask Col. Macdonald if he would consent to become joint Security for Mr. Forster's fidelity during Mr. Lane's absence - pending the decision upon this point it was agreed that each member of the Board shall endeavour to find a suitable person on a Salary not exceeding £200 per annum to go out as locum tenens for Mr. Lane, and if successful to inform the Managing Director in order that the Board may then determine what course it will adopt.

The Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup> reported that Probate of the Will of the late Sir William Gore Ouseley had been submitted and registered at this Office, his Widow being appointed the sole Executrix.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
Jm Butcher  
Chairman

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1866.

May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Present

W. Butcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

Minutes of the adjourned Committees on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April and of the Board held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £905..16..9 in favor of the Company.

Applications were submitted and sanctioned for transferring 10 Shares from Lady Ouseley to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Fitzmaurice, 15 Shares from the Executors of the late Edward Mills to Henry Wellington and 14 Shares to George H. Cripps

New Scrip was impressed with the Corporate Seal for 17 Shares lately transferred to the names of James Bruce, Eliza Bruce, Thomas A. Lawford, and Horatio S. Coulson, and the old Scrip was cancelled.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lyndon's offer to sell the Sheep on New Island at a price per head was rejected.

A Deed received from Stanley (see Despatch 205) transferring by sale Lots N<sup>o</sup>. 1, 2 and 3 of Co<sup>o</sup> Land in Stanley to John Casey was impressed with the Corporation Seal, attested by two Directors.

Mr. Lane's last Despatch with his Report for the last year up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1865 were read, with a Report upon Sheep from Mr. Greenfields, and all Enclosures were submitted.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. having submitted the objections that existed to his forwarding to Mr. Lane a Copy of the Committee's Report which was adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> ultimo, the Chairman undertook to send it.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed -

Compton St:	5. 11. "
Mr. Gilbert	6. 18. "
North British Ins <sup>r</sup> . Co	33. 15. "
H. Burnett St:	36. " . "
Waterlow & Sons	8. 19. 6
Forster	8. " . "
London Office	58. 6. 8
Rough Cash	20. " . "
Mr. Gilbert	9. 2. 2

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

J. B. T. C.

Chairman.

1866.  
June 7<sup>th</sup>

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £390. 8. 9 in favor of the Company.

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. reported that he had secured a continuation of the Loan of £3,000 from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Glyn H<sup>c</sup> up to the 18<sup>th</sup> August next.

Read Colonial Office Letter, dated 12<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, upon the Cattle Killing question and the Draft Reply, which was ordered to be sent.

Read Letter, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, to the Colo<sup>t</sup>. Office and Mr. Forster's Reply, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, in regard to the proposed Scab Ordinance.

The new Governor's departure for Stanley on the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo was reported.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos 206, 207, 209, 210 and the Board was informed that the Duplicate Bills of Exchange purported to be enclosed with the latter have not been received, nor the Originals.

The Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. mentioned a Report being in circulation that bituminous Coal had been

discovered near Stanley and that he had written to ask the Admiralty if it was true.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. having called to attention that according to the Company's Charter the Annual General Meeting must be held in this month, and that the Accounts from Stanley, particularly in regard to Stores, have to be referred back before they can be presented to the Shareholders -

Resolved - That a pro formâ General Meeting be advertised to be held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> instant at 2 O'clock, with intimation that a Motion will then be made for its adjournment - and that a Circular be addressed to the Shareholders to the same effect.

Shares were stamped in lieu of others cancelled, N<sup>os</sup> 221 to 230 in favor of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> J. T. Fitz Maurice - N<sup>os</sup> 604 to 617 in favor of G. H. Cripps - N<sup>os</sup> 618 to 623, 881 to 899 in favor of H. Wellington.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that the Dispatch to be sent to Stanley tomorrow will more particularly relate to the Accounts.

Cheques were ordered and signed for -  
Mr. Forster £8 - W. Dalgliesh Esq £50  
London Office 58. 6. 8 - H. Burnett Esq: £118 -

Signed, on behalf of the Meeting,

J. M. Mantel  
Chairman

1866.  
June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Present

W. Butcher Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £583..1.. in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Read Letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> instant from the Admiralty informing that the reported discovery of Coal at the Falklands was incorrect.

Read Despatch to Stanley N<sup>o</sup>: 321, and N<sup>o</sup>: 211 received by the last Mail - Read also Letter to Mess<sup>rs</sup>: De Groot Rolants & Co: asking their terms for a Charter to Stanley, in event of their purposing to send out a Vessel to carry on the Cargo of the 'Orange Nassau' reported disabled.

The Resolution to be moved at the Annual General Meeting for this day was arranged.

A Cheque was ordered and signed to pay Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Bischoff & Co: the Balance of their Account, viz: - £257..8..8, but not to be issued till it could be conveniently paid.

A Cheque was signed for £58..6..8 the Office Salaries  
Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Butcher



1866.  
August 28<sup>th</sup>

Present

W. Boutcher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1438..2..2 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Upon application from Lady Cuseley - Ordered that her name be entered in the Register of Shareholders as Proprietor of Twenty Shares from N<sup>o</sup> 201 to 220 both inclusive.

Read Letter from the General Post Office, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> July, declining to establish a Money Order Office at Stanley.

The Man<sup>y</sup> Dir<sup>y</sup> reported that £3,000 having been due to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Glyn & Co on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. they were paid £1,000 from the balance in their hands leaving £2,000 payable from the Matilda's Cargo

Read Letter of 18<sup>th</sup> July last to the American Minister of Marine, and with reference to the 5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph, Resolved - That a Letter be addressed

to that Officer stating that the price of Coals at Stanley will of course vary according to the market rates, but that the American Government Vessels will always be supplied on the most favorable terms.

The Board is informed that the Steamers Tornado and Cyclone, about proceeding to the Falklands, have been furnished with Letters of Introduction to this Company's Manager at Stanley for procuring supplies. --

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. reported that H. M. Steamer 'Nassau' being about to proceed upon a long surveying cruise in the Straits of Magellan, her Commander has intimated intention of calling at Stanley and according to arrangement with him, M<sup>r</sup>. Forster has been instructed to afford every practicable assistance to Capt<sup>n</sup>. Mayne on such terms as shall be advantageous both for furthering his work and for the interests of the Co<sup>y</sup>.

The probable departure of the 'West' this week from Cardiff with Stores, Coals & Emigrants for Stanley is reported.

The arrival of the 'Matilda' from Stanley, on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. is reported with a Cargo of Produce as per Manifest submitted.

A Financial Sheet up to January 1867 is submitted.

With reference to the probable requirements of H. M. S<sup>r</sup>. 'Nassau' and the likelihood of other

demands - Ordered - That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do at once arrange for sending out about 600 tons of Welsh Coals, either by chartering a Vessel or in such way as he may find most economical & desirable.

Read recently received Despatches from Stanley and their Enclosures gone through with exception of Answers to Remarks upon Accounts - with reference to a Letter read from M<sup>r</sup>. Green-shields to the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>., the Board expressed opinion that ~~that~~ Copies of such Correspondence should go through the Colonial Manager at Stanley.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lane was introduced to the Board and it being late - Resolved -

That the Board be adjourned to 11.30 A.M. tomorrow for further conversation with M<sup>r</sup>. Lane.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

London Office	58. 6. 8	Bischoff H <sup>o</sup> :	257. 8. 8
Forster	8. " "	Col. Remittance	8. " "
Johnson & Dymond	37. 15. "	Store at Stanley	50. " "
Emigration Comps <sup>rs</sup>	100. " "	Emigration Comps <sup>rs</sup>	100. " "
London Office	58. 6. 8	Forster	8. " "
Ransome H <sup>o</sup> :	161. 14. "	Clerihew	27. 10. "
J. T. Morton	114. 3. 8	W. Betts	27. " "
G. J. Morton	17. 4. 9	G. A. Anderson	55. 17. 11
J. W. P. Holt	90. " "	J. L. Houghton H <sup>o</sup> :	8. 9. 3
Bell & Black	18. 15. "	Bass H <sup>o</sup> :	38. 6. 8
J. Baynes	19. 15. 10	L. B. Crout	17. 5. 3
Cook H <sup>o</sup> :	16. 10. "	J. House H <sup>o</sup> :	23. 1. 2
Bremner H <sup>o</sup> :	36. 16. 7	J. J. Sanders	6. 4. 6

N. J. Fenner	47. 2. 9	G. Crawley	72. 19. 7
D. M. Donald	22. 6. 3	White Bro.	23. 7. 6
C. J. Davis	10. . . .	Christy H.	6. 19. .
Copstake H.	16. 10. 10	Houghton Hons	8. 4. 6
Frost Bro.	9. 12. .	J. A. Leslie	9. . . .
Bradbury H.	5. 12. 6	H. H. Rosher	7. 2. 6
Beach H.	38. 14. 8	Champion H.	7. . . .
R. J. Bristow	24. . . .	H. V. Russell	10. 8. 7
Silver H.	25. 10. 9	Col. Penittances	25. . . .
Yates Hon	27. 15. 9	Whitehead Bro.	9. . . 6
Davies Hon	58. 9. 6	Weston Westall	29. 9. 10
W. Dalgliesh	50. . . .	Forster	8. . . .
London Office	58. 6. 8	N. British Ins. Co.	90. . . .
H. Burnett H.	63. 2. 6	Emig. Comp.	100. . . .
J. Biggar	80. . . .	St. Kamm's Docks	8. 18. 3
Emigrants Expenses	30. . . .		

A Bill for £538 " 13 " 1 being the balance of the home voyage on the 'Matilda's' Charter was accepted.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,  
Jm. Baatcher

Chairman

1866.

August 29<sup>th</sup>

Adjourned Meeting

Present

W. B. Butcher Esq

Col. Macdonald

W. Anning Esq

A. R. Lafone Esq

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

Mr. Lane being introduced had a long conversation with the Directors upon various Island matters, as well as Accounts, and then upon the points referred to in the Committee's Report of 11<sup>th</sup> April last.

Resolved - That Mr. Cripps do <sup>put down</sup> ~~write out~~ <sup>in writing his complaints against</sup> ~~the matters upon which he considers explana-~~ <sup>tions are now required from Mr. Lane, and</sup> submit them to a Board to assemble for receiving them on Thursday next the 6<sup>th</sup> September at Two O'clock.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

J. G. Robinson

Chairman

1866.  
September 6<sup>th</sup>

Present

W. Boucher Esq  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £345. 4. 4 in favor of the Company.

The Proceedings of the Board's Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. were read and confirmed - on reading the record of Proceedings at the Adjourned Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, objection was made that it did not express the correct sense of the Board's Resolution.

The alteration was then made as is interlined and the record was confirmed.

In conformity with the Board's requirements the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted and read ten written complaints upon Mr. Lane's procedure.

~~After the reading of N<sup>o</sup>. 7 in regard to the Fine paid by Mr. Lane for Slander, upon enquiry from Mr. Robinson the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. said that the entry of this charge in the Stanley Cash Book was brought to the Board's notice when received in England, & that having been already paid it was allowed to pass.~~

~~Col. Macdonald could not remember hearing of it and disclaimed sanctioning this payment as~~

~~acted by Mr. Cripps.~~

~~Mr. Robinson objected to this complaint being sent to Mr. Lane as it appeared like sitting in judgment upon the procedure of a Board of which he was not at the time a member.~~

~~The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> observed that he could have had no other object than to act for the Shareholders' interest in the interim task which had been thrown upon him, if this complaint was objected to it could be withheld, but the question put was not as to the fraying of the charge months after it had been paid and closed, but upon the propriety of Mr. Lane making use of the Company's money to pay the Fine which had been imposed upon him, as though malicious slandering was a recognised part of the Manager's business to which the Company's funds were to be appropriated, for upon such view much ill feeling would be occasioned towards the Company particularly where a Government Officer was the Complainant.~~

~~Col<sup>r</sup>. Macdonald wished the complaint to go forward as it displayed the animus of the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>, and he desired that a record should be made on the Board's Proceedings of the observations which had been expressed upon this matter.~~

~~Mr. Boucher remembered that at the time Mr. Cripps considered Mr. Lane to have been hardly used.~~

~~The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> reminded Mr. Boucher that he had found it impossible to comply with the Board wish to address the Colonial Minister on behalf of~~

Mr. Robinson objected to receiving complaints of proceedings already settled by the Board and moved that no complaint be received but the Board resolved that it should be received.

