1867.

January 17th.

Present

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

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £638.5.7 in favor of the Company.

The Man. Dir. reported that Probate of the late Mr. Winkworth's Will had been presented and registered.

Read Colonial Office dated the 31st Dec. and Ordered - That Mr. Forster be instructed to make such arrangement to secure Medical Attendance upon serious emergencies in the Camp as may be found most suitable.

The following applications to transfer Shares were submitted and sanctioned;

10 Shares from Mr. J. B. Moore to Mr. L. Gruning
10 do " " A. R. Lafone " " do
20 do " " do " " A. Castellain

The Man. Dir. reported that 60 bales of the Wool ex Matilda had been sold at 10d per lb realizing £855, and that 207 bales are still on hand for which

9½ has been offered and refused.

Ordered That the Wool is to be held unless realizing 10d per lb.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos. 224 and 225, as well as Mr. Greenshields' Letter dated 24th. October last and connected Report — also Letters addressed to Stanley on the 18th. ultimo, in conformity with the Resolution passed at the General Meeting of that day, substituting Mr. Forster as Acting Colonial Manager in lieu of Mr. Lane.

The Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account prepared by the Accountants, with their Report thereon, as well as the subsequent Correspondence with them, is submitted, and Ordered - That a Copy of the Balance Sheet with Profit and Loss Account, as well as Report thereon, be sent to each Shareholder, with intimation that the Accounts are not signed on account of the exception raised to adopting the figures received from Stanley.

A Copy of the Balance Sheet to be sent as usual to the Board of Trade in accordance with the Deed of Settlement, accompanied by a Copy of the Report.

Read Letter dated the 15th. instant from Mr. Hughes Hughes, asking the Boards assistance to inaugurate the Committee of Investigation appointed at the last General Meeting and Ordered -

That a Circular be addressed to each Member

of the Committee appointing them to assemble for the first time in the Board Room on Tuesday next, the 22nd. instant, at One O'clock – and that Mr. Deloitte be informed of his having been elected to the Committee and asked if he can attend it.

The Debenture held by Mr. Millar for £2,000 paid off yesterday is cancelled by the Board.

Read Letter from Messrs. Southey & Son dated the 9th. instant asking payment of the £4,000 lent by them to the Company on the security of Debentures to that amount.

A Financial Statement being submitted it was Ordered – That Messrs. Southey be addressed with intimation that £2,000 of this Loan will be paid on Monday next the 21st. inst., adding the Board's hope that the remainder of the Company's Wool in their hands will soon be sold and so enable them to repay themselves the Balance of this debt – and That £3,000 be raised through Messrs. Anning & Cobb against the next Cargo from Stanley.

Ordered – That by the next Despatch to Stanley Mr. Forster be instructed that he is to require the Storekeeper to pay in his Cash Receipts daily with a Memo in duplicate of the amount, and that the duplicate Copy of this Memo is to be sent to England with the Copies of Cash Book and Journal.

Read Letter from the Hon^ble James T.

Fitz Maurice notifying his intention to be pro-
posed as a Director at the next suitable
General Meeting.

Ordered - That Notices be published
and Circular intimation forwarded to the Share-
holders, that an Extraordinary General
Meeting will be held at this Office on Wed-
nesday the 13th February next, at One O'clock,
for the purpose of filling up vacancies in
the Board of Direction.

Cheques were ordered and signed for -

Island Administration	9. 5. ~
London Office	58. 6. 8
Johnson & Dymond	68. 15. ~
Frost Bro's	8. 9. 6
J. L. Houghton & Co.	18. 6. ~
Weston & Westall	51. 12. ~
G & J. Morton	10. 18. 6
White Bro's	12. 10. ~
Petty Cash	20. ~. ~
Burrows & Son	81. 1. 11
Stationery & Printing	11. 17. 7
Island Administration	5. ~. ~

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
W Robinson
Chairman

1867.

January 30th.

Present

J. G. Robinson Esq elected to the Chair
Col. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
G. H. Cripps Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 17th. inst. were read & conformed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £285.5.5 in favor of the Company.

The following Scrip was impressed with the Corporation Seal in presence of two of the Directors, viz

E. Boulcher Esq	5	Shares
L. Gruning Esq	20	do
A. Castellain Esq	20	do

The Man. Dir. reported that the Extraordinary General Meeting ordered for the 13th. proximo is advertised and the Circular Notice thereof sent to the Shareholders, as well as the Accounts & Report furnished by Mr. Deloitte.

The Board is informed that the Committee of Enquiry has had two sittings

The Board sanctioned Transfers of Shares as follows – Ten from W. Boulcher Esq to F. Mortimore Esq

6	"	do	"	E. Boulcher Esq
20	"	J. G. Robinson Esq	"	S. Gray Esq
20	"	do	"	W. Shinn Esq
15	"	do	"	W. F. Robinson Esq

Submitted Letter, dated 22nd instant, to Messrs Anning Hobb, with their Reply refusing to advance £3000 against the "Matilda's" next Cargo. Read also Messrs Southey & Son's Note of the 29th instant asking when the £2,000 promised to them is to be paid.

Moved by Mr. Robinson and carried –

That Mr. Anning and Mr. Robinson be a Committee to attend to the business of the Company in lieu of the Man.g Dir.r and report to a Board to be held every fortnight, and that Mr. Cripps be requested to hand over the Keys to said Committee.

Moved and carried – That Mr. Coleman be appointed Secretary to the Company, any increase in his Salary to be fixed afterwards.

Mr. Cripps to communicate to the Bankers that his Signature of Man.g Dir.r will for the future be substituted by that of Mr. Coleman as Secretary.

Financial matters are deferred.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed – Island Administration £9 London Office 58. 6. 8.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting, Wm Bruton

Chairman

1867.

February 11th.

Present

W. Boulcher Esq
Col. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
A.R. Lafone Esq
J.G. Robinson Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 30th ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £213.8.9 in favor of the Company.

The Committee appointed by the last Board reported their proceedings.

The Report of the Committee of Investigation and the Financial Statement appended thereto were read and Ordered –

That they be printed & held in readiness in case the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hughes, wishes to distribute them to the Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting on the 13th instant.

Despatch No. 341 to the Acting Colonial Manager and Letter to the Camp Manager, dated the 8th instant, were submitted and approved.

The Secretary brought forward Mr. Bake's application for Commission on the Outlay of the Str. 'Cyclone' at Stanley, as agreed with the Man. Dir. when this business was introduced by Mr. Bake.

Ordered – That five per cent be allowed Mr. Bake on the 'Cyclone's' Account, less the Cash advanced to Capt.n Malcolm.

Read Mess.rs Southey Son's Letter of the 7.th instant about the Matilda's Wool & Resolved –

That the Committee of Directors take steps to dispose of this Wool to the best advantage.

The Secretary informed the Board that the Matilda's Home Cargo was insured for £7,000 as usual, and on its proving to be done in several Policies – Ordered –

That in future the Company's Produce be insured at one of the large Offices.

On consideration of Finance it was Resolved –

That the Company draw upon Mess.rs Anning Hobb for £2,000 at 3 months date and £3,000 at 4 months date, against the Cargo expected home per 'Matilda', and that these Bills be sent to the Company's Bankers for discount to enable the Committee to meet the liabilities now falling due.

Mess.rs Anning Hobb desiring some guarantee that this Cargo shall be placed in their hands, as the Bills of Lading have not yet come forward, the following Letter was addressed to them and signed by the Directors.

London. 11.th February 1867.

Mess.rs Anning Hobb

Gentlemen,

We hereby guarantee personally so

your Firm the due repayment to you by the Falkland Islands Company of the advance made by you to the said Company by your Acceptances of Two Thousand and Three Thousand Pounds dated this day.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your's obediently,

signed { Wm. Boutcher, J. G. Robinson, Wm. Anning, A.R. Lafone, J. H. Macdonald }

Ordered – That Mr. Greenshields' Indent for Seed Oats, Cart &c. be sent out by first opportunity.

Submitted Letter from Capt.n The Hon.ble James T. Fitz Maurice, dated the 2nd. inst.t, withdrawing his name from the list of Candidates for the Direction.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed, the former ones for these accounts being cancelled –

W. Dalgliesh Esq	50.–.–	Houghton & Sons	9.12.6
J. B. Crout	16.13.6	E. J. Davis	14.–.–
Eley Bro.s	9.1.5	Fell & Co.	14.7.9
Hall & Son	8.4.6	Frost Bro.s	8.9.6
J. L. Houghton	18.6.–	G & J. Morton	10.18.6
White Bro.s	12.10.–	Burrows & Son	81.1.11
Petty Cash	20.–.–	Stationery & Prt.g	21.2.4
J. Biggar Esq	5.–.–	Mr. Bake	41.6.–

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1867.

February 13th.

Present

W. Boulcher Esq
Colt. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
A.R. Lafone Esq
J. G. Robinson Esq
E. Boulcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £5153.7.8 in favor of the Compy.

Mr. Emanuel Boulcher having been duly elected a Director took his seat at this Board accordingly.

The Committee reported that Messrs. Anning & Cobb's Acceptances for £2000 and £3000 had been discounted at the Bank and that it was proposed to pay Messrs Southey & Son £2500, and request them to pass the Balance of their Loan of £4000 to account of an Advance against the Wool ex 'Matilda' in their hands, in order that they may return the Debentures for £4000 deposited with them.

Resolved - That this course be adopted & a Cheque was signed for £2500.

Ordered - That Printed Copies of the

Report of the Committee of Investigation be sent to those Proprietors who had not attended the Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
Jm. Boutcher
Chairman

1867.
March 6th.

Present
W. Boutcher Esq
Colt. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
C. Boutcher Esq
J. G. Robinson Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 13th. ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £846.11.4 in favor of the Company.

The Board was informed that Messrs. Southey & Son had returned the Debentures for £4000 & had passed the Balance of their Loan, £1522.4.11, to an Advance against the Wool in their hands.

Ordered - That these eight Debentures, Nos. 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 for £500 each be cancelled

which was accordingly done by the Corporate Seal being torn off & the Directors' Signatures crossed out.

Submitted two Letters from Mr. G. T. Whitington, dated the 17th & 25th ultimo, which it was considered need not be noticed.

Read Mr. Cripps' Letter of the 21st ult. and Ordered – That his claim for Salary as Managing Director to the 7th October next, the end of his year's service, be allowed and that a Cheque be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

On the Secretary requesting to know whether the Report of the Committee of Investigation, read by Mr. Hughes Hughes at the Extraordinary General Meeting on the 13th ultimo, should be entered on the Minutes of that Meeting –

Resolved – That though this Report did not strictly appertain to the business of the Meeting, it be entered on the Minutes in order to be on record.

Submitted Despatch No. 227 with its Enclosures from Stanley, also Letter from Mr. Greenshields, dated the 26th December last, and the Secretary was instructed on various matters in reply to these communications.

A Financial Statement was laid before the Board and Mr. Boutcher undertook to call at the Office in a few days and arrange about the same.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed –

H. Burnett & Co.	98. 11. 3
Island Administration	9. " "

London Office 16. 13. 4
G. H. Cripps Esq 342. 18. 5½

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Wm Boutcher
Chairman

1867.

April 8th

Present

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

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th ultimo were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £813 . 1 . 1 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that on application from the Chairman Messrs. Glyn & Co. had placed One Thousand Pounds to the Company's Account on Loan to the 15th of next month.

Submitted Letter from Sir G. R. Sartorius dated the 26th February requesting permission to

transfer five of his Shares to W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq, and it was Ordered – That this Transfer be sanctioned.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the Board's wish Messrs. Southey & Son had been requested to send the remainder of the Company's Wool to Liverpool to Messrs. John L. Bowes & Brother, with instructions for its being immediately sold, and submitted Messrs. Bowes' Report on the same, who were going to put it up for Auction on the 12th. instant.

Submitted Messrs. Deloitte Greenwood & Dewer's Account of £24 . 3 . – for examining the Books and drawing up Balance Sheet &c. to 31st. December 1865 and – Ordered – That the same be paid.

The Secretary was instructed that the £3,000 Fire Policy on Stores at Stanley expiring on the 28th. instant should be continued with the North British & Mercantile Insurance Co. for £2,000 – and that £1,000 should be insured on the 'Matilda's' Produce now coming home in addition to the £7,000 already effected.

Submitted Mr. Cripps' Letter of the 6th. instant and it was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Lafone and, carried –

That Mr. Cripps be informed that his Letter having been read by the Board his resignation is accepted.

Despatches from Mr. Lane at Stanley, Nos. 228, 229, 230 and 231 of the 5th., 9th., 10th. and 14th. February last were submitted, and it was

decided that they should be only formally, acknowledged and that the Despatch was to be addressed to the Acting Colonial Manager.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -

Poland Administration	9. 5. ~
Johnson & Dymond	68. 15. ~
London Office	16. 13. 4
Deloitte, Greenwood & Dever	24. 3. ~

With reference to the Minute of the 30th January last the Board agreed to allow the Secretary Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£250) per annum, but this Salary is only to commence from the 1st. instant.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
Wm Bontehir
Chairman

1867.

May 1st.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
Col.t Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 8th ult.o were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1031 .. 6 .. 10 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that at the Liverpool Wool Sales on the 12th ult.o only one Lot of 12 Bales of the Company's Wool was sold at 7½ per lb, but that it would be offered again on the 7th instant.

Submitted Despatch No.o 343 sent by the last Mail to Stanley, as well as Despatches No.os 232 and 233 just received from Mr.r Lane, and it was arranged that these should be merely acknowledged as before, and that the Col.t Manager was to be instructed to address his Despatches in future to the Secretary at the Company's Office.

The Board instructed the Secretary to inform Mr.r Forster that they could not pay him any further monthly instalments on behalf of his Son, as he is reported to have retired from their service and to be on his way to England.

The Board ordered that £2,000 more

should be insured on the Matilda's Cargo, making the total Insurance £10,000.

Read – Mr. Fredk. G. Cobb's Letter of the 30th ult.o applying for the appointment of Colonial Manager at Stanley, and it was –

Resolved – That this matter do stand over for the consideration of a full Board.

As the English Mail due in a few days may bring further advices, and arrangements may be required for Messrs. Glyn's Loan of £1,000 payable on the 15th instant, as well as preparations for the Annual General Meeting, which must be held in the course of next month – it was decided to call a Board for the 8th instant at 2 O'clock P.M.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed –

Petty Cash	20. ~. ~
London Office	20. 16. 8
House & Co.	29. 4. 9
Yates & Son	85. 2. 6
Thames & Mersey Ins.e Co.	13. 6. 6
London & Provin.l " "	34. 6. 3

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Wm Bontchin

Chairman

1867.

May 8th.

Present

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

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

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £582 . 12 . 2 in favor of the Company.

The Secretary reported that only 19 bales Wool had been sold yesterday at Liverpool, at 8d ₰ lb – it was arranged that the Cash remitted by Messrs. Bowes & Bro: for the former sales should be handed to Messrs. Southey & Son, and a Cheque for £205.1.5 was signed & ordered to be handed to them tomorrow.

The Draft of Despatch to be sent this day to the Acting Colonial Manager was read.

The Appointment of a Colonial Manager was taken into consideration, and the Chairman read a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Sawyer introducing Mr. Albert Venn for this appointment, as well as the latter Gentleman's application for the Office.

It was decided that Mr. Cobb should first

have an interview on this subject with some of the Directors.

Mr. Boutcher undertook to see Messrs. Glyn &c. about the Loan of £1000 repayable to them on the 15th. instant, if further Remittances were not received before that day.

The Board is informed that it will be necessary to elect an Auditor in the place of the late Mr. Winkworth, and Resolved –

That Mr. W. Nesbitt be requested to allow himself to be nominated for this Office – and that Notices do issue for an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on the 29th. instant, at 2 Oclock, for this purpose, in the usual manner in accordance with the Company's Deed of Settlement.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1867.

May 11th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. Anning Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
J. G. Robinson Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 8th. instant were read and confirmed, the date for the Extraordinary General Meeting having been first altered to the 29th. instant.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £377. 10. 9 in favor of the Company.

Read Mr. Wm. Nesbitt's Letter of the 11th. instant, stating that he could not undertake the duties of Auditor, and Resolved –

That Mr. Millar be requested to allow his name to be proposed for this Office.

The Secretary submitted the "Times" and "Daily News" of the 10th. instant, with the Advertisements for the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on the 22nd. instant, and on it's appearing that next week the Epsom Races take place –

Ordered – That notices do issue for this Meeting to be held on the 29th. instant, and that the Shareholders be informed of this alteration by circular.

Mr. F. G. Cobb had an interview with the Directors relative to the Appointment of Colonial Manager.

Proposed by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Lafone and unanimously agreed –

That Mr. Cobb be offered the Appointment of Colonial Manager at a Salary of Five Hundred Pounds (£500) a year for five years, the Company paying his passage out, on his finding Security for his probity for £4,000 (Four Thousand Pounds). Mr. Cobb to be informed that the Directors would, provided the Company's affairs went on satisfactorily, entertain the question of raising the Salary after two year's service. That in case Mr. Cobb accepts the Appointment he is to prepare to leave by the Packet of 8th June next.

The Board then adjourned to Monday the 13th instant at One Oclock

May 13th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The number not being sufficient to form a Quorum no business was transacted.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman.

1867.

May 21st

Present

W. Boulcher Esq
E. Boulcher Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £716 „ 10 „ 9 in favor of the Compy.

Submitted Mr. Millar's Letter of the 14th. inst. stating that he could not undertake the duties of Auditor, and it was arranged that Mr. Sawyer should be proposed for this Office.

Read Mr. Boulcher's Application of the 13th. inst. to transfer five Shares to Mr. Joseph Sawyer, Accountant, of No. 173 Fenchurch St. and - Ordered - That this Transfer be allowed.

Submitted the two Newspapers containing the Advertisements of the Extraordinary General Meeting called for the 29th. inst., as well as the Circular to the Shareholders notifying the change from the 22nd. inst., and it was decided it would not be necessary to summon the Company's Solicitor to attend this Meeting.

Mr. Frederick Edward Cobb attended and stated his acceptation of the Office of Colonial Manager on the terms of the Board's Resolution of the 11th. inst.

and that he had given in the names of his Father Edward Cobb Esq of South Bank, Weston, near Bath and John Charles Bowring Esq of Larkbeare, Exeter, as his Sureties for £2,000 each.

Ordered - That the Company's Solicitors be instructed to prepare the Agreement, Bond of Fidelity and Power of Attorney to enable the arrangements with Mr. Cobb to be carried out.

The Secretary reported that he had secured Mr. Cobb's Passage ℔ 'Oneida' for the 9th proximo, and it being decided to pay the £5 extra for an outside Cabin by this Steamer, a Cheque was signed for £60 and handed to Mr. Cobb to enable him to obtain his Ticket at once.

The Chairman said that he had seen Messrs Glyn & Co. and obtained a prolongation of the £1,000 Loan, due on the 15th inst., to the 15th of next month.

The Board is informed that the Office on the 2nd Floor has been let to Mr. Wetham at £30 a year.

Submitted Messrs. Wright & Langridge's Letters of the 15th and 16th inst. offering to convey Passengers, Goods and Sheep by the 'Epsilon' from Swansea to Stanley. The Secretary informed the Board that as the Company had to send out Mrs. Reive, the Wife of a Shepherd who left ℔ 'Matilda' in November last, and her two Children, as well as a Storekeeper and Teacher, he had seen Mr. Walcott, the Emigration Commissioner, who had consented to pass this Vessel for the Company's Emigrants without going into Dry

Dock, it was therefore – Resolved –

That a Land Order be purchased for £100 so that five persons may be nominated for this Vessel, the number to be filled up with Shepherds as 8 to 10 men will be required in the Autumn.

It was decided not to ship any Stores by the 'Epsilon', but that if posible 8 Cheviot Tups should be procured from Scotland for her.

Read Letter from Messrs. Forbes Knight & Co., dated yesterday, about the 'Orange Nassau' and her Cargo, and submitted Draft Reply, which, after correction by the Directors, was ordered to be sent.

Read Mr. A.R. Lafone's Letter of yesterday informing the Board that he had ordered 8 Irish young Tups, and the Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Lafone to have them sent to Swansea by the 28th inst. for the 'Epsilon'.

The Board was informed that Dr. Sclater, Secretary to the Zoological Society of London, had called to enquire if the Company could send a man out to the Falklands, and whether they would pay him £10 (Ten Pounds) monthly at Stanley, and provide him, (and the Seals &c. he was sent out to procure) a passage home by their Vessel next Spring, the Zoological Society undertaking to repay all advances and expenses.

Ordered – That Dr. Sclater be informed that this Company will be happy to assist this Society in any manner possible.

During the sitting of the Board Admt. Ramsay's Letter of the 12th. April arrived from Monte Video, and it was discussed in connexion with the Company's Letter to him of the 8th. March, occasioned by Mr. Lettsom's Letter of the 29th. January last, which, with the reply on the 8th. March, was produced.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed—

Petty Cash	20. ". ".
Mr. Biggar on acct. of Sheep &c.	30. ". ".
Emigrants Expenses	20. ". ".

the Emigration Commissioners' Cheque for £100 to stand over.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Jas Pontefract

Chairman

1867.

May 29th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
Col. Macdonald
W. Inning Esq
J. G. Robinson Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
C. Boutcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £507. 14. 8 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that their Agent Mr. Biggar at Dumfries recommends the Shepherds which Mr. Greenshields says will be required in the Autumn being engaged now, since the term of service in Scotland just expiring good men can be obtained at the present time, whereas later in the year this is impossible.

Ordered – That Mr. Biggar be informed that he may engage some good men provided they can support themselves until a Vessel is ready which is expected to be shortly.

Messrs. Bowes & Brother's Sales of Wool at Liverpool are reported and the Secretary was instructed to inform them that the Board considers they ought not to accept less than 8 per pound for the balance of

Wool ex 'Matilda' now in their hands.

Read Lieut. Colling's Letter of the 26th April sending a Bill for £18 drawn by Lieut. Maclean on Messrs. Tory, Hildreth & Ommaney, 41 Norfolk St., Strand, to pay for Beer received at Stanley by the Gun Room Wine Fund of H.M.S. 'Zealous' – and on its appearing that Messrs. Tory &c. could not accept this Bill – Ordered – That the same be noted so as to protect the Company at as little expense as possible, and that Lieut. Colling be requested to make another Remittance as soon as possible.

The Secretary explained to the Board that Mr. W. Bennett of Swansea, formerly Clerk to the Company at Stanley, having offered to distribute some Charts of Stanley Harbour to Ship Captains, these had been furnished for the purpose, and he had also placed himself at the Company's service to meet the Emigrants expected this day at Swansea for the 'Epsilon' – and he wished the Board's decision as to the remuneration the Company should allow him, but on its appearing that Mr. Bennett had been dismissed the Company's service, it was decided it would be better to pay him £3 or £4 and terminate all transactions with him.

Respecting the 'Epsilon' the Board is informed that the Emigration Commissioners had allowed her to carry Emigrants without the usual survey – that a Land Order had been purchased for £100 to carry five persons – but that

as the Board had decided not to ship any Cargo the Charterer, Mr. Dean, had refused to allow Sheep to go by her. Submitted Agreement with the Emigration Commissioners dated the 28th inst., as well as Agreements with William Cameron, Storekeeper & Teacher for Darwin Harbour, and James Davidson, John Mc. Gowan and John Thomson, Shepherds.

The Board arranged the business of the Extraordinary General Meeting, to be held at Two Oclock, and after this Meeting had closed resumed its sitting.

Mr. Bompas, the Company's Solicitor, is instructed respecting the Agreement, Bond of Fidelity and Power of Attorney for Mr. Cobb.

Mr. A.R. Lafone having brought before the Board an offer for the 'Marshal Pelissier' to take 600 tons Coals @ 26/- p. ton, 20 Sheep at £3 each and Passengers at £16 p. Adult, he was requested to arrange for this vessel being chartered on those terms provided the Co. can obtain Land Orders for Emigrants to proceed to Stanley in her.

On consideration of the Financial State-ment it was Resolved to draw on Messrs. Anning Hobb at 3 months for £3,000 against Cargo now arrived p. 'Matilda' and request the Bankers to discount this Bill.

The arrival of the 'Matilda' is reported and the Board informed that her three Bills of Lading

were this morning handed to Messrs. Anning Hobbs
the Despatches from Mr. Forster Nos. 1 and 2, dated
12th and 13th March, with Enclosures, as well as
Mr. Lane's Letter of the 12th March and its
Enclosures were submitted.

Resolved – That the Annual General
Meeting of Proprietors be held on Wednesday
the 26th of next month at 2 O'clock P.M. and
that the usual Notices do issue.

The following Cheques were ordered and
signed –

Thames & Mersey Ins. Co.	26. 13. 4
Southey & Son	213. 18. 5
London Office	20. 16. 8
Burrows & Son	127. 4. 6
Island Administration	35. 0. 0
Emigrants Expenses	40. 0. 0

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
Wm Routledge
Chairman

1867.

June 7th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
Colr J. H. Macdonald

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

The Banker's Account submitted shaved a Balance of £2,164-10-7 in favour of the Company.

Lieutt Maclean's Bill for £18 which had been noted was produced and ordered to be held over.

Read Mr Bennett's Letter dated 4th inst relating to expenses he had incurred at Swansea on behalf of the Co and Ordered That Four Pounds be remitted to him

The Secretary reported that the "Epsilon" had sailed from Swansea on the 1st inst with Mrs Reive, her 2 children, and four other Emigrants as arranged—that the claim for first Moiety of their Passage money had been sent in to the Emigration Commissioners but on producing the Broker's Freight Note £136 for the Passage and provisioning of these people @ 20 Guineas each, it was objected to and the Board ordered that an endeavour should be made to get it reduced.

Mr F. E. Cobb being in attendance, his Agreem

as Colonial Manager was read over, signed by him and ordered to have the Corporation Seal affixed tomorrow, as Mr Robinson had the key of the Seal – The Board agreed his instructions and Mr A.R. Lafone read a Letter, dated the 3rd inst addressed to him, containing his views upon certain matters which will have to be attended to at Stanley.

It was ordered that H.E. the Governor, Mr Forster, Mr Greenshields, Messrs Hocquard and Stewart and Messrs Crofs & Co are to be informed that Mr F.E. Cobb has been appointed the Company's Colonial Manager.

The Board is informed that Messrs Anning and Cobb had accepted the Bill drawn on them for £3000 against the Matilda's Produce, and that it had been discounted by the Bankers – the Broker's Reports, and Sale Contracts were submitted – read Captain Dyer's application dated the 5th inst, requesting some consideration for bringing home Passengers in his Cabin and Ordered That he be allowed £5.

Submitted Advertisement for Annual General Meeting to be held on the 26th inst and Ordered – That it be advertised in the usual manner, and that the Secretary do arrange for the Auditors to examine the Accounts, and do prepare Draft Report for the next Board.

With reference to the last Despatches it is decided that Mr Forster be informed that

time does not permit of a detailed reply to his communications, and that the instalment to his Father was discontinued on the 1st ult.o and will be suspended until his Account at Stanley is covered.

Submitted Charterparties of the "Matilda" to sail from London with a general Cargo, and the "Beta" from Swansea with Coals and Sheep, and Resolved That the Indent for Stores received in last Despatch be ordered in the usual manner, as well as some Wire Fencing, that 28 Rams be procured and the remaining number of Shepherds be engaged and sent out by these Vessels.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed.

Southey & Son	200. ". ".
F. E. Cobb Esq	50. ". ".
Capt.n Dyer	5. ". ".
J. Biggar Esq	39. 5. ".

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Jno Bourtchier

Chairman.

1867.

June 17th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. Anning Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
Colr. J. H. Macdonald

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 17th instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £29.18.4 in favour of the Company.

The Board was informed that Mr. Cobb had left for Stanley by the Mail Packet of the 10th instant – his Contract with the Company, Fidelity Bond and Copy of Power of Attorney in his favor were submitted, and ordered to be kept in the Iron Safe.

It was arranged that if suitable Offices at a lower Rent could be obtained, it would be proper to endeavour to close the lease of the present ones before the expiration in September of next year or else to sublet them.

The Secretary reported that the Brokers could not reduce the Passage Money for Emigrants per 'Epsilon', having made the Arrangement with Mr. Dean at 20 Guineas, so the claim was – Ordered to be settled.

Read Mr. Pelly's Letter of the 10th instant, requesting permission for himself and Co Executor

Mr Machenzie to transfer the late Mr de Castro's Ten Shares to Mr W. Hughes Hughes Jr and —

Resolved — That this Transfer be allowed.

The Secretary was instructed to examine the Old Account Books received pr 'Matilda' from Stanley and return such as appeared to be necessary for the Office there.

The Board decided that the Wool ex 'Matilda' had better be put up for Auction at the Public Sales in the early part of next month and sold if there was fair competition.

It was arranged that the 'Matilda' should if possible be despatched the first week in July with as many Passengers as the Emigration Commissioners would allow to proceed in her, and that the remainder of the people should be shipped from Swansea pr 'Beta' about the 12th of July — the Board agreed to allow Mary Ann Johnstone to proceed in the 'Matilda' to join her Sister at Stanley, provided Captain Dyer would advance the cost of her Provisions £12 as he had offered to do.

Resolved — That Land Orders for £200 be taken up for these Emigrants.

The Secretary informed the Board that one of the Shippers of Cargo pr 'Orange Nassau' now stored at Stanley had enquired whether the Company would allow some of it to be returned to London &—

Ordered – That this Cargo cannot be removed from the Company's Hulk until the charges upon it are paid and a guarantee given to hold the Company harmless from all consequences of delivery.

Submitted Valuation of 'Matilda's' Cargo and Ordered – That it be declared at £4,000 for Insurance on the Sea Policies.

The Secretary informed the Board that the Auditors were examining the Books and Vouchers connected with the Balance Sheet for last year, and submitted Draft Report, which was discussed, altered and ordered to be rewritten for a Board to be held in a few days.

Mr A.R. Lafone brought to the notice of the Board several matters relating to Nixon's Navigation Coals, but it was decided that as the order was already given to the Company's Coal Merchants for Powell's Duffryn, which had hitherto always given satisfaction, the matter could not be altered.

Ordered – That enquiries be made respecting the Provender for the Sheep to be shipped from Swansea per 'Beta' at Bristol, Liverpool and in London and that the cheapest with due regard to suitability should be procured.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed – Wright & Langridge 136. " . "
Emigration Comfs^re 200. " . "
T. Fraser Shepherd's Advances 30. " . "

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Boutcher
Chairman C.

1867.

June 21st

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
Coll. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
E. Boutcher. Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the ~~20th~~ 17th inst. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £808. 18. 4 in favor of the Company.

The Board discussed and agreed the Report to be presented at the General Meeting on the 26th inst and Ordered – That it be issued tomorrow to the Shareholders with the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and the Abstract Cash Accounts at Stanley and in London.

Submitted Despatch No 3 received this morning p^r French Mail, and Mr Boutcher brought Mr Lane's Letter of the 30th April, which

had been forwarded to him.

The Board was informed that an Advertisement had been inserted in the "Times" of today in order to procure a Bookkeeper for Stanley.

A Cheque was ordered and signed for Petty Cash £50.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Bruntchii

Chairman

1867.

June 26th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

A.R. Lafone Esq

Colt. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £620.8.4 in favor of the Company.

Submitted Printed Report and Balance sheet as issued to the Proprietors on the 22nd instant.

The Board agreed the Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting of this day and adjourned till the close of the same.

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq having been

duly elected a Director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting just terminated, took his seat at the Board accordingly.

It was proposed and carried unanimously - That W. Boutcher Esq be the Chairman.

It was proposed and carried unanimously - That W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq be the Deputy Chairman.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that there should be a Board Meeting on the 5th of every month at One O'clock, if this date falls on a Sunday the Board to be held on the 6th.

Messrs Boutcher, A.R. Lafone and Anning were appointed a Committee to select a Book-keeper and make the necessary arrangements connected therewith, as well as to arrange the current business.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Anning

Chairman

1864.

July 5th

Present

W. Anning Esq in the Chair

Colr J. H. Macdonald

A. R. Lafone Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 26th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £624. 3. 4, in favor of the Company.

The Committee reported that they had received a great number of replies to the Advertisment for a Clerk at Stanley and had seen many applicants, from whom they had chosen Mr. George Travis and as his references were correct the agreement submitted had been entered into with him, and it was arranged that he should proceed to Stanley in the 'Beta'—

Submitted the last Despatch No. 3. from Stanley with its Enclosures received by the English Mail. — Mr. Greenshields Letters of 28th March and 29th April were read.

On consideration of the Sale of Mr. Arrol's Beer ex 'Orange Nassau' at Stanley amounting to £44. 11. 11, it was decided to offer him a Cheque for £50 on account, leaving the charges for Hulk Hire &c to be fixed when the remainder of the Orange Nassau's Cargo is removed or sold.

The Board ordered the extra Indent just received to be executed if possible pr. Matilda or Bela

Messrs Hargrove Ferguson & Co's Bill for £477.9.10 the second Moiety of the River Forth's Freight was ordered to be accepted —

A Financial Statement was submitted and it was resolved to discount the two Bills on hand, and that the Chairman had better see the Bankers in about 10 days time and get them to advance £1,500 to the Company on Loan for 3 months — In order that Cheques may be issued for Stores bought for Cash in order to obtain the Discount

The Secretary was instructed that the next Despatch should inform the Colonial Manager, that Mr. Forster's Salary was to be at the rate of £500 pr. Annum from the time he acted upon the Comp.y Power of Attorney as Colonial Manager to the period when relieved by Mr. Cobb — And that he was to arrange with the Camp Manager for the sale of such Rams as the Company did not require at prices not below £10 or 12.

The Sale of the last Wool ex 'Matilda' was reported as having realized from 7 3/4 to 6 1/2 pr lb.

On it appearing that Mr. Biggar, the agent at Dumfries, had engaged James Smith a Shepherd and Joiner at £50 a year the Board, Ordered — That he should not be taken into the Company's service at higher wages that £45 a year with the usual annual rises, as given to other handicraftsmen.

Ordered that the Grant for the sale of part of Town Lot No 13 to William Alexr Hilton be stamped with the Corporation Seal which was done in the presence of two of the Directors.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed -

Emigration Comsrs	for Land Order	£100	
London Office	20.16.8	J. Bigger	£70
Petty Cash	£50	A. Arrol	£50

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Buntzen

Chairman

1864.

September 5th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

W. Anning Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th July were read and confirmed — the Board also confirmed the Minutes of the transactions of the 29th July and 2nd August as entered in the Committee Book, the Boards called on those days not having been formed through a want of Directors.

The Secretary reported that no one attended on the 5th, ultimo.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £496.1.1 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the last Balance Sheet had been sent to the Board of Trade on the 13th, ult.o in accordance with the Deed of Settlement.

Submitted Letter of the 15th, ultimo to the Colonial Office respecting the Company's Claim on the Government in the Cattle Killing Case.

The Secretary reported that he had entered the Income Tax Return Schedule D as Nil, and had forwarded a Copy of the last Balance Sheet to the Assessors to show the Company had not made any profit.

It was ordered that the Income Tax Return Schedule E be filled up with the names of all the Officers of the Company, the Directors and Auditors being entered as receiving no remuneration.

Submitted Letters dated the 21st ultimo to the German and French Ambassadors applying for the Appointment of Consul at Stanley for Mr. Cobb — and the reply of the latter dated 22nd ultimo, saying the application should be put forward in the proper quarter.

Submitted Letters upon Marine Agencies at Stanley to Messrs Ogilby Moore & Co., Tindall Riley & Co., A & C. Gray and A. Burnett & Co.

Respecting the Division of the Grant of £150 made by the last General Meeting for the remuneration of the Directors and Auditors during the present year of Office — Mr. Hughes proposed, Mr. E. Boutcher seconded and it was — Resolved —

That the Auditors do receive Twenty Pounds — that £40 be divided among the Directors equally, save that the Chairman is to have double — and that the remaining £90 is to be divided rateably according to attendances, whether at Boards or Committees, but the Chairman's attendance for the time being counting as one and a half. No one to be entitled to any share of the fees who is not present by a quarter of an hour after the time named for the Meeting.

Mr. Hughes Ten Shares numbered from

624 to 633 were stamped with the Corporation Seal and signed by two of the Directors.

On consideration of Finance it appeared that Funds would be required to meet present Liabilities and several amounts falling due next month, it was therefore suggested to issue Debentures for those lately cancelled, and the Secretary was directed to enquire of the Holders of £ Nº 22 for £1000 and £ Nos 6 to 20 for £1,500, which will become due on the 15th January next, whether they would renew them at 5 % for 3, 5 or 7 years, with 6 months notice to determine time of repayment.

The Secretary reported that the John Watson now going out for Captain Packe would convey some Stores not ready for the 'Matilda' and the Zinc Sheeting ordered by Despatch 5.

Submitted Despatches from Stanley £ Nos 4, 5, 6, and 7, and Despatch 350 to Mr Cobb — as well as Letters of the 8th ultimo to Mr. Forster and Mr. Greenshields.

Draft Replies to Colonial Manager and Mr. Greenshields were submitted, altered and ordered to be sent on the 17th instant.

Submitted Correspondence about 20 bales Wool sold at Liverpool at 6 3/4 pr lb and Ordered That this Sale be sanctioned.

Read Mr. Williams' Letter of this date requesting that the Bill for £ 35.15.- is due on

the 8th instant, which he had accepted for the expenses of the 'Star of the Mersey' at Stanley might stand over till her Freight had been collected

Ordered – That he be informed that the Board cannot accede to his request.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed –

J. Biggar	84. 6. 3	Bain & Son	212. ~. ~
Insurance	90. ~. ~	Waterlow & Sons	6. 5. ~
London Office	20. 16. 8	Petty Cash	20. ~. ~
J. T. Norton	6. 11. 4	Col. Remittances	12. ~. ~
Houghton	11. 5. 9	Southey	10. 12. 5
Ransome	5. 3. 3	Anning & Bolt	78. ~. 5

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Jm. Boutcher

Chairman

1867.

October 5th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
Colt J. A. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
A.R. Lafone Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th September, were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £123 . 3 . - in favor of the Company.

Submitted Despatches to Stanley Nos. 351, 352 and Letter to Earnp Manager dated the 4th ult.o.

The Board is informed that Letters had been addressed to the Holders of Debentures No. 6 to 20 for £1,500 and No. 22 for £1,000 payable on the 15th January next, enquiring if they were willing to renew the same, and the reply stating that the first amount would be required when due was produced — no answer having been yet received from the Holder of No. 22.

Mr. Hughes detailed the steps he had taken to obtain a reduction in the Premium for the Fire Insurance on Stores and Buildings at Stanley and though he had not succeeded this time the North British and Mercantile Office had offered

to take the matter into consideration at the next renewal, it was therefore ——

Ordered — That this be attended to at the proper time and that the Colonial Manager be asked whether an Agency for this Fire Office could not be established at Stanley.

The Secretary stated to the Board that by desire of the Chairman he had called at the Colonial Office and learned that the Company's Claim in the Cattle Killing Case, was now before the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, but that as Mr. Elliot was out of Town, it had been arranged to call and see him on the 14th instant, to obtain further particulars.

The Board is informed that Mr. Williams's Bill for £35.15.- had not been met, but that it had since been collected by the Company's Solicitors.

The Financial Position of the Company was considered with reference to the Secretary's Letter and Statement of the 25th ultimo addressed to all the Directors, and the Chairman informed the Board that he had seen Messrs. A and W. Nesbitt, who had empowered him to say that they would advance £4,000 against the next Cargo of Produce expected from Stanley, and it being their turn to be Brokers for the same ——

Resolved — That this offer be accepted and that eight Debentures of £500 each running for 3 years, bearing Interest at 5 per Cent per Annum

payable half yearly, be issued and handed to Messrs A & W. Nesbitt as Security for this advance, on the understanding that they can be retired by the proceeds of the next Cargo or at any other time the Board wishes.

The Chairman then sent a Note to Messrs Nesbitt who returned a Cheque for £4,000 which was paid into the Bank immediately.

The Debentures Nos 27 to 34 were accordingly prepared with their Coupons, sealed and signed by two Directors and ordered to be legally stamped.

Submitted Draft Despatch to the Colonial Manager for the Mail of the 8th instant.

The Chairman proposed, Mr W. Hughes Hughes Jr seconded, and it was carried that—

A Cheque for £84.10.- be handed to Colonel Macdonald as balance of Salary due to Mr Lane, according to the Account received in Despatch 3, provided Colonel Macdonald gave a receipt on behalf of Mr Lane as a settlement in full of Mr Lane's Account with the Company, ~~both as regards his employment at Montevideo and Stanley~~, to which Colonel Macdonald agreeing the Cheque was made out and handed to him.

W.H.H.Jr. W.H.H.Jr. -

Mr W. Hughes Hughes Jr moved Mr Anning seconded and it was arranged, that the following Advertisement be inserted in the 'Times' and 'Economist' Newspapers.

Falkland Islands Company.

— Notice is hereby given, that the Directors are prepared to issue Debentures, not exceeding £10,000 in all, to meet other Debentures falling due, in amounts from £100 upwards, with half-yearly coupons for the interest attached, payable at Messrs Glyn and Co., the Company's Bankers, for three, five, or seven years, bearing interest at Five per cent, per annum, on the security of the Company's uncalled capital, its freehold territory, sheep, cattle, stores, vessels and plant, at the Falkland Islands. — Further information can be obtained at the offices of the Company, c No. 39a Gracechurch Street.

By Order of the Board,
Frederick Coleman,
Secretary.

London, October 5th, 1867.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed —

Rent	68. 15. —	Frederick Coleman	20. 16. 8
Petty Cash	20. — . —	Wild & Sons	364. 7. 5

Sgd on behalf of the Meet[illegible]
Deputy Chairman

1864.

November 5th.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq

Colr. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th. October, were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £818.4.2 in favor of the Company.

The Secretary informed the Board that he had seen Mr. Elliot at the Colonial Office on the 14th. ultr., who had informed him that the Company's claim was before the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos and that the Directors might expect a communication at an early date — but up to the present no letter had been received.

The Board is informed that the 8 Debentures for £4,000 had been duly stamped and handed with Letter on the 8th. October to Messrs. A and W. Nesbitt, whose acknowledgment of the following day was produced. Also that the Advertisements upon Debentures had appeared in the "Times" of 14th. 19th and 24th. October — in the "Economist" of 12th., 19th. and 26th. October, and in the "Money Market Review" of the 26th. ultimo and 2nd. instant, and had resulted in an offer from Mr. George Rufsell, of 16 Old Change, to take One Thousand Pounds worth

if they were issued to pay Six per cent.

Resolved — That Mr. Russell's offer to take Debentures at Six per cent be accepted, provided he will increase his investment to £2,000.

Read Captain the Hon^ble Fitz Maurice's Letter of the 11th ultimo requesting permission to transfer his 10 Shares Nos. 221 to 230 to Lady Ouseley.

Ordered — That this Transfer be allowed.

Read Letter from Messrs. Hocquard and Stewart of Montevideo, remitting a Bill for £50 in favor of the Company.

The last Despatch No. 353 on the 8th ultimo to the Colonial Manager was read.

Read Mr. Cobb's Despatches Nos. 1 and 2 of the 31st August and 6th September, which were duly considered and the Secretary instructed as to reply for the next Mail.

The Board is informed that Mr. Forster the late Colonial Manager had returned to London and was now in attendance in the Office to answer any questions that might be put to him, but as so few Directors were present it was decided to defer this interview until a full Meeting.

Submitted a Finance Statement upon which no action was taken as the requirements to the early part of next month are provided for.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed —

Anning & Cobb £ 17. 6. 2

1st Adm^n 1867/8 for Col^l Remittance	£10.--.--
1st Adm^n 1867/8 for Ed^d Cobb	50.--.--
Petty Cash	20.--.--
London Office	20.16.8
General Purchases	37.19.6

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1867.

November 20th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Col^l J. H. Macdonald

W. Arning Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,357.1.8 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that as Mr. Rufsell could not increase his investment beyond £1,000 the Secretary had taken the opinion of the Directors by Letter and had received from that Gentleman One Thousand Pounds on the 14th instant, for which a Debenture was made out at Six per cent for three years.

Ordered — That this Debenture be issued — and it was accordingly sealed and signed by two of the Directors.

The Colonial Manager's Despatch № 1 and the Reply of the 8th. instant, № 354, were again further considered and as the Board were of opinion that Mr. Forster's claims for services were excessive, he was called in to render explanations and the Secretary was afterwards instructed to claim Sixty Pounds (£60) from him, being the amount he received from Mr. Lane for conducting the Company's business during his absence.

The Board is informed that Messrs. Southey and Son have been requested to endeavour to sell the Wool at Liverpool, and it was decided that any offer received should be submitted to Mr. Anning.

A Cheque for Petty Cash £20 was ordered and signed.

Ordered — That the Debenture Advertisement be inserted weekly in the "Daily News" and "Morning Advertiser" alternately and that the Interest be altered from Five to Six per cent.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Bantelis

Chairman

1864.

December 5th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

A. R. Lafone Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 20th November were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1,106. 15. 3 in favor of the Company.

The Secretary reported that only one bale of the Wool at Liverpool had been sold lately.

The Board is informed that Mr. Russell's Debenture for £1,000 had been handed to him and he had returned the Receipt for this amount, which was produced.

The Secretary informed the Board that he had asked Mr. Forster to refund the £60 which were given him by Mr. Lane for attending to his duties during the latter's absence, as the Arbitrators had awarded him Salary for these services without this payment having been taken into consideration, and produced Mr. Forster's Letter of 30th November declining to accede to this request for the reasons therein stated — This Letter was then read and on

it appearing that Mr. Forster was in the Office, the Secretary was instructed to state to him that the Directors still considered he ought to repay the £60 and to inform him that they gave him until the 7th. instant for this purpose.

The Chairman proposed, Col. Macdonald seconded, and it was Resolved —

That in case Mr. Forster refuses to refund this £60, the whole case is to be stated to the Company's Solicitors for their opinion as to whether the Arbitration could not be set on one side and steps taken to enforce this claim from Mr. Forster. — The Colonial Manager is also to be instructed to send home all the papers &c. connected with this matter and his report thereon.

The Board is informed that the Advertisement for Debentures at 6 per cent had appeared in the "Daily News" of the 23rd. and "Morning Advertiser" of 30th. November and — Ordered —. That it be inserted twice weekly in the Above Newspapers.

Mrs. Bennetts Letter of 27th. ultimo stating that payment would be required of the Debenture she holds for £1,000 due on the 15th. January next was submitted, as well as the Reply thereto offering 6 per cent for renewal.

Read Colonial Office Letter of 30th.

ultimo stating that the Government were prepared to pay the claim of £269. 16. 8 for Royalties, Salt and Vessel, as applied for by the Company's Letter of 3rd April 1866, but that the claim for Cattle killed on Company's Lands at Choiseul Sound was proved not to be tenable — and stating that it having been discovered that 200 Cattle had been captured on the Company's Lands at Port Salvador, the Government were prepared to return the £40 received for Royalties on them.

Resolved — That these amounts be received and that the Colonial Office be informed that the Directors regret the Government have not taken into consideration the loss sustained by the Company through the Government having prohibited them from hunting Cattle on their own Lands.

Mr Cobb's Despatches Nos 3 and 4 were submitted and explanations given as to the steps taken to obtain Messrs Forbes Knight and Co's views upon the position of the Cargo ex 'Orange Nassau', but that they had not sent anything for consideration.

The Board examined the Draft for a Despatch to Colonial Manager on the 7th inst. and decided that it would be necessary to instruct him to carry out the Agreement of 3rd October 1866, and sell the Cargo of the

'Orange Nassau' if Mr. Dean, the Agent appointed by the parties interested, would not pay the Company's Charges and take possession of it.

Submitted Stanley Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss drawn up from the Journal, Cash Book and Returns furnished from the Islands to the 30th June last, the latter supplemented with the amount of the Produce sold here and Stock on hand showing a Rough Profit on the year's transactions of about £4,670.

Certificates of Mr Sawyer's five Shares Nos 296 to 300 were signed and sealed.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed——

Frost Brothers	£ 36 . 9 . 4
London Office	20 . 16 . 8

W. Humphreys Thompson
Chairman.

1868.

January 6th.

Present

E. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Col.L J. H. Macdonald
W. Anning Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th December were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,075.12.8 in favor of the Company.

Submitted Letter from the French Ambassador of the 11th ultimo stating that his Government did not at present see any necessity for appointing a Consul at Stanley.

The Board is informed that £309.16.8 had been received from the Government for the Cattle Killing Case, and the Secretary expressed his regret that he had misinformed the Board as to some compensation being expected for the Company being prohibited Hunting Cattle on their Lands, as he had discovered since the last Meeting that such a claim, though mooted by the Company in 1864 and 1865, had been abandoned towards the end of the latter year.

The Secretary's Letter to Messrs. Bischoff Coxe and Bompas on the 11th ultimo, respecting Mr. Forster's Salary at Stanley and the Arbitration thereon was read, as well as their reply of the 21st ult. stating that they considered the award to be final.

Submitted application from Mr. Ritch the Assessor, dated 20th ultimo, for a Copy of the Company's Profit & Loss Account for Mr. Noble the Surveyor of Taxes, and on it appearing that the Balance Sheet had been furnished and explanations rendered ——

Ordered — That the Secretary inform Mr. Ritch that the Board consider sufficient explanations had been furnished respecting the Income Tax Return, that there had been no Dividends in 1865 and 1866 and that the position of the Compy would have a worse aspect were not many of the Assets valued at their cost price.

Read Mr. Langworthy's Letter of the 27th ultimo stating that he was willing to renew the five Debentures for £100 each held by him, which will become due on the 15th instant — these Debentures being produced and cancelled by the Corporate Seal being torn off —

Resolved — That Debenture No. 36 for £500 payable to W. Langworthy Esq in Three years from the 15th instant, carrying Interest at Six per cent per annum, be now issued.

The Debenture was then Sealed and with

the six half yearly Coupons attached, signed by two of the Directors.

The Secretary reported that 476 bales of Wool at Liverpool had been sold at 5d per lb and it was expected the remaining 12 bales would soon be disposed of.

Read Letter from Mr Biglard of Lpool asking whether the Company would buy his Shares as he did not wish to hold them any longer and, Ordered – That he be informed that the Board cannot enter into such a purchase.

Mr A.R. Lafone brought forward his proposition for the Company to render assistance to Sheep Farmers on Shares if they will emigrate to the Falklands, as detailed in his Letter to the Secretary of the 26th ultimo, and Resolved—

That an Advertisement be inserted in the Times" and in a Dumfries and Glasgow News-paper drawing attention to the capabilities of the Falkland Islands for young Sheep Farmers.

Submitted a Financial Statement and on it appearing that at least £4,000 will be required to pay off £2,500 Debentures falling due on the 15th instant, to provide Stores for shipment to Stanley and meet current Liabilities – That the Bankers be requested to place £4,000 to the Company's Credit for three months, in anticipation that before the expiration of this period

more of the Company's Debentures will have been taken up.

An Application from Mr Langdon the Company's Clerk for an increase of Salary could not be conceded at present.

The Secretary submitted particulars of 9 Vessels for Charter to convey Stores out and bring back the year's Produce, but as the Despatches now due from the Islands had not arrived, through the delay of the Mail Steamer, it was decided to defer this matter till the letters are delivered.

Ordered — That a Board be held on Monday the 13th instant at One O'clock.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed.