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~~of Mr. Lane because it was obvious that the Governor had adopted the only course that was open to him.~~

~~This complaint was then ordered to go forward.~~

The other complaints being read and an outline of the whole verbally given to Mr. Lane, the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. was instructed to forward to him written copies of these complaints as soon as possible, and it was fixed that a Board should assemble on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. at 2 P.M. to receive Mr. Lane's answers.

Upon application from Mr. Lane it was -

Resolved - That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Director be requested to give access to Mr. Lane at any time to any of the Books Papers &c. belonging to the Company to enable him to answer the complaints made, and that Mr. Cripps be requested to make Extracts from all Letters that have passed between Mr. Coleman and the Officers of the Company in the Island since beginning of 1864, as far as relates to the Company's affairs and that the Letters respecting the same be submitted to Mr. Anning or Mr. Robinson before sending Extracts to Mr. Lane.

Ordered - That the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. do engage Freight for 6 to 700 tons Coals to Stanley on the most favorable terms he can arrange.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
J. B. Boutcher

Chairman



1866.  
September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Present

W. Butcher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
W. Anning Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the last Meeting, being read the record was considered too detailed, and being altered by erasures and a marginal entry were confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £392..4..4 in favor of the Company.

The Board has been informed that Freight has been engaged for between 6 and 700 tons of Coals at 29/- per ton to Stanley.

The Report Sales of Hides ex 'Masilda' was submitted.

Mr. Lane being called in, commenced reading his answers to the ten complaints which were sent to him, and having gone through three of them the finishing of the fourth was adjourned till tomorrow the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, when the Board will reassemble at 1/2 past 10 A.M.

Mr. Lane represented that for want of the full Extracts from private Letters, which, upon his application

The Board's Resolution of 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> sanctioned being given to him, he had not yet perfected his answers.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. stated that M<sup>r</sup>. Lane had been allowed access to all the Office Records & had been furnished with Copies of the Extracts of all private Letters used upon the matters referred to in the Committee's Report - he, the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>., had taken all the private Letters to M<sup>r</sup>. Anning and M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson's Office several times, but M<sup>r</sup>. Anning wishing M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson to complete what he had begun and M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson not being found to point out what further Extracts it was proposed to send to M<sup>r</sup>. Lane, this will now have to be gone into.

Ordered - That all Sheep Requirements, Stores &c. indented for be procured and sent out at the time required.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

F. P. Carrel	40.9.10	Wright H <sup>c</sup> :	£168
Petty Cash	£20	J. Biggar	72.11.9
and Bills for Stores	pp. 'West' Sher	half Freight -	
Phillips Hon	165.4.5	Torry H <sup>c</sup> :	245.7.2
Silver H <sup>c</sup> :	107.7.5	Compton H <sup>c</sup> :	233.7.~
Mews	78.12.~	Sturt H <sup>c</sup> :	91.8.2
Ward H <sup>c</sup> :	91.18.6		
Wright Langridge			£545.

See end of Adjourned Meeting.

1866.  
September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Adjourned Meeting.

Present  
W. Butcher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

Mr. Lane being present the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup> intimated that the person is in attendance whom the Board wished to see in regard to Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 3 upon Mr. Garrell's character.

Capt. Dyer of the 'Matilda' being called in informed the Board that he knew Mr. Garrell well & had seen him drunk both in the Company's Store and at his own House, but could not say how many times - considered that Mr. Garrell's health was affected by drink, as his Wife said it was, that his appetite was gone.

Mr. Lane then proceeded with reading his Answers, repeating that he could not finish or submit them in writing until he had been furnished with the further Extracts of Mr. Coleman's and Mr. Forster's Letters that he had applied for and which the Board's Resolution required to be given to him.

It is agreed that these Extracts shall today be arranged by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lane is instructed to furnish his Answers in writing so soon as they can be

finished.

Mr. Lane having left the room a discussion followed as to whether anything more could be done before Mr. Lane's written Answers were furnished.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lafone requested Mr. Cripps to retire into the Office whilst the other Directors conferred together - Mr. Cripps considered that he ought to be a party to whatever took place and that it was not proper to leave the Board Room unless Mr. Boucher and Col. Macdonald, Mr. Lane's two Securities, retired, as they were in joint Contract to the Company with Mr. Lane and the question to be decided is in fact whether the Bond has been broken.

The two Securities do not retire but at the further urgency of Mr. Lafone and Mr. Robinson Mr. Cripps reluctantly assented to do so, upon it's being agreed that this record be made of the reasons upon which he acted.

On being again called into the Board Room Mr. Cripps was informed that in his absence the other Directors had <sup>unanimously</sup> passed the following Resolutions.

X Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup>. 1 - that although Mr. Lane drew an allowance for travelling expenses to the Camp, his Despatches did not show that he had once been to Darwin from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup>. to the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1866 (when he sailed) in order to see to or leave under proper caution the large Stock of Company's Property & Merchandise kept there.

"Considered to have been thoroughly explained."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 2 - that although Mr. Lane had been desired to send home in the 'Matilda' various Books of Account and Returns he had not done so.

"Provided the Inventories at the end of the Financial Year come forward all right this is fully explained."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 3 - that whilst Mr. Lane was in special correspondence with the Home Office in regard to Storekeeper Mr. Garrell, denying any ground for caution upon his conduct & extolling his unimpeachable good behaviour & usefulness, he had been suspended from duty for misconduct, away from the Office and out of the Colony for months, though drawing full pay upon the Abstract as though present, and a substitute provided by Mr. Lane at the Company's expense, whose wages were concealed from the Home Office by not being entered as such in either the Cash Book or Returns of Wages paid.

"That Mr. Lane must have been greatly deceived in Mr. Garrell's character and should have paid more attention to the Home Despatches on the subject and made enquiries which would have satisfied him on Mr. Garrell's real character."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 4 - that Mr. Lane, knowing the Books at the Stanley Office to be defective and in arrear, got the Bookkeeper to write him a Letter saying they were in proper order, which he, Mr. Lane, forwarded to England to deceive the Board.

"As a principle the Board would prefer that Salaries of any of the principal employes are not raised without the previous sanction of the Board even provisionally. The Letter relative to the state of the Books is unsatisfactory."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 5 - that M<sup>r</sup>. Lane had induced the Board to sanction a Pension to M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd of £1 a week for 12 months and a House rent free, by representing that she was left with a large family & only £30 or £40 - whereas at the end of the 12 months she was allowed to draw 2 months pension in excess, is shown to have £117 in M<sup>r</sup>. Lane's charge & was also left with a House of her own. Explanations also required whether any other payments were made to M<sup>r</sup>. Rudd not so entered in the Accounts & not reported to the Board.

"Satisfactorily explained."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 6 - that M<sup>r</sup>. Bonner though once dismissed for drinking having in urgency been re-employed upon provision for immediate discharge, was granted a very large Loan upon interest without being reported to the Home Office, without being entered as such in the Stanley Cash Book, without appearing in the sheet of Debtors at the end of the year, and without its being mentioned that he owed £151 to the Comp<sup>y</sup>. when M<sup>r</sup>. Lane reported his resignation in December 1865.

"Satisfactorily explained."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 7 - that M<sup>r</sup>. Lane being fined £10 by the Stanley Court for Malicious Slander used the Company's money to pay the Penalty without asking previous authority.

"This Statement was quite unnecessary."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 8 - that upon an unforeseen & sudden loss of thousands of Sheep in a few months, Mr. Lane made no report to England & did not appear from his Despatches to have made any attempt to check the calamity or secure a single Sheepskin, by visiting the scene of disaster though he drew a specific allowance for that duty.

"Fully and properly explained."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 9 that Mr. Lane was ordered not to leave Stanley until he had transferred all Stores, Despatches, Records &c. to Mr. Forster upon Inventories & Receipts, & though allowed 4 months and 18 days for so doing had left Stanley without obeying this injunction.

"These orders should have been carried out even at some inconvenience but as the Inventories at the end of the financial year would be shortly prepared the Board will be satisfied with these if correct."

Upon Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 10 - that a quantity of Fur Seal skins had been entered in the Stanley Journal as "sold in Store" when in truth they had been otherwise appropriated by Mr. Lane, and their value passed out amongst a bulk of Stores as consumed by the Company so as to conceal the transaction from the Home Office.

"Explanation satisfactory but it is desirable that in future all presents to Captains of Ships & others should be duly reported to the Head Office."

Mr. Boucher then left the Chair and Mr. Robinson having assumed it -  
Mr. Cripps would record his entire dissent

from the measures adopted whilst he was absent from the Room at the Board's request, for he could not see how it was possible to form any opinion upon the Complaints until Mr Lane's Answers were put in - He, the Man<sup>r</sup> Dir<sup>r</sup>, had left the room under the impression that not one word of the Complaints had been in any wise met, answered or set aside by Mr Lane, but that in order to ensure an unquestionable judgment upon them he had purposed to propose and now moved -

That the ten Complaints preferred against Mr Lane and the Answers thereto when received, with any data which may pertain in explanation or reply, and the Contract of Engagement and Bond of Fidelity &c with Mr Lane, be sent to the Company's Solicitors for them to furnish Opinion from Counsel whether they establish a breach of the Contract and Bond and if so from what date.

This Motion was not seconded but ordered to be recorded.

The Managing Director intimated that directly business admitted he purposed leaving London for a short time.

The Complaints are to be entered in full at the foot of this Record - and intimation to be sent to Stanley by the next mail that Mr Ridd is not to refund the £ 8 Pension over paid to her.

ordered that Mr Lane's Answers to the Complaints made against him be also entered in full -



## Complaint No. 1.

M<sup>r</sup> Lane is allowed and <sup>has</sup> drawn from the Company £200 per annum for entertaining Ship Captains and for visits to the Company's Camp Establishments, of which Darwin is the Head Quarters.

His despatches between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1866 and 15<sup>th</sup> June when he embarked for England do not tell of a single visit to Darwin in that period.

Information is required whether he did ~~not~~ go to Darwin in that period, particularly whether he went there, immediately before leaving the Colony, to see that all was in proper order, including the large Stock of Stores and Merchandise kept there for sale.

Also whether Inventories were taken of those Stores, and Receipts given upon them by the person left in charge, and who that person was, no such information being as yet furnished to the London Office, though M<sup>r</sup> Lane's despatches up to his leaving the Colony (and for some weeks subsequent) have been received.

### Reply.

There is a suppression of material facts in this statement as to the £200 - My Predecessor received £600 Salary with his Stores at cost price, and a Commission on Sales &c., as well as allowances when in the Camp - I wished a more simple arrangement, and the Correspondence of 1858 and 59 will shew that I mentioned £500 a year to include everything, and that I should pay for Stores at the selling prices, like a Stranger, and not receive a Commission - M<sup>r</sup> Cripps

however had the agreement worded so as to divide the £800, explaining that it was done with reference to Shareholders. Had I adhered to the same arrangement as my Predecessor, I should have been a considerable gainer, as it is the Company have had the advantage.