—	Johnson & Dymond	68 .. 15 .. 0
	London Office	20 .. 16 .. 8
	Petty Cash	20 .. 0 .. 0
	Southey & Son	20 .. 0 .. 0

Signed on behalf of the meeting Jm Boutcher

Chairman

1868

January 13th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Jr Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £ 946. 1. - in favor of the Company.

The Advertisements for Sheep Farmers and Debentures were submitted.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Anning had called and said he had seen the Bankers who had agreed to make a Loan of £ 3,000 upon a joint letter signed by the Directors as before, but this being objected to, the Chairman signed a request for this Loan the same as the last, which being sent to the Bank by the Clerk a verbal answer was returned, that the matter had already been declined to Mr. Anning.

As this reply was not understood it was decided to postpone the Board until the 15th instant in order that Mr. Anning might be consulted, and the Secretary was directed to write to Mr.

A. R. Lafone and Mr. Robinson to request their assistance in getting out Debentures and to urge their attendance at the Board on Wednesday.

Read Mr. Cripps' Note of the 11th instant enquiring whether the Board would purchase his Shares or knew of any one desirous of investing in the Company, and Ordered — That he be informed that the Directors are not desirous of increasing their interests, and do not know of any one wishing to invest in the Company's Shares.

Read the last Despatch No. 356 to the Colonial Manager.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting [redacted]

Chairman

1868.

January 15th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
W. Arming Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 13th instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,446..1..- in favor of the Company.

On consideration of Finance, Mr. Arming explained that the Bankers would make a Loan of £3,000 to the Company upon a Letter signed by the Directors, it was therefore — Resolved — That the following Letter be signed and sent in, which being taken by the Secretary was agreed to by the Bankers.

15th Jan 68.

Messrs Glyn Mills Currie & Co.

Gentlemen,

In consideration of your having advanced on Loan to the Falkland Islands Company the sum of Three Thousand Pounds (£3,000) for three months, we the undersigned, Directors of the said Company, do jointly and severally

guarantee the due payment of the said Loan with interest on the same.

signed { W. Boutcher Chairman
J. H. Macdonald
Wm Anning
E. Boutcher
A.R. Lafone

Read Despatches Nos 5, 6, 7 dated 31st Oct. and 2nd November 1867 from the Colonial Manager, received yesterday, with their Enclosures — and instructions were given to the Secretary for the reply.

The Board decided to charter a Vessel to take out Stores and bring back the Produce, and after looking over the Charters still offering;

Ordered — That the 'Athole' be accepted if her Owner reduces his terms to £1,250 —

Resolved — That the Stores be ordered in the usual manner from those persons who supplied the last Cargo.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed —

Colonial Remittances	£9 .. s .. s
Edward Cobb Esq	50 .. s .. s
W. Boutcher Esq	500 .. s .. s

Signed on behalf of the Meeting W. Boutcher
Chairman

1868.

February 5th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Esq

C. Boutcher Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £878..18..4 in favor of the Company.

Submitted Letter of 21st January from Prussian Ambassador stating that at present his Government could not appoint Consuls for the North German Confederation.

Produced Cancelled Debentures Nos 6 to 20 for £1,500 and No. 22 for £1,000.

It was decided not to continue the Debenture Advertisement.

The Secretary reported that Messrs Forbes, Knight & Co. had paid £732..5..4, which, with the £27..19..8 held by the Company for Mr. Arrol's Beer sold at Stanley and which will now have to be accounted for to that Gentleman by Messrs Forbes, Knight and Co., will make up £760..5..- the Company's claim against them for the 'Orange Nafsau'.

Submitted Mr. Forster's Letter of 21st ultimo in

reply to the Company's Claim on him for £11 as per Mr Cobb's Despatch 5, Paragraph 11 and Ordered — That a Copy be sent to the Colonial Manager with explanations, in order that he may inform the Board whether Mr Forster's account of the transactions is satisfactory and if not what further steps can be taken.

The Secretary reported that Messrs Bowes and Bro: had sent Account Sales of Wool sold by them at Liverpool and that a Cheque for £100 had been remitted to them to close the Account — also that Messrs Southey and Son had sold the balance of this Wool and it was expected there would be a small amount coming to the Company after payment of their Loan.

The last Despatch to Stanley No 35 7 which had been already seen by the Directors was laid on the table.

Read Despatch No 8 of 14th November 1867 from the Colonial Manager, and the Secretary was instructed as to reply.

Submitted Mr A.R. Lafone's Letters of 31st January and 4th February about Sheep Farmers, as well as replies to two applicants and — Ordered — That this correspondence be sent out to Stanley in order to enable the Colonial Manager to report what Lands of the Company are suitable for such undertakings.

In anticipation of a fall in the price of Sheep from the numbers that will be imported by the parties who have taken up Land on the West Falklands, it was thought better to let Mr Cobb know that he

might sell some of the surplus Sheep, if he found the Company could part with them without injury and obtain a good price for them.

The Secretary reported the transactions about loading the Athole, which had unfortunately resulted in the Freight offering for Stanley not being obtained for her, and was instructed to write to Mr A.R. Lafone on the subject — and at the same time to urge him not to cease his endeavours to get some Debentures taken up.

Ordered — That a Letter be written to the Camp Manager in reply to his two last communications and sent through the Colonial Manager.

It was considered better to endeavour to obtain some Emigrants to make use of the Athole's Cabins and procure Land for them through a Land Order.

A Finance Statement was submitted.

The following Cheques were Ordered to be signed

J.L. Bowes & Brother	£100.
Burrows & Son	249.17.5
Rounson & Co	67.10.9
London Office	20.16.8
Petty Cash	50.5.5
H.M. Emigration Commissioners	100.5.5
Biggar	40.5.5

signed on behalf of the Meeting,
W. Hayter Hughes
Vice Chairman

1868

March 5th.

Present

W. H. Hughes Esq

Colr J. H. Macdonald

A. R. Lafone Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th February were read and confirmed

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £926.3.2 in favor of the Company.

The Board was informed that the 'Athole' had sailed on 29th ultimo with a full Cargo of Stores amounting to £4,473.14.11 - and Ten Passengers, the cost, expenses, advances &c. being insured for £5,400.

The Secretary reported that the Passengers consisting of 6 Shepherds, one being married with an Infant, and 3 Female Servants were sent out upon two Land Orders for £100 each taken up from the Emigration Commissioners, of which £180 will be returned to the Company; and that 500 acres can be claimed in the Colony for the remaining £20 - The men were under the usual engagement, and the young women had undertaken to repay the Company £15 as part cost of their passage and Expenses.

The English Mail having been delivered

this morning the Directors were able to read Mr Cobbs Despatches Nos 9 and 10 — the Duplicates were received by the French Mail on the 19th ultimo but most of the former was illegible —

Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos 358 to 361 were submitted, as well as Letter to Earnp Manager of the 8th ultimo.

The Fire Insurance Policy for Furniture &c in the Office valued at £150 was laid on the table.

The Secretary was instructed to enquire of the Landlords when the next Rent was paid, what reduction they would make in the present high Rent if the Company continued the Lease of the Offices, which would expire on the 29th September next.

The Board considered two Letters from Scotland about Sheep Farmers and decided on the replies to be sent.

Submitted Mr Lane's Letter of 7th ultimo applying for £150 for extra services at Monte Video before being appointed Colonial Manager but no decision was made.

Resolved — That the Board be adjourned until tomorrow at Two O'clock P. M. for the discussion of Financial matters. —

The following Bills were signed

Turner 66.9.11 Compton 6 y.s.s

Yates 511.8.11 Mews 297.16.0
Beach 97.3.9 Silver 358.2.2
and Orders given that if Messrs Anderson, Rounson and Torry decide upon drawing their Drafts are to be accepted.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed—

Emigration Comrs	100.0.0	Petty Cash	30.0.0
Brankston	12.0.6	Bass	56.7.8
Baynes	36.18.6	Bartholomew	21.0.0
Bell	28.13.0	Betts	27.17.0
Champion	6.4.0	Carter	10.10.0
Christy	35.15.0	Crosse	30.3.0
Coutts	10.14.0	Crout	48.8.6
Evans	32.11.3	Eley	5.3.0
Fairbairns	10.9.11	Forrest	100.19.6
Gillon	8.3.0	Gosnell	8.10.7
Hall	8.12.6	Hasluck	8.8.0
Hill	15.19.8	Houghton	18.8.3
House	21.6.8	Huntley	11.8.3
Keating	8.8.8	Knight	5.19.0
Leslie	18.0.0	Morton	36.0.6
Morton J.T.	94.19.1	Nilsen	5.15.3
Truman	105.11.0	Weston	59.9.5
White	20.2.6	Whitmee	11.3.6
Wotherspoon	17.9.2	Tatham	80.0.0
Biggar	49.4.2	Docks	9.16.0
Insurance	69.18.7	Petty Cash	50.0.0
London Office	20.16.8		

Jas Bontchir

1868

March 6th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
W. Anning Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance £964.15.2 in favor of the Company.

Mr Lane's Letter of 7th ultimo applying for compensation for excha services at Monte Video before being appointed Colonial Manager was considered, but it was decided this claim could not be allowed as the last payment to him had been received on his behalf as a settlement of all claims. As it appeared £7.12.6 had been twice charged, this sum was ordered to be refunded to Mr Lane.

Resolved— That this Board be adjourned to the 10th instant at 12 Oclock for the discussion of Financial matters.

Cheque signed for Mr Lane £7.12.6

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Chairman

1868.

May 5th.

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Colr. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th March were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £294.8.9 in favor of the Company.

The Secretary reported that the Board adjourned to the 10th March had been postponed sine die, and that the Board summoned for the 7th ultimo had not been formed as only two Directors attended.

The Board is informed that Mr. A.R. Lafone advanced to the Company £1,500 on the 13th ultimo for one month at 5 per cent, and Mr. E. Boutcher having also advanced £700 on the 15th ultimo for two months at 6 per cent, the Loan at the Bankers for £3,000 due on the latter day had been repaid, and the Secretary produced the Directors guarantee for this Loan, dated the 15 January, which was cancelled.

Read Letter to Mr. Lane of the 10th March and his Reply of the 23rd ultimo, and it was decided to defer this matter to a full Board.

Submitted Correspondence from Messrs. Forbes, Knight & Co. respecting some Cargo sold at Stanley ex 'Orange Nassau' by their Agents Messrs.

J. M. Dean & Son — and — Ordered — That they be informed that the same will be forwarded to the Colonial Manager for his report, in case their Agents do not fully explain the matters complained of.

The Board is informed that Mr. Marshfield Mason, of 79 Bishopsgate Street, had called respecting the Emigration of a large number of the East End of London distressed Operatives to the Falklands, but it was considered the Company could not interfere in the matter.

The Secretary reported that according to the Board's order he had called upon the Company's Landlords Messrs. Johnson and Dymond, about a reduction of the Rent of the Offices, and that they had offered to make the yearly Rent £250 instead of £275, it was therefore decided to consider this subject at some future time.

The Balance Sheet for last year signed by the Auditors was produced.

Submitted Despatches from the Colonial Manager Nos. 11 to 16, and Despatches sent to Stanley Nos. 362, 363 — as well as Letter to Mr. Cobb of the 8th. March.

Draft Reply to above Despatches was considered, and Ordered to be sent by next Mail.

The Secretary asked for leave of absence for a fortnight from the 16th. instant, as by that time every thing would be in order, and the Board considerately granted his request.

Ordered – That as Mr. Langdon the Clerk had now completed a year's service with the Company his Salary be raised from £40 to 50 pr. annum.

Bills for part of Athole's Cargo were accepted viz: Copestake & Co. £33.19.8 Rowson & Co. £144.1.–

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

Johnson & Dymond	£68.15.–	London Office	20.16.8
Petty Cash	20.–.–	Ins. of Stores	22.10.–
Ins. on Hulks &c.	32.8.9	London Office	20.16.8
Tatham	635.5.–	Petty Cash	20.–.–
Col. Remittances	13.6.–	Biggar for Col. Remit	£14

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1868.

May 13th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
A.R. Lafone Esq
C. Boutcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £414.7.4 in favor of the Company.

Mr. Lane's Letter of the 23rd ultimo was again deferred for a full attendance.

The Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Knight of the Firm Forbes, Knight & Co. had called to ask for a reduction of the Company's

Charges at Stanley on the Cargo sold ex Orange Nassau, and had been informed that the Directors could not move in the matter as it had been arranged by Messrs Forbes & Co's Agent at Stanley, but that the Colonial Manager had been requested to report upon the case.

On consideration of Finance it was determined to request Messrs A & W. Nesbitt to make a further advance of £3,000 against the Produce expected pr. Athole, and the Chairman having sent his Card, Mr. W. Nesbitt attended and agreed to make this advance on Policies for £7,000 upon this Cargo being handed to his Firm.

Ordered — That this arrangement be carried out.

Mr. Cobb's Despatch No. 17 was read.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

A.R. Lafone £1,506.5.- E. Boutcher £703.10.-

Brenner 94.12.8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Jm. Bruce Chair

1868.

June 5th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
W. Anning Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 13 May were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £637.-.-.10 in favor of the Company.

Mr Lane's Letter was again taken into consideration and it was, Resolved — That £100 be offered to him without prejudice as final settlement of all matters between the Company and himself.

Submitted Mr Petersen's Letter of 6th May 1868 about Emigrants from Denmark and the Reply thereto.

The Board is informed that the Colonial Office had intimated that the £40 allowed by Government, as compensation upon the Cattle Killing Case, had been paid to the Colonial Manager in Stanley as well as in London, and had requested that the amount might be returned, which had been immediately done by Cheque.

Mr Cobb's Despatches Nos 18, 19, 20 and 21 were read, and the Secretary was instructed upon

a Draft Reply which had been prepared.

Ordered – That a new Diving Apparatus be purchased and sent out by a Steamer from London to be in time for the Mail Schooner's next voyage from Monte Video to Stanley.

Upon consideration of the Balance Sheet for last year and a Draft Report for the General Meeting which must be held this month –

Resolved – That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders be held on Thursday the 25th. instant at One Oclock P. M. and that the usual Advertisements and Notices be issued.

A Finance Statement was laid upon the table and it was decided to hold a Board on the 11th. instant to consider same and arrange the Annual Report for the General Meeting.

Ordered – That the Draft for £350 advised by the Colonial Manager in Despatch №20 be accepted on presentation.

The following Cheques were Ordered and signed –

Island Admrs.	£140 " "	Wild	£268 " 6 " 7
Houghton	45 " 6 " 10	Frost	94 " 13 " 6
London Office	20 " 16 " 8	Thames & Mersey	51 " 16 " "
Petty Cash	20 " " "	Col. Remittance	5 " " "

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hayter Mayer & Co

Chairman

1868

June 10th

Present

W. H. Hughes Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

A. R. Lafone Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,078..9..9 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that at the request of Mr A. R. Lafone this Meeting is held instead of the Board summoned for tomorrow.

The Secretary produced a Financial State-ment but as the arrangements for the contemplated Loan upon Debentures were not yet decided, it was—

Ordered— That a Board be held on the 12th instant at One O'clock in order to receive the answer of the parties in negotiation.

The Vice Chairman submitted a Draft Report for the General Meeting, which he had drawn up, it was considered and arranged to be brought forward at the next Meeting.

Mr Cobb's Despatch No. 22 was read and the last Despatch out, No. 365, was laid upon the table.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Jno Boutcher

Chairman

1868.

June 12th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Esq
A. R. Lafone Esq
C. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 10th instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1079 " 9 " 9 in favor of the Company.

Mr A.R. Lafone submitted a proposition from a Bank which offered to take up Debentures for £7,500 at 5 per Cent but no definite arrangement was made.

The Report for the General Meeting was read and Ordered to be printed and circulated.

The Chairman brought to notice that the General Meeting was fixed on a Sale day, it was therefore — Resolved —

That the Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors be held on the 26th instant at 12 Oclock instead of on the 25th instant, and that this alteration be advertised in a proper manner.

The Secretary reported that Mr Dymond would accept £240 per annum for Rent of the Offices now occupied by the Company, provided a 3 years Agreement was signed.

Ordered — That this be accepted.

The following Cheque was Ordered and signed

Grant for Directors £150

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. H. Hughes Esq

Chairman.

1868.

June 26th.

Present

W. H. Hughes Esq

Colr J. H. Macdonald

A. R. Lafone Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 10th instant were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,064 . 9 . 2 in favor of the Company.

The Resolutions for the General Meeting were submitted and arranged.

The last Despatches from the Islands Nos 23 and 24 were laid on the table.

The Board is informed that Captain Miller, who had recovered the Copper from the Wreck of the 'Coquimbana' at the Falklands for Lloyd's Salvage Association, had called and would see the Directors

if desired, but it was considered an interview should not take place at present.

Mr. Lane's Letter of the 23rd instant agreeing to accept £100 for his claim against the Company was read, but as the receipt was not in accordance with the Company's offer of the 5th instant, the Secretary was instructed to inform him that if he will forward a receipt in full of all demands, the money shall be paid to Colt. Macdonald on his behalf.

Ordered – That the Bill advised by the Colonial Manager for £400 be accepted.

Resolved – That as the 5th of next month falls on a Sunday the Board be held on the 4th at 12 O'clock.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Jm Boutcher
Chairman

1868.

July 4th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Colt. J. H. Macdonald
A. R. Lafone Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 26th June were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Accounts submitted showed

a Balance of £2900..1..3 in favor of the Company, besides £2,000 on a Deposit Account at 5 per cent Interest.

The Meeting resolved — That Mr. Boutcher be requested to continue to be Chairman of the Company.

Mr. Boutcher expressed his willingness to agree to the request of his Brother Directors.

The Board is informed that the East London Bank Limited had agreed to advance £7,500 to the Company at Five per cent, secured by Debentures running for 3 years from the 15th. instant, and the following Guarantee signed by Mr. Boutcher and Mr. A.R. Lafone, upon the condition of the Company's Account being transferred to them.

To the East London Bank, Limited.

London. 2nd July 1868.

Whereas you, the East London Bank, Limited, have arranged to advance to The Falkland Islands Company upon the Security of their Debentures the sum of Seven Thousand Five hundred Pounds on condition that we the undersigned jointly and severally guarantee the repayment thereof. Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, we the undersigned do hereby jointly and severally guarantee the punctual repayment of any sum or sums of money which you may at any time or times hereafter lend and advance to The Falkland Islands Company and also the payment of any sum of money in which the said Falkland Islands Company may become indebted to you on any account whatever. Provided that our joint and

several liability under this guarantee shall not exceed the sum of £7,500 say Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the above arrangement Mr. Boutcher and Mr. A. R. Lafone had attended on the 2nd instant to seal and execute seven Debentures for £1000 each and one Debenture for £500, which were handed to the East London Bank and the Account opened — and thereupon the advance made by Messrs A & W. Nesbitt of £4,000 upon eight Debentures of £500 each, had been repaid and the Debentures had been cancelled and were now produced.

The Board then authorized and confirmed the above proceedings and Mr. Hughes moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Col. Macdonald and carried.

Messrs Wm Boutcher and Alexander Ross Lafone having, on the Request of the Board, consented to give their own personal guarantee for the due payment of the Loan granted to the Company by the East London Bank Limited of £7,500 for a term of 3 years, and for which Bonds to that amount are handed to the Bank

Resolved that no Call be made of the Balance of £15 per Share from the Shareholders, without the written Consent and Approbation of Messrs Boutcher and Lafone their Executors & administrators but that such balance of £15 per Share shall be

considered and by this Resolution is especially Hypothecated for the purpose of securing the repayment of such Loan.

That this Board further agree at any time on the request of the said Messrs Boutcher and Lafone to make a sufficient Call for the purpose of paying off such Loan.

The Board is informed that Debentures Nos 25 & 26 falling due on the 15th instant, bearing Interest at 7 per cent, will be renewed for three years by the holders, Mr Boutcher and Mr Langworthy, who have agreed to accept six per cent per annum and the new Debentures Nos 37 and 38, which had been sealed and executed by Mr Boutcher and Mr A.R. Lafone on the 2nd instant, were produced.

Ordered — That they be exchanged for the old ones on the latter being presented.

The last Despatches Out Nos 365 and 366 were laid on the Table — also Despatches from the Colonial Manager Nos 23 and 24 and the Secretary was instructed as to the Reply.

Replies from Mr Bertrand's References Mr D. G. Lee of 4 Bedford Row and the Revd Godfrey B. Lee of Winchester College, of the 27th and 29th ultimo, were produced and considered satisfactory.

Submitted Mr Petersen's Letter of 15th ultimo and the Reply of the 22nd ultimo. about Danish people emigrating to the Falklands.

The Secretary reported that he had addressed

Count Bismarck at Berlin on the subject of appointing the Company's Manager to be Consul for the North German Confederation — and had written to the Admiralty to enquire if the Compy could purchase a Hulk from the Government — also that the Letter to Lloyd's Committee of the 1st inst., stating that Mr Cobb would undertake the duties of Lloyd's Agent in case of any change at Stanley, had been handed to Mr Harper, Secretary of the Salvage Association at Lloyd's, to be used if he thought fit.

Mr Lane's Receipt for £100 dated the 29th ultimo was submitted and passed, the Cheque for this amount being received by Col. Macdonald.

Ordered — That a Diving Apparatus, Materials for Sheep Dip and the Seeds, as required by the Colonial Manager, be procured and shipped by the next Steamer to Monte Video from this Port.

The Board is informed that the last Balance Sheet of the Company's Accounts had been sent to the Board of Trade in conformity with the Deed of Settlement.

At the request of the Secretary the Board kindly took his case into consideration, and Resolved — That the Secretary's Salary be raised to £300 per annum from the 1st of the present month —

The following Cheques were ordered and signed

Nesbitt £4,050 Johnson & Dymond £68-15-0

Lane	£100	Commission	£225
Ward	42.12.11	Glyn	600
London Office	20.16.8		

The Meeting resolved – That Mr. Hughes be requested to continue to be Vice Chairman of the Co.

Mr. Hughes expressed his willingness to agree to the request of his Brother Directors.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Jno Boutcher

Chairman

1868.

September 2nd

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. K. Macdonald
A. R. Lafone Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4th of July were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Accounts submitted showed a Balance of £2,900 " 1 " 3 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Meeting summoned for the 5th ultimo could not be formed from want of Directors.

The Letter from Lloyd's, dated the 15th July, informing that the Agency at Stanley was declared vacant

was submitted, and it was stated that Mr. Cobb had been instructed to send an application for the same.

Submitted Letters from the Admiralty stating that they could not lend the Company any Hulk and that the price of the only one they had to sell was £4200 — this was considered too expensive as it would cost a considerable sum extra to rig and send out.

The Secretary informed the Board that steps are being taken to obtain the Consulship of the North German Confederation and for the Belgium and Italian Governments — and that the French Government had been informed that Stores and Coals can be obtained at Stanley.

Despatch to the Colonial Manager No. 367 and Despatch No. 25 from him were laid on the table.

Submitted Correspondence about the Coals pr. River Forth, from which it appeared that there had been an excess of quantity sold on the West Coast at her destination, for which the Company had been allowed £32.15.2, though the reports from her late Mate made it appear that more was due to the Company, but Mr. A.R. Lafone, having entered into the matter with the Owners Messrs. Hargrove Ferguson & Co. and Capt. Crawford at Liverpool, stated to the Board, that he did not think the Company could substantiate a claim to any further quantity.

The Board is informed that to comply with the Colonial Manager's request to receive a Cargo early in November, the Matilda had been chartered and the various goods ordered from the regular suppliers, with the exception of some few articles, and this course of proceedings is sanctioned.

The last Despatch to the Colonial Manager No. 368 and those just received from him Nos 26 & 27 were submitted.

Submitted Messrs Schuth & Melian's Letter of 14th July accepting the Company's Agency at Monte Video.

The Board is informed that the Probate of the Will of the late Joseph Dowson Esq had been left at the Office for Registration, the Executors being Messrs Henry Tudor, Edward Owen Tudor and George Samuel Hayes, and that they had written to ask that his Brother Mr Edward Dowson, who had been joint Proprietor with him of Ten Shares, Nos 644 to 653, might be registered as the sole Proprietor of these Shares.

Ordered — That Mr Edward Dowson be entered in the Register of Shareholders as the Proprietor of Shares No. 644 to 653.

Mr Biggar to be informed that the Company does not require any Emigrants at present.

A discussion took place about purchasing a Hulk but nothing definite was determined.

Signed on behalf of Mr Mossing [illegible] Pro. T.

[illegible] Chairman

1868.

October 5th.

Present

W. H. Hughes Esq
Colr J. H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £979.16.2 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that Mr Cobb is appointed Belgian Consul for the Falklands, as per Letter from the King's Secretary General dated the 5th September, and Letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs dated 10th September 1868.

Ordered – That these documents be forwarded to the Colonial Manager by the next Mail.

Submitted Mr Dymond's Agreement, dated 28th ultimo, for the Company's present Offices, for 3 years from Michaelmas last at the reduced Rent of £240 per Annum.

Submitted Ship Introductory Letter from Messrs Bath & Son of Swansea, obtained by Mr A. R. Lafone, and one signed by Messrs Tatham & Co.

Read Mr Boutcher's request of the 1st inst. to be allowed to transfer five shares to Mr Sawyer.

Ordered – That this Transfer be executed.

The Board is informed that the Matilda

left the St. Katharine's Docks on the 11th ultimo with a full Cargo, insured for £5000, and two Passengers — and that three packages intended for Nassau, New Providence, had been shipped on board her by mistake of the Wharfinger of the Docks; on examining the Invoices of these Goods it was decided that the Company could not purchase them but would instruct their Manager to sell them to the best advantage for account of those concerned.

The last Despatches to Stanley Nos 369 and 370 were laid on the table.

On consideration of Finance it was resolved to obtain a further advance of £1,600 from Messrs Nesbitt against the Cargo shortly expected, in order to make prompt payments for the Stores p. Matilda and obtain discount where possible.

Ordered — That the part of the Cargo of Produce ex Athole to be landed, be sent to Pickle Herring Upper Wharf.

Submitted Draft of next Despatch to the Colonial Manager.

The following Bills were ordered

Wright & Langridge for Freight				£	325	"	"
For Stores p. Matilda								
Bannerman & Sons	186	1	6	Russell		54	17	6
Homan	77	14	7	Yates		353	8	4
Silver	358	6	6	Anderson		250	3	7
Turner	50	10	11	Rowson		179	19	10
Beach	82	6	8	Compton		42	2	6

	£					£		
Bremner	113	17	3	Fenner		18	18	4
Heinke	157	19	"	Howden		28	7	11
Petty Cash	20	"	"	Glyn		600	"	"
London Office	25	"	"	do		900	"	"
Petty Cash	50	"	"	Hammond		41	3	9
Colonial Remit	10	"	"	Colonial Remit		20	"	"
Burrows	213	19	6	Insurance		90	"	"
London Office	25	"	"	Bass		45	10	4
Levi	9	3	6	East London Bank		30	3	"
Truman	109	13	6	Coutts		11	10	8
Crout	34	11	"	Elliott		12	16	1
Torres N.	90	12	9	Hasluck		9	2	"
Houghton	14	5	3	House		44	19	6
Huntley	13	19	2	Maypee		30	"	"
Morton	37	9	2	Morton J T		134	9	7
St Katharines Dock	10	5	11	Bell		28	19	8
Champion	7	12	1	Baynes		45	6	6
Insurance	19	8	6	Insurance		48	11	4
Johnson	68	15	"	London Office		25	"	"
Keating	5	19	8	Bradford		6	15	6
Carter	11	4	6	Crosse		9	1	"
Davis	12	"	"	Dowson		156	6	"
Eley	12	14	6	Gosnell		6	17	9
Hall	8	4	"	Ward		5	7	4
Petty Cash	20	"	"	Christy		28	10	"
Lawson	25	11	"	Bradbury		29	"	"
Copestake	33	16	10	Davies		16	17	3
Totty	788	7	8	Fenner		79	19	6

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Jno Brunton

1868.

November 5th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Esq
Col J. H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th October were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £932.15.7 in favor of the Company.

The last Despatch to Stanley No. 371 was laid on the table.

Submitted Messrs Crofs' Letter of the 15th September from Valparaiso, announcing the shipment of Flour per 'Ellen Lamb' to Stanley, and that they had drawn for the amount £370.-.7 on the Directors.

Ordered—That the acceptance of this Bill is sanctioned.

Submitted Ships Introductory Letters signed by Mr. J. C. Engels of Antwerp, Messrs Connon & Co. of Aberdeen, Messrs Richardson & Co of Swansea and Messrs Ockenden & Mayree of London.

The Secretary related what steps had been taken to learn the price of a Schooner for Island service in case it should become necessary to replace the 'Fairy'.

Submitted Letter from Greenshields of the 2nd September announcing that he had ceased to be Camp Manager on the 20th July, this having been received by the English Mail, as well as Correspondence from Messrs Schuth & Melian dated 21st & 28th September, a Draft Reply to whom is approved of.

The Board is informed that there are no advices from the Colonial Manager, though the 'Joseph Thomson' arrived at Swansea on the 10th ultimo, the French Mail on the 21st ult^o and the English Mail on the 3rd instant, all of which brought letters from Stanley — but that Messrs Schuth & Melian report having posted Mr Cobb's Correspondence, which reached them at Monte Video too late for the French Mail, by the Steamer 'Kepler' not yet arrived at Liverpool.

The Secretary reported that though the 'Athole' had sailed from Stanley on the 29th July with a Cargo for the Company she was still out.

Submitted Draft Despatch for next Mail to Stanley, which is corrected and ordered to be sent out.

The Board is informed that Mr Dean had chartered the 'Elizabeth Brown' of 234 tons for Stanley, and had consented to take the Iron Wire Fencing &c shut out of the 'Matilda'.

Ordered - That this shipment be made.

Submitted Mr. Sawyer's claim for auditing the Company's Accounts for the year 1866.

Resolved – That Ten Pounds be handed to him in settlement of this account.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed –

Petty Cash	£20.-.-	Stationery &c.	£17.5.11
Bullivant	48.16.-	London Office	25.-.-
Petty Cash	20.-.-	Sawyer	10.-.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

W^m Boutcher

Chairman.

1868.

November 25th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Esq
Col^r J. H. Macdonald
A. R. Lafone Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £966. 2. 4 in favor of the Company.

The last Despatch to Stanley No. 372 was submitted.

The Secretary reported that the Athole

arrived on the 9th instant, having sailed from Stanley on the 29th August instead of on the 29th July as reported by Lloyd's Agent — that the Bills of Lading for her Cargo were immediately handed to Messrs A & W. Nesbitt, and that it was all landed at Pickle Herring Upper Wharf — the Broker's Reports on the Hides and Seal Skins were produced.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos 28, 29, 30 and 33, No 32 being a Duplicate too illegible to be understood, and draft replies to the paragraphs needing attention were considered and amended.

The Secretary explained that Lloyd's Salvage Association wished their Agent's Receipt for £66. 5. - paid by the Colonial Manager at Stanley to remain in abeyance, as the Bill on the Company for £350 in their favor had not been yet presented, but though the Board considered this ought to be paid at once, it was thought better to await the arrival of the next Mail, which might bring advices on the subject.

With respect to the Schooner required for Island Service to replace the Fairy now sold, two propositions were submitted for purchasing Vessels now building, but it was decided to buy a vessel afloat so that the total expense might be known.

Further Ship's Introductory Letters from Messrs Hargrove & Co. of Liverpool and Mr. Trufant and Mr. Brodie of London were laid on the table.

A Financial Statement was submitted

Read Messrs. Schuth & Melian's Letter of 14th October, with account of 30th September £459. 7. 8, the cost of a shipment from Monte Video to Stanley.

Ordered – That the next Board be held on the 4th Proximo at One O'clock.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

Insurance	£7. 12. 3	Col. Remittances	£20
Bremner	246. 9. 4	Christy	£20. 1. 1
Wild	310. 5. 2		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1868.

December 4th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

A. R. Lafone Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 25th November were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £943.12.9 in favor of the Company.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos 31 & 32, the Original having arrived, also Despatch to Colonial Manager No 373 dated yesterday per 'Elizabeth Brown', and on it appearing that this vessel had not yet sailed, the Secretary was instructed on various points which are to be added to this Despatch, so that Duplicate may go out by the Mail.

Resolved— That Mr Cobb be allowed £50 per annum from his arrival at Stanley to cover the expense of entertaining strangers on the Company's behalf.

The missing Bill for £350 on the Directors in favor of Lloyd's Salvage Association having been presented yesterday, the Board agreed to accept it payable on the 18th instant, in order to enable the Association to settle with the Underwriters respecting the wreck Coquimbana before the close of the year.

Submitted Messrs Whitehead & Coles' Letter of 26th November about the sale and price of Shares, and the Secretary's reply was considered sufficient.

The Schooner 'May' was brought to the Board's notice as a suitable vessel for Island

Service and the Secretary was instructed to inspect her with Mr Meager, who was to offer £450 for her if he considered her a strong useful craft.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed—

London Office £25 Petty Cash £20.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1869.

January 5th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4th December were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £931. 4. 11 in favor of the Company.

The addition to Despatch 373 and Despatch № 374 by the last mail were read.

Submitted the Bill of Lading for the Stores by the 'Elizabeth Brown' and the Board was informed that this Vessel having met with damage was still detained at Dartmouth under repair.

Certificates of Mr. Sawyer's five Shares Nos 291

to 295 were stamped with the Corporate Seal and signed by two of the Directors.

Read the letter of the 10th December from the Committee of the Antwerp Underwriters appointing Mr Cobb their Agent at Stanley.

Submitted Letter from the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs dated the 11th ultimo together with the Escutcheon, Flag, Laws & Seals of Office for Mr Cobb as Belgian Consul, which are to be forwarded to him by first opportunity.

The Secretary informed the Board that he had written to the Belgian Ambassador respecting the Exequatur and had been told that application was made to the Foreign Office and that it might be expected about the middle of March, as the Colonial Office had referred to Stanley.

Letter from Messrs Schuth & Melian of the 14th November and the Secretary's Reply of the 23rd December were produced and approved of.

Read Messrs Hall & Webster's Letter of the 8th ultimo about Rams for the Company's Flocks and it was decided to send out some young Cheviot Rams by every opportunity.

The Request from Captn Gorley of the 'Athole' for a Gratuity was ordered to lie over.

The Chairman informed the Board that having heard that the Agency of the New York Underwriters at Stanley was vacant, he had instructed the Secretary to apply for it for the

Colonial Manager.

The Account Sales of the Wool ex Athole were submitted, the Board considered favorable prices had been realized, but Mr. Cobb is to be cautioned not to give so much for Wool as he has done.

Read the last Despatches from the Colt. Manager Nos. 34 and 35, the draft replies to which were sanctioned.

Ordered — That a Vessel of 250 tons or upwards be chartered to sail with Stores about the middle of next month and bring back the year's Produce, that 20 Rams be shipped by her and any Passengers taken out who may be offering.

Resolved — That the Secretary address a confidential Letter to the Colonial Manager explaining to him the Company's Financial Position —

The Secretary reported what steps had been taken about obtaining a Schooner for Island Service as the 'May' had been declined for the present, but no very suitable vessel offering at a cheap rate the matter was ordered to remain in abeyance.

Submitted Ship's Introductory Letters from Messrs. Frost Brothers and Messrs. Le Lacheur & Son.

Ordered — That the Balance at Messrs. Glyn's Bank be now withdrawn, and that a letter be written thanking them for their attention to this Company's Account.

The Following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Wright & Langridge	£ 34. 10. 4	Petty Cash	£ 20
Colonial Remits	23. -. -	Tatham	555. 9. 6
Dymond	60. -. -	London Office	25. -. -
Colonial Remits	14. -. -	Petty Cash	50. -. -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hughes Junr.

Chairman

1869.

February 5th.

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

Colt. J. H. Macdonald

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th January were read and confirmed.

The Bankers Account submitted showed a Balance of £4568.19.10 in favor of the Company.

Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos. 375 to 378 having been already read by the Directors were laid on the table — the Confidential Letter from the Secretary to Mr. Cobb on the 8th ultimo was considered to have explained matters to him correctly.

Submitted Letter from the East London Bank, dated the 1st instant, stating that the title of the Bank had been changed to the Central Bank of London.

The Board is informed that the balance

had been withdrawn from Messrs. Glyn's Bank, who had told the Secretary that the Company's Box was held by them to the order of the Directors, it was therefore —

— Resolved to place this Box with the Central Bank of London and a letter was signed by two of the Directors to deliver same to Bearer, and the Secretary was instructed to attend to it.

The Charterparty of the 'Victoria Tatham' is produced and the Secretary stated that she sailed from Gravesend yesterday with a full Cargo of Stores, three Passengers, Mr. Cobb's two Brothers and Ann Hockin to join her Brother, and 30 Cheviot Rams, being a fast vessel it was expected she would make a quick passage out and thus arrive before Mr. Dean's ship 'Elizabeth Brown' which is still detained at Dartmouth.

Submitted proposal from Mr. Tatham to sell his Schooner 'Quiver' to the Company for £1,000 as being very well adapted for Island Service, but on its appearing that the present funds would only meet the outlay just incurred for the Stores, it was decided that the purchase of a vessel must stand over.

The Secretary informed the Board that Capt.n Pain having passed his examination as Master had offered to enter the Company's service, and it was considered advisable to engage him as he had commanded the 'Fairy' some years and knew the Islands well.

Captain Dyer's Letter of 14th December was read, reporting the arrival at Stanley of the 'Matilda

on 24th November 1868.

Read Mr Travis' letter from Stanley dated the 15th December, enclosing Bill for £501..16..3 on account of the disbursements of the 'David Livingstone'.

Submitted Letter from the Chairman of the Board of Underwriters of Antwerp dated the 2nd instant with Diploma of Appointment of Mr Cobb as their Agent at Stanley.

Ordered – That Mr Engels be thanked for his kind attention and that the Diploma and copy of letter be sent out by the next Mail.

The Following Cheques and Bills were ordered to be signed.

	£			£
Barr	9..4..8	Bass		45..10..4
Baynes	40..11..4	Carter		11..4..6
Champion	12..10..	Chappell		31..12..
Christy	24..7..9	Crosse		12..18..6
Crout	27..3..9	Davies		16..18..
Davis E. J	14..11..8	Dowson		102..16..
Eley	5..2..	Forrestt		29..16..6
Hall	8..4..6	Houghton		15..2..9
Huntley	20..	Keating		10..2..2
Maw	11..15..1	Morton G & J		32..6..2
Morton G. J.	79..1..4	Osborn		5..6..3
Rawling	4..15..	Rosher		14..5..
Spence	8..4..5	Turner		28..7..6
Truman	121..1..	Walker		51.. .. ..
Walters	16..5..	White		27.. .. ..
Wheeler	12..3..	Whyte		29..10..

West India Dock Co.	£12. 6. 7	London Office	£25. -. -.
A.R. Lafone	134. 3. 9	Blyth	12. -. -.
Tatham	36. -. -	Davis E. J.	49. 6. 5
Wright & Langridge	285. -. -	Burney	75. 15. -
Rowson	313. 14. -		

Wm Boutcher
Chairman

1869.

February 13th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
C. Boutcher Esq
Colt J. H. Macdonald

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £728. -. 6 in favor of the Company.

Submitted Despatches Nos 379, 380. to the Colonial Manager.

The Secretary reported that the Company's Box had been removed from Messrs Glyn & Co and was now deposited with the Central Bank of London.

Captain Pain attended and upon his description it was decided to bid £1,300 less £200 value of Iron Ballast for the Schooner Lotus offered to the Company by Mr Nicholson of Gosport.

Agreement with Captain Pain was read over and considered, on certain alterations being agreed to it was — Resolved — That Captain be engaged to command the Company's New Schooner upon an Agreement as now arranged.

The Secretary was directed to proceed to Gosport with Captain Pain and arrange about the Schooner and her necessary alterations and fittings

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1869.

March 5th.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 13th February were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,525. 6. 8 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Victoria Tatham had met with severe damage in the Downs on the night of the 12th ultimo and had been compelled to put into Dover Harbour for repairs,

but was expected to sail again on the 6th. instant.

The Secretary stated he had seen Mr. Nicholson and had arranged for the purchase of the 'Lotus' on the most favorable terms possible, that the alterations were commenced and it was expected she would be ready for sea by the 22nd. instant.

The Chairman stated that in order to meet the above expense he had arranged with the Brokers, Messrs. Anning & Cobb, to accept a Bill on them at three months date for £1,500 against Produce, which had been discounted at the Bank.

Read Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos. 379, 380, 381, 382. and one received from him No. 36.

Submitted Letter of this date from the General Manager of the St. Katharines Docks stating that cost of the Goods for the Maid of Glanwern taken out in error by the 'Matilda' in September last was £53.. 3.. 4

Resolved — That the Dock Company be offered the cost of these Goods less Ten per cent (10%).

The Board is informed that in consequence of its being reported that a Mr. John Switzer had left Otago, New Zealand in disgrace, enquiries had been instituted and the result of the examination of the "Otago Daily Times" Newspaper, dated May 7th. 10th. June 7th. 12th. and 24th. 1867, had been communicated to Mr. Cobb in a private Letter for his guidance.

Read application from Mr. Mc. Crie to go out to the Falklands as a Sheep Farmer on certain terms.

These being all in favor of Mr. Mc Crie, The Board decided they could not be accepted and directed the Secretary to make Mr. Mc Crie an offer to go out in the 'Lotus'.

Ordered — That 4 or 500 tons Welsh Steam Coals be despatched to Stanley and that some Rams be shipped if the vessel prove suitable for carrying Live Stock.

Ordered — That a Certificate be sealed with the Company's Corporate Seal authorizing the Secretary to sign all necessary Declarations relating to the Company's Vessels.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

Nicholson	£1000 " " "	Petty Cash	£ 50 " " "
Col. Remit.	8 " " "	House	119 " 5 " 6
Bradbury	30 " 18 " "	Copestake	33 " 5 " 7
Insurance	73 " 16 " 4	London Office	25 " " "

The following Bills were ordered to be accepted.

Silver	£ 391 " 13 " 3	Bannerman	226 " 13 " 6
Fenner	90 " 2 " 4	Torry	936 " 14 " 10
Schuth & Melian	450 " " " "	Compton	82 " 10 " "
Homan	138 " " " 6	Beach	115 " 19 " 5
Yates	353 " 10 " 2	Schuth & Melian	450 " " " "
Schuth & Melian	55 " 18 " 11	Rufsell	69 " 5 " 2
Anderson	448 " 5 " 2		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Ruthchie
Chairman

1869.

March 19th.

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Colv. J. H. Macdonald
C. Boutchier Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,246 . 9 . 2 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the St. Katharine's Dock Company had accepted the offer made to them for the "Maid of Glanwern's Goods" — and that Mr. Mc Crie had decided he could not go out to the Falklands.

Submitted Charter of the Barque 'West' to convey Coals and Sheep from Swansea to the Falkland Islands.

The Secretary stated the occurrences relative to Mr. A. R. Lafone's transactions about some Transfers of Shares, it was arranged to let the matter remain in abeyance.

Submitted Despatches from Colonial Manager Nos. 37, 38. and those addressed to him Nos. 383, 384.

Read the Secretary of Lloyd's Letter of 17th. instant stating that the Committee had

appointed Mr Cobb their Agent at the Falklands.

Ordered – That this appointment be sent out per 'Lotus' and that Mr Cobb be instructed accordingly.

The Board is informed of the present state of the 'Lotus' and that she had been classed in Register Veritas 5/6 A 11.

Submitted Financial Statement.

Read the Colonial Office Letter of 16th instant respecting the Post Office management at the Falklands and it was decided not to continue the correspondence.

The following Cheques were ordered & signed.

Insurance	£ 44 . 14 . 2	Adkins	£ 12 . 15 . –
Cobb	50 . – . –	Petty Cash	50 . – . –
Waterlow	25 . 4 . 6	do	50 . – . –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hughes Hughes. Chairman

1869.

April 6th

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 19th March were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £571 .. 13 .. 4 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the 'Victoria Tatham' left Dover on the 20th ultimo in proper order, but having unfortunately got ashore at Dungeness had put into Dartmouth leaky, whence her owner had her taken to Plymouth, where she was thoroughly repaired and had finally sailed on the evening of the 30th ultimo.

Read Despatches from Colonial Manager Nos 39 and 40, and one addressed to him No. 385.

The Secretary related what had been done respecting the Company's Schooner 'Lotus', which being now ready for sea was waiting at Portsmouth for a fair wind — also that the 'West' had arrived at Swansea and would soon commence taking in her Coals.

Submitted Balance Sheet for last year and the Secretary was instructed to arrange for the Auditors examining the Accounts as soon as possible.

The steps taken to advertise the Port of Stanley in the Shipping Gazette and Maritime Register were approved of.

The Colonial Manager's General Report dated 11th January 1869 was considered and orders given for remarks upon it by the next Mail.

The following Cheques were ordered and signed.

Dymond	£60 " " "	Christy	£ 9 " 16 " 2
Burrows	186 " 8 " "	Wild	237 " 7 " 5
London Office	25 " " " 4	Blyth	7 " " " "
Insurance	22 " 10 " "	Insurance	55 " 9 " 5

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman.

1869.

May 6th Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
C. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th April were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,415 " 5 " " in favor of the Company.

Submitted Despatches from the Colonial Manager Nos. 41, 41a, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Letter to Mr. A.R. Lafone dated the 1st March.

The Secretary reported that the 'Lotus' had sailed on the 8th ultimo and the 'West' left Swansea on the 24th ultimo, with some Stores from London, Salt and a Cargo of Steam Coals, also 30 Sheep and a Shepherd to take care of them.

Submitted Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos. 386, 7 and the Secretary's Letter from

Swansea on the 24th ultimo, as well as his private communication of the same date.

Instructions were given for the Reply by the next Mail.

Read Captain Dyer's application dated 18th April to enter the Company's service at Stanley, but it was decided there was not an opening for him at present.

It was considered that the 23rd proximo would be a good day for the Annual General Meeting.

Read Letter from Messrs Castellain & Gruning of Liverpool, dated 15th April, respecting Mr. A.R. Lafone having deposited the 100 Shares standing in Mr. S.F. Lafone's Name and the 220 Shares standing in his own name with those Gentlemen, against a Loan from them, and it was decided that the Company would have to inform Messrs Alfred Castellain & Louis Gruning of any steps taken with regard to these Shares.

The Secretary explained that certain Beef supplied to the Barque 'Penrith' at Stanley in January last had proved bad and it was —

Ordered—That the amount of same £15, already included in Acceptance No. 365 for £86.5.9 honored on the 25th ultimo, should be refunded to the Captain.

The Board is informed that the Income Tax Return for the last year had been signed as Nil: the application for Income Tax on the Grant to Directors and Auditors was agreed to be paid by

Secretary and deducted from the next division of the Grant.

Read Mr. Langdon's letter of yesterday applying for an increase of Salary.

Resolved - That he be allowed £70 per annum from this accounting year the 1st ultimo.

The Board is informed that an Advertisement had been issued for a Storekeeper and that from numerous applications a few had been selected and had called at the Office, the following being appointed to see the Board, Messrs Knight, Prior, Parker, Willmott, May & Scott — after these interviews it was decided that Mr. Knight was the most suitable person for the Office and the Secretary was directed to arrange with him for accepting the Office and proceeding by the Mail of the 9 proxo. provided his references were good.

Two Finance Statements were submitted.

The following Acceptances were ordered;

Nicholson	£ 641 . 10 . 9	Compton	£ 226 . 16 . 6
Wright	462 . " . "	Rufsell	97 . 16 . 6
Honan	33 . 13 . "		

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed—

Mappin	£ 10 . " . "	Wood	£ 53 . 14 . "
Barraud	29 . 15 . "	Rufsell	11 . 15 . "
Petty Cash	50 . " . "	Nicholson	102 . 3 . 9
Yates	68 . " . "	Frost	43 . 5 . 4
Adkins	12 . 15 . "	Forrest	83 . 8 . "
Insurance	28 . 7 . 1	Roan	141 . " . 6

Rosher	£ 31 " 11 " 6	Weston	£ 53 " " " "
London Office	25 " " " "	Insurance	49 " 12 " 3
Capt^n Napton	15 " " " "	do	32 " 8 " 9
Davies	55 " 7 " 6	Petty Cash	30 " " " "
Tatham	655 " 5 " "	Fenner	8 " 15 " 6

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Jm^s Boutcher
Chairman.

1869.

June 23^rd

Present.
W. Boutcher Esq^r.
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq^r
C. Boutcher Esq^r
Col^l J. H. Macdonald.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6^th May were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £ 272 " 12 " 9 in favor of the Company.

The engagement of M^r Henry Ernest Junior as Storekeeper at £ 150 per annum and a House to live in is reported, he having given Security for £ 100 and taken passage with his Wife in the June Steamer, to arrive at Stanley by the time the notice from M^r Turner the present Storekeeper expires.

The Board is informed that Probate of the Will of W. Anning Esq^r had been left for registration, the Executors being Mess^rs Eimer Smith

Judkins, Richard Mortimore and Frances Ann Anning.

Submitted Despatches to Stanley Nos 388, 9.

Read Letter from the Italian Chargé d'Affaires stating that Mr Cobb had been appointed Consul for the King of Italy and forwarding the Royal Decree and the Queen's Exequatur.

The Secretary reported his application for the Swedish and Norwegian and American Con-sulships — also the steps he had taken to bring the capabilities of Stanley to the notice of Admiral Hornby, commanding the Flying Squadron which is to call there next year.

Submitted Mr Petersen's Letter of 12th May saying he was desirous of forming a settlement at the Falklands, the Secretary's reply to which was approved of.

The Board is informed that Mr Steele's 30 Certificates of his Shares and the transfer of same to Mr A.B. Lafone, which had been left at the Office by the latter Gentleman on 11th March last, had been claimed by Mr Alfred Lafone and handed to him on the 26th ultimo.

The Company's Finance is considered and a report made of the steps taken with regard to advances in Cash and Acceptances obtained from Messrs Anning and Cobb against the Cargo ex-pected per Victoria Tatham.

The Board kindly gave permission

to the Secretary to be absent after the next Mail out to the 26th of the same month.

The Board sanctioned the Insurance of the 'Lotus' for £1,500 during 12 months at 12 Guineas per Cent which covers all risks.

The Secretary was instructed as to a reply to Mr. Bigland's Letter of 18th instant.

The Directors and Auditors received their share of the Annual Grant.

Arrangements were made for conducting the Annual General Meeting to be held this Afternoon.

The decease of Mr. A.R. Lafone on the 14th instant was reported.

The acceptance of a Bill in favor of Messrs Frost Bros for £264.15.9 and the signing of the following Cheques were sanctioned.

Royal Mail Co.	£40.-.-	Ernest	£20.-.-
Bremner	185.12.3	Direction	150.-.-
London Office	25.-.-	Petty Cash	20.-.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Routledge

Chairman

July 6th 1869.

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £534.7.9 in favor of the Company.

It was moved seconded and carried — That Mr. Boutcher be elected to be Chairman of the Company and that Mr. Hughes be elected to be Vice Chairman.

The General Meeting Minutes were signed by Mr. Boutcher.

The Board is informed that the Balance Sheet had been sent to the Board of Trade in conformity with the Company's Deed of Settlement — also that the Income Tax Return Schedule D for the present year to 5th April 1870 had been signed as "Nil".