I visited Darwin and the Camp generally in December last during the Clipping and Baling of wool and was actively employed there for some time - There was no necessity to go there subsequently, or I should have done so, - I visited Port Louis since December - It would be a great mistake to suppose that to go into the Camp is a hardship - It has been a common remark that if I go into the Camp I shall be sent for, it having so happened frequently - and I have seldom left without finding reason, in reference to the Stanley business, to regret being away.

Besides being in constant Correspondence since December with Mr Greenshields the Camp Manager, upon Camp matters, he was in Stanley several times between December and June, and all necessary arrangements were made and instructions given to him for the remainder of the year on those occasions and in June immediately before my leaving.

It is well known to Mr Cripps who the person in charge at Darwin is, whether I am in England or at Stanley, and that Inventories were not required because I was leaving.

At the end of the current year (30<sup>th</sup> June) they would be made out by the Camp Manager as usual.

## Complaint No 2.

The Board's Despatch dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1866 reached Stanley 27<sup>th</sup> April 1866.

Ordered - Mr. Lane to send to England by the ship, Matilda the original Books of Sales, of Stores at Darwin, and Stanley, as well as Books from which Returns of Live Stock sent to England were prepared from 1860 - to June 1864.

The "Matilda" remained at the Falklands from 27<sup>th</sup> April till the 15<sup>th</sup> June, but the books so ordered to be sent, in her, have not been received, at the London Office, though the ship reached London on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1866.

Required to know whether the Books were sent to England in the Matilda as ordered, and if not why the Board's Order to this effect was disobeyed.

## Reply.

At the end of a memorandum upon accounts from the Clerk in London requesting these Books to be sent is the following, "All these will be sent out again, by the next Vessel to Stanley, after the Books now desired to be prepared from them have been framed for future observance"

The "original" periodical returns received by me from the Camp of Live Stock, were also requested to be sent, "altho' omitted in the charge as now framed"

As to the Books many of them were in actual use, and others were frequently required for reference. I therefore did not bring them - Mr. Cripps has never mentioned this, or any other subject to me since my arrival in England, or I should have given this explanation, but without making any inquiry, I find that he, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September

instant wrote to Mr. Forster to send the Books to England by the first opportunity.

The object of asking me to send the "original returns" which I had received for previous years from the Camp Managers, altho' Mr. Gripps had, from year to year, been furnished with my Official returns as Colonial Manager, is manifest - Mr. Greenshield's in a letter to Mr. Gripps, not sent through me, had mentioned the result of a rough count of the sheep made by him soon after his arrival - This Letter Mr. Gripps received in January 1866 - By the mail of February he got the Clerk to add, at the end of Remarks "Upon accounts" the request to send these or "original returns"

I have brought the "originals" however in the writing of the Camp Managers themselves.

The object stated in the memorandum of the Clerk (but omitted in this Charge) was, that the Books may be "framed for future guidance" - I have in the last 8 years, together with the Clerk, tried various modes of keeping the books of the Camp Store and Butchery with the object of so simplifying them, so as to ensure accuracy having regard to the want of Bookkeeping knowledge in the men keeping these books, and have arrived, I believe, at the most simple and accurate mode.

If the result of these endeavours is set aside in London, it reduces both myself, and the Clerk at Stanley, to a Cypher, and must only cause inaccuracy and difficulties.

But the real object is made evident from what has

transpired since my arrival in England - viz: to endeavour  
to rake up fresh charges.

It must remain with the Board whether the present &  
injurious contentions are to be renewed and kept up indefinitely  
by such means.

### — Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 3. —

By Despatch - 156 - Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April /64.

Mr. Lane having reported to the Board that his Clerk  
Mr Bennett had left for Valparaiso having made away with  
£162. 15. 3 of Company's money.

The Board's Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 300 dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 1864  
says "we are not surprised at your Report about Mr  
"Bennett, having frequently heard very unsatisfactory rumours,  
"in regard to him, which would have been mentioned to you  
"but for the favorable way in which you spoke of him, and  
"his accounts displayed habits of inaccuracy that were very  
"suspicious, now that he is proved unworthy it is proper to  
"direct your attention to another person connected with the  
"Store, about whom you report well, whilst remarks have  
"been often dropped here, which if correct, will some day  
"lead to trouble."

Mr. Lane replied by Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 168 dated 15<sup>th</sup> August  
1864 p<sup>h</sup> 16. "saying it is necessary to be very cautious as  
"to statements in reference to persons, which may be made  
"by persons who have been here, as regards Mr Bennett's  
"habits of intoxication you may have been led to suppose  
"that I overlooked them but in business hours I never  
"saw him intoxicated and he drank to excess only at night,  
"and until Captain Phillips of the "David Ewan" joined

"him in it - I believe this habit was not carried out to any  
"thing like the extent it was afterwards, I presume in  
"par<sup>l</sup> 6 you refer to Mr. Garrell, I believe there is no  
"foundation for the remarks hinted at, The Store and his  
"dealings are closely watched, and there is nothing to induce  
"suspicion in my judgment, the possibility of any one in his  
"position misappropriating the money received for Goods delivered  
"over the Counter (ready money) and the impossibility of  
"a full check, I have long since reported, I am myself and  
"Mr. Foister continually in and out of the Store, and there is  
"the assistant King, His Books are open on the Desk and  
"even where ready money is paid he has to enter the name  
"of the purchaser the article sold, and the sum received,  
"in one of these open books at once"

"I would suggest that it would be well to let <sup>me</sup> know  
"another time the particulars of any such communications  
"and who made them. This only would enable me to make  
"any use of the information, and judge of its probability,  
"and the motives actuating the Informant, and on the other  
"hand might prevent the loss of a valuable Servant by unjust  
"suspicions possibly being raised - If such a man's information  
"as Jeffrey's for instance is given credence to the Directors will  
"be frequently misled - It makes me the more regret that no  
"pains should have been taken to get reliable knowledge  
"from Captain Malony, and which from a letter I have  
"received from him he would little care now to give I fear."

The Board's reply by L. 304. dated 8. October 1864 par 8  
"says "Mr. Lane is mistaken in affirming that Major or  
"Malony has not been at the London Office for he has had

"many long conversations and communicated all he could  
"think of" &c.

"We hope you are right in regard to the Storekeeper,  
"it would be unjust and improper to let mere remarks  
"from the London Office be made instrumental to  
"depriving the Company of a valuable Servant, but it  
"would be equally improper if opinions volunteered by all  
"who come from the Colony were not revealed for your  
"information. Jeffery came to the Office to help in the  
"Gunpowder Case, but he is a very silent man, and  
"has never expressed an opinion of any one. If under  
"your own close observation and careful attention by  
"Mr. Forster Macgarrell's conduct is not open to  
"complaint, of course the opinions so constantly expressed  
"of his habits, and the injury he does to the custom at  
"the Store must be erroneous, if they are so, it is  
"strange that they should be so generally entertained,  
"and repeated to us so continually for years"

Mr. Lane replied by Despatch 181. dated 24. December  
1864 p. 2. saying.

"It is a pity that such representations as are mentioned  
"in par. 8. should be assumed to be correct, as to Mr  
"Garrell's habits, and the injury he does at the Store,  
"without letting me know by whom they are made,  
"anything more unjust than they are cannot be conceived,  
"applied to a man whose civility and attention to the  
"Company's interest is known, and acknowledged by every  
"one, and the result of which any one may be convinced  
"of, by the large sales he effects. If such statements

"are believed of him without enquiry of me, I feel that no  
"one is safe from gross misrepresentation, and its  
"consequences"

The Board now requires to know whether at the  
date of your above quoted Report to the Board viz 15  
August 1864 upon Mr. Garrell's unimpeached character  
and services - You had not had occasion to suspend him,  
and transfer his duties to others, upon complaint that  
he had been drunk in Store, and violently abusive to  
the Bookkeeper, for charging him with making a wrong  
entry in his Store Book, also whether from the month  
of August 1864 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 1865 whilst that round  
Correspondence was going on with the Board, Mr. ~~or~~  
Garrell was not absent from his duties and from the  
15<sup>th</sup> October 1864 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1865 away from the  
Colony Drawing full pay upon the Wages Return  
whereby it might be assumed that he was attending  
to his duties, and a substitute being at the same time  
paid by you from the Company's Chest without any  
authority being asked or obtained from the Board  
indeed without this substitute's name or wages being  
entered as such in either the return of wages paid or  
in the Office Cash Book whereby the whole procedure  
was concealed from the Board, though during the  
same period you were in close Correspondence with the  
Board in regard to Mr. Garrell's conduct and usefulness.

The Board would also be glad to have any explanation  
that can be afforded upon the fact that Mr. Garrell died  
within a few days of leaving the Company's employ.



possessed of £1000 in Cash and Property though he entered the Company's service perfectly destitute ten years previously, had not received that sum in wages, had a wife and several children, and when as Storekeeper he ought to have been bound not to enter upon any business or speculation upon his own account,

### Reply.

M<sup>r</sup>. Garrell gave up the keys of the Store voluntarily, and quite unexpectedly to me, and was not suspended M<sup>r</sup>. Forster and he did not agree, and ultimately had a violent quarrel - I investigated it, and found that there was blame on both sides - M<sup>r</sup>. Garrell charged M<sup>r</sup>. Forster with insulting him and M<sup>r</sup>. Forster charged M<sup>r</sup>. Garrell with insolence - M<sup>r</sup>. Garrell having admitted having applied some epithet to M<sup>r</sup>. Forster, (I think it was "sneak") I required him to apologize - The question as to the Gaiters was investigated, and it turned out that M<sup>r</sup>. Payne had had the Gaiters to try, and that, when he had agreed, on the Saturday, to take them they were then entered to him as mentioned - M<sup>r</sup>. Forster does not in his Letter pretend to say there was any foundation for any Charge against M<sup>r</sup>. Garrell - I could find no ground of charge as to the Brandy, and on the face of it, it is not probable - both charges were considered as without foundation and evidently arose from feeling.

M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's feeling towards M<sup>r</sup>. Garrell when writing to M<sup>r</sup>. Coleman immediately after the above quarrel, is evident, and his Letters shew great exaggeration besides being incorrect in some particulars.

The statement by Mr. Foister that "there is and cannot possibly be a check upon him (Mr. Garrell) for Cash Sales," does not apply to him only, but to the present Storekeeper equally, and I had myself written to Mr. Cripps, that an absolute check in respect of Cash received over the Counter when Goods were sold for ready money, could not be devised.

As Peter Ryley had <sup>and appeared by doing so to consider Mr. Garrell</sup> left with Mr. Garrell, his master, I refused, therefore, to let him return, tho' he was Mr. Garrell's nephew.

I have already stated that I have never known of Mr. Garrell being drunk in the day time, tho' I believe he, like most other people at Stanley, took more than was good for them at night - as Storekeeper, and in general attention to the interests of the Company, he was most valuable - I have no hesitation in saying that his loss has been very inadequately supplied, as I have noticed in my letters to Mr. Cripps.

If I had found him intoxicated, I should not have considered him fit to continue as Storekeeper, and should have discharged him, as I have done others for that cause.

Mr. Garrell was not absent from his duties from the month of August 1864 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1865<sup>th</sup> as is alleged - Up to October he attended, generally to his duties though sometimes unable to do so, at intervals, from illness. He sailed for Monte Video about the 15<sup>th</sup> of October as stated - He thought the Voyage would do him good and expected to return with the Packet. The Medical

man be consulted, <sup>there</sup> advised him to take a private room in the Hospital, and to remain there a short time for treatment, and he returned by the Packet, leaving Monte Video the middle of December, having been there 6 or 7 weeks only.