The Board took into consideration the fact of Mr. Anning and Mr. Robinson receiving a share of the Direction Grant, though neither of them had once attended a Meeting during the year just passed, and it appearing that on the present arrangement they were

entitled to £5 each, it was decided that in future no Director is to participate in the grant who has not attended during the year.

The Secretary reported that the two last Drafts on Messrs Anning Hobb for £2,000 & £1,000 had been discounted at Messrs Alexanders Cuntliffes & Co., and the proceeds of the former handed to Messrs Anning Hobb, whereby their Cash Advance had been reduced to £2,123.3.7 their Acceptances being £5,000 — on consideration of Finance it was found necessary to draw two more Bills on them for £2,000 & £1,000 which are to be discounted if necessary.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos 46 to 50 and Mr Travis' Letter of 30th April 1869, applying for an increase of Salary.

The Secretary was instructed as to replies to the various matters therein, and was directed to inform Mr Travis that the Board cannot accede to his request.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed:

Petty Cash	£30.-.-	Dymond	£60.-.-
London Office	25.-.-	Colt. Remittances	5.-.-
Insurance	171.7.6		

W. Hughes Hughes
Deputy Chairman

1869.

October 5th.

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
F. Mortimore Esq
Colr. J. H. Macdonald
C. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th. July were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £339. 9. 9 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Meetings summoned for 5th. August and 6th. September were not held.

Submitted Despatches Out, Nos. 390, 1, 2, and Despatches from Stanley Nos. 51 to 55.

Mr. Cobb's private Letter to the Secretary of 8th. May and a reply to same on 6th. August were produced, also the late Letters to Mr. Cobb on 7th August and 7th. September, to Mr. Travis on 8th. July and to Mr. Bertrand on 8th. September.

Read Messrs. Crofs & Co's. Letter of 31st. July announcing shipment of Flour to Stanley per 'Conrad' from Valparaiso, and the acceptance of their Bill for £559. 2. 4 to pay for same was ordered.

The Secretary related to the Board what steps had been taken on the application from Mr. Cheesman, the Surveyor of Taxes, to be

furnished with the Company's Reports and Balance Sheets, as explanatory to their Income Tax Returns and it was Resolved — That the letter now drafted be addressed to him, offering to submit for his inspection the 4 last years Balance Sheets from 31st Decr 1865.

The Board is informed that Mr. Dean has lately received a valuable Cargo of Hides, Wool and Penguin Oil per Elizabeth Brown from the Islands, and had chartered the 'Voluna' of 245 tons register to take out a Cargo of Stores to Stanley, having given permission to the Company to ship a few Sheep requirements by her.

Submitted Letter from the late Mr. Winkworth's Executors of the 1st instant, showing that the 5 Shares Nos. 421 to 425 registered to his name are the property of the late Mr. A. R. Lafone.

Ordered — That this matter remain in abeyance until the Shares are claimed in a legal manner.

On consideration of Finance it was decided to draw two more Bills, for £2,000 each, on Messrs. Anning & Cobb against the Produce now daily expected, which are to be discounted and the proceeds handed to those gentlemen to reduce the advances already made by them to the Company.

Submitted Letter to Earl Granville, the Colonial Secretary, about the Land to be chosen for the Land Orders, which was approved of and Ordered to be sent in.

The Board instructed the Secretary as to the Despatch to the Colonial Manager by the Mail of the 8th instant.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

	£			£	
Insurance	51	16	Insurance	45	15
London Office	25		Petty Cash	30	
Houghton	9	9	11 Rowson	8	6 6
Burrows	148	13	Cobb	42	17 6
Insurance	84		London Office	25	
Insurance	7	15	5 Southey	8	4 6
Petty Cash	30		Dymond	60	
London Office	25		Petty Cash	30	
Insurance	11	8	9		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hughes Hughes

Deputy Chairman.

1869.

November 5th

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boulcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 5th October were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £491.16.6 in favor of the Company.

Submitted last Despatches out Nos. 393, 394 and Letters from Secretary to Colonial Manager of 8th, 12th, 26th and 27th October all of which had already been read by the Directors.

The reply from the Colonial Office dated 8th October respecting Land to be chosen at the Islands was read.

The Secretary stated the steps he had taken about the Income Tax Return, which was now in order.

Submitted Letter from the Chilian Foreign Minister of 2nd September and the Board is informed that application was made on the 18th October to the Envoy here, whose Secretary had written on the 26th October that the appointment of Mr. Cobb to be Chilian Consul at Stanley would be recommended.

The Board is informed that Mr Cobb

had been appointed Consul for the North German Confederation, and that the legal documents &c Seals &c had been despatched by the Voluná — also that application had been made to the Swedish Government.

Submitted Letter of 2nd November to the Admiralty offering to enter into a Contract to supply Her Majesty's Vessels with Coals at Stanley.

Despatches In Nos 56 to 60 were laid on the table having been seen by the Directors on arrival.

The Secretary reported that the Victoria Tatham arrived on the 22nd October with a large Cargo for the Company, the Bills of Lading of which had been handed to Messrs Anning Hobb according to agreement, and the different steps taken regarding this matter were explained.

The return of Mr Travis the Company's Clerk from Stanley is reported and as Mr Cobb had only mentioned that he was coming home for medical advice, but had not stated on what terms he had allowed his absence, the Directors saw Mr Travis and at his request agreed that his Salary might run on, he himself paying his expenses of the passage pr Steamer, as he could have used a Cabin of the Victoria Tatham - Mr Travis reported that his health was improved, the Doctor having decided

that he could continue his duties with safety, and that he was prepared to return by the Steamer from Falmouth on the 3rd Proxo

Submitted correspondence with Messrs Schuth & Melian, also Letter from Lloyd's dated 29th October about the wreck of Peru.

The State of the Company's Finance was detailed and sundry measures ordered.

It was decided to charter a vessel to carry out a Cargo of Stores and bring back the Produce, which would be ready by end of January next and amongst the various vessels offering the Board considered the Victoria Tatham would suit, her price being £1400 and the Secretary was directed to say the Company would take her at £1350.

In consideration of the Company's probable requirements as to Shepherds, it was resolved to send out a few married men if possible and the Ship Carpenter written for by Mr Cobb.

Submitted Correspondence with Messrs Nicholson Sons about their not accepting the Bill for £880.5.11 drawn by Captn Roberts for the Repairs &c of their Barque San Fernando

Resolved — That as Mr Moore's Clerk had made enquires of the Company for communication to Messrs. Nicholson, the matter be placed in his hands for settlement, the Secretary to see Mr Moore, with Mr Travis

and explain the Boards views.

Reports on the Wool, Tallow and Oil ex 'Victoria Tatham' were laid before the Directors.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

Bills Payable	£12.-.-	Petty Cash	£30.-.-
Rhodes Cobb	70.-.-	Insurance	7.12.3
London Office	25.-.-	Petty Cash	30.-.-
Emigtn Commissioners	£200	Travis	30.-.-
Wages	30.-.-		

Signed on behalf of the meeting

C. T. Bowtcher

Chairman

1869.

December 5th

Present.

E. Boutcher Esq

Col J. H. Macdonald

F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 5th November were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £815.9.8 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Admiralty had declined to enter into a Contract for Coals at present — That the 'Victoria Tatham'

had been chartered at £1,400 as her Owner declined to accept less than this offer.

The Secretary stated that Messrs Nicholson had not yet accepted the Bill on them and that no further accounts had been received of the San Fernando's Repairs &c. to enable the Company to prosecute their claim.

The Sales of Produce to the present time were reported and that the Wool would be offered on the 9th instant.

The Board is informed that Mr. Travis, the Company's Clerk at Stanley, had returned to Monte Video by the Belgian Steamer of the 3rd instant, in order to take passage to the Islands by the 'Foam' in the middle of next month.

Submitted Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos. 395, 396 and those received from him Nos. 61, 62, and instructions were given for the next Mail.

Read Mr. Cripps' Letter of 17th November requesting to be allowed to transfer the 14 Shares Nos 604 to 617 standing in his name to Henry Wellington Esq, a Transfer of the same dated 20th November having been sent to the Office.

Ordered – That this Transfer be allowed.

The Secretary reported the present state of the shipment of Stores per 'Victoria Tatham'; the Emigrants and Passengers engaged and

the Rams which had been ordered.

The Extra Key of the Company's Safe, lately in the posession of the deceased Director Mr. Anning, was laid on the table and it was decided to request the Vice Chairman Mr. Hughes to take charge of the same.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

Wright & Langridge	£ 29.. 8.. 11	London Office	£ 25.. .. ..
Store at Stanley	30..	Adkins	14.. 5.. ..
Petty Cash	30..	Bass	180.. 18.. ..
Betts	18.. 16.. 6	Champion	10.. 18.. ..
Codd	12..	Cole	7.. 18.. ..
Coutts	29.. 4.. 9	Crout	20.. 14.. ..
Eckles	10.. 7.. ..	Elliott	6.. 12.. 9
Forrestt	27.. 12.. ..	Houghton	29.. 2.. 2
Hounsell	23.. 15.. ..	Keating	8.. 2.. 1
Lascelles	16.. 5.. ..	Meux	15.. 10.. 3
Milo	8..	Morton G & J	40.. 9.. 2
Morton J.T.	155.. 5.. 6	Rimmel	11.. 6
Rosher	29..	Snoxell	16.. 6.. 6
Torry	376.. 10	White	60.. 4.. 6
St Katharine Dock Co.	14.. 13.. 1	Roan	65.. 12.. 6
Baynes	27.. 11.. 4	Tatham	90.. .. .. ..
Waldron	203.. 12.. 2	Blanch	14.. 19.. ..
Braby	28.. 15.. ..	Bell	23.. 8.. ..
Bristow	46.. 3.. ..	Carter	8.. 9.. 5
Crosse	24.. 7.. 11	Eley	9.. 4.. 3
Hall	5.. 9.. 3	Leslie	28.. 6.. 4

Waters	£5.11.-	Blyth	£6.-.-
Tatham	565.16.5	Goodwin	20.-.-

The following Bills were accepted

Forrest	£40.13.-	London & River Plate Bk	252.10.-
Day	34.10.-	Santry	£14.-.-
Littlejohn	441.6.-	Dowson	190.17.8
Bannerman	170.18.-	Arnold	30.-.-
Silver	601.19.11	Walker	73.13.-
Burney	92.10.-	Gunston	211.6.4
Yates	464.19.9	Fenner	436.13.1
Beach	75.19.1		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
W. Hughes Chairman

1870.

February 1st.

Present.

W. H. Hughes Jr Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 5th December were read & confirmed

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £776.19.5 in favor of the Company

The Board is informed that the

'Victoria Tatham' sailed from the Docks on the 11th December with a full Cargo of Stores, 15 Passengers, 15 Ramms &c

Submitted Despatches to the Colt Manager Nos 397, 8, 9 & 400, and those received from Stanley Nos 63, 63a, 64, 5, 6. — also letters from Mr Cobb of 1 November and 7th December, and the Secretary's Replies to him of 10th December and 8th ultimo.

Draft Reply to last Despatch In was arranged.

The Secretary related the circumstances & produced Correspondence with Board of Trade about some Government Oil and Stores for Cape Pembroke Light House, which could not be received on board the 'Victoria Tatham' for want of space, some of the Company's Stores being also shut out.

The Board is informed that Messrs Nesbitt could not assist the Company by advancing against the next Cargo of Produce, so Messrs Anning Hobb had undertaken to do so, and had accepted for £1,500.

The appointment of the Revd W. H. Stirling, formerly Superintendent of the South American Missionary Society, to be Bishop of the Falkland Islands is notified, and the Secretary stated that he had arranged an interview between him and Colt D'Arcy, the lately appointed Governor of the Falkland Islands.

The Directors considered the non acceptance by Messrs Nicholson & Sons of the Bill for £880.5.11,

drawn on them by the Captain of their Barque 'San Fernando', and as every effort had been made to bring this matter to an amicable settlement without effect, it was—

Resolved— That Messrs. Bischoff Bompas & Bischoff, the Company's Solicitors, be instructed to take such measures as are necessary to enforce this claim.

The Transfer of the late Mr. Anning's 14 shares to his Son Mr. James Anning was sanctioned.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Dean had chartered the Barque 'Hamilton' to carry a cargo of Coals and other Stores to Stanley.

The Board is informed that the remainder of the Wool ex 'Victoria Tatham' had been sold @ 6¼ per lb.

Col. D'Arcy had an interview with the Directors and stated that he should go out by the next Steamer.

The subject of Finance is examined and it is decided to draw another Bill on Messrs. Anning Hobb in the course of next week to meet the Bills coming due.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Petty Cash	£30.0.0	Davis	£30.1.0
Store at Stanley	30.0.0	Mc. Alpin	18.9.0
Sinnitt	7.4.-	Insurance	38.17.0

Dymond	£ 60.. ..	London Office	£ 25.. .. ..
Petty Cash	30..	Waldron	29.. 16.. ..
Income Tax	24.. 3.. 9	Christy	47.. 14.. 6
Sturt	12.. 4.. 7	Insurance	52.. 12.. 3
London Office	25..	Col. D'Arcy	30.. .. ..
Petty Cash	30..		

The following Bills were ordered to be accepted.

Bradbury	£ 99.. 5.. 2	Ward	£ 201.. 6.. 3
Gillon	89.. 2.. 6	Copestake	68.. 19.. 6
Compton	56.. 10.. ..	Russell	238.. 15.. 2
Anderson	202.. 16.. 9	Frost	355.. 16.. 8
Bremner	477.. 1.. 1	Dean	35.. .. ..
Rownson	555.. 13.. 1		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hayter Mackenzie

Vice Chairman

1870.

March 4th

Present.

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
F. Mortimore Esq
C. Boutcher Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £370.17.5 in favor of the Company.

Submitted Despatch Out No. 401, those received from Stanley Nos. 67,68 and the Secretary's Letter to Mr. Cobb on 8th February.

The Board is informed that Messrs. Anning Hobb had accepted a Bill for £2,500, which had been discounted and the proceeds laid out according to the Board's last instructions.

The Letter from the Harbour Department of Board of Trade, claiming £15.11.10 as expenses on the Oil shut out of the 'Victoria Tatham', dated the 12th ultimo was read, also the Secretary's Reply on the 14th ultimo, and the matter was ordered to remain in abeyance.

The Secretary stated that an action had been commenced against Messrs. Nicholson & Sons on account of the San Fernando's Bill for £880.5.11, and that the Company's Solicitors were taking

steps to send out a Commission to Stanley to collect evidence.

Submitted correspondence with Mr Thomson of Dundee showing that he wished to defer accepting a Bill for £471.5.8 until this vessel the Fred Thomson had arrived, as he had no account of the expenses, and it appearing that she was now due at Queenstown, it was decided to wait until her Despatches were delivered.

The Transfer of Mr Rhodes' five Shares, Nos 386 to 390, to Mr Alfred Lafone were sanctioned.

As the Mails now arrive in the middle of the month it was arranged to hold the monthly Board on a Wednesday or Thursday from the 1st to the 5th of the month.

Upon consideration of sending some Rams by the next vessel it was decided not to ship any this year, but as Mr Bertrand's letters spoke of a want of Shepherds, the Secretary was instructed to look out for some in order to send them if necessary by the June Steamer.

Draft Despatch for reply to Stanley was read and approved of.

A Statement of Finance was submitted for the present & next month, and it was decided to obtain a Loan from the Bank about the 12th of this month and draw upon Messrs Arning & Cobb in the course of April.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed:-

Anning Hobb	£400.."..."		
Income Tax	16.. 7.. 6	instead of Cheque for	£24.. 3.. 9
Petty Cash	20.."..."	Sold Admx.	22.."..."
Wild	359.. 1.. 9	House	26.. 17.."
London Office	25.."..."	Anning Hobb	365.. 11.. 7

Messrs Schuth & Metian's draft for £125.. 18.. 5 for expenses at Monte Video was ordered to be accepted.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm Boutcher

Chairman.

1870.

April 4th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr Esq
Colr J. H. Macdonald
F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 4th March were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,203.. 12.. 9 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that Messrs Nicholson Sons had paid £600 on account of the Company's claim against them and had agreed to pay Interest on the balance, in order that the Com=

-mission intended to be sent out by the next Mail might be delayed until the arrival of Captn Roberts in the 'San Fernando', as he would have the accounts and could be examined on the whole matter, the vessel being expected very shortly.

The Secretary reported that Mr Thomson had accepted the Bill for £471.5.8 which had been discounted at the Bank and Messrs Anning & Cobb had been paid £500.

The Certificates of Mr Alfred Lafone's five shares, Nos 386 to 390, were stamped with the Corporation Seal and signed by two of the Directors.

The Board is informed that on application to the Central Bank for a Loan, the Manager wrote that the Bank could not make an advance without security — a Bill had therefore been drawn on Messrs Anning & Cobb for £2,000 which was discounted at the Bank to meet Bills and Cheques becoming due.

The Secretary reported that Mr Cobb the Company's Colonial Manager was appointed Chilian Consul at the Falklands.

Read Captn Jolliffe's Letter of the 28th ultimo about his visit to the Islands in H. M. S. 'Beacon' in December last.

Submitted last Despatch out No 402 and draft of Despatch for next Mail was arranged.

A Financial Statement for the month was laid on the Table.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Petty Cash	£30.."..."	Anning & Hobb	£500.." ..."
Stationery	14..18..4	Dymond	60.." ..."
Hewitt	63..17.."	Insurance	75.. 8.. 9
London Office	25.." ..."	Mews	32.. 13.."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman.

May 2nd 1870.

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4th April were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £957.6.5 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that Messrs. Anning Hobb had advanced £1,600 Cash and that they would require this amount and the Bill falling due next week to be returned to them, it was therefore arranged to draw two Bills on them for

£1800 and £2000 which are to be discounted, in order that £4100 might be paid to them when requisite.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Nicholson had written to request an interview for an amicable settlement, which, under the advice of the Company's Solicitor, had taken place and it had been arranged that the Company should waive their claim for interest and that Messrs. Nicholson pay half the Company's Costs — Mr. Nicholson had therefore accepted a Bill for £303.17.5 as produced, which included £23 for Law Costs.

Ordered — That this arrangement be sanctioned.

Despatch to Colonial Manager No. 403 was laid on the table, also Despatches from Stanley Nos 69 to 73 which, having already been read by the Directors were again considered, and a draft reply to same was settled and ordered to be sent out by next Mail.

Submitted Letter to General Post Office of 28th ultimo respecting the last Mail's delay in leaving Stanley, and it was discussed whether the Colonial Office should be applied to on the subject, but the Board decided this had better not be done as the complaint would go out to the new Governor, who was not answerable for the detention of the Mail Schooner.

The Board determined not to send

more than five Shepherds by the June Mail, as there was a risk of the men breaking their engagements with the Company by stopping at Monte Video.

Submitted Mr. Langdon's application of 30th April for an increase of Salary and it appearing that he had now served three years as Clerk to the Company, his present Salary of £70 a year was ordered to be increased to £84.

A Financial Statement was submitted and explained to the Directors.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

Zoological Society	£7.16.9	Insurance	£21.0.0
Petty Cash	30.0.0	Col. Remittances	12.0.0
London Office	25.0.0	Insurance	32.8.9
Anning Hobb	4,100.0.0		

Signed on behalf of Meeting Wm Boutcher

Chairman.

June 2nd 1870.

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board

held on the 2nd May were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £969.2.3 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that Sir George Rose Sartorius had proposed that the Directors should obtain an interview with Mr Childers, the first Lord of the Admiralty, respecting the Falkland Islands, which he would accompany and use his best interests for the Company, but it was decided to postpone such a step for the present.

The Secretary stated that the Income Tax Return had been entered Nil.

Submitted Letter from Lloyd's of 19th ult. stating that the Company could become subscribers to the Room for £5.5.-, which would allow admission to the Secretary.

Ordered - That this subscription be made

Read the Colonial Office Letter of 5th ult. informing that the Company's Clerk at Stanley, Mr Travis, had applied for employment under the Government, and the Secretary was instructed to thank the authorities for this communication.

Submitted Mr Thomson's application for a reduction of the account of his vessel the Fred Thomson at Stanley - on examination of the documents, it was decided that no reduction could be made, the Secretary

to write him as per draft reply laid before the Directors. —

As the Annual General Meeting has to be held in the course of this month —

Resolved — That the Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors be called for Thursday the 30th instant at 2 O'clock.

The Secretary to draft Report, Advertise the Meeting and take the proper steps for same.

The last Despatch Out No. 404 and those lately received Nos 74, 5, 6. were laid on the table, and the Directors arranged reply for next Mail.

The Secretary reported what steps had been taken to procure Shepherds for the next Steamer and that he hoped to be able to engage Five, which would fill up the Land Order for £100, which had been taken up for the occasion.

A Financial Statement was submitted

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Petty Cash	£30 " " "	Wages	£10 " " "
Land Account	100 " " "	Royal Mail Co.	45 " " "
Emigrants Expt.	50 " " "	Sotheran	25 " 4 "
Carter	5 " " "	London Office	25 " " "
Insurance	54 " 15 " 6	Petty Cash	50 " " "
Barr	9 " 2 " 4	Lloyd's	5 " 5 " "

Boutcher W.	£25.12.-	Hughes W.H. Jr.	£31.-.-
Macdonald Col.t	25.16.-	Boutcher E.	24.10.-
Mortimore F.	23. 2.-	Cobb R.	10.-.-
Sawyer J	10.-.-	Petty Cash	30.-.-
Ernest	6.6.-	Raynbird	6.13.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1870.

June 30th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq

W.H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Col.t J. H. Macdonald

F. Mortimore Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1741.11.11 in favor of the Company.

The Secretary stated that he had seen Governor Robinson, who had expressed his willingness to attend a Board Meeting, and had said that there being a rumour of the removal of Her Majesty's Steamer 'Egmont' from Rio de Janeiro, he should recommend her being stationed at Stanley, which probably the Directors would like to support at the Admira-

This matter was discussed, but the Board considered it would be better to have an interview with Governor Robinson before taking any steps, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange a Meeting for the 5th Proximo at 2 O'clock.

Submitted Despatches Out Nos 405, 6, 7. and those received from Stanley Nos 77, 78, 79.

The arrival on the 18th instant of the 'Victoria Tatham' is reported, with a very full Cargo, which has been placed in the hands of Messrs Anning & Cobb — Report on the Hides is produced.

Read Letter from Governor Robinson, dated the 24th June, thanking the Directors for bringing home his Piano freight free.

The Secretary informed the Board that Captain Macey had applied for a gratuity, having devoted great care to the Company's Cargo and allowed a considerable quantity of Wool &c to be stowed in the Deck House, Cabin &c.

Ordered That he be allowed £5.

Submitted Mr Cull's Letter to the Secretary saying that he would present 40 to 50 volumes Books to the Camp Library, and the Secretary was instructed to thank him for the same.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

Arrangements were then made for conducting the business of the Annual

General Meeting to be held this day.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Burrows	£388.8.3	Hewitt	£171.7.6
Bevington	11.7.-	London Office	25.-.-
Dymond	60.-.-	Col^{t} D'Arcy	100.-.-
Quilley	16.16.9	Simmitt	7.4.-
Petty Cash	30.-.-	Mc Alpin	9.8.-

After the General Meeting His Excellency Governor Robinson called to see the Secretary and had an interview with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Jn^{o} Bucher

Chairman

1870.

August 4th

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. H. Hughes Jr^{r} Esq

Col^{t} G. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 30th June were read and confirmed

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £519.12.11 in favor of the Compan

The Directors unanimously elected W. Boutcher Esq and W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq to be Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Meeting called for the 5th July was not held, as only Two Directors attended.

The Secretary reported that the last Balance Sheet, submitted to the Proprietors at the Annual General Meeting on the 30th June, had been sent to the Board of Trade in terms of the Deed of Settlement.

The Board is informed that the Probate of the Will of the late H. Wellington Esq has been sent to the Office and registered — and that the Executors wished, by their letter of 13th ultimo, to transfer the 29 Shares held by him for Messrs Glyn Mills Currie & Co. to Mr. Henry P. Barnes, a Gentleman connected with that Firm.

Ordered — That this Transfer be sanctioned.

Submitted Despatch to Stanley No. 408 and those received from the Colony Nos 80, 81, 82.

Draft Despatch in reply was amended and ordered to be sent by next Mail.

The Secretary reported the Sales and transactions relating to the Cargo ex Vict. Tatham

Submitted Bill of Lading of some Sealskins and Oil from Monte Video to Liverpool per 'Trinidad'.

Resolved – That this Bill of Lading be handed to Messrs Anning & Cobb, who have arranged to advance £500 against the same, and that it be suggested to them to communicate with Mr James Gordon, a Shareholder at Liverpool, on arrival of the Cargo at that port.

Submitted the complaints of Captn Mc Near Owner of the 'Mary' upon the Company's transactions with that Vessel when at Stanley.

Ordered – That these be transmitted to the Colonial Manager for explanation.

Financial Statement was submitted

Leave of absence was granted to the Secretary for his autumnal Holiday, when he has arranged the business dependent upon the arrival of the next Mail.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed

last Board	~~Mc Alpine £9.8.~~	London Office	£25.0.0
	Houghton 8.2.5	Tatham	696.9.1
	Petty Cash 20.0.0		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Wm Bantaker

Chairman

1870.

September 6th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr Esq
C. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 4th August were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted shewed a Balance of £1,046.15.10 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that Messrs Glyn & Co's 29 Shares had been transfered to Mr. H. P. Barnes.

Submitted Despatch to Stanley No. 109 and No. 83 received from the Colonial Manager - also Schuth & Melian's letters of 16th and 30th July.

The Secretary reported that Messrs Anning Hobb had paid in £500 as advance against the Cargo of Seal Oil and Skins expected at Liverpool, and had accepted a Bill for £1,500 at 3 months, which had been discounted to meet the Company's present necessities.

Submitted Letter addressed on the 1st instant to the Admiralty respecting a Store Ship being stationed at Stanley.