When he asked for leave, he agreed to pay Murphy's out of his own wages and his name, and not Murphy's, therefore, continued to appear in the wages Return - He came back in much better health and resumed his duties - He was always alive to the Company's interests, and even whilst at Monte Video, he had seen Stewards of Men of War and Captains of Merchant Vessels with a view to those interests - and H. M. S. "Satellite" which left Monte Video for Stanley, whilst he was at the former place, shewed the good effect of it - He afterwards appealed to me, as an old and faithful servant of the Company, and in consideration of the expenses of his Voyage, and at Monte Video, to allow his wages for the time of his absence - I thought it reasonable to do so, - equally as if he had been ill at Stanley, and I authorized the Cashier accordingly - Mr Hocquard advanced him for expenses £36. 9. 2 which was known to the London Office, as, in Remarks on accounts in Mr Coleman's handwriting sent to Stanley in the year 1865, is the following "This is independent of the £36. 9. 2 debited to this account for Hocquard's payments for Mr Garrell" - no enquiry was made by the London Office as to this payment, and there cannot be a doubt but that Mr Garrell's going to Monte Video was then known to Mr Fipps.

As to any motive for concealment "whereby it might be assumed" that he "was attending to his duties", there could be none, and there was none, and I must leave it to Mr. Cripps to divine what possible object I could have in not mentioning his absence.

What is the imputation which Mr. Cripps intends to convey, 2 years after the circumstances, and without any previous intimation?

With regard to whether Mr. Garrell was or was not "destitute" when he entered the Company's service, I cannot say, - He had been in it some years before I took charge, but at the latter period (1858) I believe he was then possessed of one of the two small Cottages which, on learning, he sold - He was in the habit of taking Captains of Vessels and others, as Boarders, at 16s. and £1 a week his wife acting as servant; and, in this way, made a good deal of money during so many years, - (see my statement of qualifications required from a new Storekeeper sent to Mr. Cripps) - With another man, he purchased the "Sea Lion", a small vessel for about, I believe, £120 - for several years his Co-Purchaser coasted round the Islands in her with considerable success, - buying Provisions from the Company's Store, and selling the Oil and Skins to the Company - The Co-Owner (wholly unconnected with the Company, and who had been wrecked on the Island) had saved so much money that he, last year, went to Monte Video and with another man in a similar position purchased between

them a Schooner for £400, having also paid Mr. Garrell for his share in the "Sea Lion"

The being part Owner of the "Sea Lion" in no way he interfered with Mr. Garrell's Store duties, but it was beneficial to the Company.

As to "the fact" of his dying possessed of £1000, no ground has been shewn, and I do not believe it.

I replied by letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1864, to the anonymous hints about Mr. Garrell, and Mr. Cripps answered in letter of 8<sup>th</sup> October/64, that Major Malony had been at the Office and had many long conversations, &c., - the same paragraph going on to say - "we hope you are right in regard to the Storekeeper - &c. Mr. Cripps however, makes no mention of having made any inquiry of Major Malony as to Mr. Garrell, altho' I had written to him on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1864, as regards Major Malony, as follows:

"Capt. Malony returns by the *velocidade* - It will be an opportunity which may not occur again to obtain from him information as to the Company - its doings here and prospects - I believe he will give a sensible and impartial account, and make the Directors acquainted with the views of all parties whether friends or enemies of the Company  
"Capt. M. will call at the Office"

Mr. Cripps knew that Capt. Malony had been several years in the Island, and constantly in the habit of communication with Mr. Garrell in supplying the Troops with Stores &c. - hardly a day passed that he had not been in the Store.

I adhere in every respect to the opinion of Mr. Garrett contained in my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1864, and <sup>can</sup> obtain abundant independent confirmation of it, if it is necessary - time has only allowed at present, of my receiving letters from Capt. Waller and Mr. Faulkner which I will produce.

The answer I received to the letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1864 wishing that the Directors should see Capt. Malony is - "we shall be glad to see Capt. Malony, but the Directors feel that the impressions of outside observers from a settlement where the community are so miserably divided, must be received with great caution" I refer to my reply of July 13, 1864, N<sup>o</sup> 166 in which I concluded thus - "If Captain Malony's statements are to be looked upon with caution, I am at a loss to conceive whose are to be relied upon - As far as I am personally concerned, it is wholly immaterial whether they are, or how they are, received"

On 8<sup>th</sup> October 1864 N<sup>o</sup> 304 - Par. 8 - Mr. Cripps writes, as to Capt. Malony - "you are mistaken in affirming that we have not seen Major Malony - he has had many long conversations with us, and so communicated all that he could think of, or we enquire about, but without adding to our previous information, or expressing any opinions that were not previously entertained - He is a plain thinking honest minded man and must be a loss to the Colony".

What opinion did he express of Mr. Garrell? It is not stated.

Major Malony was not allowed to see the Board - he wrote me that he had called several times, and seen the Clerk - but Mr. Gripps only once, and he did not care to do so again.

In October 1864 the following was received from the London Office "We have just given a letter introducing Capt<sup>m</sup> B. L. Atkinson to you - Captain Atkinson may do the Company great good at Liverpool"

On Captain Atkinson's return to England I wrote on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1865.

"Capt<sup>m</sup> Atkinson has mentioned that he is willing to go to London to attend a Board meeting, on payment of his expenses, on being asked to do so - his address is "V."

He had spent between 4 and 5 months at Stanley - on his way he saw Mr. Garrell at Monte Video, and on arrival told me he had learnt from them all about Stanley - he put all of the "Ada's" business which he could command into the Company's hands, and actively exerted himself with Captains of Ships arriving to secure their business to the Company. He was not allowed to see the Board

### Complaint No 4

Mr. Foster having been engaged in England as the Company's Clerk and Book keeper, under Mr. Lane landed at Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1864.

Mr. Lane's despatch No 160 par. 17. dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 1864 says "I hope to send the Stock taking and other

"Accounts by the next mail, I shall also request Mr.  
"Forster to send a Report on all the accounts and books  
"which I hope will have by that time been fully gone  
"thro' by him."

M<sup>r</sup>: Lane's Despatch N<sup>o</sup>: 168 Para: 8, dated 14<sup>th</sup> October  
1864 says, "I send a letter from M<sup>r</sup>: Forster as to the  
"various accounts of the Stanley Office Store and Butchery"

The letter is as follows: -

To

"James Lane Esq:                      Falkland I. Company  
"Colonial manager                      Stanley  
"Stanley                                      14<sup>th</sup> October 1864

"Sir - In compliance with your request I hereby  
"state that I found the Stanley Store and Butchery  
"Books generally correct and properly kept, and corresponding  
"with the entries from them in the Office Cash Books and  
"Journal, which latter are also in due order.

I have the honor &c. signed J. Forster

This being wholly irreconcilable with the accounts &c  
received from the Stanley Office, explanation was required,  
and is furnished as follows by M<sup>r</sup>: Forster dated 1<sup>st</sup>  
July 1866.

On my arrival at Stanley in May 1864 I found the  
Company's Books in the following state

"The Stanley Store Books generally correct so far as  
"I could judge, as I was not requested to check the previous  
"years - They were kept after a proper form - Tho' the Books  
"themselves were very dirty and most of the entries difficult  
"to decipher.



The Butchery Books were kept as well as could be expected from a man who has greasy work to do at the same time.

The Office Cash Book was in due order Mr. Lane having checked it every month.

The Journal was entered up to the end of February 1864 but whether the entries were correct I cannot state - It has been kept some months neatly, and others the reverse.

The Ledger was carelessly posted up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1863, but has never been balanced once - I have found that many entries were posted wrongly, and several entered direct, without appearing first in the Journal.

The Darwin Books I first saw after Mr. Rudd's death in November 1864 - They consisted of a Cash Order Book - a Store Day Ledger and a Ledger in which all the men's accounts were kept - which Books I at that time and have since twice checked - They were with the exception of a few irregularities correct - There were no entries of how, and where the goods sent for consumption to Darwin had been appropriated. Besides these, were several others which I was not called on to check."

Signed J. Foster.

At the Board's interview with Mr. Lane on the 29<sup>th</sup> August he was understood to say that the Stanley Ledger had necessarily remained in the state described for want of accounting Entries upon London transactions which had not been furnished.

But irrespective of the fact that figures of the Home transactions are in nowise necessary for the Stanley Ledger upon the proper posting, and balancing of which the whole

reliability of the Stanley Accounts depend. It is to be observed that it was the actual state of the Stanley books (and not the cause of that state) which Mr. Lane's Despatch indicates that the Board was to be informed upon by the Report from Mr. Forster.

The question now is, how Mr. Lane can reconcile the Report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 1864 which he had required a subordinate (who was under penal Bond to comply with his requirements) to make to him of the state of the Stanley Books, and how he can justify himself in forwarding that Report to the Board, calculated as it was to deceive the Directors and make them believe that a regular and correct system of accounting had been observed, when the Stanley Ledger had never once been "balanced" and only carelessly posted up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1863, that is 15 months in arrear with many entries posted wrongly and several without appearing in the Journal thereby shewing that the Copies Journals which had been sent by him to England were not reliable.

### Reply.

Mr. Forster's Letter as to the state of the Books is dated the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1864.

In July previously there is an entry in the Stanley Cash Book of a payment to Mr. Forster "for entering up old accounts" - A Copy of this entry in the Cash Book was received by Mr. Cripps on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1864 - He therefore knew by that, as well as by previous correspondence, that there were accounts in arrear - And so long ago as

February 1865 (in Memoranda on Accounts) Mr. Cripps enquired why the payment to Mr. Forster was made? it was promptly answered that it was for entering up the Journal during the interval when I was without a Clerk and for posting up the Ledger - what "concealment" was there under such circumstances?

It now appears that a Correspondence was being carried on with Mr. Cripps knowledge and sanction, between the Clerks in the two Offices, unknown to me - that these letters were even numbered, and that at least I had been written by Mr. Forster in 12 months - a year and a half having elapsed since the date of Mr. Forster's letter of October 1864, - and upwards of a year since Mr. Cripps received any reply that this payment to Mr. Forster was made for entering up the Journal and posting the Ledger without Mr. Cripps having once referred to it, in his numerous despatches to me - he now brings it before the Board as an incorrect Letter forwarded by me in 1864 in order to deceive the Board - carefully keeping out of view his enquiry in February 1865 and the answer then given as above stated

Before Mr. Forster arrived, I had written to Mr. Cripps of the previous Clerks neglect of the Books and that I should therefore discharge him (Letter of 26. September 1863. N. 163)

Is it to be supposed therefore that I should get the new Clerk to write a contradiction to what I had myself written?

The facts are simply these the Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1864 says that the Cash Book and Journal are in "due Order"

It is admitted that the Cash Book was so - but it is said that the Journal was not entered up for the two months (March and April) before Mr. Forster's arrival on the 1<sup>st</sup> May - I admit it was not entered up for those two months, nor could it be expected to be whilst I was without a Clerk, and, on the enquiry in February 1865 why £10 was paid to Mr. Forster "for entering up old accounts" I so stated, tho' Mr. Gripps keeps this enquiry and answer out of view in framing this charge.

But it is said that, allowing that the omission in the Letter, of the Journal being two months in arrear when Mr. Forster is explained or is immaterial, the Letter ought to have gone on to state that the Ledger had not been posted during the 8 months of the current year in which Mr. Forster arrived.

My answer is that to now attribute to me that this was not mentioned in the Letter "with a view to deceive the Directors" is as unworthy, as it is groundless, after the answer I gave to the enquiry of February 1865 above mentioned, and in view of the grounds upon which I dismissed the Clerk, whose duty it was to post up the Ledger as mentioned in my letter, before referred to, and which was written during the period that it remained unposted.

The Ledger for the last two years has not been posted up by Mr. Forster from month to month - as a matter of regularity I have wished it to be done, but want of time, and the unimportance of doing it, until the

end of the year, has been urged by Mr. Forster - as to some entries having been made in the Ledger by Mr. Bennett before entering them in the Journal, they were, I believe, only some 2 or 3 corrections of Journal Entries (received from England) entered as corrections in the Ledger after it had been posted, which Mr. Bennett neglected to first enter into the Journal as he ought to have done - this is only another instance of his carelessness for which I determined to discharge him, and of which I had informed Mr. Cripps as I before stated in September 1863.