The Board is informed that Mr. Cobb had written from Bath enquiring what arrangements had been made for his two younger Sons to rent part of the Company's Land

and commence a Sheep Farm on Shares with the Company, and it appearing that a proposition of this sort had been made by Mr Cobb, the Colonial Manager, to his Cousin Mr Rhodes Cobb, who had hesitated bringing it forward, the matter was under these circumstances considered by the Board, and it was —

Resolved — That the Colonial Manager be instructed to enter into an equitable agreement with his Brothers Henry & George Cobb, for conducting a Sheep Farm on Shares upon part of the Company's Land, and that he be informed that such an arrangement is desired to be rather liberal than otherwise, as an inducement to the young men to start with hope and energy, Mr Cobb Senior having intimated that he would assist his younger Sons with some Capital.

Draft Despatch for the next Mail was submitted and the Secretary instructed upon various points relating thereto.

The Directors considered a Financial Statement.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Ridgway	£ 10 „ 13 „ 6	London Office	£ 105 „ „ „
Insurance	73 „ 10 „ —	Petty Cash	20 „ „ „

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Bowtell

Chairman.

1870.

October 4th

Present.

W. Boutcher Esq
W. H. Hughes Jr Esq
C. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 6th September were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £962.10.8 in favor of the Company.

Read Reply from the Admiralty, dated the 21st ultimo, stating that a Depôt Ship could not be established at the Falkland Islands.

Submitted the last Despatch No. 410 to the Colonial Manager and those lately received from him, Nos. 84 to 87, upon which the Secretary was instructed as to Reply. As Mr Cobb reports—

That Mr Travis the Company's Clerk at Stanley is about to leave, having obtained a post under the Government, the Directors think Mr Langdon might be promoted to fill his place, he therefore attended the Board and it appearing that he understands and can fulfil the duties, and is willing to go out—

Resolved— That Mr John Langdon be engaged as the Company's Clerk at Stanley, at £160 per annum for the first two years (with increase afterwards), and a house to live in, and

that a passage for himself and wife be provided in the Company's next vessel.

The Board is informed that the Oil ex Victoria Tatham has been sold at £29 per ton - and that the Trinidad arrived on the 24th ultimo at Liverpool with the Sealskins and Oil sent up to Monte Video by the 'Lotus'.

A Financial Statement was submitted and examined.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Baillon	£31.3.-	Col. D'Arcy	£100.-.-
Dymond	60.-.-	London Office.	25.-.-
Williams	30.1.-	Mrs Brown	43.12.-
Hewitt	7.13.4	Petty Cash	20.-.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hughes Hughes Jr Esq
Chairman.

1870.

November 3rd

Present.

W. Hughes Hughes Jr Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this

Board held on 3rd November were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £896.4.8 in favor of the Company.

Submitted last Despatch Out No. 411.

Despatches Nos 88,89 from Stanley were read by the Board and a draft reply thereon approved.

Read – Applications from Mr. Gray and Mr. Shinn dated the 6th and 7th ultimo requesting sanction for their shares, Twenty each, to be retransferred to Mr. J. G. Robinson –

Ordered – That these transfers be allowed.

The Board is informed that Mr. Castellain had called to learn the value and particulars of the Shares the property of the late A. R. Lafone Esq. which are held by the Firm of Messrs Huth & Co. against advances, and that he or his Partner Mr. Gruning had been invited to attend the Board.

Mr. Gruning subsequently had an interview with the Directors, who explained to him the present position and the prospects of the Company. Mr. Gruning stated that he advocated the transfer of these Shares into their names, in which case he would probably offer himself as a Director, and the Directors told him it would afford them much pleasure to see him at their Board. The Directors authorized the Secretary to give Mr. Gruning any further information he may require.

Read. Letter to Colonial Office on 5th October objecting to the imposition of a Spirit

Tax at the Falkland Islands, and reply dated 8th October stating that the Ordinance was not yet passed.

The Agreement for Mr Langdon as Clerk at Stanley was arranged, he being allowed to draw half pay on his passage outand to receive £40 as an advance of Salary.

Submitted Mr Oldhams Application of the 20th October to enter the Company's service as Clerk –

Resolved – That Mr Edwin Francis Oldham be engaged at £50 a year, to be paid monthly, and that he be requested to come for a month's trial from the 10th instant.

Read Letter from the Inland Revenue Office dated 6 October requesting copy of Balance Sheet &c with the Secretary's reply of the 10th October, and, Ordered – That as the Company's Reports and Balance Sheets are printed for the Proprietors only the Board cannot issue them to strangers, and that the Surveyor of Taxes be referred to the Board of Trade if there is any doubt upon the Company's return for Income Tax – The Secretary is instructed to send a letter submitted in draft embodying above.

The Board is informed that Debenture No 35 for £1,000 issued to Mr Russell, due on the 14th instant, will not be renewed.

Resolved - That in order to meet this Debenture Messrs. Anning & Cobb be requested to accept for £1,000 at 3 months date, same to be discounted and proceeds paid into Bank.

Submitted Messrs. Anning & Cobb's Account shewing that they still held some Produce and the Directors drew another Bill for £1,500 to renew if necessary the one of like amount falling due on the 23rd instant.

The Board is informed that the 'Hunsing' had arrived from Stanley with a large cargo of Produce for Mr. Dean.

Mr. Williams lately returned from the Falklands attends the Board and explains his views about renting Speedwell Island, the Comp.s Freehold property, and conducting a Sheep Farm on shares with the Company, as the Colonial Manager had furnished him with a Copy of the Agreement with Mr. Greenshields, to which he had appended remarks for guidance in arranging such a matter, it is therefore Resolved -

That the Secretary be empowered to conclude terms with Mr. Williams and enter into an agreement, as now produced, for leasing Speedwell Island and furnishing Mr. Williams with 2,000 Ewes, which he is to farm for three years on shares.

The Directors took into consideration the necessity of soon despatching a Vessel with Stores to bring back the year's Produce and the Secretary

was directed to take steps accordingly and if possible to charter a vessel with Mr Tatham, also that the whole expense was to be confined if practicable within £3,000 – that the passengers offering were to be sent out, also 4 or 5 good Shepherds from Scotland upon Land Orders.

Read application dated 3rd November from Mr Reed, the sole surviving Executor of the late R. Groucock Esq, (requesting to be allowed) to transfer his Ten Shares to his own name and that of Mr Sampson Copestake.

Ordered – That this Transfer be allowed.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

London Office	£25 " " "	Petty Cash	£30 " " "
Langdon	40 " " "	Emigration Comsr	100 " " "
Russell	1,000 " " "		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Hutchinson
Vice Chairman

1870.

December 6th

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr. Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

H. Mortimore Esq

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

The Bankers Account submitted showed a Balance of £603.9.0. in favour of the Company.

The certificates of 10 Shares belonging to the Estate of the late R. Groucock Esq, now made out in the names of F. J. Reed Esq and S. Copestake Esq, c/Os 3614 & 3740, were stamped with the Corporation Seal.

The Board is informed that Mr. Gruning had not called since the last Meeting and his Letter of the 30th. ultimo was read, which stated that no decision could as yet be given upon the subject of his interview with the Board.

Read Messrs. Schuth and Melian's Letters of 15th October and 31st October - the acceptance of their Bills for £50 and £67.16.8. is approved.

Read Mr. P. L. Simmonds's Letter of 29th November asking to be appointed Referee or Reporter on Trade Products for the

Company, which he states would be purely an honorary title.

Ordered – That this be allowed.

The Secretary states that the Barque 'Chiselhurst', 352 tons Register, had been chartered at £1,600 out and home, that two Land Orders for £100 each had been taken out for the Passengers of whom there would be a good number, and that a small quantity of Stores was being shipped.

Mr Rhodes Cobb had an interview with the Board, and agreed to advance if necessary, against the Produce to be brought home by the 'Chiselhurst'.

Submitted the last Despatch out No 412 and draft Despatch for next Mail.

Mr Langdon attended to receive the Board's last instructions preparatory to leaving for Stanley by the 'Chiselhurst'.

A Financial Statement was considered.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Land Emigration Comrs	£100	Petty Cash	£50
Baker	43	London Office	25
Bass & Co	46.1.6	Betts	9
Burney	8.5.0	Crosse	9.17.2
Crout	16.3.0	Dowson	36.7.5
Haslock	7.10.0	Morton	18.4.9
Morton	51.9.5	Rosher	7.6
Sanders	14.8.2	Weston	30.3.4

Payne	£ 190.--.--	Petty Cash	£ 103.--.--
Ipld. Admrs	53.16.3.	Christy	10.18.6.
Moodie	39.10.	Petty Cash	50.
Gillow	21.16.3.	Houghton	15.2.7.
Meuse	31.1.9.	Stone	34.10.9.
Bartholomew	13.--.--.	Beach	31.3.8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1871.

January 5th

Present

W. H. Hughes Jr Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq
F. Mortimore Esq
W. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 6th December were read and confirmed.

The Bankers Account submitted showed a Balance of £ 818.15.10 in favour of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Chiselhurst sailed from the London Docks on the 13th ultimo with a small cargo of Stores, five Shepherds for the Company and other

Passengers, making together 35 souls equal to 26 adults, also 6 Leicester Sheep for Mr. Stickney.

Submitted Despatches Out Nos 413 and 414 and those last received from Stanley, Nos 91 to 95, with Letters from Mr Cobb.

Mr Gruning attended the Board with reference to the Transfer, dated the 16th October 1866, of 340 Shares standing in the names of Messrs S.F. and A.R. Lafone to himself and Mr Castellain, which he had deposited at this Office on the 31st ultimo, together with 320 Certificates of the above Shares, but it appearing that two Transfers, already registered on the 18th January 1867 by Mr A.R. Lafone to Mr Gruning & Castellain, have disposed of 30 of the said Shares, Mr Gruning explains that these are mentioned in a separate manner on the present transfer & are still held by himself and partner. He also states that he has seen the Power of Attorney granted in favour of Mr A.R. Lafone by Mr S.F. Lafone, which he will endeavour to have sent up to this Office for inspection, and that their Firm has received Letters from Mr S.F. Lafone at Monte Video, acknowledging and approving of his Brother having disposed of the 100 Shares standing in his name.

No 53

Ordered - That this Transfer be now received and that the 310 Shares standing in the names of Messrs S.F. and A.R. Lafone be

entered as the property of Messrs Gruning & Castellain in the Register of Shareholders.

Read the Revd W.W. Kirby's application of the 10th ultimo for a Subscription to the Endowment Fund for the Bishopric of the Falkland Islands – it was decided that in the present state of the Company the Board would not be justified in thus laying out the Shareholders money, & the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Kirby to this effect, but that the Directors would be willing to bring the matter before a General Meeting if they knew something of the Bishop's intentions with respect to the Colony.

Read Mr Lancaworthy's Letter of 1st instant agreeing to renew the Debenture No. 36 for £500 falling due on the 15th instant

Resolved – That a new Debenture for this sum be issued for one year, carrying Interest at 6% per annum, and the same was then sealed and signed by two of the Directors.

The Board examined the Colonial Manager's reply to the complaint upon the 'Mary' by Captain Mc Kear, and regretting to find that improper transactions had been allowed at the Store, instructed the Secretary to write out that the Storekeeper must not be permitted to do such things

—, a draft for the next Despatch is also arranged.

Submitted Letter to Admiralty on 31st ultimo about the Ichang Squadron & reply dated the 3rd January 1871.

The Secretary states that the Solicitors to the Executors of the late Admiral Purvis had written for instructions as to transferring these Shares to his Son Captain Richard Purvis, which had been furnished.

Ordered – That this Transfer may be carried out.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed –

Dymond	£60..	London Office	£25..
Petty Cash	30..	Spl. Adm.	23.11..
Rose & Pearson	100..	Payne & Co	29..
Hewitt	34.4..		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm Butchin

Chairman

1871.

February 3rd

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

Col.c J. H. Macdonald

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 5th January were read and confirmed

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance £620.19.4 in favour of the Company.

The Board is informed that 310 Shares of the Shares standing in the names of Messrs A. R. and S. F. Lafone had been entered in the Register of Shareholders to the names of Messrs Gruning and Castellain, and the Certificates of same were stamped and signed by two ~~AAAA~~ of the Directors.

The Debenture No 36 for £500 is produced cancelled, No 47 having been issued to Mr Langworthy in its place.

Submitted Messrs Bischoff & Bompas and Bischoff's Bill for Law Costs amounting to £104.5.0, which it was decided should be paid as soon as Funds would permit.

Read Letter to Colonial Office of 20th ultimo respecting the new Land Ordinance, and a reply dated the 26th ultimo, stating that Her Majesty had not allowed the same to become law.

Read Letter to the Rev.d Kirby of the 6th ultimo about a Subscription to the Falklands Bishopric Fund, to which no reply had been received nor had the Bishop called to see the Directors.

Submitted Despatch Out No. 415 and those lately received from the Colonial Manager, Nos 95 to 98, and draft reply was arranged — the purport of a visit from Mr. Lee, Uncle to Mr. Bertrand, having been reported to the Board.

A Financil Statement was laid on the table and the Secretary instructed to draw on Messrs. Anning, and Cobb if necessary.

The following cheques were ordered to be signed.

London Office	£25	0	0
Wild and Son	14	7	8
Bevington	9	6	0

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Jno Bunten
Chairman

1871

March 3rd

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. Hughes Hughes Jr Esq

Col. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 3rd February were read and confirmed

The Bankers Account submitted showed a Balance £916.12.4 in favour of the Company.

The Board is informed that the Letters of Administration taken out by Mr Henry Lafone for the Estate of his Brother Mr Alexander R. Lafone had been sent to the Office and were registered — and Mr Henry Lafone's request, dated the 10th ultimo to transfer 10 Shares standing in the name of his Brother to Messrs Gruning and Castellain was submitted.

Ordered — That this Transfer be sanctioned.

Submitted Letter from William Hughes Hughes Junior Esq, dated the 2nd inst., requesting to be allowed to transfer five of his Shares to Mr Henry Lafone.

Ordered — That this Transfer

be sanctioned.

Read Despatch from Stanley No. 99 dated the 3rd December, and the last Despatch No. 416 sent to the Colonial Manager on the 8th ultimo.

Read Capt.n Pain's Letter of 11th Dec.r wishing to give up command of the Schooner 'Lotus', and the acceptance of his resignation by the Secretary is approved.

The engagement of Captain Dyer as a Marine Superintendant &c. at Stanley, is considered, but the matter is ordered to stand over until his return to England.

Submitted Balance Sheet for last Year, with Profit and Loss Statement, and the Board was informed that the Auditors will soon meet to go through the Accounts.

A Financial Sheet was submitted and as Messrs. Anning and Cobb had promised to advance £600 about the 15th instant, it was decided that the Directors had better draw two Bills upon them for £2000 each about the 23rd instant and the 1st proximo.

Draft of next Despatch Out was arranged.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

P. A. Y. Cash 30. " "

Houghton	£ 18 . 10
London Office	25 . — . —
Bischoff & Co	104 . 5 . —
Bills Payable	25 . — . —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1871.

April 4th

Present
W. Boutcher Esq
W. Heughes Heughes Jr Esq
Col. J. A. Macdonald

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

The Bankers Account submitted showed a Balance of £1580.14.6 in favour of the Company

Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos 417 and 418 were submitted.

Read Correspondence with the Admiralty about H.M.S. 'Scout' bound to the Pacific calling at Stanley, provided the Company would supply three days' consumption of Coals at the Rio Contract price. The Secretary explained the steps he had taken to secure this business, and the arrange-

-ments, are approved of.

Read Letter to the Colonial Office of the 23rd of March, informing of the extra opportunity for letters to the Islands by H.M.S. 'Scout' via Rio de Janerio, and the reply, dated the 25th of March, conveying the thanks of the Colonial Minister the Earl of Kimberley.

The last Despatches from Stanley Nos 100 to 3 having been already read by the Directors, were considered, and the Secretary having taken the precaution to acknowledge same by the 'Scout' on the 18th ultimo, the Despatch now submitted is ordered to be sent by the next Mail.

In order to mark the Board's appreciation of the behaviour of Captn Campbell, commanding the Company's Schooner Perseverance, in bringing to Stanley the mast of the wrecked Schooner 'Vampyr', it was —

Resolved — That a gratuity of Five Pounds be presented to Captn Campbell for his energetic conduct, and that Mr Cobb be instructed to hand him this amount with suitable acknowledgements for his services.

The Board is informed that Messrs Anning & Cobb had accepted a Bill for £2,500 which had been discounted at the Company's Bank, and £2,200 had been refunded them, thus reducing their Cash advance against the next Produce to a few pounds.

A Financial Statement was submitted and the Secretary was instructed to take an early opportunity of learning whether the Central Bank of London would continue the Loan upon the Debentures for £7,5000 falling due on the 15th of July next.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed —

Petty Cash	£30.-.-	Anning & Cobb	£2,200.-.-
Hewitt	71.16.8	Bevington	71.16.8
London Office	25.-.-	Dymond	60.-.-
D'Arcy	100.-.-	Petty Cash	30.-.-
Southey	10.8.6		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher
Chairman

1871.

May 3rd.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £754.10.2 in favor of the Co.

Despatch to Stanley No. 419 was submitted, also the last Despatches received Nos. 104, 104a, 105 and 105a.

A Certificate for ten Shares Nos. 841 to 850 in the names of Messrs. Gruning & Castellain was stamped with the Corporation Seal and signed by two Directors.

Read the Secretary's Letter to the Central Bank of London of the 15th. ult., upon the Loan of £7500 secured by Debentures falling due on the 15th. July next, the Manager's reply of the 20th. ult. and the Secretary stated the result of an interview with the Manager on the 26th. ult., and it was decided that as the Bank would not renew the Debentures their proposals could not be accepted.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that through the death of Mr. A.R. Lafone, his joint Guarantee for this Loan to the Central Bank of London, he was alone answerable and requested that the records of this transaction might be referred to.

The Secretary therefore read the Minutes of the 4th. July 1868, which sanctioned this Loan and the Debentures, and pledged the Board to make a Call on the Proprietors

at the request of the Guarantors, whenever it might be necessary to pay off this Loan.

Mr. Boulcher thereupon stated that he wished to be relieved of this heavy responsibility, and the following Resolution was moved, seconded and carried.

Resolved - That a Call of Ten Pounds (£10) per share be made on the 973 Shares of this Company which have been issued, such Call to be payable at the Central Bank of London on or before the 8th day of June next.

The Secretary was directed to advertise this Call according to the Deed of Settlement and to issue a full notice thereof to each Shareholder as soon as possible.

Read Mr. Langworthy's Letter of the 27th ult. stating that he could not renew his Debenture for £500 falling due on the 15th July next, and that it would be an advantage to him if it could be paid off on the 15th inst. - and the Board agreed to this proposal.

The Secretary states that the Income Tax Return, Schedule D for the Year to 5th April 1872, had been filled up as no Income being made by the Company.

Read Mr. Winkworth's request of the 18th ult. to be allowed to transfer the 5 Shares he holds as executor of the late Thos. Winkworth

to Mr. H. Lafone of Liverpool.

Ordered - That this Transfer be allowed

Read Mr. Gordon's Letter of the 26th ult. to Mr. E. Boutcher on the subject of transportation to the Falklands and the Secretary's reply of the 28th ultimo.

The Balance Sheet for last year signed & approved by the Auditors and the Profit & Loss Statement were produced - the Chairman signed the former - and the Secy informed the Board that the Auditors considered it would be proper to appoint an Auditor for the Stanley Accounts, Stock & Stores &c.

Resolved - That the Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors be held on the 21st proximo at One O'clock.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Gruning had told him it would not be possible for him to undertake the office of Director, as he resided at Liverpool & the state of his health rendered it necessary for him to go abroad.

Instructions were given for the next Despatch to the Colonial Manager.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The following Cheques were ordered signed -

N. British Off.	21.-.-	Hewitt	31.18.6
Bevington	45.15.-	London Off.	25.-.-
Langworthy	510.-.-	Meryon	28.-.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher Chairman

1871.

May 15th.

Present

Wm. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
Foster Mortimore Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £563.4.7 in favor of the Company.

The Secretary reported that a Notice of the Call of Ten Pounds per Share, ordered at the last Board, was issued on the 6th inst. to each Proprietor, and that in terms of the Deed of Settlement this Call had been advertised in the "Daily News" of the 8th and 10th and the "Times" of the 9th and 11th instant.

Submitted the last Despatch to the Colonial Manager No. 420.

The Board took into consideration the recommendation of the Colonial Manager to appoint Capt. G. Dyer as Marine Superintendent at Stanley, and as Capt. Pain now in command of the 'Lotus' had sent in his resignation, the Directors decided to entertain this proposal - Capt. Dyer thereupon attended the Board and it appearing from his expla-

nations that he could render good service to the Company, it was - Resolved -

That Capt.n Dyer be engaged at One Hundred & Fifty Pounds a year, with Board & Lodging, to undertake the duties of Marine Superintendent at the Islands, take command of the 'Lotus' or any other vessel belonging to the Co., upon an Agreement for three or five years certain, with free passage out and home, Capt.n Dyer to start on the 9th prox.o.

The Secretary is instructed to make out a proper Agreement and to engage a passage by the next Royal Mail Steamer.

The Board is informed that the Agreement for the Co's present Offices at £240 a year will terminate at Michaelmas next, and that the Landlord Mr. J. N. Dymond had offered a Lease for 7, 14, or 21 years at £260 a year - the matter was considered and it being decided that a change of Offices, even if the present accommodation could be obtained at the same figure, would not be advisable for the Comp.y, the Secretary was instructed to make the best terms he could.

Read Mr. Gruning's Letter of the 13th inst. stating that he would not be able to carry out his intention of offering himself to become a Director, and that he is quite satisfied with the present management of the Company.

The Secretary is directed to express the Board's regret that Mr. Gruning cannot become a member, but the Directors trust he will give them his support and advice.

The Debenture No. 37 for £500 lately in the possession of Mr. Langworthy was produced and cancelled.

A Cheque for Mr. Alpin Hooper £11.11.- was signed.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Boutcher

Chairman

1871.

June 2nd

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
Col. J.St. Macdonald
Foster Mortimore Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £904.14.3 in favor of the Company.

The proposed Agreement with Capt. G.

Dyer as Marine Superintendent at Stanley was read and approved.

The Board is informed that Mr. Dymond had signed an agreement to grant a Lease of the Company's present Offices for 7, 14 or 21 years at £260 per annum.

Read Letter from the Central Bank of the 24th ult. stating that the Comp'y's Debentures might be retired before their due date.

The Board is reminded that the Call of £10 p. Share will be due on the 8th inst.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos. 106, 107 and 108 and it is reported that the 'Chiselhurst' has not arrived tho' hourly expected.

Read Letter to Messrs. Anning Hobb of the 16th ult. forwarding two Bills of Lading of the 'Chiselhurst's' Cargo.

The Board took into consideration Mr. Cobb's request for an Indent of Stores to be executed immediately, and as the Cargo of the 'Chiselhurst' will leave a good balance in favor of the Co. it was decided to charter a vessel and send these Stores out they being all necessaries & the greater part of quick sale, the Secretary was therefore instructed accordingly.

Read the Secretary's Letter to Mr. Cobb of the 19th ult. and a draft Despatch was submitted & ordered to be sent by next Mail.

Read draft of Report for the General Meeting kindly prepared by the Vice Chairman, after some suggestions the Secretary was directed to have same printed & sent to each of the Directors for their comments thereon.

Submitted a Financial Statement.

Read Mr. Marsily's Letter of the 1st. inst. containing Certified Extract of the division of the late Mr. Marsily's Property according to the Belgian Laws, by Deed dated the 19th Oct. 1867, Mr. Marsily having died on the 19th Dec. 1865, by which the four shares in this Comp.y are allotted to his Widow Mrs. Henrietta Marsily.

Ordered - That the Secretary enquire whether Trustees or Executors are appointed in Belgium, who could attend to the Co.'s Deed of Settlement regulations.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

Petty Cash	30. ". "
London Office	45. ". "
Burrows Hon	138. 13. "
Direction	150. ". "

W. Hughes Hughes
Jun. Chairman

1871.

June 21st.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
Emanuel Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 2nd inst. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1801 .. 2 .. 11 in favor of the Compy.

The Board is informed that Capt. Dyer sailed on the 9th inst. for Stanley this Agreement dated the 5th instant is produced.

The Secretary stated that £6660 had been received on account of the Call of £9730 and that by advice of the Chairman he had withdrawn five Debentures, Nos. 39 to 43 for £1,000 each on the 13th instant, from which the Corporate Seal was now torn off.

Read last Despatch Out No. 421.

The arrival of the 'Chiselhurst' on the 12th inst. with the Co's. Produce is reported & that the Brokers anticipated obtaining high prices for the Wool.

The Board is informed that the 'Chiselhurst' had been chartered for another voyage out at £800 as there would be accommodation for the Royal Marines, & the Sec. was instructe

to obtain these Passengers from the Admiralty if posible.

The Board's attention is called to the Pilot Ordinance received by the 'Chiselhurst', which imposes a charge of sixpence per ton on all vessels entering Stanley Harb.r, which is thus no longer a Free Port as advertized by the Company.

Ordered - That this be expunged from all Charts in the Co.s possession & that the plate be altered at the next printing.

Read further correspondence with Mr. Marsily of Antwerp respecting the four Shares of his late Father having become the possession of his Mother and it was -

Ordered - That these Shares be now entered in the Register of Shareholders as being held by Mrs. Henrietta Marsily.

The business of the General Meeting to take place at Two Oclock was arranged.

Mr. Cobb's Draft for £200 favor Mrs. Rutter & Messrs. Payne & Co's Draft £800 for 'Chiselhurst's' Freight were ordered to be accepted.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed -

Petty Cash	50.-.-	Bills Payable	142.17.1
Hewitt	171.7.6	Gen.l Purch.s	50.-.-
Payne & Co.	28.15.8		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hayhurst Chairman

July 4th 1871.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
Foster Mortimore Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 21st ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account showed a Balance of £1506 " 2 " 9 in favor of the Company.