But it is also said that the "Ledger" had never been balanced - this is calculated to mislead personal accounts, and Ships' accounts, were balanced in the Ledger - it was such accounts as "Farm" "Store" and "Adventures" "Directors &c" - accounts between the London and Stanley Offices - which were left open in the Ledger - and it was well known to Mr. Cripps that these accounts were kept open through the neglect of the London Office to furnish accounts of Sales of cargoes, freight paid &c &c repeated applied for and that, until this information was received, those accounts could not have been "balanced"

I refer to my letter, and, accompanying Papers on accounts, sent by me so long ago as in March 1863 to confirm this - Again 16. October 1863 I wrote thus "By the Matilda" I will send Balance Sheet, but some of the accounts will have to be corrected in London by the supply of items, as will be seen in the "General Notes" now sent, and the totals will therefore of course vary from the London Books - The Castings

in the Ledger here will be kept in pencil until the totals are correctly ascertained.

I beg to refer to those "general notes."

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1864 I again called attention to the papers on accounts sent to the London Office on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1863

On the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1864 No 167 I wrote "Consequently the two principal Accounts viz: "Directors" and "Adventurers" cannot be completed up to this time in the Stanley Ledger (and see letter)

This was 3 months after Mr Forsters arrival

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 1865 Accounts - A; shewn we have no open Accounts except such as have been necessarily "kept open for want of returns and figures from the London Office. Any directions sent out by the Board's will of course be followed here, but if one account is to be charged with the freight and expenses belonging to several, the separate Accounts kept are made delusive"

And in Mr Forsters answer of 31 January 1865 to remarks upon accounts received from the London Office it is stated - The Stanley Accounts are only left open where the materials are required from the London Office of Sales &c there (see Letter 167 para: 2) for instance in March 1863, we wrote" &c (giving instances).

Mr Cripps amongst other things represented, to the Board (as a matter to cause suspicion) that I had raised Mr Forsters Salary on, or soon after his arrival to £250 without authority and one of the Directors very naturally pressed me upon the question why, when

the Board sent out a Clerk at a fixed Salary, I should increase the amount on arrival - I begged at the time to refer to letters on that and other subjects.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1864 para: 18 - I wrote "M<sup>r</sup>: Forster found the expense of living more than he expected and told me that in that case he was to be allowed an increase of Salary - I have therefore agreed provisionally to its being £250 per annum"

S. December 1864 - 306 Para: 10 in reply "The Directors approve of your having increased M<sup>r</sup>: Forsters Salary - indeed at the time of his engagement we expected as you had suggested that a more liberal allowance would have to be conceded."

My suggestion above referred to was that in asking for a new Clerk I had said that the Salary of £220 would probably not be sufficient for a competent person.

I would wish to read the remarks upon accounts, received since M<sup>r</sup>: Forster arrived which have always appeared to me to be unnecessarily irritating - also to the replies - I have no desire to be the Champion of the Clerk sent out, but I cannot help calling attention to one of these "remarks" - On 8<sup>th</sup> October 1864 the following is sent from London "In future it will be better for no entries to be made in the Island books of London transactions until the proper Journal entries are forwarded to you"

On being answered (in reply to remarks on accounts) in October 1865, that notes of certain payments made in London had not been sent to Stanley, and, therefore,

had not been entered in the Island Books.

Mr Coleman replies "When the accommodation has been conceded of paying monthly in England portions of the Island Salaries those payments must be adopted at Stanley - without waiting the delay and trouble of further advice than the recipients afford"

I had requested £50 to be paid to a relation, no Journal entry had been forwarded, and some 18 months afterwards I received an Account of it.

On referring to the Stanley Books, I found it had not been placed to my debit in consequence of a Journal Entry not having been received from the London Office.

I can only treat the insinuations with which Mr Cripps concludes this charge with perfect contempt.

But I would call the attention of the Board to Mr Coleman's Letter to Mr Forster of the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1865 - If a Clerk in the London Office is allowed to use such insulting expressions towards the Colonial Manager, in correspondence with a Clerk under the latter, I would ask how is it possible to maintain authority and whether the Board can sanction Mr Coleman's conduct.

### Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 5.

Mr Lane's Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 177 dated 10<sup>th</sup> November 1864 reporting the death of Camp Manager Rudd says

He has promised the widow £4 a month, and given her half the Company's House occupied by her Brother in Law for 12 months, as her husband with a large family and low Salary, had only saved between £30



and £40.

Upon this Statement the Board assented to Mrs Rudd being allowed the pension of £4 per month and House accommodation rent free for 12 months as promised by Mr Lane

The authorised payment having been completed in October 1865, and the two subsequent Cash Books shewing that this payment was being continued without any authority from the Board - The Stanley Office was called on to explain the excessive payment of £8 and to have it adjusted.

The answer given is that this extra payment was made by order of Mr Lane.

Mr Lane's Despatch No 214 dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 1866 p<sup>th</sup> 9 says - Mrs Rudd has in Deposit with the Company £117. 3. 0.

The Board now desires to know whether since Mrs Rudd left the House which the Company allowed her to occupy rent free, she has not been living in a house of her own, left to her by her late husband.

Mr Lane should also explain how he justifies having ordered Mrs Rudd's pension to be paid from the Company's Cash for 2 months longer than the Board had sanctioned.

Now Mrs Rudd having been left 10 months before with only between £30 and £40, and a large family to maintain had in June 1866 so large a sum as £117. in deposit

If she had a house of her own as left by her

husband, and the excessive funds now alluded to - Why the Board was recommended to grant her a house and pension, on the ground that she had only between £30 and £40.

The Board also desires to know whether any other contributions (which had not been authorised by the Board) were made by Mr Lane to Mrs Rudd, at the Company's expense, and if so, their value, and as they are not entered as such in the Journals and Cash Books sent to England whether they are not entered under some other heading whereby they were concealed from the Board.

### — Reply. —

The murder of her husband and the sympathy shewn by every one for his widow, with 7 children and in the family way with another solely caused me to act as I did - In the Island it was not thought at all too much for a Company to do. If I had been a Proprietor in the place of the Company I should have felt it a duty to do more, after the advantages derived from her husband's successful services and very small pay,

The £14 per month was continued for November and December both under those circumstances, and as concluding the current year - Mrs Rudd applied to Mr Forster to know whether it could not be continued after the end of 1865, and I told him to say it could not be - I, also, continued it for the 2 months because I had required her to leave the Company's Cottage (in

order to sell it / early in August instead of 2 or 3 months afterwards when the 12 months allowed to her would have expired.

I find that without waiting for explanation Mr Friggs, on the 9<sup>th</sup> September instant, wrote to Mr. Forster that the £0 must be "refunded"

Nothing can be more injurious to the Company's interests than such a step, - it will prejudice everyone in the place against the Company, and not a Captain arriving there but will be quickly told of the meanness of the Company - I am quite willing to the amount being charged to myself.

In my letter of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1866 I myself mentioned that Mr. Rudd had a balance of £117. 3. 0 in the Company's hands - I omitted to state that it was subject to her Store and Butchers Bills which had been running on against it

The estimate of £30 or £40 made by me immediately after Rudd's death was all I then believed him to have left - I afterwards heard, that he had bought, jointly with his relative Robson, some land at Stanley, but had paid for the whole, - Robson's share was afterwards paid by him to the widow who handed it to the Company's Cashier - some money I have also heard was given to her which went to account.

In 1862 Rudd secured several "black fish" and obtained from them about 1000 Gallons of good Oil worth more than £150 - He asked, instead of money, to have ten sheep given to him - I mentioned it to the

Board, and it was agreed to - They have increased since  
his death and Mr. Greenhields finding them inconvenient  
amongst the flocks I told Mr. Rudd that they must be  
sold, and they were put up to Auction and bought by me  
just before I left for the Company - I think there were  
about 30 and that they sold for about £50 - this sum  
is included in the £117. 3. 0

Rudd left a small cottage which his widow lived  
in after quitting the Company's cottage.

I have <sup>had</sup> no extracts furnished to me as to the information  
or grounds of the imputations made in this matter by  
Mr. Cripps in April last in reference to Mr. Rudd - I am  
obliged therefore to content myself with stating that there  
has never been a shadow of ground for them these  
imputations are left out of the charge now made, but  
though not now referred to, it cannot be overlooked  
that they were at the bottom of the charges, to make  
it appear that I had an improper object in favoring  
Mr. Rudd - I consider it discreditable to make such  
imputations, when I am absent, in one in Mr. Cripps's  
position, and afterwards shrink from them when I am  
in England.

### — Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 6. —

Mr. Lane's Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 178 dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 1864  
Reports

That Mr. Lane urgently requiring a person to  
fill Mr. Rudd's vacancy as Camp Manager he had been  
necessitated to engage John Bonner on a salary of  
£100 for the first year, and that as he had once been

diminished for drunkening and other misconduct. The agreement is stringent and terminable on any insobriety or misconduct.

Neither in this, or any subsequent Despatch does Mr Lane allude to any necessity for lending money to Bonner, neither has he at any time asked the Board's authority to do so.

The Stanley Cash Books and Journals between November 1864 and December 1865 have no entry of "Cash lent" or of "Cash advanced" to John Bonner - His name does not appear in the Sheet of Debtors furnished by Mr Lane on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1865 (the close of his accounting year) for preparing the Home Balance Sheet for the annual General meeting, and by Despatch n<sup>o</sup> 202 dated 29<sup>th</sup> December 1865 Mr Lane reported J. Bonner's resignation without saying a word about his being then in debt to the Company - The Stanley Office was desired to send home a Statement shewing how Bonner's account stood at the time of his resignation, and whether he owed anything to the Company on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1865 the date of the Balance Sheet, distinguishing any sums due for Stores from any Debt for Cash.

The answer received from Stanley is Bonner owed £144. 15. 6 and £6. 7 for interest on loan of £127 on leaving the Company's Service.

The state of indebtedness on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1865 to be forwarded when the account is made up.

Mr Lane is asked to explain how he justifies having lent such a large amount to John Bonner (whose character was so doubtful that his Engagement)

provided for instant dismissal, not only without any authority asked from or given by the Board, but under concealment from the Board and in deviation from integrity of account in not being truly set out as "Cash lent" in either the Cash Books or Journals sent to England, and not being distinctly entered as a debt due by Bonner in the Sheet of balances sent to England for enabling the Board to shew the true state of the years transactions to the Shareholders at the General meeting, and by no allusion being made of Bonner owing this £151 to the Company when Mr Lane reported his resignation in our December 1865.

— Reply —

On Rudd's death there was no one in the Island capable of acting as Camp Manager except Bonner, and I was only too glad to engage him in the emergency - see Letter of 14<sup>th</sup> October and also 22<sup>o</sup> 178 of 16 November 1864.

In the following month he was pressed for payment by 3 Creditors and it was necessary to pay them, or to run the risk of losing him - Security was taken - Hides were also arranged to be delivered from his district in payment and he had there some 200 Cattle and horses - the full sum, with interest, was subsequently paid off in account, and a balance was due to Bonner and paid over to him of £221 - 15 - 6 - This was known to Mr. Cripps on the 16<sup>th</sup> August last in answer to Questions upon accounts sent with Despatch per 5

"Matilda"

I leave the Board to deal with such a Statement as that made by Mr Cripps viz: there is no entry in the Cash Books and that the money was paid "under concealment from the Board, and in derogation from integrity of account" when I state that in the Stanley Cash Book, under date 17. December 1864 (a Copy of which was forwarded to Mr Cripps in due course and received by him on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1865) is the following entry of payments on account of Bonner.

" Farm Account	}	" To Rev <sup>d</sup> . C. Bull .	55
" J. Bonner - Order		" .. Isaac Smith .	50
		" .. George Dean	20
			<u>£ 127 "</u>

No enquiry was made on receiving in May (65) the Copy of the Cash Book containing this entry - it was also entered in the Journal a Copy of which was sent as well as the Copy Cash Book - it was kept from the Directors when Mr Cripps made his verbal Statements to them in April last and also from his present statement

To further shew Mr Cripps knowledge, a Correspondence with the Governor was received by him from me in November 1865, in which under date of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1865 is the following " At the end of 1864 he (John Bonner) was Insolvent and about to give up when I engaged him in the Company's service and paid off his debts some £200." - This sum included his account for Stores.

I submit to the Board whether the above can be considered as fair and honorable conduct in the Managing Director of a Public Company towards its Colonial Manager.

— Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 7. —

M<sup>r</sup>. Lane's Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 157 dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1864  
Reports

That he had been convicted in the Stanley Criminal Court upon a "Prosecution for malicious Libel" against Captain Sibbald R. N. which resulted "in his being fined £10"

M<sup>r</sup>. Lane will probably be able to say whether he paid the penalty imposed upon him from his own money, or from the Company's Cash and if the latter whether he had previously asked, or obtained the Board's authority for so doing.

— Reply. —

It is hardly necessary to remark upon the sneer contained in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph of this Charge, but I may "probably be able" to say V<sup>o</sup> or, as to the terms in which it is made.

M<sup>r</sup>. Cripps in 1864 by a copy of the Company's Cash Book, then forwarded to him, knew that the £10 was paid by the Company and that it has never been since questioned.

It is evident that asking a question which M<sup>r</sup>. Cripps could answer himself, was only in order to prejudice the minds of the Directors who have since joined the Board, by introducing such a Statement



as this charge commences with vizt that I "had been  
"convicted, in the Stanley Criminal Court, for "malicious  
"Libel" - I beg to refer to the Copy memorial to the  
Secretary of State - my letters of 16<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> August  
1864 and Mr. Cripps replies as to this proceeding and the  
way it was treated by Mr. Cripps.

In the above Letter of 16<sup>th</sup> May 1864, I wrote as  
to the memorial to the Secretary of State - "I should  
"like the statement to be read by Captain Maloney,  
"and that the Directors should communicate with him" -  
This was not done - Captain Maloney knew the practices  
of Captain Sibbald and had he been asked to see the  
Directors, would, I am sure, have caused them to take  
action in such a gross case - but the memorial was  
allowed to appear to be unsupported by the Directors, and  
it is not owing to any support I received from Mr. Cripps  
that some of the Island authorities were reproved for  
their doings.

— Complaint N:O. —

Mr. Lane's Return of the Company's Live Stock dated  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1865.

Shews

That there then existed 20,271 Sheep

Mr. Lane's Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1865 (five days  
previous) describes the increase that may be expected from  
them "in the absence of any wholly unforeseen circumstances"

Mr. Lane's Despatch 191 p. 15. dated 20. June 1865  
says

"The weather so far has been pretty favourable"

to the Live Stock"

M<sup>r</sup> Greenshield's the new Flock Master sent from England reached Stanley 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1865 and by a Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1865 says "The Count I have taken just now is only a near Estimate, as the Sheep can never be all got together at one going over the Land, I just state the number to shew the difference which I am satisfied the 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering will never be able to make up,

Total Ewes	10,541	} 15,998.
" Widders	5,233	
" Tups	224	

" This is the account as I have gone over and counted the Flocks just now personally with the exceptions of the Tups which I have not seen yet, but I saw the Shepherd who said the number was 224."

M<sup>r</sup> Lane's return of Live Stock dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 1866

Shews

Sheep deaths in the previous 10 months. 3,591

Killed in ditto do do 387

M<sup>r</sup> Lane's produce Returns for 9 months up to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1866 shews 200 Sheep Skins collected.

As any serious loss was "wholly unforeseen" on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1865 and the weather up to the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1865 was "pretty favorable to the Live Stock" it would seem that the bulk of this calamitous mortality amongst the Sheep, must have occurred between 20<sup>th</sup> June 1866 and the counting by

Mr. Greenshield's in October

Can explanation be given why this unprecedented loss of Sheep, is not alluded to in any of the seven despatches written by Mr. Lane to the Board between those dates - why Mr. Lane does not appear to have gone to the Flock Stations (though he draws an express allowance for that duty) to adopt ~~some~~ some measures to arrest such fearful loss to the Company and at least to secure the skins from a part of this immense mortality of which not one appears to have been collected.

— Reply. —

I have again to complain of suppression by Mr. Cripps to give a color to his charges - It is made to appear that "a Report" is given entire in the above statement - It is not "a report" but a private letter from Mr. Greenshield to Mr. Cripps - not only so, but it is a garbled extract, leaving out the part of Mr. Greenshield's Letter which, if it had been added, would have been an answer to the charge misstated in the statement - The context of the Letter is, "I have explained to him" (Mr. Lane) that I think the best way is to say nothing "about Account, till after the Clipping is over", when I will give him a correct account - "Strictly speaking" is also left out, and the sentence, to avoid the appearance of there being any preceding words, is made to begin "The Count" instead of "Strictly speaking" the Count - &c.

In my Annual Report of this year, I have stated the cause of the mortality amongst the Sheep, and to that I adhere, and beg to refer - the weather being "pretty

favourable to the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1865 "did not prevent the progress of the Scab since March - and from July to November the weather was unusually severe.

In Mr. Greenshields's Letter to Mr. Cripps of 14<sup>th</sup> October above referred to, he says "The Sheep are thoroughly scabbed and the Shepherds are completely disorganized" - This is also left out of the Statement professing to be what Mr. Greenshields had written.

Both of these circumstances resulted, as stated in my Report, chiefly from want of hands - the good men were disheartened, and the indifferent ones plotting.

At the Clipping of 1864-5, the men considered the Company would be in their power, and ~~that~~ Mr. Greenshields himself first told me of having found that a general strike had been arranged to take place, in consequence, at the next Clipping Season (1865-6) to obtain their own scale of wages.

I refer to the following Letters to Mr. Cripps repeatedly complaining of Shepherds asked for not being sent, and I attribute to these complaints coupled with the losses of Sheep sustained, as anticipated, the bitter feeling he has since shown towards me

November 9<sup>th</sup> 1863 - see Letter.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1864 N: 160. I wrote "I must warn the Board that the most serious consequences will ensue, if, instead of complying with them (Requisitions) the time is consumed in Correspondence - we have never had enough of either men or remedies."

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1864 N: 165 - It is a mistake to

suppose "that" good Shepherding "can be without a sufficient number of hands"

October 10<sup>th</sup> 1864 - see Letter.

October 13<sup>th</sup> 1864 - N<sup>o</sup> 171 - The situation of these "Flocks is so critical and serious in consequence of the want of men to take care of them - that it is necessary to make it clear that the responsibility does not rest here, whatever may happen.

"Nearly 12 months have elapsed and two vessels have arrived since, in my Letter of ninth November One thousand eight hundred and sixty three, per Mahilda, I wrote "two Shepherds and four helps should be sent by the first vessel, to provide for the care of the Lambs when weaned in March - One man only has arrived - all this is so thoroughly disheartening that the Camp Manager (Rudd) told me the other day that he wished he had the place of Head Shepherd, rather than be left in such a position, and he should not be surprised at a general strike - There would be no one capable of taking his place"

Letter of November 16<sup>th</sup> 1864 N<sup>o</sup> 178. on engaging his successor Bonner - "But he assured me that unless more men were coming and quickly, he would not undertake it" this was from a man whose circumstances made the appointment very important to him.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1864 - The Shepherds consider five hundred Lambs too low an estimate of the loss sustained this season for want of hands (and see remainder of Letter)

27<sup>th</sup> February 1865 - N<sup>o</sup>: 185 - Paragraph 7.

The following is an Explanatory Summary.

Letter to Mr. Cripps of -  
November 9<sup>th</sup> 1863.

"Two Shepherds and 4  
"Helps should be sent by  
"first Vessel to provide for  
"the care of the Lambs  
"when weaned in March"

Mr. Cripps Letter of 8<sup>th</sup> March  
1865 in reply.

"We do not exactly understand from  
"what time your additional number  
"of Shepherds will be required."

Letter to Mr. Cripps on  
January 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

"The men asked for  
"would do scantily for  
"the present Lambs"

Reply - Argument as to there  
being already enough.

Letter to Mr. Cripps of  
May 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

By the "Janla" which arrived  
in May 1864 one, instead of six  
Shepherds and Helps, was sent,  
and that one arrived after the  
Season was over.

It is in no other spirit  
or view, but anxiety for  
the Company's interests  
that I make the requisition  
for men and remedies, -  
but I must warn the  
Board that the moot  
season's consequences will

For the care of the Ewes in  
Lambing, and also another year's  
increase of Lambs, and for the clipping  
(October 1864 to March 1865) no  
men were sent.

After it was over viz<sup>t</sup> on 8<sup>th</sup> April  
1865 - 8 men arrived.

The Sheep could not be dressed as

ensued, if instead of complying clipped (as should have been the case with them the time is consumed with sufficient hands) in Correspondence - We have Nor could the Lambs (amongst which never had enough of either was the chief mortality during 1865) men or remedies, and it is be attended to. a dangerous argument to use In July and September (when too that because in 1862 we late for the season) 10 or 12 more had only a certain number men arrived with the new Flockmaster of shearers (all the time the See Annual Report of Colonial number being complained Manager of February 1866. of us being very insufficient) a certain addition can only now be necessary."

It must be evident that my going to the "Flock Stations" would have been fruitless - I could do nothing individually, nor adopt any measures to arrest the disease in the absence of a sufficient number of hands.

The not securing the skins of Sheep and Lambs dying, has long been a subject of complaint by me to the Camp Manager - every Home Cargo for years has shown a similar absence of skins to losses to that in the past year - The same Shepherds have not, until recently, been able to be kept with a flock, for want of a sufficient number, but in December, last, I arranged a Plan with Mr Greenshields to note from which flock the skins brought in came from, and to make known to the Shepherds that the number would be compared with the losses found at clipping - Birds of Prey quickly destroy the skins of dead Sheep, and the Shepherds were not willing to bring them in, as it would

shew the loss in their particular flock.

— Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 9. —

The Boards Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 321 dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 1865 which reached Stanley 27<sup>th</sup> January 1866.

Granted Mr Lane leave of absence under the distinct instruction that before leaving Stanley he was to transfer all Stores in his charge both at Stanley and Darwin (belonging to the Company) to Mr Forster's Charge, upon detailed Inventories of quantity and value of articles, certified by the Storekeepers Signature, and receipted by Mr Forster, to be sent to the London Office - The same Despatch further Ordered Mr Lane to place in Mr Forsters Charge all Records Despatches Books &c. he giving receipts for the same.

Mr Lane left Stanley on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1866 and landed in England on the 14<sup>th</sup> August last, but though he has furnished Mr Forster Receipt for certain "Tide Seeds" he has not furnished any receipts or Inventories as desired for either Stores or Records.

Required to know whether the Stores and Records were transferred to Mr Forster upon Inventories and Receipts as directed, and if so, why those Inventories and Receipts have not been sent to the London Office.

— Reply. —

It was impossible to comply with the request to make out Inventories and valuations of the Stores up to my leaving - it would have been a virtual prohibition of my leaving at all - a new Cargo had just arrived and a home Cargo to be prepared and shipped Vessels of



War and Merchant. Shipping were in the Harbour and every one fully employed in attending to the above and general matters. The Stores remain in charge of Mr Forster and the Storekeeper and assistant and the only difference is the former being there instead of myself.