The proceedings at the General Meeting held on the 21st inst. were reported, and the Secretary stated that the Balance Sheet had been sent to the Board of Trade in accordance with the Deed of Settlement.

The Sales of the Cargo of Produce ex 'Chiselhurst' are reported, the Wool having fetched the high prices of 11½ & 11 d. ℔.

The payments for the Call due on the 8th ult. were examined and it appearing that 16 Proprietors, owing £2920, had not yet paid -

Ordered - That a notice be sent to them urging immediate payment, and reminding them that if not paid by the 8th inst. their shares are liable to forfeiture.

The Board is informed that the

loading of the 'Chiselhurst' is progressing, but it is doubtful if she can carry all the cargo - and that the Admiralty had accepted a Tender for some Royal Marines to go to Stanley with their wives & families.

Read the last Despatches from the Colony Nos 109 and 110 - the Secretary was instructed as to the next Despatch out.

A Financial Statement was submitted

The Corporate Seal was impressed upon five Shares belonging to Mr. Kroglinger, and four for Mrs Marsily.

Read Mr. Tesdorpf's Letter of the 28th ult. requesting to be allowed to transfer his five Shares to Mr. F. Coleman.

Ordered - That this Transfer be allowed.

Submitted Mr. Ernest's Letter of the 21st ult. claiming three months' Salary, he having received six months' notice from the Colonial Manager to terminate his Agreement as Storekeeper, but was only paid for 3 months service & then embarked on the 'Chiselhurst' for London - Resolved -

That Mr. Cobb be requested to furnish explanations on this matter.

The Secretary is directed to retire the Debentures at the Central Bank as soon as the funds there will permit.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed - Coleman £25 Dymond £60

Payne & Co.	26.10.-	Osborn	7.5.-
Rolle	9.6.2	Rosher	98.11.-
Moline	95.-.-	Muir	59.-.-
Tennent	22.11.3	Dubbin	110.-.-
Walker	109.-.-	Bagridge	120.-.-
Torry	1,292.5.9	Bafs	423.14.-
Crofse	23.18.-	Morton & J.	293.8.3
Arnold	48.15.-	Dowson	425.11.-
Debenture 38	500.-.-	Gen. Purch.	900.-.-

J. H. Macdonald
Chairman

1871.

August 8th.

Present

Col. J. H. Macdonald

E. Boulcher Esq

Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account showed a Balance of £3316.16.- in favor of the Co.

The Secretary reported that the 'Chiselhurst' sailed on 17th ult. with a very large cargo of Stores, some Passengers

for the Company and five Marines with their families for the Admiralty.

The Board is informed that notices had been issued on the 5th & 6th ult. to those Shareholders who had not paid the Call, but that there were still some in arrear.

Resolved - That those Shares upon which the Call is not paid by the 8th proximo be forfeited, and that notice be given to each Shareholder in arrear of this Resolution and that interest is payable from the 8th ult.

The three last Debentures from the Central Bank Nos. 44 to 46 for £2,500 were produced and the Seals torn off, likewise No. 38 for £500 which was met on the 15th ult.

Read Mr. Coleman's Letter of the 20th ult. and Mr. Reed's Letter of the 3rd inst. requesting permission to transfer two Shares and ten Shares to Mr. Foster Mortimore.

Ordered - That these Transfers be allowed.

Submitted Despatches to Stanley No. 422 & 423 and those last received from the Colonial Manager Nos. 111 and 111a, upon which instructions were given to the

Secretary for reply.

Read Col.t D'Arcy's Letter of the 24.th May respecting advances for him in England and the Secretary was directed to inform him that these cannot be continued, as he had not paid in any money at Stanley as arranged, and the Company did not hold any security for such outlays.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed - Gen.l Purchases £1,200 and £800

Bevington	57.3.9	Hewitt	59.9.6
Silver & C.o	632.9.8	Clarkson & C.o	819.5.8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Boutcher
Vice Chairman

1871.

November 1.st

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Col.l J.H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq
F. Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 8.th August were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £168 .. 12 .. 5 in favor of the Co.

The Board is informed that all the Shareholders had paid the last Call, of £10 on each Share by the 8th Sept.r.

Read Letters from Mr. Bruce of the 31st August and Messrs. A & W. Nesbitt of the 11th ult.o respecting the Shares of deceased Proprietors and it appearing that the Probates of Wills had been exhibited & registered –

Ordered – That the name of Mrs. Eliza Bruce be struck out of the Register of Share-holders, and that the Shares of the late Robt. Nesbitt Esq be registered in the names of his Nephews & Executors Alexander & William Nesbitt Esquires.

Read Mr. F. Mortimore's Letter of the 9th ult.o, requesting to be allowed to transfer Ten Shares to W. Boulcher Esq

Ordered – That this Transfer be sanctioned.

The following Certificates of Shares were sealed and signed.

3 Certificates		F. Coleman	3	Shares	Nos. 554 to 556.
2	do	F. Mortimore	2	do	" 557, 558.
1	do	do	5	do	" 361 to 365.
1	do	do	5	do	" 366 " 370.
4	do	Alex.r Nesbitt	4	do	" 454, 5-963, 4.
10	do	W. Nesbitt	10	do	" {451 to 3 - 938, 9- 517 to 521.
1	do	Hon.s Lafone	5	do	" 246 to 250.
1	do	do	5	do	" 421 " 425.

Submitted Despatches Out Nos 424 to 426 and those received from Stanley Nos 112 to 117, all of which had been read by the Directors, and instructions were given upon a draft Despatch for the next one out.

The Secretary brought to notice that Mr Cobb's Agreement will terminate on the 10th June next, but the matter was ordered to lie over for another Board.

Submitted the Correspondence with the Secretary of the Colonial Mission of the General Assembly of Scotland, respecting a Clergyman to reside at Darwin Harbour for the benefit of the Co's Scotch employes, and it was Resolved - That the Compy should render all reasonable assistance towards this object according to the offers made for a habitation, supply of Meat & the guarantee of £100 per annum.

Details were given for the establishment of a Boiling down Apparatus, but the Board concluded that they would not be justified in going to this expense at present, and that the Col. Mgr be instructed to boil down the useless Sheep with his present plant at all favorable opportunities.

Ordered - That as the Wool is increasing in quantity an Hydraulic Press be sent out to press it in a proper manner so as to save freight.

The Secretary was instructed to charter a suitable vessel after the arrival of the Mail, expected on the 16th. instant, and to send a small Cargo of Stores, five single Shepherds and any Passengers offering.

The Board is informed that Mr. E. A. Holmested, a Partner in Bertrand's Estate at the Falklands, upon which the Company had advanced a heavy sum of money, had come to England in order to get a Partner with Capital to buy out Mr. Bertrand, and had given an account of the Property showing that the last instalment due to Mr. Littlejohn of Montevideo was still due for its purchase, which endangered the Co's. claim.

Resolved - That no further advance is to be made upon this Property, that Messrs. Hughes & Macdonald are appointed a Committee to confer with Mr. Holmested, and that if the latter cannot pay off a portion of the Co's. claim, the Col. Mgr. is to be instructed to take summary steps to recover the balance due.

A Financial Statement was submitted and it was arranged to obtain advances from Messrs. Anning Hobb against the 700 Hides expected via Montevideo and the next Cargo of Produce.

Ordered - That the following Bills be accepted,

The Col. Managers drafts for £32.12.2 - £14-
£50 and Mr. Melian's draft for £63.7.5.

The following Cheques were ordered -

Yates	334.1.-	N. British Insc.	73.10.-
Lon Office	75.-.-	Ward & Co.	832.19.2
Wild & Co.	532.6.-	Robinson	150.13.-
Rownson & Co.	293.12.8	Rent &c.	85.-.-
Mrs. Dyer	6.-.-	Petty Cash	30.-.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm Boutcher
Chairman

1871.
December 6th.

Present
W. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
C. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of this Meeting held on the 1st. ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £502.16.10 in favor of the Co.

Read Letter of the 14th ult. from Messrs. Bruce, Lawford & Coulson, asking permission to transfer twelve shares held

by them to Mr. Boutcher and five to Mr. F. E. Cobb of Stanley, through a transfer to be executed by Mr. Rhodes Cobb.

Ordered - That these Transfers be allowed.

Read Letter of 17th ult. from Mr. Bischoff stating that the Certificates of his five Shares Nos. 316 to 320 could not be found and requesting that another Certificate might be issued, he guaranteeing to hold the Compy. harmless.

Ordered - That this be allowed.

A Certificate for these five Shares, with £95 paid upon each, was thereupon sealed and signed by two of the Directors

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting, Messrs. Hughes & Macdonald, reported that they had had an interview with Mr. Holmested on the 3rd. ult., who had not then obtained a Partner, though in treaty with a Gentleman, & could not therefore pay off the Co's. claim on the Bertrand Estate - the Committee had therefore instructed the Secretary to inform the Col. Manager that he was to take immediate steps to close this account.

The Secretary then reported that he had this morning received a letter from Mr. H. W. Purkis, Mr. Holmested's Solicitor, stating that he would come on the 8th

inst. with Mr. George Stanley Rees, who would deposit One Thousand Pounds with the Co. for the purpose ~~for the purpose~~ of entering into Partnership with Mr. Holmested, if he found on investigation at Stanley that there was prospect of success – it being arranged that they should leave Liverpool by the Pacific S.S. of the 13th inst. & get on to the Falklands as quick as possible.

The Board instructed that these arrangements are to be carried out, the Col. Manager being informed upon all points.

Read Despatch Out No. 427 and the last received from Stanley No. 118.

The Board is informed that the late Steamers at Southampton & Liverpool had not brought advices for the Company, and dissatisfaction was expressed at the irregularity & infrequency of the Mail Service.

The Secretary brings to notice that Mr. Cobb's Agreement will terminate on the 10th June of next year.

Ordered – That Mr. Cobb be asked whether he will continue the duties of Colonial Manager upon the same terms, on a yearly Agreement with six month's notice on either side.

The Board is informed that £400 has been received on the 3rd ult. from Messrs. Anning Cobb as advance against the next Cargo and

that they had promised to asist the Company as usual.

Submitted Letter of 14th October with Accounts from Messrs Crofs &c. respecting a shipment of Flour &c from Valparaiso to Stanley and Ordered – That the Bill for £859 . 10 . 7 for this transaction be accepted.

The Board is informed that the Free Church of Scotland had recommended the Revd A. Yeoman for the office of Presbyterian Minister at Darwin and would allow him £50 a year for three years.

It was arranged that Mr. Yeoman should be provided with a passage in the Co's vessel and all posible asistance rendered to him.

The Secretary reports that he had not been able to obtain a suitable vessel.

Read Mr. Melian's Letter from M. Video of the 31st Oct. stating that advices had arrived from Stanley to the 18th Oct. and announcing that the Lotus & her cargo of Waldron's Hides had been unfortunately lost on the 2nd Oct. – pending the arrival of particulars of this sad loss the Directors can only regret the same & trust the Col. Mg. has taken steps to protect the Co's interests so that both Insurances may be obtained.

The Board is informed that the Pacific Steam Navigation Compy. and the

Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. had kindly instructed their Agents at Lisbon to telegraph if their Steamers carried Falkland Mails.

Ordered - That steps be taken to learn whether the Rent of the Office occupied by Mr. Whetham from the Co. might not be let at a higher rent than £20 a year.

Read Mr. Oldham's application of this date for an increase of Salary, he having been for upwards of a year in the Co's service.

Ordered - That Mr. Oldham's Salary be increased £10 year, viz to £60 a year from the termination of his year's service.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

Read the Secretary's Draft for the Despatch to the Colony on the 8th instant, which is approved.

The following Cheques were ordered -

Stationery & Printing	9. 8. 10
London Office	25. ". "
Bills Payable № 489	19. 17. 9
Psl.d Administration 18½	21. 9. "
London Office	45. " . "
Petty Cash	30. " . "

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Bontcher

Chairman

1872.
January 3rd.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th. ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £709 " 5 " 8 in the Co's favor.

The Board is informed that Mr. George Stanley Rees had deposited One Thousand Pounds with the Comp.y, in anticipation of being able to join Mr. Holmested in the purchase of the Bertrand Estate on the West Falkland and had started for the Colony with Mr. Holmested.

The Prospectus of the River Plate Pressure Meat Preserving Co. was laid on the table, the Secretary being in communication with them for turning the Co's surplus stock to account.

Read Despatch No. 428 to the Col. Manager, those last received from him Nos 119 to 123 and Draft Despatch for next Mail was submitted & arranged.

The Secretary stated that Mr. N. J.

Lee, Mr. Bertrand's Uncle, had called to say that his Nephew had come into some property by the death of another Uncle – it was decided to send full particulars of this matter to Stanley.

The Charter of the 'Eudora' is announced for Stores out & Produce home at £1500 – Mr. Melian being informed to prevent charter at Montevideo – that several Scotch Shepherds were engaged, two Land Orders of £100 each having been taken up, which would enable some Hampshire Laborers to be sent – that the Revd. A. Yeoman was prepared to go out in ker and the Board decided to convey him free his provisions, bedding &c. to be paid for at the nominal amount of £12.

The Board is informed that the Balance of the 'Lotus' Insurance had been received and Messrs. E. Boulcher and F. Mortimore were appointed a Committee to arrange for the purchase or building of a suitable Schooner for Island service.

A Financial Statement is submitted it being explained that the advance of £400 from Messrs. Anning Hobb had been repaid before the end of last year.

The following Drafts of the Col. Mgr. were ordered to be accepted, £27.3.1 in favo

of Col.ᵗ D'Arcy – £40, £100 & £145.12.6 in favor of Capt.ⁿ Jones – and £100 for Mr. Waldron.

The following Cheques were ordered to be signed.

Burrows	692.7.–	Bills Payable	40.–.–
L. Baillon	112.–.–	Emig.ᵗ Com.ᵗ	100.–.–
London Office	45.–.–	Anning Hobb	403.2.5
General Purchases	100.–.–	Emig.ᵗ Com.ᵗ	100.–.–
Dowson & Co.ᵉ	25.10.5	Dymond	60.–.–
Torry & Co.ᵉ	185.2.5	Tomlinson	90.–.–
Debenture N.ᵒ 47.	500.–.–	Coutts & Co.ᵉ	12.–.–
Hector	16.–.–		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1872.

February 1st.

Present

W. Boutcher Esq

W. Hughes Hughes Jr.ᵉ Esq

Foster Mortimore Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 3.ᵈ ult.ᵒ were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £702.17.4 in favor of the Company.

The Board is informed that the 'Eudora'

passed Deal on the 20th ult. with the Revd. J. Yeoman, Mrs. Rutter & three children, and 9 Emigrants with their families for the C. & a full Cargo of Stores, including an Hydraulic Press for Wool & a small Donkey Engine.

Read Despatches Out Nos. 429, 430 and those In Nos. 124 to 127, Mr. Cobb's Private Letter of 17th Novr. last, the Secretary's Reply of 17th ult., and his Letter per 'Eudora' — upon all of which the Board gave instructions for the next Despatch.

Read Mr. Melian's Letters of 16th and 30th Decr. last, and the Acceptance of his Draft for £212 " 4 " 3 is sanctioned.

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting to arrange for a Schooner reported that no suitable vessel had yet offered & that they feared the C. would have to build, the Board thereupon authorized them to enter into a contract for building a vessel if necessary as soon as possible.

The Board is informed that Messrs. Anning Hobb had advanced £1,000 against the Cargo expected per 'Chiselhurst', which vessel arrived on the 29th ult., and that the last Debenture for £500 had been paid off on the 15th ult.

Read Mr. Gruning's Letter of the 22nd ult. proposing that as he could not join the

Board his Brother might be qualified for a Director -

Ordered that Mr. Gruning be informed that if the Directors cannot have the pleasure and support of his attendance at the Board, it would not be necessary to alter the present arrangements as there is a full number of Directors and the business of the Co. is attended to satisfactorily.

The Secretary is instructed to discount Mr. Allin's Bill for £2159.15.6 at 3½ or 4 per cent if necessary.

The following payments are sanctioned.

General Purchases	£200	£200	£300
Arnold & Co.	258.17.—	Walker	124.2.8
Pothonier	87.—.—	Tyler	144.3.8
London Office	75.—.—	Appleby	149.18.5
Yates	107.9.10	Hewitt	32.—.6
Bevington	20.11.9		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Hughes Hughes

Chairman

March 5th. 1872.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Col. J. H. Macdonald
E. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 1st. ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,336 .. 1 .. 8 in favor of the Co.

Read Despatch to the Col. Manager No. 431 and the Secretary's Private Letter to him of the 8th ult. - also Despatches received from him Nos. 128 to 131, upon all of which the Secretary received instructions for reply.

The sale of the Hides ex Chiselhurst at good prices is reported.

The Board is informed that the Accounts for last year had been balanced and subject to the Auditors' examination it appears that a Profit amounting to £5578 .. 7 .. 6 has been made.

The Comittee appointed on the 3rd. January to decide upon a Schooner for the Co. reported that after mature consideration they had deemed it best to enter into a

Contract with Messrs. Camper & Nicholson of Gosport to build a vessel of about 145 tons Register for Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Pounds, (£2,950) to be ready for sea by middle or end of July next — and the Board approved of this arrangement.

The Board considered the desirability of turning the old Sheep to account by boiling down, and decided it was necessary to send out a Digester, Boiler &c., the Secretary was therefore instructed to give orders for a proper apparatus, as it might be sent out in a small vessel with some Timber and a few Spars.

The following payments are sanctioned.

Petty Cash	30.—.—	Rownson Wc.	252.7.—
Freight	43.9.11	London Off.	43.12.11
Hewitt	40.19.6	Petty Cash	50.—.—
Psl. Admy. for Cobb	129.15.—		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Hughes Hughes

Chairman

April 5th 1872.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1,255 „ 12 „ 11 in favor of the Co.

Read the last Despatch to the Col. Manager No. 432 also the Secretary's Letter of the 19th ult. to avail of a Mail going out.

Read Despatches received from Stanley since the last Board, being Nos. 132, 132a and 133.

Draft Reply to the above was submitted and approved.

Submitted the Contract for building the New Schooner dated the 13th ult., signed by the Secretary on behalf of the Co. and Mr. B. Nicholson of Gosport, and the same is sanctioned.

The Lease of the Company's Offices in No. 39a Gracechurch Street for seven fourteen or twenty one years at a rental of Two hundred & sixty Pounds per annum granted by Messrs James & William Wm. Ingram

and Mr. J. N. Dymond was submitted to the Board and – Ordered to be sealed with the Corporate Seal.

The Corporate Seal is affixed to Mr. James Anning's fourteen Shares numbers 522 to 531 and 904 to 907.

A Financial Statement is examined by the Directors.

A Balanced Account of last year is submitted and the Chairman, Mr. Hughes, reports the opinions he had heard from the Auditors as to the advisability of declaring a Dividend, but this matter is ordered to stand over until the Accounts have been thoroughly audited.

Mr. B. Melian's Draft on the Directors for £55 on account of expenses at Monte Video for the Islands is accepted.

The following payments are sanctioned,

Raynbird	9.4.2	Nicholson	600.-.-
London Off.	25.-.-	Dymond	65.-.-
Hewitt	40.19.6	Petty Cash	30.-.-
Psl. Admr.	11.12.6		

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Wm Bourchier

Chairman

1872.

May 3rd

Present

W. Boulcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Junr. Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th. ult. are read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1430..10..3 in favor of the Compy.

The Board is informed that Capt. Campbell passed his examination as Master on the 12th. ult., his Certificate No. 95,907 dated the 13th. ult. being produced, and it is decided that he be engaged to command the new Schooner at Ten Pounds per month when she is sufficiently far advanced, meantime that he be offered half Pay and One Pound per week for Board & Lodging from the time he goes to Gosport to superintend the building; Capt. Campbell has an interview with the Board and agreeing to these terms, the Secretary is directed to draw up a short Agreement accordingly.

The Charterparty of the Brig 'Blanch' dated the 18th. ult., to convey Stores to Stanley & return if necessary with Produce is submitted,

and the Secretary is instructed to load & despatch her in the usual way, sending as many Shepherds & Passengers as can be obtained, and the Boiling down Apparatus.

The Secretary reports that the two drafts on Mr. Williams' Brother received in the last Despatch, £112.18.6 & £61.16.7, which had been delayed acceptance had now been accepted, the Compy. having extended the time from 30 to 60 days sight.

The Board decided that it would be proper to endeavour to obtain more Rent for the Office occupied by Mr. Wrotham, whose notice to leave will expire in June next.

The Secretary brought to notice that the Annual General Meeting must be held in the course of next month.

Resolved – That the Annual General Meeting of this Company be held in these Offices on the 26th. June next.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The following payments were sanctioned –

London Dock Co.	26.4.10	Petty Cash	50.–.–
N. British Co.	21.–.–	London Office	25.–.–
Bevington	45.15.–	Hewitt	125.1.3
Freebody	125.11.8		

– also the acceptance of Mr. Melian's Draft for £301.9.10.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Jno. Boutcher

Chairman

1872.

June 5th

Present

Wm. Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Esq
Emanl. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 3rd ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £820.13.8 in favor of the Compy.

Submitted Despatches to the Colonial Manager Nos. 434, 435 and 436, with the Letters from the Secretary of 'Blanch'

Read Despatches from the Colonial Manager Nos. 134 and 135 with their Enclosures, and Mr. Langdon's Letter of 2nd April asking for an increase of Salary being considered –

Ordered – That he be allowed Two Hundred Pounds (£200) from the 1st. April last, the Secretary to write to him to this effect & to instruct Mr. Cobb accordingly.

The Directors expressed their views upon the above Despatches for a reply by the next Mail.

The Board is informed that the 'Blanch' left the London Docks on the

31st ult. with a full Cargo & 14 Passengers, six being for the Co., six for Mr. Greenshields and two independent to join their friends at the Colony.

The Lease of the upper part of the House No. 39 a Gracechurch St. to the Compy. for 7, 14 or 21 years is produced, being the premises occupied by the Co. for Offices and the remainder sublet by them.

The Death of Col. Macdonald on the 7th ult. is reported and the Board expressing their regret at the loss of their old Colleague, ordered the same to be noticed in the Annual Report.

The Secretary states that James Anning Esq has consented to become a Director, and is instructed to take the proper steps for his election.

Arrangements are made for the Annual General Meeting on the 26th inst. and the Vice Chairman submits a Report which he had drawn up, this is approved and ordered to be circulated to the Proprietors in the usual manner.

A full Financial Statement for the ensuing year is submitted.

The Secretary brought to notice that his Salary had remained at £300 for the last

four years, and as the Compy. had now been worked into success, he begged for an increase to £400 from the beginning of the present year - upon consideration of his Letter of the 1st. instant it was, Resolved -

That Mr. Coleman's Salary be raised to Four Hundred Pounds (£400) per annum from the 1st. April last.

The acceptance of the following Bills is sanctioned -

For Island Administration £65, £100, £50 and £11.7.9 - for Freight £600.

The following payments are sanctioned,

Bischoff & Co:	18.14.9	Land Acct.	100.-.-
Genl. Purch:	300.-.-	Dowson	145.6.11
Store at Pt.	250.-.-	Bevington	191.11.-
Hewitt	39.18.2	Direction	150.-.-
F. Coleman	25.-.-	Offor & Co:	51.15.-
Arnold & Co:	216.12.-	Stores p. Blanch	300.-.-

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm Boutcher

Chairman

1872.

June 26th

Present

William Boutcher Esq
W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th inst. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £838 " 14 " 4 in favor of the Co.

Read last Despatch No. 437 to Stanley.

Read Letter from the Colonial Office of the 7th inst. stating that it was proposed to discontinue Land Orders - the Reply from the Co. of the 12th inst. requesting that this consideration might still be afforded to the Compt. - and the Colonial Office Letter of yesterday stating that these Orders could not be continued.

The Sec. submitted a draft Letter with a proposition for overcoming the difficulty, and after some consideration whether the Co. should make a further request for the continuance of these Land Orders, it was decided to send in the letter.

Mr. Colquhoun attended respecting his desire to rent the Office occupied by Mr.

Whetham, but it was decided the Board could not alter the arrangement made for Mr. Whetham to continue at £26 a year.

The business of the Annual General Meeting to be held immediately was arranged.

The following payments were sanctioned, Nicholson £600 Store at Stanley 233.15.7

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Hughes Hughes Jr.
Chairman

1872.

July 4th.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
James Anning Esq

In consequence of Mr. Boucher having at the last Meeting expressed his desire to be relieved of the duties of Chairman of the Company, the Directors unanimously elected Mr. W. Hughes Hughes Jr. to fill that post.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 26th ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £747.5.7 in favor of the Co.

The proceedings at the Annual General Meeting are reported and Mr. Anning having been elected to be a Director is welcomed to his seat at the Board.

The Secretary states that the Resolutions passed at the Meeting had been printed and circulated to the Proprietors.

The Letter to the Colonial Office upon Land Orders dated the 27th ult. is laid on the table.

Read Despatch 137 received from Stanley on the 2nd inst., No. 136 not having yet come to hand.

Submitted Draft Reply to the Colonial Manager.

Read Letter of the 25th ult. from the Executors of the late Mr. T. Wintworth Silver, asking permission to transfer the 14 Shares held by him to T. Wm. Silver Esq.

Ordered - That this Transfer be allowed.

It is decided that the Schooner now building for the Co. at Gosport by Mr. Nicholson is to be named "Lafonia."

A Financial Statement is considered.