To take Stock is a work of several weeks even when there is an absence of Shipping as was the case in July 1865, but then I was 5 and 6 hours a day for 3 weeks myself engaged with the Storekeepers Clerk and 2 men in making out the Inventories and Valuations and had the Store necessarily closed for several hours a day during a great part of that time - nearly 3 weeks more were occupied in completing and making up the Inventories and Valuations.

It is not correct to state that I have not furnished a receipt for Records - An Inventory of every Title Deed and Record in the Iron Safe was sent to Mr. Cripps by the "Matilda" and also a Copy of the Cash book to the day I left with Mr. Forsters receipt for the balance handed over to him

Complaint N<sup>o</sup> 10.

The Stanley Cash Book for 1865 shows:			
" 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	For 60 Fur Seal Skins	12/10 <sup>ea.</sup>	} 38. 10. 0
	Ex. Sea Lion		
" 27 "	155 d. d.	13/ea.	} 100. 15. 0
		Ex. Fairy	
Total purchased	<u>215</u>		

Stanley produce return of Stock on hand 1<sup>st</sup> April 1865  
in Mr. Lane's writing shews

Fur Seal Skins purchased 216

Sold in Store 54

remaining . . . 162

The next vessel viz! the Francis Drake brought  
home only 156 Fur Seal Skins (as per Bill of Lading)  
which at Public Sale

Realized { 78 - Best . . . . . 23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> ea.  
          { 78 - Inferior & damaged . . . 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>11</sub> ea.

The short delivery had to be looked into

The Stanley Journal for April 1865 shows page 46

For 50 Fur Seal Skins sold in Store £37. 14. 0

N. B. This is at 13/ea:

Thus the Stanley produce return showed 54 Skins  
sold, leaving 162 to be sent to England, whilst there  
were only 156 landed at home - The Stanley Journal  
showing 50 sold in Store realized £37. 14. 0 Mr. Lane's  
entries in his return of Adventures also says realized  
£37. 14. 0 for Fur Seal Skins sold.

The Stanley Cash Books shewing no direct Receipts  
for Fur Seal Skins sold, by which these discrepancies  
could be adjusted

The Stanley Office was called upon to state the number  
of skins sold, by whom purchased, at what prices, and  
where the proceeds were entered in the Cash Books?

The explanation furnished from Stanley is:-

• That the Fur Seal Skins were sold at 13/ea. and  
the proceeds entered when the accounts of the respective Purchasers  
were paid?

		Realizing
To Mr Pyne 9 Skins		5. 17. 0
" Forster 6		3. 18. 0
" Atkinson 17		11. 1. 0
" Governor 2		1. 6. 0
" Lane 8		5. 4. 0
Total sold 42	Total	<u>27. 6. 0</u>

Consumption

At present to }  
 Capt<sup>m</sup> Mires } 16  
 Total disposed of 58

From this explanation it appears that there were in fact only 42 Seal Skins sold in Store which realized only £27. 10. 0 - Instead of as entered by Mr. Lane "54 sold in Store", and instead of as stated in the "Stanley Journal -" 58 Fur Seal Skins sold in Store "£37. 14. 0" and it shows that altho' the other 16 skins were entered in the Journal to come to England, as sold for £13. 8. 0, they had not been sold at all, but had been otherwise appropriated by the Colonial Manager, and the deficiency in Cash owing to their not being paid for, is got over in the Stanley Books, by entering that they were consumed by the Company, and in the Books sent to England this deficiency of Cash must be got rid of by adding its amount viz<sup>t</sup> £13. 8. 0 to some other sums for Stores used upon the Company's works, and entering the bulk in one item as the value of Stores consumed by the Company and so concealing this appropriation from

the Home Office and leading it to believe that the whole  
50 skins had been regularly "sold in the Store" for Cash.  
Explanation required

Reply.

I made an offer for the Seal Skins brought by  
"the Sea Lion" of 13s. each - it was refused, and they  
were sold by Auction in Lots - several people wanted  
to buy some for presents, and were prepared to give  
high prices, but to prevent competition and raising  
prices (which would and did regulate the "Fairies"  
subsequent sales), I agreed that they should have  
some after the sale at the price at which I might  
buy them - they sold for 12s/10 each - Shortly after,  
the "Fairy" came in, also with Fur Seal Skins,  
and the men finding the "Sea Lions" had sold  
only for 12s/10 agreed to take 13s. each from the  
Company without Auction.

At that price I let the persons named have  
what they intended to bid for - I took I myself  
at the same price - the payments for all these 42  
are stated above to have been entered by the Cashiers  
when paid for

Captain Myers' account with the Company for the  
"Matthias Salvinius" was, I believe, more than £700  
and was paid in Cash together also with his private  
Account.

Instead of making him an allowance, as is usual  
in such a case, or allowing him a discount, I

agreed to his having 16 Skins costing £10.8.0 - he also paid his private account in full - the £10.8.0 was much less than he would have expected in money, on such an account, but he was satisfied, as his wife and Daughter, who were with him, wanted them.

These 16 Skins were entered by Mr. Forster to the account called "Consumption Account" kept under that title before I took charge, and since continued, and which was the only existing account under which it could be entered, but such a statement as, that they (these 16 Skins) were "appropriated by the Colonial Manager" and "concealing this appropriation from the Home Office", is most unjustifiable.

I would suggest that an account, under the head "Gratuities or Allowances" should be opened in future.

The difference between 574 and 58 Skins was explained in answer to an enquiry in Despatch of 8. December 1865 - also why 162 were bought, and only 156 landed in England viz that, after the date of the return of 1<sup>st</sup> April 4 more were disposed of, making up the 58 - and as to the 2 still wanting, the answer then given, but now suppressed was as follows "The two were noticed at the time of shipment to be deficient, and Rutter could only account for it, by supposing they were taken by the "Francis Drake's" men during loading - they were previously kept under lock and key and carefully counted by buyer and seller when purchased."

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of the Board  
Decisions on Statements made by the  
Managing Director.

- N<sup>o</sup> 1. Considered to have been thoroughly explained.
2. Provided the Inventories at the end of the financial year come forward all right this is fully explained.
3. That M<sup>r</sup> Lane must have been greatly deceived in M<sup>r</sup> Garrell's character and should have paid more attention to the Home Despatches on the subject and made enquiries which would have satisfied him on M<sup>r</sup> Garrell's real character.
4. As a principle the Board would prefer that Salaries of any of the principal Employees are not raised without the previous sanction of the Board even provisionally. The Letter relative to the State of the Books is unsatisfactory.
5. Satisfactorily explained.
6. Satisfactorily explained.
7. This Statement was quite unnecessary.
8. Fully and properly explained.
9. These Orders should have been carried out even at some inconvenience but as the Inventories at the end of the financial year would be shortly prepared the Board will be satisfied with these if correct.
10. Explanation satisfactory but it is desirable that in future all present Captains of Ships and others should be duly reported to the Head Office.

(signed) J. G. Robinson

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm. P. Smith  
Chairman

1866.  
October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Present

W. Boucher Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Board having been called by desire of the Chairman the Minutes of the last two Meetings were read and Ordered - That before being signed the ten Complaints made against Mr. Lane with his Answers thereto when received in writing are to be entered in full.

Ordered - That in the Despatch to go out by the next Mail instructions be sent that Mrs. Rudd is not to refund the L 8 extra Pension which was paid to her.

Mr. Boucher read a Letter from Mr. Lane, addressed to himself, asking for a day to be appointed for him to attend a Board to bring forward several subjects of importance to the Company.

Ordered - That a Board Meeting be held for this purpose on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant at One P.M. and that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors be then fixed to take place as near as convenience will permit 14 days thereafter.

Mr. Boucher required the following in

information to be furnished to him at the next Board Meeting, viz:

1. A list of Bills drawn upon the Company on account of the Island from the time Mr. Lane had charge to the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1866. with dates.
2. Ditto of Bills and Cash received on the Island account by the Directors between the same dates.
3. Invoiced total cost of each Cargo sent to the Island between the same dates with names of vessels and (separately) the apportioned freight, Insurance and charges attaching to each Cargo.
4. Proceeds sales of each Home Cargo, between same dates, with names of vessels and (separately) the apportioned Freight, Insurance and charges, attaching to each Cargo.
5. Account (half-yearly) of Stores and Sheep-dressing &c. appearing by the Island accounts to have been delivered out for use (not for sale) since Mr. Lane taking charge, to the last account received, with dates.

Mr. Boucher complained that the Man<sup>g</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. had without any authority caused the sale of the Wool brought home per 'Matilda' to be deferred against the advice of the Wool Brokers, and read a Letter from Mr. Ernest Hankey to that effect - Mr. Cripps explained that he had instructed the Wool being sold in November after, as he believed, the Board had agreed to that course and Mr. Hankey had expressed his entire concurrence in its propriety.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Wm Boucher

Chairman -



1866.  
October 17<sup>th</sup>

Present  
W. Boutcher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
W. Anning Esq  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Chairman signed the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and then read over and signed the Minutes of the last Board Meeting.

The Statements applied for by the Chairman at the last Board Meeting were handed to him.

Mr. Anning wished to record that though he was not present when the Board gave its decision upon the Managing Director's Complaints against Mr. Lane, he had since read that Gentleman's Answers & quite concurred in those decisions.

Mr. Lane read further Statements which were to be furnished in writing as the Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>t</sup>. expressed desire to answer them.

Mr. Lane asked whether the Board sanctioned two Bills being furnished to Ship Captains, one of the amount actually charged to, and paid by them, the other for a larger amount to be charged to the Owners for the benefit of Captains, as he understood from the Owner of the 'Waverley' that this course had

been adopted towards that Vessel.

Ordered - That instructions be sent to Stanley prohibiting this system.

Mr. Lane wished to know whether presents to Ship Captains who brought good custom to the Comp<sup>y</sup> were to be allowed, and was informed that the Manager must exercise a reasonable discretion in such cases, taking care to enter them explicitly in the Accounts sent to England.

It was agreed that a private Meeting of the five Directors (excluding Mr. Cripps) should be held for the purpose of talking matters over on such day as Mr. Robinson might arrange after consulting the convenience of the other four Directors.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Wm. Bonteker

Chairman

1866.  
November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq  
Col. Macdonald  
W. Anning Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult. were read

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1506. 6. 10 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Mr. Boutcher read and handed in the following Letter from Mr. Lane -

London Nov. 21. 1866.

To the Chairman & Directors  
of the Falkland Islands Company,  
Gentlemen,

I beg to apprise you of my intention to relinquish the appointment of Colonial Manager of the Company at the end of my current (9<sup>th</sup>) year, viz. the 1<sup>st</sup> September next - or so soon after as may be convenient with reference to my Successor. As the subsequent 3 or 4 months of the year are, however, the most important in respect of general arrangements, & the preparations for the home Cargo, I shall be

ready to remain during those months, if desired.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) James Lane

Colonial Manager

Mr. Boucher then moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried -

That Mr. Lane's Resignation for the 1<sup>st</sup> September next be accepted.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Anning and carried -

That on accepting Mr. Lane's Resignation the Board wish to convey to him the assurance that the Complaints about money matters & Accounts have been explained in a perfectly satisfactory manner to them.

Mr. Cripps intimated his protest against both these Resolutions.

Mr. Boucher read and handed in the following Letter, which, though dated the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1866, he stated had only been received by him on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

London. 16<sup>th</sup> October 1866.

To the Chairman & Directors  
of the Falkland Islands Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Gentlemen,

Many reports having been in circulation connected with the Falkland Islands Co<sup>y</sup>, we the undersigned have with several of our fellow

Shareholders made enquiries, which have disclosed to us the circumstances under which the Company's present Manager at Stanley was obliged to quit his former Profession, and by which he is in our judgment clearly disqualified from retaining the responsible position he now holds, irrespective of what his procedure may have been in that position.

The circumstances above alluded must now be known to some Members of the Board so that it is unnecessary here more particularly to refer to them, than by observing that the discovery of them has occasioned so much surprise and dissatisfaction amongst the Proprietors that a Requisition is in course of signature for a General Meeting with a view to a Committee of enquiry, but feeling that this course may be injurious to the Company we are desirous if possible to stay it, hoping that the matter being thus brought under your attention we may receive your assurance that Mr. Lane's immediate resignation will be at once guaranteed to us.

We are, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servants,

(signed) { James Bruce  
E. C. Buaton  
Will<sup>m</sup> Millar  
Marcia Ouseley  
James J. Fitz Maurice

Ordered - That this Letter be placed on the Board's Minutes.

Mr. Boucher read his Reply as follows -  
London. 8<sup>th</sup> November 1866.

Sir,

As Chairman of the Directors of the Falkland Islands Company a Letter dated the 16<sup>th</sup> October last signed by you and 4 other Shareholders was on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. delivered to me, alluding to the result of enquiries made in reference to the Company's Colonial Manager and asking that "his immediate resignation may be guaranteed".

I will place this communication before the Board at its next Meeting.

Whether your enquiries have led to correct information, or whether Mr. Lane can or cannot justify his Professional conduct is not a question which in my judgment the Company has a right to open, particularly seeing that 12 years have elapsed since he ceased to practice.

The only enquiry I consider to be legitimate is whether or not Mr. Lane has faithfully served the Company during the past 8 years as Colonial Manager, and I have no hesitation in stating that he has acted with integrity & zeal for the interests of the Company, and has brought it from a depressed into a sound & prosperous state, resulting in an increase of the Company's Property & Stock in 8 years to the value of upwards of £60,000. Under these circumstances I see no grounds whatever for asking for his resignation, nor any reason why his experience

should be lost to the Company.

It is known to me that Mr. Cripps has been instrumental in causing this movement & it is only right that you should know the connecting circumstances.

It has been ascertained that a secret correspondence has been going on between the Clerks in the London & Stanley Offices since the arrival of the latter, who was sent out by the London Office. Soon after his arrival in 1864 he asked the London Clerk for an assurance that "what I write to you in perfect confidence will never reach the ears of Mr. Lane", and the reply stated that all communications should "be strictly confidential, so I trust you will write to me with the greatest candour in order that we may be of use to each other."

On Mr. Lane arriving in England in August last he first learnt that such a correspondence had taken place, and that it had been connived at and approved of by Mr. Cripps to his prejudice. Mr. Lane demanded a full investigation and Mr. Cripps was required by the Board to state in writing all charges which he had to make, this he eventually did & they were replied to in writing. The charges and answers with the unanimous decision of the Board upon each charge after a full investigation are upon record in the Company's Office.

None of the charges were substantiated nor were any of them of a pecuniary character or affecting the Company's funds, and both my Co-Surety and

myself continue to feel the same confidence in being Mr. Lane's guaranties as we did when entering into that liability.

The Board were unanimous in their strong condemnation of Mr. Cripps "for the manner in which evidence has been got up and letters written to subordinates in the Island in the name of Clerks from here approved by the Managing Director and not brought before or mentioned to the Board."

Mr. Cripps has also been distinctly told at a recent Board Meeting by one of the Directors, with the concurrence of the rest, that the course he had pursued was "most dishonorable."

I have thought it expedient to give these details as from the tenor of your letter it appeared to me that you had been deceived by some one who had an interest in concealing the true facts of the case.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) W. Boucher

Chairman

To J. Bruce Esq

34 Abchurch Lane.

Ordered to be recorded, that the Board considers this Letter to be the reply of Mr. Boucher individually.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. intimated the wish of Sir George Rose Parbonies to retire from the Direction.

Ordered - That this Resignation be accepted



Read the following Letter which though dated 31<sup>st</sup> October was only delivered at the Company's Office on Monday Evening or yesterday Morning.

London. 31<sup>st</sup> October 1866.

To the Chairman and Directors  
of the Falkland Islands Company,  
Gentlemen,

We the undersigned Shareholders request you will call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Company, to be held as soon after the 25<sup>th</sup> November next as may be convenient, for the purpose of appointing a Committee of Shareholders to enquire into the affairs of the Company and to report thereon to a subsequent General Meeting.

We are, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servants,

(signed)

E. C. Buxton  
Marcia Cuseley  
James T. Fitz Maurice  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Hoare  
W. Hughes Hughes Jr.  
Willm Millar  
James Bruce

Ordered - That pursuant to this Requisition a Notice be published in the proper manner convening an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at this Office on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> proximo,

immediately after the Adjourned Annual General Meeting, which is fixed for that day at 12 O'clock.

Ordered - That a Board Meeting be called for the 12<sup>th</sup> prox<sup>o</sup>. to consider the Report and business to be submitted to the Adjourned Annual General Meeting, including a proposal that the Office of Managing Director be abolished.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted a Letter from Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Poutney & Son saying that as the Wool ex 'Matilda' had been left for their disposal, according as they considered would be most beneficial for the Comp<sup>y</sup>., they had advertised it for sale in two portions on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup> prox<sup>o</sup>.

Ordered - That Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Poutney be left to carry out this arrangement.

Despatches In N<sup>os</sup> 218 to 222, and Out N<sup>os</sup> 336 to 339 were submitted.

The sailing of the 'River Forth' from Cardiff with Coals, and the 'Matilda' from London with Stores & Passengers were reported.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

Burnett & Co.	10. . . .	Paid Adm <sup>n</sup> .	8. . . .
London Office	58. 6. 8	Johnson	43. 10. .
Capt <sup>m</sup> . Dyer	10. . . .	Bristolow	18. 11. 9
Emigration Com <sup>rs</sup> .	100. . . .	Paid Adm <sup>n</sup> .	15. . . .
Houghton & Co.	12. 14. 10	Wages	50. . . .
Store at Stanley	50. . . .	Waterlow	7. 9. .

Sold Adm <sup>n</sup>	8. . . .	London Office	58. 6. 8
Burnett H <sup>o</sup>	45. 10. .	Biggar	30. . . .
Wright	89. 5. .	Houghton Hous	9. 12. 6
Williamson	15. 19. 9	W. J. Sk C <sup>o</sup>	8. 3. 6
Moss H <sup>o</sup>	23. 18. .	Baynes	25. 12. 2
Bell & Black	17. 13. .	Brenner H <sup>o</sup>	14. 10. 3
Bristow	12. 1. 2	Burney H <sup>o</sup>	6. 15. .
Champion H <sup>o</sup>	7. 10. 6	Copestake	13. 14. .
Crout	16. 13. 6	Davis	14. . . .
Eley Bro <sup>s</sup>	9. 1. 5	Fell H <sup>o</sup>	14. 7. 9
Hall Hon	8. 4. 6	Huntley	5. 4. 6
Heating	5. 2. 8	Morton	180. 17. 11
J. Nesbitt H <sup>o</sup>	146. 5. 8	Whitehead	5. 9. .
Burnett H <sup>o</sup>	103. 4. .	Balchelor	80. . . .
J. P. Carrel	5. 5. .	J. Biggar	27. . . .
London Office	58. 6. 8	Fenner H <sup>o</sup>	255. 10. .
Sold Adm <sup>n</sup>	8. . . .	Dalglish	50. . . .

The following Bills were also ordered to be signed -

Wright & Langridge £580	Hargrove H <sup>o</sup>	536. 3. 9
Braby Hon	G. Crawley	165. 10. .
Davies Hon	Compton H <sup>o</sup>	464. 13. 6
Beach H <sup>o</sup>		85. 7. 3

J. Proutier  
Chairman

1866.  
December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

Col. Macdonald

J. G. Robinson Esq

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £ 711 " 10 " 9 in favor of the Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Submitted Mess<sup>rs</sup> Southey's Report of having sold two Lots of the Company's Wool at 10 per lb and one Lot of Merino Wool at 7 3/4 p. lb, and the Board was informed that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Southey expect an offer of 10 p. lb for the rest of the Company's Wool.

Ordered - That if such an offer is obtained it be accepted.

In consequence of the death of M<sup>r</sup> Winkworth leaving the Company with only one Auditor -

Resolved - That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Deloitte, Official Accountants, be requested to assist M<sup>r</sup> Cobb in auditing the yearly accounts, prepared from such Accounts as are at command, to be submitted to the Adjourned General Meeting on Tuesday next and that this Meeting do reassemble on Saturday next at 12 O'clock, to look at the audited Balance

Sheet and the Draft Report.

An application from M. Boucher, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, to transfer 5 Shares to M<sup>r</sup>. E. Boucher of N<sup>o</sup>. 12 Oxford Square is submitted and sanctioned.

The Man<sup>r</sup>. Dir<sup>r</sup>. submitted Notices, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> inst<sup>ant</sup>, from M<sup>r</sup>. Alfred Lafone and M<sup>r</sup>. Emanuel Boucher of their intention to apply at the Adjourned General Meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>ant</sup> to be elected Directors.

The following Bills were ordered to be accepted -

Rounson Drew L <sup>o</sup>	146. 11. 14
G & A. Anderson	305. 12. ~
Croft H <sup>o</sup>	407. 11. 8
Torry Paget H <sup>o</sup>	430. 18. 1
J. T. Morton	182. 15. 1
J. W. Silver H <sup>o</sup>	189. 12. ~
Smart & Sharp	76. 9. 4
Ward Smart & Sharp	157. 3. 2
J. News	84. ~. 5

and Cheque for Hibernia Wharf 72. 7. ~ was signed.

J. B. B. B.

Chairman

1866.  
December 15<sup>th</sup>

Present

W<sup>m</sup>. Boutcher Esq  
W<sup>m</sup>. Anning Esq  
Col<sup>l</sup>. Macdonald  
J. G. Robinson Esq  
A. R. Lafone Esq  
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> were read & confirmed.

A Letter was submitted from the Chairman received at the London Office in the Afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant as follows -

4 Buckingham Gate, S.W.  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1866.

Sir,

I find I omitted to leave the enclosed at the Office this morning which I have received from Mr. Lane.

I am, Sir,

Your obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

(signed) W<sup>m</sup>. Boutcher

G. H. Cripps Esq

The Enclosure was as follows -

London. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup> 1866.

W. Boutcher Esq Chairman

& The Directors of the Falkland Islands Co<sup>y</sup>

Gentlemen,

Understanding that my resignation as Colonial Manager, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. next, has been accepted & that it is open to me to remain here until the General Meeting of next month or return at once to the Falklands, I have decided upon the latter course.

Having answered & been acquitted by the Board of all Mr. Cripps' charges I see no reason on that or any other account for remaining here.

On the other hand if I waited until the Packet of January I could not reach Stanley until the end of March instead of January and I believe that injury would arise from the delay.

The Board may rely upon my using every exertion to promote the interests of the Company whilst in the Island equally as I can, conscientiously say I have hitherto done.

I remain Gentlemen,

Your very obedient Servant,

(signed) James Lane

Colonial Manager

Colonel Macdonald

*JK-* and in answer to enquiry ~~Mr. Boucher~~ said Mr. Lane had left England for Stanley on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

Mr. Cobb and Mr. Deloitte the Auditors engaged in examining the Accounts connected with the Balance Sheet for 1865 explained that owing to the defective state of the Accounts received

from Stanley they could not audit them but would go through the London Books and then give a Report and an opinion upon the result.

The Board then framed and adopted a Report for the Adjourned Annual General Meeting on Tuesday next to be presented without any Balance Sheet and - Ordered - That it be sent to the Shareholders as soon as it can be printed.

Jm Poutchis  
Chairman