Submitted Medical Certificate stating that Mr. Oldham will not be able to

resume his duties as Clerk until the end of the month, and it appearing that he had been absent since the 14th ult. and that there was much need of some one in the Office & that when the 'Eudora' came home the work might be more than Mr. Oldham could accomplish, it was considered better to engage another Clerk at once, but Mr. Oldham is to receive Salary until the end of this month.

The following payments were sanctioned; Hewitt £27.8.- London Office £98.6.8

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

W. Hughes Hughes Jr.

Chairman

1872.

September 4th

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq

William Boutcher Esq

James Anning Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on 4th July were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £3430.18.5 in favor of the C.

Read the last Despatches Out Nos

438 and 439 and Mose lately received from Stanley Nos 136 to 145.

Read Colonial Office Letter of 3rd July granting permission to the Co. to buy Land with Land Orders, provided it is selected from their Leased Lands, and the Co's Reply of 8th July.

Read Letter from Lady Causeley of 30th July asking to be allowed to transfer her 30 Shares to Capt. Fitz Maurice - and Letter from the late Mr. Shepperson's Executors, of the 25th July, asking to be allowed to transfer their 10 Shares to Mrs. Matilda Shepperson the Widow.

Ordered - That these Transfers be allowed.

The Board is informed that the new Schooner had been launched on the 17th ult. and that Mr. Emanuel Boutcher had taken the responsibility of christening her the 'Black Hawk' - also that she would come round to London to load, as it was both cheaper & more convenient than sending the Cargo to Gosport.

The Secretary reported that the Dividend Warrants had been issued on the 28th ult. for payment on the 31st ult. as per Resolution passed at the last General Meeting - with the exception of the deceased Proprietors Macdonald, Ogilby & Shepperson -

and M. Steele's, Mr. H. Lafone of Liverpool having given notice not to pay the same by letter of 27th ult., which was read and the Secretary's reply of the 29th ult.

The Board is informed that the 'Eudora' and the 'Sea Witch' arrived on the 13th and 24th ult. with Cargoes from Stanley, which had been placed in the hands of Messrs. Anning & Cobb

Mr. Cobb the Comptr. Colonial Manager, who arrived from Stanley by the last Royal Mail S.V. to Southampton, attended and explained the position of the 'Vicar of Bray', Mr. Smurthwaite having refused the Bill for £500 drawn on him by Capt. Garrick, in terms of his Letter of Credit dated 6th Febr. last.

It was decided to purchase the Vessel for a Hulk if possible, sending on her Cargo to Valparaiso, and Mr. Cobb was deputed to conclude arrangements with Mr. Seymour, who saw the Directors on behalf of Mr. Smurthwaite.

At the suggestion of Mr. Cobb, who reports that the Store is very empty it was Ordered – That a vessel be chartered as soon as possible to convey a further portion of the Indent of Stores & carry

on the 'Vicar of Brays' cargo to Valparaiso.

The Board took into consideration whether the 'Black Hawk' should be employed in the Mail Service, and though it appeared this would hardly pay her expenses, it was decided to try a year's Contract as an experiment, Mr Langdon to be instructed accordingly.

The Secretary reported that the Hides would be put up for Sale tomorrow and was instructed that the Wool & other cargo is to be sold asson as the Brokers consider it advisable.

The acceptance of the following Bills drawn by the Col. Agt. is sanctioned, for Nichols £60 - Bull £100 - Capt. Garrick £100 - Melian £500 - Torry £35 - D'Arcy £25 - Dyer £50 - also Pothonier Vbs. Drafts for £610 and £130.14.- for Eudora's Freight.

The following payments are sanctioned -

Nicholson	600.-.-	Petty Cash	80.-.-
Petty Cash	50.-.-	Insurance	84.4.-
Bills Payable	70.-.-	Store at Sts.	100.-.-
Pst. Admr.	161.4.-	N. British Co.	13.10.-
London Office	33.6.8	Emigr. Comrs.	200.-.-

W. Hughes Hughes
Chairman

1872.

November 6th

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
William Boutcher Esq
James Anning Esq
Emanuel Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th September were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £765.2.4 in favor of the Co.

The Board is informed that only two Directors, Messrs Hughes & E. Boutcher, having attended to the summons for the 7th inst., they had sat as a Committee in order to transact the following busines.

To sanction the Transfer of Mr. Steele's 30 Shares to Messrs J. B. Thomson, C. D. Brown and A. F. Thomson of Liverpool.

To complete arrangements for the purchase of the 'Vicar of Bray' at Stanley and order the Charter of the 'Frances' to convey Passengers & Stores and carry on her cargo to Valparaiso.

The Committee decided that it would be proper to guarantee the renewal of Mr. Waldron's Bill for £1245.7.6, due 4th April next,

if his Brother does not send him a cargo of Hides by that time.

The Committee also ordered a Deposit Account of £8000 to be opened with the Central Bank of London.

The above proceedings are now confirmed and ratified by the Board.

The Secretary reported that the 'Black Hawk' left London on the 25th Sept.r with a full Cargo and two married Shepherds under command of Capt.n Campbell.

The following Share Certificates were stamped with the Corporation Seal –

Mr. Shepperson	10 Shares	346 to 355
Mr. J. B. Thomson & Partners	20 "	461 " 480
	10 "	890 " 899

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos. 147 and 148 and those sent to the Col.l Manager Nos. 440, 1, 2 and 3.

The Board is informed that the 'Frances' left the Docks on the 4th with a full Cargo and 3 married Shepherds, but that more men being required for the increasing flocks, 4 or 5 men were going to be sent out by the Brazil St.r on the 9th inst., this having been allowed by the Emigration Comsrs upon the regular Land Orders.

Mr. Cobb detailed his visit to Scotland to look after Shepherds.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The Secretary brought to notice that the Company's business having increased it would be necessary to obtain further afsistance – and it was Ordered –

That another Clerk be engaged at an expense not exceeding £2 per week.

The following payments are sanctioned –

Store at Stanley	500.–.–	Nicholson	1,000.–.–
Gen.l Purchases	300.–.–	do	339.–.3
do	400.–.–	Bremner	182.12.6
do	150.–.–	Birch	30.–.–
Beach	122.12.–	Morton	116.17.2
Moss	65.15.3	Yates	654.16.10
Dymond	65.–.–	Frost	147.7.7
Petty Cash	50.–.–	Fenner	161.9.1
Wild	138.5.–	Copestake	120.10.10
Bass	303.4.2	Barclay	69.16.6
Edgington	22.2.–	Rowson	266.4.–
Russell	54.–.–	Gen.l Pur.s	100.–.–
Bonney	32.12.6	Hewitt	113.6.3
Bull	153.17.3	Ogilby	44.7.7
Land Acc.t	200.–.–	Store	200.–.–
Gen.l Purch.s	300.–.–	Bremner	736.14.4
Gotch	283.1.2	Gen.l Pur.s	200.–.–
Morton J.T.	232.8.10		

Signed on behalf of the Board

W. Hughes Hughes
Chairman

1872.

December 4th.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
James Anning Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
Wm. Boutcher Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 6th. ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £920.10.4 in favor of the Comp.

Read Despatch No. 444 and the Board is informed that three Shepherds had been sent out by the Mail St. 'Neva' to Monte Video in order to go on by the 'Foam'.

Read Despatches from Stanley Nos. 149 to 151.

The Secretary states that the Probates of the Wills of the late Colt. J. H. Macdonald and H. W. Cole Esq had been exhibited and were duly registered.

Read Mr. Henry Lafone's Letter of the 26th. ulto asking to be allowed to transfer the Ten Shares standing in his name to W. Hughes Hughes Junr. Esq.

Ordered - That this Transfer be allowed.

A Cheque for £13.4.3 received from Gun & Shot Wharves for ten Hides missing

from the 'Eudora's' Cargo, was produced it being given by Mr. Joyce the Lighterman – it was decided that it would be proper to receive this Cheque and pass it to credit of Produce.

Read Capt.n Campbell's Letter of the 20th. October stating that the 'Black Hawk' was then in Latitude 14 North and Longitude 25.30 West, all well.

As the time is approaching when the Vessel should go out for the next clip of Wool it was decided to charter one and send out Stores amounting to £5.000 with expenses, and the "Humbleton' of 420 tons offering the Secretary was directed to engage her and procure a Schoolmaster, Engineer and some Shepherds to go out in her.

The Chairman having seen Mr. Bengough respecting his mode of Preserving Meat, Mr. Haslucks Letter of this date upon the same subject was read, after some discussion & explanation from the Secretary it was decided that at present the Compy. could not undertake to establish such a business or supply Cattle & Sheep to others for this purpose.

A Financial Statement was submitted

Read Mr. Cobb's Letter of this date praying for further leave of absence & stating that he would be prepared to go out again

but at a much higher rate of Salary.

Ordered - That Mr. Cobb's furlough be extended to the 8th March next, that he be requested to state what Salary he requires - the Board looking with favor upon his proposition for a fixed amount and a Commission upon the Profit made - and what has been the yearly income he has derived from other sources through the Company.

Read Letter from the Colonial Office of the 19th ult. asking that Spirits &c. required for Shipping might be allowed a drawback for the Duty levied at Stanley.

The acceptance of a Bill for £625 part of the Frances' Freight and Mr Langdon's Draft for £50 favor of Mr. James Foster is sanctioned, also the following payments -

Wild	150.18.-	Fenner	202.17.4
Gen. Purch.	200.-.-	Arnold	572.-.6
Compton	136.11.-	Silver	278.18.10
Yates	904.11.11	Copestake	147.2.9
Ward	662.1.-	Rowson	110.-.-
Frost	120.17.5	Gen. Purch.	170.-.-
Bevington	72.1.1		

W. Hamilton Chairman

1873.

January 3rd.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
W. Boutcher Esq
Jas. Inning Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 4th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £501 " 10 " 3 in favor of the Co.

Read last Despatch to Stanley No. 445.

The Board is informed that the 'Humbleton' had been chartered for £975 to convey Passengers and Stores to Stanley and bring back the year's Produce.

Read the Secretary's Letter of the 6th instant to Mr. Cobb respecting his Salary and his Replies of the 27th and 29th ult.

Resolved - That Mr. Cobb be allowed a yearly Salary of £700 (Seven Hundred Pounds) with £100 (One Hundred Pounds) a year for entertainment allowance and a Commission of Two per cent (2%) upon all Dividends that may be declared by the Company, during his engagement with the Co.

Resolved - That Mr. Cobb's Salary

be paid up to the date of his departure from England at the same rate as heretofore - and that his increased Salary shall date from the day of his departure for the Falkland Islands - the Compy. paying his passage back.

Resolved - That a new Agreement be entered into with Mr. Cobb for five years from the date of his leaving England - he to find two Securities for Two Thousand Pounds (£2,000) each.

Submitted a Letter from the Colonial Office, dated the 28th ult., upon the Spirit Ordinance, stating that the Governor would be consulted upon the feasibility of instituting a Warehousing system.

The Board unanimously elected Emanl. Boulcher Esq to be Deputy Chairman of the Company.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The Acceptance of Mr. Mebian's Draft for £70 is sanctioned, also the following payments,

Genl. Purch^{s}	100.-.-	Arnold	200.-.-
London Offc.	27.-.-	Vavasseur	100.-.-
Bagridge	116.-.-	Petty Cash	50.-.-
Land Acct.	200.-.-	Hewitt	314.6.6
Dymond	65.-.-		

J. V. Anderson
Chairman

1873.

February 5th.

Present.

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq

Foster Mortimore Esq

James Anning Esq

E. Boutcher Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board on the 3rd. ult. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £1307.13.7 in favor of the Comp.

The Board is informed that the Stumbleton passed Deal on the 15th. ult. with a full Cargo of Stores and 11 Passengers all in order.

Read Despatches to Stanley Nos. 446 & 447 - also the last Despatch from the Islands No. 152.

The Secretary reported that having obtained a Mail Service Table from the Colonial Office showing that the Co's Schr. 'Black Hawk' was going to undertake the Contract between Stanley and Montevideo, he had applied to the Post Office who had considerately made up a Mail for the Liverpool Steamer of the 20th. and the Service being now complete, Tables had been printed and circulated after being submitted to the Post Office for approval.

The Board considered Mr. F. E. Cobb's Agreement & Bond and after giving orders

thereon - Resolved -

That the Agreement be stamped with the Corporation Seal in the presence of two of the Directors whenever convenient.

The Board sanctions some Shepherds being despatched by the March Mail.

The Secretary reports that Mr. Burnett the Foreign Superintendent of the North British & Mercantile Fire Office had said they would insure the Wool Shed & contents at Darwin Harbour for 15/- per cent during the time the Wool was in it waiting for shipment - Ordered -

That the Darwin Harbour Wool Shed be insured for £6,000 and the one at Victoria Harbour for £4,000, with their contents.

Two Certificates of Ten Shares belonging to W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq, Nos. 246 to 250 and 421 to 425 - and one for five Shares belonging to Fredk. E. Cobb Esq, Nos. 958 to 962, were stamped with the Corporate Seal.

Submitted Draft for next Despatch Out - as well as a Financial Statement.

Mr. F. E. Cobb who was present during the Board informed the Directors that he was going to be married and begged that his leave of absence might be extended from the 10th March to the 9th May next, by which time he would be quite prepared

to leave England.

Ordered – That this be allowed, Mr Langdon & Mr Melian to be informed of same.

The acceptance of the following Bills & payments is sanctioned –

Mr Melian's Draft for	£236.8.–		
" Langdon's do	" 35.–.–		
" Gayner's do	" 987.10.–		
Messrs Arnold's do	" 419.7.6		
" Fenner's do	" 152.17.5		
Bagridge	100.–.–	Owen	74.–.–
Davafseur	43.10.6	Store	200.–.–
Forbes	39.–.–	Bremner	327.7.10
Stephenson	100.6.8	Bass	250.19.2
Store	300.–.–	Moline	110.16.8
Income Tax	92.19.4	F. Cobb	130.–.–
Weston	100.11.2	Genl Purchs	150.–.–
London Offe	46.9.–	Bevington	63.7.–
Hewitt	6.17.–	Stationery	10.19.8
Petty Cash	30.–.–		

W. Stephen Mayhew Jr.
Chairman

1873.
March 5th

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
Jas. Anning Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £578.6.5 in favor of the Comp.

Read Despatch Out No. 448 and those lately received from Stanley Nos. 153 & 154.

The Secretary reported that as it appeared from an Enclosure in the last Despatch that certain Stores were wanted of which neither the 'Frances' nor the 'Humbleton' had sufficient quantity, he had taken upon himself, as there was so little time to spare, to order a small consignment for shipment by the S. 'Boyne' on the 10th inst., in order to avail of the 'Black Hawk' at Montevideo on her third trip up, the Board objected to orders for Stores being given without their sanction, and -

Ordered - That in future cases of emergency a Board should be summoned.

The Board is informed that the Wool Sheds at Darwin and Victoria Harbours

are insured for £10,000.

The Secretary submitted a rough Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement for last year, showing a much larger Profit than made in 1871, and states that the Accounts will shortly be examined by the Auditors.

A Financial Statement was submitted and it appearing that funds were required, it not being safe to make use of M. Waldron's or Mr. Williams' Acceptances for £1,245.7.6 and 2,237.1.9, it was Resolved To draw upon the Brokers Messrs. Anning Cobb for £1,500 at 3 months & discount same at the Bank.

Read Mr Melian's Letters of 27 & 31 Jan.y stating that he had obtained the Packet privilege at Montevideo for the 'Black Hawk' at Montevideo and the Secretary was directed to thank him in the Board's name.

Read Letter to the Colonial Office of the 26th ult.o respecting the Mail Contract between the Col.l Govt. and the Co. for the 'Black Hawk'.

Submitted Draft for Despatch of 8th inst.

The acceptance & payment of the following Bills and Cheques are sanctioned.

Mr. Langdon's Drfts for	£100 & £57.		
Messrs. Silver & Co.	" "	220.16.2	
" Yates Son	" "	298.17.6	
Frost	101.3.1	Rufsell	53.--.--
Spittle	41.14.--	N. British Co.	100.--.--

Rosher	94. ". ".	Compton	132. 10. "
Cobb F. E.	50. ". ".	Bull	62. 1. 3
Emigration Cfs.	200. ". ".	London Office	33. 6. 8
Crosse	16. 8. 5		

W. Hughes Hughes
Chairman

1873.

March 26th.

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Junr. Esq
Wm. Boutcher Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
James Anning Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board on the 5th. inst. were read and confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £837 . 6 . 4 in favor of the Compy.

Read Letter from Messrs. Gruning and Castellain of the 22nd. inst. stating that they wished to transfer 10 Shares to F. Mortimore Esq, 6 Shares to Mrs. Jane Lafone and 84 Shares to Alfred Lafone Esq.

Ordered - That these Transfers are sanctioned.

W. Hughes Hughes
Chairman

1873.

April 7th

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
James Anning Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 26th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £572.10.1 in favor of the Co.

The Colonial Manager, Mr. F. E. Cobb, being present the Secretary informed the Board, that the Auditors considered that there should be an Audit of the Yearly Accounts at the Islands.

The matter having been discussed with Mr. Cobb – Ordered –

That Mr. Cobb be instructed to take steps on his return to Stanley to appoint an Auditor to examine the Accounts and check the Stocktaking, as far as practicable, before sending the Balanced Accounts and Stocks of Stores &c. on the 30th June in each year to England

Read Letters from Messrs. Henry S. King & Co., of 31st. March and 5th. instant, offering the Estate & Business of the late Mr.

J. N. Goss at Stanley for purchase by the Company.

On it appearing that this Estate had been administered to and managed by the Revd. Charles Bull, the Chaplain at Stanley, and that there were unsettled claims upon it the Board decided not to have anything to do with the same.

The Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Cobb considered that the Co. was liable for the extra allowance of £15 a month to Mr. Langdon for performing the duties of Colonial Manager during Mr. Cobb's absence.

Resolved - That the Compy. will pay half this expense.

Submitted Despatch No. 449 sent on the 2nd. ult. to Stanley.

The Board is informed that certain Stores had been safely shipped by the S.V. 'Boyne' to Montevideo for the 'B. Hawk' also four Shepherds, one of whom was accompanied by his four Daughters.

Read reply from the Colonial Off. of the 2nd. ult. about the Mail Contract.

Submitted the last Despatches from Stanley Nos. 155, 156 and 157.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Waldron had renewed his Acceptance for

£1245 " 7 " 6 as his Brother had brought up Hides & Wool by the Black Hawk to Monte Video and was shipping it to England.

Read Mr. Mortimore's Letter of this date asking to be allowed to transfer the Ten Shares he lately purchased to the names of E. B. Boutcher Esq, T. F. Shattock Esq and H. A. Hunt Jr. Esq

Ordered - That this Transfer be allowed.

Submitted Draft of next Despatch to Stanley and a Financial Statement.

The Acceptance of Mr. Meliá's Draft for £42 " 10 " - and the payment of the following Cheques are sanctioned -

Gen.l Purch.e	200 . - . -	Morton	207 . 14 . -
Stephenson	54 . 4 . 7	R. Mail Co.	152 . 1 . 3
Crosse	82 . 15 . 9	Wild	223 . 10 . -
Karnes	122 . 6 . 7	Burrows	99 . 6 . 5
Rownson	117 . 17 . 3	Burrows	209 . 12 . -
Lon Offe.	59 . 9 . 11	Bischoff	13 . 7 . 10
Hewitt	58 . 8 . 9	Dymond	65 . - . -

Chairman

1873.

May 5th

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
James Anning Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 7th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £609.5.7 in favor of the Company.

The following Certificates of Shares were sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by two of the Directors –

8 Certificates for Mr. A. Lafone's 84 Shares
1 do " Mr. Jane Lafone's 6 do
1 do " 10 Shares in the names of E. Boutcher, T. F. Shattock & H. A. Hunt Jr. Esqrs.

Submitted Draft Report and Accounts for the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held on the 30th June at 2 Oclock.

Mr. F. E. Cobb, the Co's Colonial Manager, attends to receive the Board's last instructions as he leaves England on the 9th instant: his Agreement for five years dated the 18th ult. and Fidelity Bond for £4,000 are laid on the table – the state of Col. D'Arcy's Account with the Co. is discussed and Mr. Cobb is instructed

to ask for the balance now due £237.16.2 if opportunity offers.

The Secretary informed the Board that a very suitable Steamer, the 'Black Boy', had been offered, which would do very well for Island service, but it was considered better not at present to enter into such a matter.

The Board considered Mr. Williams' Account & Bill for £2237.1.9 due on the 17th inst. and decided that unless £1500 was paid on that day, instructions were to be telegraphed to Mr. Cobb at Lisbon to foreclose the Mortgage upon Mr. Williams' Property on West Falkland Island – Mr. Cobb intimates that his Brother in law Mr. R. Blake, who goes out with him, would be prepared to carry on this Farm.

Submitted Draft Despatch & Financial Statement, it was decided to ask Messrs. Anning & Cobb to advance £500 more.

The Acceptance of Messrs. Cros & Co's Draft for £1150.1.9 and the following payments are sanctioned –

Petty Cash	30.–.–	F. E. Cobb	£150
Hewitt	239.8.9	N. British Co.	£21
London Offs.	33.6.8	Bevington	10.19.–
Petty Cash	30.–.–	R. Mail Co.	150.–.–

C Bourchier
Chairman

1873.

June 3rd

Present

Emanuel Boutcher Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
James Anning Esq

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 5th ult. were read & confirmed.

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £600.2.6 in favor of the Compy.

Submitted the Secretary's Letter to Mr. F. E. Cobb of the 8th ult. respecting Mr. Williams' Farm and Mr. Blake's intentions on this subject - and Mr. Cobb's Letter and reply of the 8th & 9th ult. - also Mr. Cobb's Letter of the 1st ult. respecting payments to be made in England on account of his Salary.

The Vice Chairman informed the Board that Mr. Mortimore and himself had had an interview with Mr. Williams, and had allowed the payment of his acceptance for £223.7.9, due on the 17th ult., to be delayed until the 16th inst. - he also submitted a Letter of this date, just received from Mr. Williams, praying for a further extension of time.

Resolved - That - Mr. Williams be informed that if the Bill is not met on the 23rd inst., the Mortgage upon his Property at West

Falkland will be put in force.

Submitted Colonial Office Letter of the 28th ult. informing that a Bonded Store for dutiable Liquors was established at Stanley on the 1st February last.

Read the last Despatch to Stanley No. 451 and those received from the Colony Nos. 159 and 160 - upon which a draft reply was laid on the table.

Read the Rev. A. Yeoman's Letter of the 27th March asking that a Grant of the Land on which the Church was to be erected at Darwin Harbour might be made to the Presbyterians settled there.

Ordered - That this matter be referred to the Colonial Manager, Mr. Yeoman to be informed that the Comp. cannot part with any of their Land, though the Board is willing to give an undertaking that the Church shall not be disturbed as long as properly used by the Presbyterians in their service, and kept in repair.

The Secretary stated that nine Shepherds had been engaged to go out by the Mail Steamer of the 9th instant.

Submitted revised proof of the Annual Report to be presented at the General Meeting on the 30th instant - and Ordered - That the same be printed and

issued to the Proprietors about a week before that date – the Meeting to be advertized in the usual manner.

The Secretary brought to notice that it would soon be time to send another supply of Stores to Stanley, to go by vessel direct as there was so much rough stuff which would not bear the expensive freight by Steamer, and that the middle of next month would be a favorable time to start a vessel.

The Board considered the matter and looking to the paucity of funds & the quantity of Stores which must still be at Stanley, decided to defer a further outlay until later in the year.

A Financial Statement was submitted and as Mr. Williams' Cash is uncertain and Mr. Waldron's Bill would have to be retired – Ordered – That Messrs. Anning Hobb be requested to accept a Draft for £1500 at 3 months date, which is to be discounted at the Bank.

The Acceptance of Mr. Langdon's Draft for £50 and the following payments were sanctioned –

Gebhardt & Co.	8 . 4 . 4
Heath & Thomas	13 . 4 . 9
Royal Mail Co. for Nevá	19 . 15 . 1

Petty Cash	50. ..
Island Administration	35. ..
Land Account	300. ..
London Office	70. ..
Hewitt	113. 2. 5
Director's & Auditors Grant	225. ..

W Humphreys Kenrick
Chairman

1873.

June 30th

Present

W. Hughes Hughes Jr. Esq
J. Anning Esq
Foster Mortimore Esq
E. Boutcher Esq
J. G. Robinson Esq

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

The Banker's Account submitted showed a Balance of £672.8.7 in favor of the Company.

Read last Despatches to Stanley Nos. 452 & 453 and Letter to Mr. Cobb on the 23rd. inst. respecting Telegram about Mr. Williams' Estate.

Read the Despatches lately received from Stanley No. 161 and 162 the latter received this day by the 'Sea Witch' Mr. Dean's Vessel just in with a Cargo.

The Board was informed that Mr. Williams had not met his Bill on the 23rd. instant and that a Telegram had been sent to Mr. Cobb on that day to take possession of the

Estate. Mr. Williams' Letter of the same date was read soliciting further time until the 8th August but the Board decided that Mr. Williams was to be informed that if the Bill were not paid by the 8th proximo the Colonial Manager would be instructed to take steps to sell the Property, but as that Mail would probably not reach Stanley until the Mail of the 8th August he would be able to go out by that direct opportunity and protect his interests.

Respecting a Vessel for the Islands with Stores the Board decided to wait until the next Despatch from Stanley now hourly expected.

A Financial Statement was submitted.

The proceedings for the Annual General Meeting to be held at Two O'clock were arranged.

The Acceptance of Mr. Melian's Draft on the Directors for £434.11.2 and the following payments were sanctioned

Petty Cash	50.0.0
Royal Mail Co.	213.0.0
Yates & Son	546.4.2

Bagridge	120. ". ".
Petty Cash	30. ". ".
Ford V Canning	123. 6. 5
J. N. Dymond	65. ". ".
W. A. Hewitt	86. 4. 9
London Office	33. 6. 8

W. Hayhurst Chairman